

Charges filed against officer

By GREG LOOMIS

MSU security officer Michael Stevens will appear before Judge James Richardson tomorrow in Rowan District Court on a criminal complaint charging him with murder.

The complaint, stating that Stevens "unlawfully and intentionally shot and killed Gregory A. Williams," was sworn out by Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan, shortly after a coroner's inquest jury ruled that it was Stevens' gunshot which fatally wounded Williams on June 4 when he failed to give himself up to police. The jury ruled the action as justifiable homicide.

A warrant was issued for Stevens and he appeared for arraignment Friday. He pled not guilty, and Judge Richardson released him on his own recognizance. MSU released a statement reading "on advice of the University's legal counsel, it has been determined that officer Michael Stevens will not be suspended at this time."

The Rowan County Grand Jury,

which was scheduled to review the Williams case Friday, delayed any deliberation on the matter pending the outcome of the preliminary hearing.

(As of Sunday night reliable sources

indicate Stevens may waive his right to a preliminary hearing, which means the charge would go directly to the grand jury for deliberation. Sources also indicate Stevens may seek civil

litigation against his accusers for false charges.)

The attorney representing the family, Aubrey Williams, was not allowed to cross-examine witnesses at the coroner's inquest. County Coroner Jim Barker stated that evidence and testimony would be limited to immediate events leading to the shooting. Williams sought to explore circumstances beginning with the arrest of the 23-year-old sophomore student in his dormitory room in May.

Interviewed immediately following the coroner's inquest, Williams expressed dissatisfaction with the proceedings. "The hearing here today was not an open forum—it was terribly tilted." He said he didn't think this was done intentionally, but he said "interested parties who could be injured or hurt by any possible proceedings would naturally testify in such a manner they would not be hurt themselves," Williams stated.

"By preventing us from asking the questions we were unable to get at all the implications that this entire

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Inquest jury decides 'justifiable homicide'

After three hours of testimony last Thursday a coroner's jury composed of five men and one woman passed a verdict stating they believed MSU security officer Michael D. Stevens fired the shot which killed Gregory Williams on the night of June 4, and that his action constituted a "justifiable homicide."

County Coroner Jim Barker informed the jury at the outset of the inquest that "no one is accused or charged with a crime." He said it was the jury's duty to determine whether the homicide which

took place was "justifiable or unjustifiable."

According to Rowan County Attorney John Cox, the coroner's inquest is held "strictly to advise him so he can complete his report." Cox also stated that to his knowledge this was the first coroner's inquest ever held in Rowan County.

A total of eight witnesses were called to testify, including seven of the Morehead City and MSU Security officers present at the scene of the shooting, and Kentucky State Police

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—David Boyd

Pledging support

GOV. JULIAN CARROLL gave his personal endorsement to MSU's efforts in regional development during last week's Appalachian Development Conference.

Regional conference called 'just a beginning'

Days later the effect was still being felt, as television stations continued to broadcast excerpts from Gov. Julian Carroll's remarks.

One could ask anyone from MSU who was involved in the three-day Appalachian Development Conference held here last week what their feelings were and one answer stood out among the rest: "this is just the beginning."

The conference drew some 500 delegates to the University to deliver speeches, engage in task force meetings, and generally discuss the issues and problems facing the Appalachian region.

In his response at the end of the conference, Carroll announced an executive order creating an Appalachian Development Council. Made up of 19 members representing 49 counties, the council will act as an advisory group to the Secretary of Development and the Governor's Economic Development Commission.

Carroll appointed President Morris Norfleet as a member of the council. Norfleet was extremely pleased with the appointment, which he sees as a "connecting link" between MSU's Appalachian Development Center (ADC) and other development agencies.

"I intend to be as active as need be to make maximum input into the council," Norfleet remarked. "I will suggest to the Governor and will recommend to the Board of Regents to use this council as an official advisory board to our development center."

Norfleet said a "tentative July date" is being discussed for the first meeting of the council.

The conference marked the formal dedication of MSU's Appalachian

Development Center, which Norfleet called "the vehicle through which we intend to expand and improve upon Morehead State's contributions towards the economic, social and educational growth of Appalachian Kentucky" in his opening address.

The ADC will serve as the means by which the University will fulfill its mission statement, as approved by the Council on Higher Education last year. This regional responsibility includes development programs "to provide applied research, service and continuing education programs directly related to the needs of Eastern Kentucky."

Although the CHE has approved \$266,000 in state money for the renovation of Mays Hall to house the facilities, the funds have not as yet been allocated.

"The governor did not make any specific commitments in terms of dollars," Norfleet said after the conference, "but he did say he would help in any way he possibly could." In his opening speech Norfleet outlined some of the objectives of the ADC, prefacing them with the statement that "Kentucky taxpayers already have a tremendous investment in Morehead State, and it is only right that this public resource be utilized in the interest of regional growth."

The objective he outlined included continuing education offerings, assistance to local government units, technical and manpower training opportunities, scientific and economic research, and a variety of social service programs, as well as collaborations with regional organizations in promp-

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ting tourism and industrial development.

Carroll's opening address focused on the commitment to Appalachian productivity, citing a policy of economic diversification along with developed energy resources as a key to regional advancement. He mentioned extensive road improvements as necessary in economically moving coal out of production areas while making these areas more accessible to improvement programs ranging from new housing to educational opportunities.

The governor suggested four alternative methods of economic advancement other than coal production: coal liquefaction, low BTU gas production, wine making (which has been accomplished on reclaimed strip mine acreage) and tourism.

Commerce Commissioner Terry McBrayer, who is expected to announce his gubernatorial candidacy soon, also emphasized the need for economic alternatives. "In the future we must insure that, with or without coal, eastern Kentucky has a stable, secure and self-sustaining economy."

A native of eastern Kentucky, McBrayer also stated the region should make wiser use of its severance tax revenues to provide for future industry which is not based on coal.

"We've always believed that the people of eastern Kentucky are the most valuable asset — not the coal, timber or mountainous scenery," he said.

Four specific task forces met and

made recommendations to the conference and the governor on issues of streamlining state government, socioeconomic impact of energy production, human economic development needs, and economic diversification and development financing.

A number of governmental and economic representatives addressed the conference. William F. Albers, federal co-chairman of the federal Appalachian Regional Commission, said the University's ADC could "play a major role" in training young, inexperienced coal miners.

In response to recommendations from the conference task forces, Gov. Carroll said the state was trying to get Kentuckians to think more of themselves through a major public relations effort.

"We must believe in ourselves, because we can't build a strong educational system until we do," Philip Conn, vice president for university and regional services, felt two main accomplishments were achieved through the conference.

"First, it brought a great deal of attention and support to the Appalachian Development Center concept. Second, it brought many influential policy makers and state leaders to our campus to see what we are trying to develop here."

Conn also mentioned that while MSU is awaiting allocations for the Mays Hall renovation, the "Employability Skills Project," which aids eastern Kentuckians in choosing and gaining employment, is already in operation at the center.



—David Byrd

MSU President Morris Norfleet presents a handcarved gavel to Gov. Julian Carroll after the Governor's Appalachian Development Conference. The gavel is to be used when Carroll chairs the National Governor's Conference next month. The gavel was carved by Dr. Leonard Burkett, professor of education.



—David Byrd

A political move

SHEILA O'BRYAN, left, and Janel Toohey, both of Paris, lug their gear to a dormitory in preparation for the 1978 Girls State Conference held here last week. Gov. Julian Carroll addressed more than 300 participants at the conference's opening assembly, where he urged them to "run for something" in the future, whether it be "school board, commissioner, mayor or president." Carroll also related a quotation that has been his inspiration: "The price men pay for their indifference is to be ruled by an evil end." Montgomery County High School junior Chantany Ragan was elected governor of the mythical 51st state Thursday. The annual event involves a week-long study of democratic principles, and included representatives from 118 high schools.

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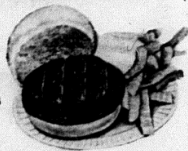


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Inquest jury sees no illegal action by police

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Detective E.B. Shouse, who headed the KSP investigation.

MSU Director of Security Neal Brittain was the first witness called, and his account of the incident and the events leading up to it was, for the most part, substantiated by the other witnesses.

Brittain said he was notified around noon on June 4 that Williams, who was being held in the Bath County jail for the suspect's car which was parked in the Cartmell Hall parking lot, and could be viewed from the MSU security station at Mays Hall. Brittain also advised MSU officer Roger Holbrook to give the car's description to city and state police.

Brittain radioed and advised city and campus police to keep a close watch on the suspect's car which was parked in the Cartmell Hall parking lot, and could be viewed from the MSU security station at Mays Hall. Brittain also advised MSU officer Roger Holbrook to give the car's description to city and state police.

Around 10 p.m. MSU patrolman Mark Christopher, along with Brittain, noticed Williams' car was gone. Brittain checked with campus units and found the car "couldn't have been gone more than two or three minutes," according to MSU officers James Pfeiffer and Gary Lanham, who had just been by the area.

Brittain said KSP headquarters was notified, and he instructed campus and city units to proceed toward the KY 32 interstate connector.

As Brittain drove down University Blvd. next to Battson's Drugs, he spotted the Williams' auto making a left turn onto Second St. He radioed the police units and instructed them to set up a roadblock at Second St. and Fleming Ave., across from St. Claire Medical Center.

Morehead patrolmen Ron Farley and Gary Lambert set up a "one-lane block" on Second St., while MSU officer Michael Stevens arrived and parked just off the street in the St. Claire employees' parking lot.

When Williams' car was spotted Stevens pulled out to block the street. Both patrol cars had their blue lights flashing. Williams stopped his car anywhere from 40 to 75 feet short of the roadblock.

Brittain said he "approached the vehicle with caution" from the rear, and cautioned the other officer's present that the suspect could be armed (Williams had allegedly produced a gun during the reported rape). Brittain, pecked on the driver's window with his

gun to "get his attention." He looked at Williams' "asked him two or three times" to unlock his door and get out. City officer Ron Farley, who was standing toward the front of the car on the driver's side, also ordered Williams' out. The car's engine was running and the headlights were on.

According to Williams' testimony, along with that of the other police at the scene, Williams "made a sudden movement, twisting and leaning over to his right." Brittain then saw a pistol, and shouted "Watch him, he's got a gun."

Brittain backed away, "out of his line of vision" towards the rear of the car, with patrolman Christopher ducking behind him. According to the testimony of Brittain, Ron Farley, and Michael Stevens, Williams raised the gun and pointed it to his left, or the driver's window.

Farley moved for cover "somewhere in front of the car," about three feet away. Stevens was also positioned toward the left front side of the car. "I hollered twice — 'Don't! Don't!' Stevens said. "At that time I saw the barrel of his (Williams') gun coming into line with me, and at that time I fired my weapon."

Farley fired his gun right after Stevens. Police at the scene were in agreement they heard two shots, with the second one being louder than the first. Stevens stated that he "heard and felt the recoil of my weapon," and "heard another shot." "I say I didn't," he "did not hear one from inside the car."

The auto began to roll backwards, so Brittain and Stevens went to the rear to stop it. A rear tire was "chopped" to stop the rolling.

A couple of officers tried to break a car window to get Williams out after Brittain saw that he no longer had the gun in his hand. City police officer Gordon Lambert succeeded in breaking out the rear window on the driver's side "with one lick" from his flashlight.

Ambulance attendants, with the help of police, got Williams out of the car. Farley kicked the car back up and radioed for Kentucky State Police to investigate the incident. Williams was pronounced dead at approximately 10:10 p.m. at St. Claire.

KSP Detective Shouse said at the start of his testimony the initial investigation indicated two shots had been fired, with two corresponding bullet holes in the front windshield. The preliminary autopsy showed one major

wound in the upper center of Williams' chest, with a smaller fragment wound below the major wound and in his right arm-thought to have been caused by two separate bullets.

Williams' handgun, lying on the front seat in front of an armrest, was confiscated. Post-mortem findings showed Williams' wounds were all caused by the same bullet, which meant one was missing. Another search of the auto turned up a second bullet, Shouse said, which was thought to have been fired from one of the officer's guns.

Ballistics tests proved that the bullet, found on the front dashboard, came from the suspect's weapon. Blown-up photographs Shouse presented as evidence were taken the night of the incident and show the bullet located there. Shouse also produced as evidence a paper bag found in the car which contained a packet of extra bullets and a note showing that Williams had purchased the revolver at a pawnshop last year.

Post-mortem examination in Louisville revealed Williams had received a grazing gunshot wound on the upper left side of his head, with the wound indicating a bullet path from the front travelling towards the rear of the car.

Examination of the windshield holes indicated the shot fired by Stevens went through, and was the one shot which struck Williams in the chest. Shouse testified that Williams' shot did not penetrate the glass. It is believed to have reflected off, and has not been found.

Shouse said the KSP evidence suggested the bullet from Williams' gun "must have hit the left rear window, since it was broken out there, reflected back to the front of the vehicle, landing on the dash. Traces of hair, blood and glass were detected on the bullet in lab analysis.

Shouse further testified that since Farley was using "reloaded shells" with a high powder content, his shot was louder. The theory Shouse presented was that Stevens fired the first shot, Williams' gun went off as a reaction to being struck by that bullet, and that Farley's gun discharged at the same time Williams' did, making the sound of one large report rather than two separate shots.

During the proceedings in the hot, crowded courtroom some questions were asked of Coroner Barker by attorney Aubrey Williams, who arrived with a group of people including the

deceased's parents whom he represents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan.

Upon arriving Williams asked if he would be permitted to ask questions of the witnesses. Barker replied that "the lawyer could submit them in writing and he would 'screen them.'" Williams questioned Barker's right to restrict examination of witnesses, so a recess was called. County Attorney John Cox and the attorney representing the city and campus police involved, Buddy Salyer, met with Williams and Barker.

Attorney General Robert Stephens said, in a phone call made during the recess, that Barker had the right to restrict questioning of witnesses. Later, in a conversation with Commonwealth's Attorney Truman Dehner, Stephens said "No, absolutely not," in reply to Williams' request that a special prosecutor be appointed.

During MSU officer James Pfeiffer's testimony Williams raised the question to Barker about the whereabouts of the clothing the deceased had been wearing, since the body had been sent to Louisville unclad. Barker wasn't sure, and it took another recess to learn that the clothes were at the KSP barracks.

Williams also made a point of telling reporters after the inquest that the deceased was left-handed. Testimony implied the escapee had pointed his revolver with his right hand.

The jury members asked few questions during the inquest. In reply to one Shouse stated ballistics showed Williams' gun was a fully loaded .38 "regular," with one round having been fired. One juror asked Shouse if a paraffin test had been run on Williams to support the contention he had fired his gun. Shouse did not answer the query directly, but said gunshot "residue" was found in the car's interior.

At the end of Shouse's report Barker asked him if his investigation revealed any negligence. "No, sir, not that I know of," he added that he saw "no discrepancy" in the testimony of the three officers he interviewed June 4.

The coroner's jury left to deliberate a verdict at 3:30 p.m. They returned to the courtroom at 4:20. They presented in writing their statement which said they believed Gregory Williams died of a gunshot wound in the chest, that the bullet was fired from officer Michael Stevens' weapon, and that the action constituted justifiable homicide.

Attorney says hearing 'terribly tilted'

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situation has created, and consequently the family is going to have a criminal complaint executed against Stevens," he said.

"This way we will have a public forum. Perhaps there was a justifiable homicide—I personally cannot say. Perhaps there was no set-up. But, as things presently stand, there're inferences that can be drawn negatively," Williams further commented.

County Attorney John Cox, who will present the formal charge against Stevens tomorrow, says he realizes the family's wish to have certain questions answered to their satisfaction. Cox notes that in making the charge they are obligated to present probable cause. "A person who swears out a warrant should be prepared to make a case. They should be aware of their liability for false charges," he said.

"As far as I know I'll put (attorney) Williams and the parents on the stand. I'm not compelled to bring in anyone

else. I'll handle it by the rule book."

Since Stevens does not have to testify at the examining trial Cox says he's sure his counsel, Buddy Salyer, will not advise him to. He also commented that matters not directly related to the shooting, such as Williams' arrest and escape, would be "absolutely out of line — totally unrelated to this."

Involvement of outside interests has added another subject to the legal proceedings involving Williams' death. On June 15, representatives of the Kentucky NAACP sent a telegram to the FBI office in Louisville and to the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta stating that a thorough federal probe was necessary "to determine whether local officials, under the color of state law, have violated (Williams') civil rights."

A spokesman from the Louisville FBI office confirmed early last week that there is "an investigation pending." He declined to elaborate.

When asked after the inquest whether the FBI would be further contacted,

attorney Williams (a Kentucky state representative and Louisville chapter president of the NAACP) said "Yes, we certainly will. I'm surprised and disappointed that they weren't here, if

they were not."

Also present at the coroner's inquest were unidentified members of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

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Despite all the hoopla surrounding last week's Appalachian Development Conference, there are certain to be many students and residents of this community who will view it as another bureaucratic forum for wheeler-dealers from Frankfort and Washington to use to convince us they are not only com-

cerned but actively seeking ways to improve our lives.

True, one can listen to only so many "programs" and "policies," and words such as "development" and "diversification" and "productivity" have tended to lose any real meaning. We should, however, make the effort to

seek beyond the veneer of "officialness," and realize the concrete opportunities of betterment MSU's Appalachian Development Center could provide. The ADC is still in its formative stages, and the Appalachian Development Conference will prove instrumental in helping it grow to define its objectives and effectively implement them. One may ask "so how will it benefit me?"

The possibilities are endless. Most of us are aware of the problems facing eastern Kentucky. We need better roads, increased educational opportunities including training in vocational skills, extended social services for everyone from juveniles to the elderly. We need to attract new industry and business to the region,

while using careful planning to make sure our small communities do not become mini-slums.

There will not be a single element of our University that will not be involved to some degree with the ADC as it works to fulfill our mission statement in regional assistance. No matter where our interests lie we will find the occasion to contribute something to the center's efforts, and we in turn will benefit from its work.

Even the student or citizen who does not plan to remain in this region can benefit from this program — for many of the problems facing Appalachia today are not localized, but universal, and will affect us no matter where we live.

Sexual revolution goes across center line

By KENT BROWN

The sexual revolution has finally gone too far.

For the last month, my car has been running very sluggishly. So last week I decided to take it to a garage to get a tune up.

After looking at it for five minutes, the mechanic at the garage started laughing and told me there was nothing he could do to fix it.

"What do you mean you can't fix it?" I asked. "All it needs is a simple tune up."

"I'm afraid it's not quite that simple," replied the mechanic. "You see, your car has quite a reputation around here."

"Reputation, what kind of reputation?" I inquired.

The mechanic started to cackle again and asked, "You park your car in Zone 7, don't you?"

"Yes," I replied.

"Well, I don't know exactly how to tell you this, but you have the most promiscuous car in Morehead."

"Promiscuous, how can a car be promiscuous?" I shot back.

"In the case of your car, very easily," chuckled the mechanic.

Realizing that I had taken my car to an escapee from the state mental hospital, I thanked the mechanic for his help and drove home. I would just take it somewhere else tomorrow.

However, once home, I began to think about what the mechanic had said. Suddenly, strange incidents that I had never been able to explain before made sense.

For instance, even though everyone on campus is continuously complaining about finding a parking space, I have always found one quite easily. Also, cars that I have never seen before are constantly honking their horns and flashing their lights when I pass them (I figured it was because I was so

popular). And, finally, sometimes when I return to my car after class the windows will be fogged up.

"But no, this crazy mechanic couldn't be right," I thought. "Or could he? I had to find out."

The next day instead of returning from class at 12:00 as I always do, I left class a half hour early and went to see for myself.

My God! There was my car with its trunk open and three cars lined up behind it. It was true!

But now what was I to do? This car had been in my family for years. If I sold it my family would want to know why, but if I kept it I would be the laughing stock of Morehead.

Well, my mother didn't raise any fool.

I mean, what's a few gallons of gas to a Continental or Cadillac?

By STEVE ESTES

Would you like to learn what a funeral is going to cost you before you have to use such services?

The Federal Trade Commission believes that the public should have the chance to "shop" for a funeral. They have proposed that funeral homes make available, through advertising, the prices they will charge for certain services. The FTC believes that this would make it possible for families to save up to \$1,000 on a funeral.

Many funeral homes advertise now but it is mainly promotional type advertising. Very few funeral homes advertise prices.

One of the arguments brought up against funeral homes advertising prices is that people do not want to be reminded of such a morbid subject every day in their local newspaper. Would attaching prices to their already

existing ads make the ads more morbid?

Consumers in today's world of high prices always want to shop around for the best bargain, so why should a funeral be any different? Saving money is something that concerns every American. Being able to save money on a funeral would be just as good as saving money on one's next new car.

One of the backbones of the U.S. economic system has been that of competition. This competition has been supplied by easy access to the prices available from various retail outlets. If

one outlet's prices are too high the consumer will generally go somewhere else for his merchandise. One does not have time to shop when a loved one dies. There is a limited amount of time available to handle arrangements. If funeral homes would advertise prices people would be able to choose the one that they could afford without wasting time.

Being morbid is something one tries not to do to often, but saving money is something everyone can understand.

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Saving on funerals is not morbid

Citizens confiscate KY 292

By STEVE ESTES

Is it possible for private citizens to own a state road? This is the question confronting state officials last week as the citizens of Martin County barricaded Kentucky Highway 292.

The citizens of Lovely, Ky., insist that the road is privately owned because it was private donations and volunteer labor that finished it after the state left it a dead end about 12 years ago.

These people have barricaded the road to all commercial travel. Only cars and pickup trucks may pass the barricade, which is formed by a heavy chain stretched between two telephone poles. The coal trucks, which regularly use the route as a shortcut to the West Virginia border, cannot get through.

Perhaps others could take their cue from these industrious Martin Countians. Road improvement in Kentucky is hopelessly inadequate and very few measures have been undertaken by state officials to get it corrected. This deplorable condition is especially true of Eastern Kentucky.

This particular route, for example, has been targeted by state officials as the

worst road in the state. This is their own admission, yet they sit idly by and do nothing about it. Ky 292 is not the only terrible road in Eastern Kentucky by a long-shot. Potholes, breaks, and dust or mud (depending on the weather) are the rule rather than the exception.

The primary reason for the sad condition of these roads is cited as coal truck traffic. The roads were not designed to carry the loads which are now forced upon them.

The coal industry is one of Kentucky's primary sources of revenue. But there are many citizens who are tired of the hardships it causes them, especially the bad condition of the roads.

In this Martin County incident the folks who are responsible for the barricade have offered to buy the road from the state. They have agreed that they will maintain the road and will charge a toll to do so. From all outward appearances this solution seems satisfactory to the coal truck operators who use the route. One wonders, however, if this is a practical solution to the problem.

But, as it is, it is the best thing anybody has come up with yet.

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PHYLIS MAHURON and Tim Connelly are shown reconciled in the third act of "Plaza Suite".

Summer theatre showing promise

By GREG LOOMIS

With their first two productions of the summer season, both comedies, the MSU theatre players have demonstrated their ability to deliver some accomplished stage entertainment. Working within the small framework of Kibbey theatre has the advantage of being able to create intimacy between actors and audience — members of the troupe do not have to force their projection, and subtle nuances of voice and expression are easily conveyed.

Yet, audiences can be more critical of and distracted by muffled lines, ill-timed entrances and exits, and the quality of sets, costuming and makeup. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is the funniest production I've ever witnessed at MSU. This ever-popular musical farce was handled well by director Ginny Landreth. The singing and choreography (Candy Armstrong and Debra Rogers) were fluid and strong.

MSU instructor Thom Yancey's yeoman performance as the crafty Roman slave Pseudolus anchored the action, as he displayed savvy in his singing, dialogue, and pure weighty presence. (Zero Motel — who created the role — would have approved).

Bob Willenbrink (Senex) and Cindy McCoy (Domina) meshed nicely. Bill

Harrison as the lisping captain had me in stitches, as did Bill Burks as one convulsively frantic Hysterium. Deborah Maddox and Michael Clark could do little to improve the two weakest roles. "Hero and Philia," Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" is a modern comedy of a much more sophisticated, urbane style. Each of the three one-act vignettes have different directors, and although Kibbey is perfect for the hotel room setting, the acting sometimes failed to hold my interest.

"Visitor from Mamronck" portrays a middle-aged couple whose marriage is on the skids. Cindy Karns as the wife has the best comeback lines to those of her strained husband (Michael Clark). Karns manages to define a delicate balance between grim humor and despair.

Andy Perry as movie producer Jesse Kiplinger in "Visitor from Hollywood" does a credible job. The superb timing between Perry and Audrey Phillips as his old flame Muriel is both a credit to them and director Deborah Maddox.

Jacalyn Burks gives a standout showing as the flustered mother in "Visitor from Forest Hills." Her phone dialogue is hilarious. Brian Russell had some problems with his lines but since his character, the father, is supposed to be unnerved it wasn't a major problem.

Considering the time factor, it is amazing how well these two plays fell in place. The MSU theatre company has always seemed to enjoy slapstick comedy, and "Forum" provided an ideal setting, although the small Kibbey stage was often too cluttered. In both plays the sets and costuming met their demands, with special effects such as the rain in "Suite" being exceptional. Makeup in both often appeared careless; more careful attention is needed. Working with limited production and technical crews against a tough timetable, the MSU summer theatre has shown the promise of a great season.

The evil of 'Bad Seed' starts July 6

The MSU Summer Theatre will present its third production of the 1978 summer season July 6, 7, 8, at 8 p.m. in the Kibbey Theatre.

Bad Seed is the story of a young girl, Rhoda, who is inherently evil, and the resultant discovery of this fact by her mother.

Rhoda is played by Dierdra Bernard-McDaniel, Russell Springs sophomore.

Christine, her mother, is played by Sue White, Spartanburg S.C. senior. The father is played by Bill Harrison.

Other members of the cast include: Blaine Robinson as Emery, a neighbor, Bill Burks as Tasker, Deborah Rogers as Mrs. Daigle, and Andy Perry as Mr. Daigle. Brian Russell plays the part of Leroy the servant, and his brother Scott Russell plays the part of Bravo, an old

family friend.

Rounding out the characters are Cindy Karns, Miss Fern and Jackie Burks as Monica.

Directing the play will be Audrey Phillips, MSU graduate student.

Tickets for the production will go on sale Wednesday June 28. The cost will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students. For ticket information call 783-2170.

Desperation of 'Darkness' alluring

By GREG LOOMIS

Darkness on the Edge of Town — Bruce Springsteen (Columbia — 35318)

During the past three years I not-so-patiently waited for Bruce Springsteen to get out of the courtroom and back into the studio.

The wait is over. Springsteen has his first album out since 1975's *Born to Run*, and is doing an extensive U.S. tour (including Charleston, Louisville and Cincinnati).

It was *Born to Run*'s success which led to the New Jersey street punk's mug appearing on *Time* and *Newsweek* in the same week, and his manager to legally prevent him from recording.

The question to ask, of course, is whether the new LP stacks up.

Darkness on the Edge of Town does not have the dramatic focus, the cohesion, or drive of *Born to Run*. On its own merits, however, it is a superb collection of songs, which outclass nearly anything else on the market.

Springsteen's songs are visionary, encased in a 60's rhythm and blues/rock and roll frame, forming little melodramas of hope and frustration.

On his new album his favorite images appear in black and white, cars and the open road, work in the blue-collar

sense, and broken-hearted, sad-eyed girls (or angels, as he's fond of painting them).

Often criticized for the subjects he romanticizes, Springsteen's stories are irresistible for their insistent sincerity, for their anger, for their innocence.

In Springsteen's world a person is cursed from birth to never realize the

sights and sounds

promises of life. There is little true fulfillment — the only chance is to escape the ugly reality of the day and its work (beautifully understated in "Factory") by living for the night, where one can race on the open road ("Turn the radio up loud, so I don't have to think") where dreams take on their own reality.

On these songs Springsteen's voice has matured into a nodular roughness. On the burning, cathartic "Adam Raised a Cain," it's pushed beyond into both a primal growl and a throaty scream. The E Street rhythm section of

Gary Tallent on bass and Max Weinberg on drums holds down a burning groove on this song, as with the others.

Many of the songs on *Darkness* are slower, more drawn out and introspective than those on *Born to Run*. Clarence Clemons' sax is held to a minimum, with Danny Federici's moaning organ and Roy Bittan's pleading piano lines pushed to the fore. There is none of the lighthearted jazziness found in past songs like "Tenth Avenue Freeze Out" or "E Street Shuffle."

The music of *Darkness* is alluring because it is so earnest; almost desperate in the pleas to break out, or break through to the promised land, or as Springsteen half-speaks, half sings the words to "Candy's Room" with the band pounding at 50 miles an hour:

"Cause in the darkness, there'll be hidden worlds that shine.
When I hold Candy close she makes the hidden worlds mine."

Some Girls — The Rolling Stones

For those of you who don't have tickets to Thursday's Lexington concert — it's a shame, for Mick and the boys are playing a lot of new numbers from their most consistent, diverse and wonderfully powerful LP since *Exile on Main Street* six years ago.



Bruce is back

No summer open house

As with summers past, MSU students living in residence halls will not have the privilege of open house visitation this summer.

When questioned about the reason for the policy both James Morton, director of student housing, and Larry Stephenson, dean of students, were without a ready reply.

Stephenson, however, noted the comparatively smaller summer enrollment is one factor. Approximately 400 students are currently residing in Nunn and Cartmell Halls, a number which does not justify the added expense of holding open house, Stephenson said.

"Plus we get a lot of non-student

groups trying to participate," Stephenson added, in reference to campus visitors attending summer camps, workshops, Girls State and so forth. "Quite often this can create a problem."

Current open house policy involves the employment of extra personnel for monitoring and security, the economic factor which limits the number of open houses.

"If something happens (during open house) you must have security," Stephenson said, and mentioned other state universities had run into problems due to insufficient monitoring.

Disease research continues

Histoplasmosis, a disease harmful to humans, is the subject of an extensive research project by students at MSU.

Caused by a common fungus, "histoplasma capsulatum," the organism has been found in the bird roosts of Kentucky.

Eleven MSU students, under a grant of \$20,450 from the National Science Foundation, organized a project to determine if the Kentucky roosts were a source of the disease.

Under the direction of Cathy Stevens of Russell, the students took 423 samples at 16 bird roosts in western, central and eastern Kentucky. Five of the sites were determined culturally positive for

the fungus.

"Working on this project gave all of us a broad spectrum of experience," Stevens stated. "Our results have been promising and this project has introduced us to the time-consuming tasks involved in the initiation and fulfillment of research."

Following that investigation, MSU received a grant of \$23,000 from the Kentucky Department for Human Resources for the students to study 12 more roosts this spring and summer. And a third effort, 24 additional roosts at a cost of \$38,000, is in the planning stages. If approved by the state, it would start later this summer.

Working closely with state mycology officials at Paris, the student researchers are attempting to identify roosts which pose potential health hazards.

Dr. Ted Pass, associate professor of biology at MSU and project advisor, believes the greatest danger of the positive sites is that they may be disturbed.

"It is extremely dangerous to disturb positive areas of the fungus during hot, dry periods," he stated. "More spores can be released and people who work in those areas can be affected."

Pass added there are about 45 to 50 major bird roosts known in Kentucky. Nineteen have been tested and eight were found to be positive.

Findings in the first phase of the project were reported to the National Science Foundation in a formal paper presented by Stevens and junior Susan K. Kiser of Cleveland, Ohio, during a national conference.

"A great deal of attention is being given histoplasmosis in Kentucky and this project certainly is an important part of that research," Pass concluded.



—Allen Lutz

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MSU will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Office hours will resume at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5. Registration for Summer II will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the same day at the Laughlin Health Building.

The second summer session ends Friday, Aug. 4, with commencement at 10 a.m. in Wetherby Gymnasium.

Class schedules for Summer II are available by mail from the Office of School Relations, MSU, Morehead, KY. 40351.

More than 300 high school students and yearbook advisers are attending the annual MSU Yearbook Workshop June 25-30.

The workshop is involved with all aspects of yearbook production and distribution including sessions for student personnel, yearbook advisers, and photographers.

Sponsored by MSU's Department of Communications, the workshop will feature experts in yearbook production, including Jim Thompson of Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, Tex.; Phil Benton of the Ashland Daily Independent; George Burgess, director of photographic services at MSU; and a representative from Osborne Photo Lab of Cincinnati.

Additional information is available from Paul D. Wright, Workshop Director, UPO 594, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351.

Prospective teachers planning to take the National Teacher Examinations July 15 at MSU have less than two weeks to register for the tests.

According to Dr. Stephen Taylor, director of MSU's Testing Center, registration forms must be mailed to the Educational Testing service before June 22. There will be no registration the day of the tests.

"Registrants will receive an admission ticket and notification of the location of the center at which to report," Taylor said.

During the one-day session, a registrant may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, and one of the 21 Area Examinations designed to test knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Registration forms and instructions are available from Dr. Stephen Taylor, Testing Center, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351.

Enrollment for Summer Session I has been estimated at about 1750. This figure matches the enrollment for last year.

Keith Kappes, director of public affairs, said that the reason an exact count has not been made is because enrollments for the short summer term are not complete.

He added that the exact number of students enrolled is expected to be released in the near future.



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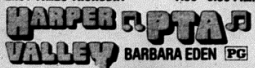
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Akron University joins OVC ranks

The Ohio Valley Conference has admitted the University of Akron to its ranks.

"Akron, a State University in Ohio's fifth largest city, will officially become a member of the OVC on July 1," said Commissioner Bob Vanatta.

A conference team of athletic directors and the commissioner will be working with Akron officials on scheduling. It is not known when Akron's Zips will begin competing for conference championship. There is the possibility that Akron could participate in some of the spring sports championships in 1979 and basketball the season of 1979-80.

Involvement in the OVC football championship may take a little longer, due to the fact that football contracts are made several years in advance.

Akron will play Western and Eastern Kentucky Universities in football this fall.

"We are very happy that a University with a stature of Akron has joined the Ohio Valley Conference," said Vanatta. "I personally am acquainted with the people at Akron, and I believe that their facilities, programs, and plans will make them excellent members of the conference."

The addition of Akron will keep conference membership at eight schools. East Tennessee State University is withdrawing on June 30.

"The conference, however will continue to consider further expansion," said Tennessee Tech President, Arliss L. Roeden, Chairman of the league's Expansion Committee.

He said the committee will continue

to plan on-site visits to other institutions, with the possibility of becoming a ten-member conference.

Dr. M.G. Scarlett, President of the Ohio Valley Conference states, "The Ohio Valley Conference has a distinguished athletic history, and the University of Akron is the kind of institution that can add to the distinction of the conference. It has a fine academic reputation as a multi-purpose university. We are delighted to welcome into the Ohio Valley Conference an institution of this caliber with compatible athletic aims."

Dr. Dero G. Downing, President of Western Kentucky says, "A highly respected institution, the University of Akron will contribute to the Ohio Valley Conference as they have demonstrated a well-balanced, highly-competitive,

high quality athletic program.

Admittance of Akron marks the first time the OVC has taken in a new member since 1962, the year Austin Peay State joined. Membership has been stable, the last withdrawals being by Evansville and Marshall 26 years ago.

The University of Akron, with more than 22,000 students, will become the largest member of the OVC. It sponsors varsity competition for male athletes in football, basketball, baseball, track, cross-country, soccer, wrestling, swimming, tennis, and golf. It fields women's teams in basketball, volleyball, softball, and tennis.

When Akron officially joins the OVC it will withdraw from the new Mid-Continent Conference.

Variety of sports camps attract hundreds to MSU

By JOSEPH DEAN JR.

Several sports activities are in progress as part of the annual MSU summer sports camp. The University sponsors the camp, which encourages youths age 8-18 to take part in an active sport that will enrich their physical status for everyday life. High school graduates or students who are already enrolled in classes as a senior in high school are not eligible because of NCAA rules.

The participants of the program, who are from various parts of Kentucky and surrounding states, elect to stay on campus or commute from home for daily sessions. Registration fees differ slightly for some of the camps. The fees

include housing and 3 meals a day for those who stay on campus.

John E. Allen, assistant director of athletics, said that "there have been only three camps so far. Camps for golf, football and women's basketball will start June 25." He also said, "more camps have been added to the program."

Some camps already in progress are tennis, baseball, men's basketball, and track and field. A second tennis camp will begin on July 9. Each camp lasts for one week.

The men's basketball camp, under the direction of coach Wayne Martin, has approximately 132 participants. The campers have two games daily, usually with their own age group. However, depending upon their ability,

they are moved up or down in competition. There are also several visiting instructors who assist Coach Martin in daily lectures and drills on the fundamentals of basketball skills. Each staff member has about 15 campers so that each participant can receive individual instruction and attention.

Head Track and Field Coach, A.L. Dawson, said that his camp "does not

place emphasis on conditioning, but on the basic fundamentals of the sport."

Participants are drilled in running, jumping, throwing and hurdling, long jump, and shot put. There are seven members participating in the sport

which has three workouts a day. Oscar Jones assists Coach Dawson in instructing the individuals.

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MSU chosen by NCAA for national sports camp

MSU has been selected by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), in conjunction with the Community Services Administration, as a site for the 1978 National Youth Sports Camp Program.

MSU is hosting one of only 140 nationwide camps. The program carries a grant of \$35,700, and is free of charge to selected participants.

Scheduled June 26-July 28, the camp will give to 100 to 150 olds the opportunity to get involved in sports programs.

Activities include archery, tennis, golf, basketball, soccer, football,

baseball-softball, canoeing, backpacking, camping and survival skills, and swimming.


Also included will be volleyball, badminton and physical fitness. There will also be discussions on drugs, nutrition, and career and educational opportunities.

Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will utilize recreational facilities at MSU, Rowan County High School and the City of Morehead.

Additional information regarding camp participation is available from Dr. Earl Bentley, 783-3162, or Ted Trent, 784-4153.

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Hylbert seeks answers to

Deep mine hazards

By TONY FARGO

Ask any coal miner what the major fears are in his profession, and one of the things he will probably mention first would be roof falls.

MSU assistant professor of geoscience Dr. David Hylbert is trying to do something about this fear.

Hylbert, who has taught at MSU since 1963, has spent his summers since 1971 working on research on deep-mine roof falls. And he is the first to admit that he still doesn't have all of the answers.

"Finding the major causes of roof falls isn't a simple problem. There are

so many interrelated factors that are involved in roof falls," Hylbert said.

Some of the causes Hylbert has discovered are poor rock base in the mines and faults, or cracks in the rocks, which are called discontinuities.

Hylbert first became involved in roof fall research in the summer of 1971, after the Coal Mine Advisory Council on campus met to discuss the effects of the 1969 Coal Mine Health and Safety Act. The group felt that someone needed to be found to see what some of the major problems were in Eastern Kentucky mines and discover what some of the solutions were to these problems. Hylbert was selected for the job.

Hylbert, whose work has been financed by two-year grants by the U.S. Bureau of Mines, said, "I saw right away that part of the problem was roof falls. Being a geologist, that caught my interest.

"Of course, that wasn't the only problem. Coal mine training for miners, new equipment, and restrictions on ventilators were also needed. My research that summer really got my interest."

Most of Hylbert's research has been made in the Bailey Creek and Highpoint mines of the Eastover Mining Company in Harlan County.

"We discovered from research that if mines were laid out parallel to certain fault trends, the roof would be more susceptible to falls," Hylbert said. "The idea is for the mine layout to be arranged so that it bisects these weak trends at some sort of angle so there is support along the pillars."

Hylbert's research team discovered that the Highpoint mine was laid so that it was highly susceptible to the fault trends, although the Bailey Creek mine was relatively safe.

Much of Hylbert's work was hindered by the long United Mineworkers' strike. "We're trying to project the dangerous trends in advance, but we had to wait until they got back to work on with our work."

Hylbert's work has, over the years, "proven reliable," he said.

Hylbert said he is interested in projecting weak roof areas before

mines are built. "What we're interested in is to project type of roof — an advance notice type of thing — so that the engineers, given a type of roof, can design roof supports to hold it up," Hylbert said.

This summer, Hylbert is expanding his work to include a mine owned by Bethlehem Steele Corporation and possibly four other mines. In addition, Hylbert is working on getting other mining companies to help in his research.

Hylbert's methods consist of several steps: the team studies the surface rocks of the mining area to determine what the trends of rocks are in the area; the team also takes core samples from both inside and outside of the mines to check for possible weak rock trends; and the team makes a recommendation to the mine engineers, who proceed from there.

A new innovation in the projection process is the use of satellite imagers, which Hylbert said he has ordered to be on hand for this summer.

According to Hylbert, two satellites, launched in 1972 and 1975, orbit the earth from north to south every 103 minutes.

The satellites, called Landsat I and Landsat II, take radar-type pictures of the earth and send them back to earth, where the satellite imagers pick up the transmissions. These transmissions show where faults in the earth are located so that the engineers can make allowances for them.

Besides Hylbert, several MSU students have taken part in the research. Currently, Tom McLoughlin, a graduate of MSU currently working on his master's degree at Eastern, and Mike Stamper, an Olive Hill native, are assisting the professor.

Although Hylbert's work has shown a lot of results, he feels there is still much more to be done.

"Hopefully, we'll get to the point where we can look over an area before mining begins at all to gauge safety," he said.



DR. DAVID HYLBERT studies some core samples in his office.

Upward Bound gives academic opportunities

By JOSEPH DEAN JR.

About 110 students from various counties in northeastern Kentucky are on campus to participate in this summer's Upward Bound program.

The program is designed basically for students who have academic potential from low-income families, or those who may be disadvantaged because of severe rural isolation. It enables them to enter, continue, or resume post-secondary education. The physically handicapped are also accepted in the program.

The main objective of Upward Bound is to help increase the academic performance and motivational levels of eligible students so they may complete secondary school and successfully pursue post-secondary educational programs.

The federal government provides funds for the program which enables high school students to live on-campus for six weeks with all expenses paid. This includes 3 meals a day and a small stipend fee of about \$15-20 a month. The students in return are expected to participate fully in classes, groups, and social activities designed by the staff. There are 12 college students who act as tutor-counselors to assist teachers in the classroom and to aid students in academic and social activities.

Students who qualify for the program are recommended by their teachers, counselors, and school officials only after meeting specific criteria.

Upon entering the program, the students are given a pre-test to see what areas of study they are lacking in. They are also given a test at the end of the

program to measure possible growth.

Charles (Joe) Gilley, assistant director of TRIO, said that the students take a variety of classes ranging from developmental reading and mathematics to speech and photography.

"The classes are small (10 to 12 students) so that teachers may deal with students on an individual basis. This is extremely helpful in evaluating the performance of the students," Gilley said. Participants do not receive grades, but are evaluated on their progress.

The first Upward Bound program at MSU was started back in 1965 with the help of President Morris Norfleet. Since then, more than 600 high school students have participated in the program.

Gilley said the major problem concerning the program is that "there are more students who qualify than there is room for." He added that "the University sponsoring a program like this is an asset."

Also a part of the Upward Bound program are the "Bridge" students. These are recent graduates from high schools or other post-secondary institutions who plan to attend college in the fall. Most of them will be attending MSU.

These students are required during the summer term to carry six hours of college credit. The program is to help "Bridge" the way for students finishing high school; to enter college as smoothly as possible. There are 17 members participating in this program. There are several other institutions in the state which have Upward Bound programs including Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University and Murray State University.



Meadows wins state pageant

Ivy Meadows, Saint Albans, W. Va., senior at MSU, is on her way to Atlantic City and the Miss America Pageant.

The 1978 Miss South Charleston was crowned Miss West Virginia during recent ceremonies in Clarksburg. She was among 15 contestants vying for the title during three days of competition. Her talent was a modern dance routine to the theme from "Brian's Song."

The elementary education major was a contestant in the 1978 Miss MSU Pageant.

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