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RON OSBORNE

Future cheerleaders?

Jennifer and Michelle Sparks watch intently as an MSU cheerleader goes through her routine during a recent home basketball game. Jennifer, 3, and Michelle, 4, may have been getting pointers for the day when they get to perform

in front of those large crowds in the gym. Or they may have simply been looking for a way to relieve the boredom while the Eagles trounced the University of Charleston 95-60.

Norfleet on mission to Israel

By TONY FARGO

MSU president Dr. Morris Norfleet left yesterday for Israel on a ten-day educational mission.

Norfleet announced his decision to make the trip during a news conference Friday.

The trip is being financed by the Israeli government, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and private sources whom Norfleet did not name. The purpose of the trip, Norfleet said, is "to strengthen educational and cultural linkages between educational institutions in our two countries," he said.

The trip comes as the result of an invitation from the Israeli Ministry of Education and the AASCU.

Norfleet said he would also make a short trip to Cairo, Egypt, to discuss the possibility of extending the contract MSU now holds to train Egyptian businessmen. Eight Egyptians stayed on campus last spring as part of the program, and another delegation is expected in March, according to the president. The current contract expires at the end of this semester.

Norfleet said the program for Egyptian businessmen trains them to

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2 MSU students volunteers

Battered wives now have a shelter

By G.W. SHEEHAN

A new community service has been established in Morehead without the usual ribbon-cutting ceremony or open-house tour.

The nature of the service dictates that publicity be channeled through the news media and public service organizations without disclosing the working address or full name of its personnel, except for the director.

As Jennie Leech, director of the Spouse Abuse Shelter, explained, "We need to insure the privacy of women who need our service."

The shelter offers 24-hour crisis counseling over the phone to women and men, but accepts only women at its location. Leech said current funding does not allow the shelter to have another location. Women and their

children are accepted at the shelter because they have the most need, she said.

A group of concerned people from the Morehead area developed the Spouse Abuse Shelter. They organized a committee, wrote a proposal, and then received a \$42,000 grant through the Law Enforcement Assistance Act.

The grant and \$3,000 from local communities in the service area will fund the shelter through September. If there is evidence of continuing need the shelter may be funded for an additional three years.

Officially, the shelter is named the Gateway-Buffalo Trace Family Violence Shelter. It serves a ten-county area in the Gateway and Buffalo-Trace area development districts.

The Gateway counties include Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and

Rowan, Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, and Robertson counties are in the Buffalo-Trace district.

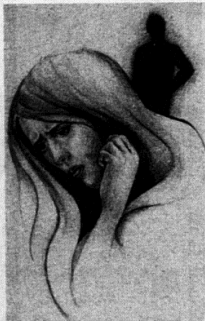
Four crisis counselors, three full-time and one part-time, work at the shelter in addition to Leech. They try to help the women resolve the problems associated with the abuse within 15 days. During this time the counselors will try to find housing if the woman is not returning home.

In addition, the shelter helps the women apply for services offered by the Bureau for Social Services in town. This can include applying for food stamps, a medical card, etc.

"Spouse abusers are not very happy afterward," she said.

The Spouse Abuse Shelter's mailing

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Israel

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be the equivalent of Farmers Home Administration representatives in their villages in Egypt.

The businessmen will stay here approximately three months, then travel to Lexington to receive additional training in the offices of the Bluegrass Area Development District.

About the trip to Israel, Norfleet said, "I feel very strongly about this opportunity. First of all, it is an opportunity for us to develop strong ties between MSU and the Israeli government, and for me as an educator, who believes strongly that institutions of higher education can in fact be a very positive force in improving international relations."

Eight presidents, including Norfleet, were selected by the AACSU to make the trip. "I feel it is an honor for Morehead State University to be represented in the delegation."

Norfleet hopes MSU will be able to form "strong ties" at various educational levels with the Israeli educational system.

Norfleet will spend ten days in Israel, then another two in Cairo.

In response to questions, Norfleet said the American delegation will speak with presidents of various institutions.

"talking about their educational system and the comparability to what we are striving to achieve and the problems they're having, comparing their problems to our problems and looking for opportunities for joint endeavors."

Norfleet also discussed several other topics during the news conference, including:

New scholarship. Norfleet announced that Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hodgson of Sarasota, Fla., originally from Stark in Elliott County, have given \$10,000 to MSU to start a scholarship fund for undergraduate students from Stark. Norfleet said the money will be invested and used to finance scholarships beginning in 1983.

General education study. Norfleet also announced that a committee has been appointed to study general education requirements at the university, the first time such a study has been made since 1968.

Norfleet said he feels it is "a very significant study. We need to see if we are in tune with the changing societal needs, and are educating our students to be competitive in a futuristic society."

The president said the committee will look at each course offering in the general education segment of the curriculum "from a breadth and depth



DAVE BROWN

Dr. Morris Norfleet, president of MSU, discusses his trip to Israel at a Friday press conference.

standpoint, not with the intent of reducing or increasing, but developing what we need based upon relevancy to the times in which we live."

Committee members are Dr. Wanda Bigham, Dr. Joe Copeland, Dr. Jim Golsick, Dr. John Kieber (chairman), Dr. Earl Louder, Dr. Robert Newton, Dr. Madison Pryor, and Dr. Steve Taylor.

Wives

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address is P.O. Box 532, Morehead, 40351. The shelter can be reached 24-hours a day by calling 783-1525. Collect calls are accepted.

Leech said she is familiar with the process of applying for this type of aid since she has working experience at the bureau.

"I enjoy this job more," said Leech.

"But I am still able to serve the same people who use the bureau."

She said, "We are looking for the woman who is looking for a change. She is tired of the violence."

Alice and Jill are two of the full-time crisis counselors. Both have received training for their positions from MSU.

Alice said the work is interesting and rewarding. "I like the feeling that the women can talk to me without fear — talk to me as a friend."

Jill feels she has a special empathy for the women she helps. She said the work is excellent experience for her career goals.

Leech said anyone who feels like they may abuse their spouse or children should call the shelter. She believes one of the crisis counselors could convince the potential abuser to resist the impulse.

Open house plan passes

By D.R. WRIGHT

Open house will be held simultaneously in both men's and women's residence halls each week if a proposal passed by the Student Government Association is approved by administration officials.

The bill, passed unanimously by the SGA, must now be reviewed by the Student Life Committee, the president, and the Board of Regents before it can be enacted.

Open house hours are now 18 hours biweekly in all residence halls except designated freshman dormitories. Freshman dormitories — Wilson and Cooper Hall for male residents, and Waterfield, Thompson and Fields Halls for female residents — have 10 hours of

open house visitation biweekly.

If approved, the legislation would provide the option for dormitory directors to delegate open house responsibilities to assistant directors. That option is not available to directors under present open house policy.

In other action, the SGA approved a \$25 expense allowance to purchase a film for the coffeehouse, and allotted \$240 for the Pep Band ticket purchases to the Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament at Western Kentucky University.

SGA also approved additions to the list of artists being considered for a spring semester concert. Weather Report, a jazz band, and The Police, a new-wave band, were among artists to be considered.

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'Resource man' got his start in the 60s

By JOHN HUTKA

East Moline, Ill., is another world away from the Windy City, Chicago. It is the farm implement capital of the world versus the epitome of an urban political machine. Given a choice, one would probably select Chicago's sprawling industrialization as the more likely base for an active 'Black Awareness' publication.

That might have been true during the decade of protest, the 60s. However, the 70s was a period of confusion. Issues became muddled in the slime of complacency. Causes became next door neighbors in suburban graveyards. No one knew what to protest, all things being equal — or all things being unequal, people were just tired.

Valentine's Day, 1980. Nathaniel Lawrence, editor, publisher and 'resource man' of the East Moline semi-weekly newspaper *Common Bond* made it to Morehead. Visiting friends on the road, Lawrence was interviewed by a journalism class at MSU. Unfamiliar with much of the rhetoric of the fires of the 60s, the discussion held mostly to the burning embers of Black Awareness in the 70s.

Lawrence's paper may be categorized as an alternative press publication. It's not his only enterprise. He describes himself as a "resource man." As a supplement to his publishing endeavors, he enjoys music and freelance photography. Music is not his hobby, though, it's a serious pursuit in which role he functions as manager for a Minneapolis band.

Talking about his paper, he says, "I'm into culture. I provide a forum for

analysis

black people in the black community. It pulls some things together as far as communications go. It's not the only thing I do, but the paper pays for itself."

One has to go back to a period in the 60s to see where Lawrence got his start. "I'm basically a small town boy. While I was going to Western Illinois University I had a friend who published an underground newspaper. I discovered with a newspaper, they had to burn it to get rid of it."

Lawrence is a product of the 60s. As a student at Western, he helped found the Black Students' Organization, the Black Cultural Center, the Black Cultural Center. At that time, papers weren't the only things burning in the cities and on the campuses.

"I just happened along at the right time in history. In my school, which happened to be the school of the rich, we read about what was happening at Columbia. They were occupying buildings and burning some."

The fires are out and the buildings have been rebuilt. Lawrence says he is dissatisfied.

"I'm disappointed. The administration has changed. After every period of leniency there comes this period of opposition. We're in such a period now. I don't care what the time is, there's no great issue out there now. From one period of time to another, the number of people involved stays the same. Back in the 60s, if you had a

hundred people in a line out there, only three would be dedicated. That hasn't changed."

Lawrence has a newspaper of his own. There are no lines today. A black community newspaper has different causes.

"I'm into culture, the need to satisfy the basic needs. Strong cultures make strong communities," Lawrence said.

Politics present the same compromise to Lawrence.

"I'm on the fringe. More of a left philosophy than a right. The politicians are all gonna be assholes, anyway. Politics is funny. The president is in a very limiting position."

As a person concerned with culture, Lawrence feels the United States is lacking in cultural sophistication. To his way of thinking, the two — politics and culture — go hand in hand.

"We are the most successful country on the face of the earth. There's no place like here. We're so distracted with little garbage. Other countries steeped in culture, like Japan, don't have to look at the ant on the wall and ask where it's going."

To see how limited we are as a people, just look at the Eskimos. They have 13 words for snow. Americans have only one. The Pygmies don't live in the forest, they live with the forest. The Hopi Indians don't have a static culture, it's in a constant flux. But to Americans, there's nothing better than being successful. That's what Americans worship."

Having experienced the frustration of the 60s, Lawrence sees a certain slight of hand being dealt culturally to the blacks.

"Most of the black students in the 60s were in the Humanities Department. That's not where the money is. It's in computers and business administration. I think the 60s did something for black expectations which hasn't come to fruition yet."

"They gave us the tools to go to a certain point. By now the tools have become outdated. We're losing our culture rapidly. It's like the beatniks. They had their time...it passed...and then they were lost."

"What's happening to us now? The 'White Shadow.' We'll have to change our names. The language (phonetics) is being changed by someone other than I."

Losing one's language is only a step in losing one's culture. Lawrence's newspaper is fighting that loss.

"We started out blatant. We got smoother. Now we're a little subtle. If we lay it on a little bit at a time, they'll get it."

Other issues are becoming modified through time.

"Some brothers would say we're polluting the streams by interracial marriages. To me it's okay if someone loves someone else. You see, people are doing lots of things for the wrong reasons. Besides, in order to be in this country we all end up being hybrids."

Nathaniel Lawrence is inextricably linked to the 60s. Like many of the poets and songwriters of that decade, the fight will never be forgotten even as the struggle is written.

"I'm adapting. I'm tainted by the 60s, there are documents in existence which say this man did that. Now I have aspirations."

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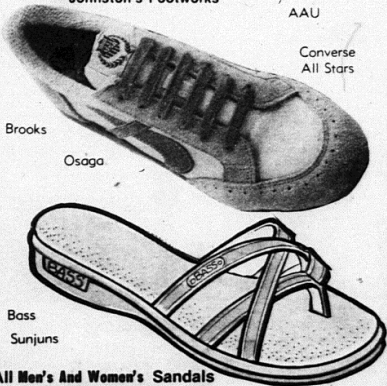
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High Pass

New grading system sounds like football

By G.W. SHEEHAN

Juniors and seniors who enroll in honors seminars now have something in common with football quarterbacks. The honors student can just "pass," make a "high pass," or "fail to pass." Only with honors students it is not a football, but a course that's at stake.

To be precise, the pass-fail grading system for junior and senior honors seminars has merely altered. Students can earn a high-pass for superior performance, receive a standard pass for average work and, of course, fail after a poor showing.

(Freshman and sophomore honors

classes have not been changed. They remain letter-graded classes).

Dr. John Kleber, professor of history, said the change will affect only 30-40 honors students each semester, since only two upper-level honors seminars are offered each semester.

This change is related to, but not in accordance with, a nationwide trend.

"The trend is to do away with pass-fail classes, and to go back to all-letter grades," said Kleber. "I want to keep the pass-fail designation but at the same time I felt we need more incentive in the seminars."

The change was approved by the Honors Committee and Dr. William

White, vice-president for Academic Affairs. Honors students were notified by letter several months ago that MSU was contemplating the change, said Kleber.

Sometimes, he said, students do not take pass-fail classes as seriously as letter-grade classes.

"They may feel like they do not have to work as hard, or do as much," explained Kleber. "I think the honors seminar should be very intense — very high quality."

He noted, "I wish we did not have to do it this way. But this is where we find ourselves — not only here, but everywhere."

Student produces statue replica

By SEAN KELLY

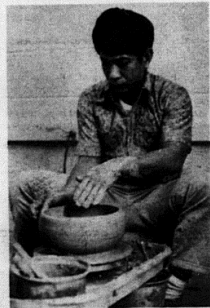
"I was struck by the authenticity of the work — by its primitive art quality, its character, and its reflection of ancient culture."

This was Assistant Art Professor Joe Sartor's first impression of a primitive art statue made by Huang Cong Duong in ceramics class.

Duong, who escaped from Vietnam on a boat last January, made a replica of a 12-foot statue he saw while he was stationed in Cambodia with the South Vietnamese army in 1973.

The 3,000-year-old original is located in Angkor Wat, the capital of ancient Khmer in central Cambodia. The statues in the region are equaled with the Egyptian pyramids and the Mayan ruins.

Duong said the original was built by Buddhist leaders, and contains religious significance. The replica shows three different faces, depicting



KEVIN HURLEY

Huang Cong Duong throws some pottery at the wheel.

reactions to observations of nature and events around them.

The replica, said Duong, is a composite of different figures he has seen in the Angkor Wat region. One of the faces is an original conception; the other two are drawn from other figures.

Duong said it was "appreciation for the art of the region" that compelled him to make the replica.

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White hopes to expand educational program

By G. W. SHEEHAN

A Developmental Educational Program designed to personalize education for students is in operation, according to Dr. William White, vice-president for Academic Affairs. The contact most students have with the program will be notably increased in coming years if White's plans are realized.

"The Developmental Education Program will change the face of MSU," said White. "We want to find the student's needs in detail and try to keep them relatively happy here."

The program began last October when the university received a \$210,000 grant from the Federal Office of Education. Dr. Wanda Bigham, director of the Counseling Center, is coordinating a program which attempts to identify problems students encounter when first entering college, and also continuing difficulties faced throughout their years in school.

White said Bigham's special mission is to reduce the learning barriers associated with a "learning lag" of many incoming freshman students. He said tests required for admission here indicate that 29 percent of incoming students lack the ability to read at college level.

In determining a student's strengths and weaknesses the program uses a "normative reference system" — not

the standardized evaluations received through college entrance types of testing. The student's learning program is not affected by test results of students across the country, but based on a personal level of learning.

White said, "We take a student at a level of development and endeavor to develop their ability from that particular stage."

The student's strengths and weaknesses are measured by a level of reading ability, understanding of mathematics, writing composition, and verbal communication skills. When students participate in the program the

learning sessions are developed for the individuals according to their learning level and pace. White said the success rate is extremely high.

To illustrate this he related what happened to one student that came to his attention. After dropping out of school the student returned for a chance to complete his degree. The failing grades, said White, had been caused by his inability to read at college level.

The student, he explained, is now earning A's and B's in classes he would be failing. White attributes this success to the student's participation in the reading lab. These reading labs are also attended by pre-medical and nursing students who are trying to improve their relatively good reading ability, he said.

White hopes to continue and expand the Developmental Education Program for the next five years with funds

received from a \$2.8 million grant the program has applied for this year. In addition, the Reading Center, directed by Dr. William Hampton, is closely associated with the program.

The Counseling Center is in the process of filling two positions for counselor-psychologists. "They will help students adjust to school, and try to encourage students to develop their abilities and confidence," said White.

He said the "greatest worry of all higher education in Kentucky" is the reduction of potential students due to the reduction in population growth in the United States in the last two decades.

He believes the potential students in the service region of MSU have actually increased, however, giving this university a special opportunity to attract students.

The Developmental Education Program is White's key to success for MSU in the future.

"MSU will succeed in attracting more students because we will pay special, individual attention to students' learning requirements," he said.



KEVIN HURLEY

Sun worshippers

Students gather at the mini-mall in front of ADUC to enjoy last week's sunshine and warm temperatures.

Internship deadline coming

The deadline is March 3 for applications to the Kentucky Administrative Intern Program.

The internship is open to all students who will be juniors or seniors as of June, 1980. Eligible students must have a grade point average of 2.6 or above and a genuine interest in a career of public service.

In this program, a student is placed in a responsible position in state govern-

ment comparable to those filled by professional career employees and work under the supervision of high level officials. Students can earn 15 or more semester hours of credit for the work in Frankfort.

In addition, each intern receives a salary, currently \$480 a month.

Interested students should contact Dr. Jack Bizzel in Rader 205.

YMCA looks for volunteers

The YMCA World Ambassadors Program is currently recruiting college students and other young adults to serve as YMCA summer volunteers in Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, Southern Europe, and the West Indies.

Students serve as volunteer conversational English teachers, recreation leaders, camp counselors, "Y" interns, or rural development work camp members.

The summer projects take place only upon invitation of the host nation and the local YMCA. Since the projects usually take place in developing nations, participants pay their own travel and living expenses so as not to be a burden on the local community. The program lasts from five to eight weeks during the summer. Fees are \$1,400 to \$2,000 depending on the location and duration. Fees cover round trip air fare and room and board.

Any interested students should contact Shirley Hamilton, Community Service Coordinator for the Appalachian Development Center, on the first floor of Butler Hall, or call 783-4731.



RON OSBORNE

Olympic trials

Matt Lang (front) and Terry Horsley (back) play some "residence hall" hockey in Alumni Tower.

Debate team receives bid

Last week, the MSU debate team of Michael Bryant and Dwayne Hemphill was officially recognized as one of the top debate teams in the nation. They received a first round invitation to the National Debate Tournament to be held in April at Tucson, Ariz.

Sixty-four teams are selected to compete in the prestigious tournament out of the over-2,000 teams in the nation. Special invitations are granted to the teams recognized as ranking in the top 16 in the nation, with the remainder of the teams competing for the remaining berths.

The selection for the invitations was determined by a select committee of debate coaches from all areas of the country. The committee examined the records of the teams submitting applications for the invitation and made their choice on the basis of the team's successes of the year.

For both of the MSU debaters, this is the second time they have received a first round bid to the nationals. Bryant was a member of the 1978 first round MSU team and Hemphill was part of the team receiving one last year.

The remainder of the teams receiving the invitations are: Augustana, Ill.; University of Central Florida, Dartmouth; Georgetown; Harvard; University of Kentucky; University of Louisville; Lewis and Clark; Northwestern; Pittsburgh; Redlands; Southern California; Utah; Wayne State; and West Georgia.

University receives 11 grants

MSU has received 11 grants totaling more than \$114,000.

Included are:

\$57,014, from the National Science Foundation for a program entitled "Neogene, Pelecypoda, Cape Fear Area, North and South Carolina," prepared by Janice Smiley, Division of Grants and Contacts. Project director is Dr. Jules DuBar, professor of geoscience.

\$1,475, from the State Department of Energy for the Energy Conservation Consortium, prepared by George Eyster, director of continuing education, for community information relating to energy audits. Project director is Dr. John Philley, head, Department of Physical Sciences.

\$1,500, for a program entitled "Kentucky Highlands Travel Guide Preparation," prepared by Connie Azzarito, economic resources specialist at the Appalachian Development Center.

\$6,390, from the Area Health Education System for a program entitled "Nutrition — Dietetics Medically Oriented Field Experience," prepared by Cathy Peterjohn, instructor of home

economics, to place dietetic students in rural health care facilities for training.

\$7,423, from the Veterans Administration for a program entitled "Veterans Counseling Services," prepared by Janice Smiley, to provide education and vocational counseling of personnel eligible for veterans benefits.

\$2,500, from the Small Business Administration for a program entitled "Management Counseling and Technical Assistance to Small Business Concerns," prepared by Janice Smiley.

to provide management counseling and technical assistance to small business. Project director is Dr. Bernard Davis, head, Department of Management and Marketing.

\$20,000, from the Council on Higher Education, for a program entitled "Women's Educational Brokerage Service," prepared by George Eyster, director of continuing education, to acquaint women with educational opportunities.

\$11,560, for a program entitled "Local Plans for Vocational Education," prepared by Betty Porter, assistant professor of nursing, to obtain in-

structional material for students enrolled in the nursing program \$20,000, from Title I HEA for a program entitled "Nutrition Education

for Senior Kentuckians," prepared by Cathy Peterjohn, instructor of home economics, to compile a nutrition education manual and instruct senior citizens in its use.

\$7,644, from the University of Kentucky, Tobacco and Health Research Institute for a project entitled, "The Effect of a Water Soluble Fraction or Pure Compound from Tobacco Smoke

on the Formation of Atherosclerotic Lesions in Swine," prepared by Janice Smiley, Division of Grants and Contracts. Project director is Dr. David Saxon, professor of biology.

\$6,167, from the Appalachian Regional Commission for a project entitled, "Appalachian Community Service Network," prepared by Janice Smiley, to implement the Appalachian

Community Service Telecommunications Network in Morehead and Appalachian Kentucky. Project director is Bill Rosenberg, co-director of media services.



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Dr. George Dickinson discusses the class on death and dying he teaches at Morehead State. Seventy-two are enrolled in the night class.

Death: sociology class studies it

By RONDA VIRGIN

Can you imagine doing a term paper on epitaphs on gravestones, death themes in hymns, death as it is depicted in movies, death humor in Eastern Kentucky or first childhood impressions on death?

Taking the class offered at Morehead State called Death and Dying will give you those possibilities.

The class is taught by Dr. George Dickinson, head of the Sociology Department. He explains that while he was teaching in Minnesota, his students showed an interest in the subject. Students in his classes, especially anthropology, wrote term papers on death and the way members of other cultures coped with it. He says the class was offered at MSU prior to his arrival on campus.

He stresses the process of dying in his teaching. A nurse comes to speak to the class on communications skills with dying patients; a doctor discusses the dying process; a lawyer relates legal processes, such as wills; and a chronically or terminally ill person will be asked to share his or her observations with the class.

Dickinson adds that a man who had leukemia and was told in 1971 he had only six months to live speaks to the class on what it's like to think you're going to die soon.

Many students are hesitant about the course, but Dickinson says some entered the class with initial misgivings and found it was a meaningful course.

"Death and dying is a subject we haven't traditionally talked about, like sex was a few years back," he remarks.

Seventy-two students are enrolled in the 500-level class. Dickinson speaks about the concept of death and

dying could be a fad. "It may be a reflection of the times. In the 1970s, death and dying courses cropped up all over the country. By 1975, over 400 courses were being offered in high schools and colleges in the United States," he adds.

He attributes this increased interest to the fact that people today die more lingering deaths than before. He cites penicillin and technological innovations as the reasons for this. He adds that the right-to-die issues with moral and legal aspects are also contributing factors.

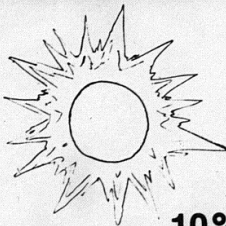
"People linger in the dying process who a few years ago would have died weeks or months ago," he says.

Dickinson's class uses audio-visual aids such as films and video-tapes. According to him, most of these films deal with dying patients. "Films can portray dying much better than I or someone else can get up and talk about it," he explains.

He adds that in some of the films the class will actually see a person die. He says that these films help make the class a serious one, especially on certain nights. "Some nights, due to the 'frog in the throat' response. This varies with individuals and experiences they have had."

Dickinson hopes that the class will give a better understanding of death. He says his primary objective is "helping people better cope with the whole situation of death and dying, personally and with a significant other who is dying or has died."

Tom Steele, who is in the class, says it has opened up his mind and made him think about a lot of things he'd never thought of before. He adds, "I'm not as afraid to talk about it. It's something natural."



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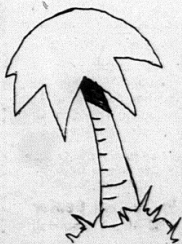
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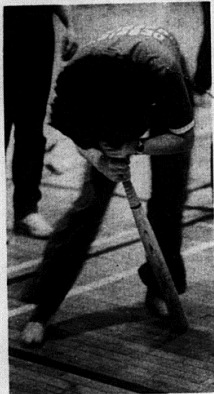


Games people play



Members of various campus sororities met in Laughlin Health Building last week to compete in Lambda Chi Alpha's 14th Annual Decadron, and some of the events were a trifle unusual. Delta Gamma sister Ann Falls takes aim during the egg throw as Dr. William Huang, judge of the competition, watches, left. Cheri McCartney and Ginny Whitehead get their plans straight in preparation for the three-legged race, bottom left. Contestants line up for the ping pong blowing contest, which involves blowing a ping pong ball the length of a specified track, bottom right. Greg Hardesty, a Lambda Chi pledge, takes it on the chin during the egg throw, below right. A contestant put her nose to the baseball bat in preparation for the baseball bat pivot, in which a contestant tries to pivot a bat on her nose for six revolutions without dropping it, upper right. Delta Gamma won the overall competition by taking six of eight events. Kappa Delta finished second and Sigma Sigma Sigma finished third. Coordinators for Lambda Chi were Mark Thornburg and Mike Williams.

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Third party protects rights of individuals

By SANDY SCHMIDT

"We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose."

The preceding paragraph was taken from the Libertarian Party's Statement of Principles. Although many people have never heard of the Libertarian Party, it is the third largest political party in the United States.

"We don't think of ourselves as the third party but as an emerging major political party," said Ernest McAfee, Chairman of the Kentucky Libertarian Party.

Last Tuesday, McAfee was at MSU seeking signatures to place his party's presidential candidate, Ed Clark, on the Kentucky ballot.

The Libertarian Party was organized in 1972. During that year its presidential candidate appeared on two state ballots. Four years later the Libertarian national ticket of Roger MacBride and David Bergland was on the ballot in 32 states and they received more votes than any of the traditional third parties. In 1980, the party expects to run in all 50 states.

McAfee said the party attracts ex-liberals and ex-conservatives who are disillusioned with our present government. "We are neither 'left-wing' or 'right-wing,' we attract people from a broad political spectrum."

According to McAfee, Libertarian candidates uphold the party's principles and refuse to compromise these principles in order to get elected. "Politics today is politics without principles. Politicians compromise to get in office or they compromise when they get in," McAfee said. "Our party has refrained from compromising. We don't ask for equal time. We welcome the attention if the news media feels we're newsworthy. We refuse matching funds because it is money taken from the taxpayer."

The Libertarian Party is based on the policy of liberty. "We feel that the individual owns his own life and he can live and act as he pleases as long as he does so in a peaceful, voluntary and honest manner," he said.

Libertarians, however, believe that it is morally right to use retaliatory force to protect oneself.

The Libertarians are opposed to the draft, believing it's a form of slavery. According to an LP pamphlet, "The draft is based on the fundamental idea that you, your body, your very life are nothing more than government property."

The purpose of the Libertarian Party is to protect the individual's rights, said McAfee.

"We would abolish the CIA, and the rest of the alphabet soup of the government — all the government regulatory agencies. We think the individual can regulate his own life."

Libertarians want to abolish all penalties in victimless crimes such as gambling, prostitution, and drug usage. "We don't condone these acts but we believe that what one does to his own body is his concern," McAfee said.

They would support a policy of non-intervention in foreign affairs which don't threaten United States security. Libertarians believe that the United States has created hatred throughout the world by interfering in the internal affairs of other countries.

Abolition of mandatory taxation is another Libertarian goal. The party wants to reduce taxes while they reduce government spending. Eventually, they would institute other methods of funding, such as voluntary taxation or a lottery system.

Libertarians want to abolish special privileges for such businesses. For example, the nuclear power industry is protected by the Price-Anderson Act.

"Libertarians are working on innovative new ideas," McAfee said. "It's difficult for new Libertarians to get involved in the party's debates — they have to re-think, study, and re-consider."

Community ski club formed

By DAVID WILLIAMS

Many students and community members may soon be hitting the slopes as a result of the newly formed Community Ski Club.

Spokesman George Eyster said that 40 people attended an organizational meeting last week, and special group rates have been offered them at the Lakewood Village Ski Resort, just an hour's drive away.

The club, sponsored by the Morehead State — Rowan County Community

Education Program, will sponsor periodic ski trips, coordinate "learn to ski" packages and assist in the coordination of transportation.

Eyster added that he hopes the group will become stronger and possibly each member will have his own club identification card.

Any person interested in the club may leave their name and telephone number with George Eyster at 783-2277 or the Student Government Association offices at 783-2296.

events

The Morehead Chapter of the Kentucky Natural History Society will meet March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 305 of Lappin Hall.

The guest speaker will be Charles Crail, who is in charge of information and education for the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The public is invited to attend.

Campus job interview — Wright Patterson Air Force Base will be interviewing students majoring in engineering, math, business, computer science, accounting and liberal arts. Dates: Friday, February 29, Placement Office; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 209 Young Hall.

MSU will host the regional meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America on Monday, March 24.

W-2 forms are available to students who received federal or institutional work-study checks during 1979, according to Vinson Watts, director of Payroll and Personnel.

The forms may be picked up in Room 106 of the administration building from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

More than 800 high school students will compete in the 57th conference including business communications, typing, job interview, shorthand and extemporaneous speaking.

Special interest sessions include square dancing, a concert by the MSU Jazz Ensemble, MSU slide presentation, and a Phi Beta Lambda presentation.

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Eagles vs. Racers in Round One

Morehead State, Murray, open OVC tourney at Western

By TED SLOAN

Morehead State will try to add on to the progress it made last year. Eastern Kentucky will try to defend its championship. Western Kentucky will try to live up to its pre-season promise. And Murray State will try to come all the way back from a 4-22 season last year. All four teams have the same goal in mind — the Ohio Valley Conference championship. That will be decided between those four teams, the top four in the regular-season OVC standings, beginning tomorrow night at Bowling Green.

All four teams have had things going pretty much their way of late. The Eagles had a five-game winning streak going until Eastern ended it with an 84-68 victory over MSU at Richmond last Thursday night. Morehead State coach Wayne Martin feels that, rather than a came as a result of getting the squad healthy all at once.

"We had a lot of injuries at the beginning of the year to some key people," the second-year coach recalled. "Greg Calderon was out 10 games with back problems. Butch Kelley missed a lot of games and was not up to par until around Christmas. Glen Napier and Norris Beckley were hurt just before the start of the season. This was the reason we didn't gel as quickly as we wanted to."

The misfortune cropped up again recently when 6-foot-9 backup center Albert Spencer came limping off the floor during a late-season game. The transfer student from Oral Roberts is out of action for the tournament with a foot injury, and Martin feels this gives pre-season favorite Western an edge on the bench over his deep ballclub. "Western is the deepest team (of the four) by virtue of one position. They can play two true centers and not be hurt. We only have one true center (the 6-8 Kelley). We have more overall depth than Murray State and Eastern, but Eastern proved in that last game that

their depth is in big people."

On paper, Morehead State figures to get past another meeting with the Colonels, who split a pair of games with MSU during the regular campaign. Eastern must go against host Western in the first round. That doesn't make things a bit easier, however; the Eagles must tangle with Murray State, which defeated Morehead State twice in two meetings and amassed a 10-2 record in conference play. The Racers were seeded second in the post-season tournament on the strength of two losses to Western, which also ended 10-2 in the league.

The key to Murray's success this year has been forward Gary Hooker, a transfer student from Mississippi State who leads the OVC in rebounding. Martin is aware of what a monumental task it will be to try and stop the high-flying Hooker.

"We've just got to do a good, sound, fundamental job on him," the coach said. "He's such an outstanding player. Not only is he a fine leaper, but his arm span is exceptional and his timing is very good. It's more of a key to just keep him to his average in rebounds, which is also exceptional."

As Martin has said before, the area to concentrate on Murray may be at guard, where two rookies are starting for the Racers. "We have to make their two freshman guards and center Allen Mann less productive. I think we're capable of that."

Might that mean that the Eagles' two small, quick guards, Rocky Adkins and John Solomon, will see more playing

time Thursday night? "John has played very well lately, and Rocky has been pretty consistent throughout the year," he began. "The situation may well call for them to see more action. Mont Slets has been a thorn in our side, and Norris Beckley will have the defensive assignment on him. Those two may share some time on him, too."

The Morehead State seniors will undoubtedly play a large role in determining the Eagles' fate. For that matter, several talented seniors will make their presence known in the tourney, since all are well aware that the next game they play from here on might be their last. Among the last-year players taking the spotlight will be Hooker, Western's Bill Bryant, Eastern's James "Turk" Tillman, and MSU's Charlie Clay.

The 6-7 Clay has played his best basketball as an Eagle in recent weeks; he led Morehead State with 24 points in its losing cause at Eastern. Martin agreed that the Lexington native is playing inspired basketball these days. "I think Charlie's play at Eastern shows that he is feeling very deeply the fact that his college career is winding down. He has shown a lot of courage," the head coach said in praising Clay. "I think Butch is feeling this, too. He bounced back from mononucleosis (last December) sooner than anyone with less desire would have, and sooner than he was supposed to. (The OVC tournament) means a lot to those two and to David Underwood (another senior), who has been seeing more playing time lately."



RON OSBORNE

Eddie Childress lets fly in Morehead State's loss to Murray State three weeks ago. The Eagles and the Racers will meet for a third time tomorrow night in the OVC tournament.

Track records fall Saturday

While part of Morehead State's men's track team was dominating a home meet against competitors from Rio Grande, Centre, West Virginia State and Eastern Kentucky, the rest of the team members were facing tough competition at the Illinois Classic.

MSU took first place in seven of 11 events at the home meet. Turning in winning performances for the Eagles were Scott Raymond in the 55-meter hurdles, James McCall in the 55-meter dash, and Marty Withrow in the 1500-meter run. Eric Lindsay won the 800-meter dash. Ron King finished first in the 1000-meters and MSU won both the 1600- and 3200-meter relays.

Although failing to score in the Illinois meet, two school record-setting performances were turned in. Dave Bowman broke his own school record in the two-mile run with a time of 8:57, placing seventh. MSU's mile relay

team of Jeff Washington, Fredell Cason, Eddie Burton and Chris Simon set a new indoor record and fell just short of the school record.

At the Tennessee Invitational, the Morehead State women's track team placed in six events for 18 points, finishing seventh in the eight-team field.

The host school won the meet with 140 points, followed by Eastern Kentucky with 49, Western Kentucky 39, Memphis State 36, James Madison 21, East Tennessee State 20, MSU 18 and Virginia Tech 1.

Karen Porter took third in the mile run and fourth in the two-mile run. Pat Reynar placed fifth in the shot put. Donna Smitherman finished sixth in the 60-yard hurdles. Barb Ferris was sixth in the 880-yard run and the Lady Eagle mile relay team of Ferris, Tina Geurin, Sally Wampler and Smitherman placed fourth in that event.

Donna Murphy takes a rare breather during a Lady Eagle basketball game. Murphy became the first woman in Morehead State roundball history to crack the 2,000-point barrier in MSU's victory over Bellarmine Thursday night.

KEVIN MURPHY



Women to meet EKU in defense of championship

By GORDON SYPOLT

The regular season is all in the past for MSU's Lady Eagle basketball squad as its "second season" — the KWIC championships — begins Thursday night at Memorial Coliseum in Lexington.

Mickey Wells' troops will face the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky in the first round of the single elimination tournament. The game begins at 8:30 p.m.

As with every tourney, there are factors going for and against the team. This will be the first time they will stay in Lexington all three nights (as a result of money saved after MSU's Jan. 3 matchup with Florida State was cancelled).

This will make a difference, according to Assistant Coach Loretta Marlow, because "the kids will be able to relax when they get there (to the hotel). They won't have to worry about their school work. They'll be able to concentrate on the KWIC."

On the minus side for the team, its health is not the best it could be, as many are bothered with irritating colds.

But Thursday night, it all comes down to execution, offensively and defensively. This is especially important in the center position where Martha Rust and Frances Moore have been splitting time.

Neither has been consistent enough to take the job outright since Donna Stephens transferred before the spring semester. Wells cites both players' inabilities to free the other team's center, especially during last Wednesday's University of Kentucky matchup, as a problem in the MSU arsenal.

"We played behind their center (Liz Luckeschu) a lot during the game," Wells said of MSU's 98-79 loss to the Lady Kats, "and you just can't do that. They'll take the ball right to the basket."

In that game, MSU was able to stay close throughout most of it, trailing only 74-70 after two Shelly Stowers free throws with eight minutes to go. Moments later, however, the Covington forward picked up her fifth foul. That deprived the team of the effective Stowers-Donna Murphy forward combination, and that hampered much of the Lady Eagle attack.

Stowers' disqualification was the straw that broke the camel's back, as far as fouls were concerned. Much earlier in the half, Rust and Moore fouled out, leaving 5-11 Dorothy Burk to tangle with the 6-4 Luckeschu.

"Murphy had possibly her finest game of the year in the contest, scorching the nets for 35 points, and grabbing a season-high 19 boards."

Despite the loss, Wells was still pleased with his team's overall performance.

"I was really proud of them," he said. "They could have laid down and died a couple of times, but they played with a lot of intensity."

Which leaves the question: what happens if the Lady Eagles run into the Lady Kats in the KWIC journey?

"Our game is Eastern," Murphy said. "We can't be looking ahead to UK or anybody else. We don't have any reason to look past them (EKU) because they're a good team."

Both Stowers and Murphy mentioned that a tournament played on two or three consecutive nights is mentally and physically draining, and that winning the championship "has to do with desire," Murphy said.

The Lady Eagles did play Bellarmine the day after the UK loss, winning 83-66, but there is little comparison between playing Kentucky and Bellarmine back-to-back, and playing consecutive nights for the state championship.

The Lady Eagles played a flat first half in the Bellarmine contest, despite taking a 43-33 lead into the locker room.

At halftime, Wells did give them a piece of his mind, "but that was just to try and wake them up a little. We knew they would play that way after the UK game," Marlow said.

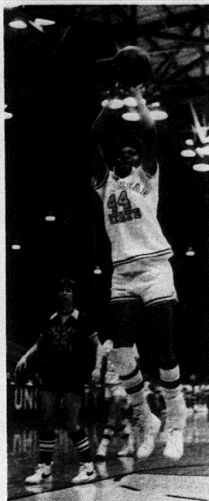
Murphy provided the high point of the Bellarmine contest when she reached the 2,000-point plateau, becoming the first Morehead State woman basketball player ever to do so. The 5-11 senior led the way for MSU with 18 points.

At press time, only the MSU-Eastern game was a certainty. Northern Kentucky and the University of Louisville were to flip a coin to determine third and fourth places in the tourney, as were Western Kentucky and Murray State to determine fifth and sixth positions.

Kentucky, as the first-place finisher in the KWIC, will receive a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the game between the third and sixth place finishers.

The winner of the MSU-Eastern game will play the winner of the game between the fourth and fifth place finishers.

"For us to win, we have to play well every night and everybody has to be up for each game," guard Robin Harmon said.



KEVIN HURLEY

Donna Murphy in a familiar pose — taking a jump shot. The 5-11 senior will lead the Lady Eagles in their defense of their state title this week.

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Grid staff inks 19 to national letters

By TED SLOAN

Quantity isn't the only word to describe the 19 young athletes who signed national letters-of-intent to play their collegiate football at Morehead State last week.

Quality would be an appropriate word, too. No fewer than seven of these high school seniors earned honors as all-stars in their respective states, and one made an all-America squad.

What brings all these outstanding prospects to Eagle country? "I think they just want the opportunity to play early," answered Morehead State football coach Tom Lichtenberg. "I think some of these young men stayed away from the larger schools so they could play sooner. Also, some guys see a Phil Simms get an opportunity, and they feel they can do the same thing."

But how many of these newcomers will be counted on to actually step into the lineup rightaway? "I think in some areas they can provide us with depth, but I hope we're strong enough not to count on these people as starters," Lichtenberg said. "If we're not, we could be in trouble. It takes time for a freshman to adjust to our system."

One player who might be capable of making an immediate contribution is Andy Kniceley, an offensive tackle from Nitro High School in West Virginia. The 6-foot-4, 255-pounder was a National High School Prep Coaches first team All-American, as well as a winner of all-conference, all-Southern West Virginia, and first team all-state honors. "He is an outstanding person and an excellent student," commented Lichtenberg. "He has the size to be a good offensive lineman. He's a young man that we feel could come along and contribute as a freshman."

Another prospect the coach thinks might work his way into some playing

time is Ashland native Vince Jones, one of three recruits from near Morehead. Lichtenberg has a pleasing problem regarding this 5-10, 180-pound defensive back: "I don't know where we would

play him. He played everywhere at Boyd County. We feel he's a guy who could come in and help us, maybe on specialty teams, very early." Jones was a three-time all-area player and twice won All-Tri State Conference and honorable mention All-State honors.

Another rookie who won't have to travel far from home is wide receiver Mark Ledford from Montgomery County High School in Mt. Sterling.

"Mark is an outstanding athlete and an outstanding person," Lichtenberg said of the 6-2, 170-pounder. "He has good hands and catches the ball very well. He might be a surprise."

The head coach added, "This is a kid we're tickled to death to have, because he's a winner." Ledford was Montgomery County's most valuable player in both football and basketball, and the last two seasons has made the Mid-State Conference all-star team and honorable mention all-state.

The third local recruit is offensive lineman Lenville Martin from Morgan County. Martin's size makes him an instant prospect at 6-3 and 250 pounds. "He has the size, and he runs well," Lichtenberg reported. "It'll take him a while to adjust to the situation here, but he's capable. He's a good student and everything; he's just got some learning to do."

The 19 recruits include five offensive linemen; five defensive backs; two offensive centers; two tight ends; two defensive linemen; one wide receiver; one running back; and one linebacker. Besides Kniceley, Jones, Ledford, and

Martin, the athletes who signed national letters include:

Tom Britton, a 6-3, 230-pound center from George Mason High School in Mason, Ohio;

Jack Cauley, a 6-3, 243-pound offensive lineman from Pikeville High School;

Mike Chaney, a 6-3, 185-pound defensive back from Badin High in Hamilton, Ohio;

Gary Copeland, a 6-2, 180-pound defensive back from Lexington Bates Creek, and brother of MSU's Dean Copeland;

Keith Curry, a 6-1, 190-pound defensive back out of Louisville Butler;

Charles Franklin, a 6-3, 215-pound tight end from St. Xavier in Louisville;

Morris Manley, a 5-10, 170-pound defensive back from Louisville Butler;

Tony McCoy, a 6-4, 225-pound offensive lineman from Garfield High in Hamilton, Ohio;

Mark Nagel, a 6-3, 190-pound running back from Dayton, Ohio's Oakwood High School;

Troy Putnam, a 6-3, 205-pound linebacker from Adena High School in Frankfort, Ohio;

Mark Reynolds, a 6-foot, 235-pound offensive lineman from Louisville Ballard;

Steve Rowe, a 6-3, 230-pound defensive lineman from Grove City High School in Columbus, Ohio;

Tim Rupard, a 6-3, 218-pound center from Cincinnati Moeller;

Dell Stephenson, a 6-5, 220-pound defensive lineman from Briggs High in Columbus, Ohio; and

David Thurlkill, a 6-2, 215-pound tight end out of Cincinnati Moeller.



DAVE BROWN
Morehead State basketball coach Wayne Martin glares courtward in a game at Wetherby Gym earlier this season.

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Football Eagles to play 11, open with Marshall in fall

Morehead State will take on three new teams and eight returnees in the 1980 football campaign, according to the schedule released by Director of Athletics G. E. "Sonny" Moran.

Head coach Tom Lichtenberg feels that next fall's 11-game slate, which features six home contests, figures to provide Eagle fans with quality football and exciting games. "There's no one on the schedule we can't compete with, but there are no games in which we can feel we have an automatic win," the MSU skipper says.

Two of the three newcomers will actually be returning after brief absences from the Morehead State grid schedule. One is Marshall, which will help MSU kick off the new season Sept. 6 at Jayne Stadium. The Eagles haven't met their Huntington rivals on the gridiron since the 1977 campaign. "They dropped Morehead State from their schedule when they went to the Southern Conference," Lichtenberg explains. "Both schools felt it's a good game. In the past it's been a big drawing card. It's a natural rivalry with them right down the road, and we play them in everything else. There's a big-time program, Division I-A, and we're Division I-AA. They have some outstanding players, and we have some outstanding players. It should be a good ballgame."

Youngstown State, the newest member of the Ohio Valley Conference, will return to the MSU lineup after a four-year absence. The Penguins were

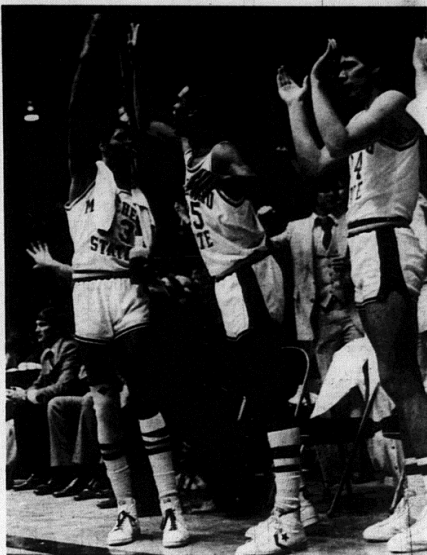
national runners-up in Division II a year ago, and they'll play host to the Eagles Oct. 18. "Their coach was Division II Coach of the Year," Lichtenberg points out. "This will add another dimension to our league football-wise. They're in a great football area. It'll be another challenge for Morehead State, and when we put them and Akron in, it made things much tougher in football in the league."

The third newcomer will be a first-time opponent for the Eagles, Liberty Baptist of Lynchburg, Va. Morehead State will pay that team a visit Nov. 8.

"Their program is really building," Lichtenberg says of the Virginia school. "Their goal when they originally started was to play Notre Dame in six years. They're going Division I-A. That's another school which is a good one football-wise, but people don't know it. They're trying to build quickly, like James Madison," he added, referring to another Virginia school that Morehead State will host Sept. 13.

Besides Marshall, James Madison, and Liberty Baptist, Morehead State's only other non-conference opponent will be Kentucky State, which will visit MSU Nov. 15.

Seven Ohio Valley Conference teams will face the Eagles in 1980: Middle Tennessee, Murray State, Austin Peay, Youngstown State, Tennessee Tech (for the Homecoming game Oct. 25), Western Kentucky, and Eastern Kentucky.



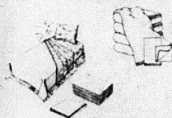
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Eagles Eddie Childress (33) and David Underwood (35) celebrate an MSU victory while Jeff Riley (34) adds his applause.

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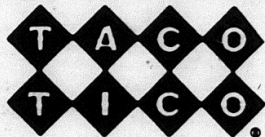
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perspective

'Indians' makes it in final act

Can a play that consists almost entirely of dialogue and only minimal action succeed? Since Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians," which does just this, was such a smash hit in New York back in the 1940s, the answer is obviously, "yes."

Did the MSU theater department's production of the play succeed?

Yes and no.

When measured in pure enjoyment, which isn't a bad measurement, the play made it. The audience seemed to like it and was caught up in the question of who-dunnit. During the intermissions conversation centered on one thing — who was the murderer?

Every amateur sleuth in Butten Auditorium offered an opinion and cries of disbelief were heard whenever a prime suspect was killed off.

So for audience involvement, "Indians" gets an 'A' rating.

But in tension building, the play didn't quite make it. Oh, there was tension, to be sure. But it seemed to come all at once in the final few scenes rather than building bit by bit. Before the audience could really enjoy the slight chill they were getting the play was over and the curtain had closed.

The problem was that there were too many funny lines in the play. Comedy is often used in a thriller to relieve a little of the tension. In this case it killed the tension before it was born.

The audience laughed uproariously throughout the first two acts at some lines that were indeed funny. However, the laughing seemed to multiply itself, and soon they were laughing at lines that were uneasy rather than comical.

If the intended effect was a two-act comedy and a one-act mystery-thriller, then it worked to perfection. Somehow, I don't think that was the goal.

Does that mean the play failed? Not really. As stated before, the audience enjoyed it, and that's the whole point of a play.

sights and sounds
by Ronnie Blair

There were some excellent performances, terrific special effects and a great third act. When taken as a whole, it worked.

Brian Russell as Sir Lawrence Wargrave gave the usual top-rate performance that has come to be expected of him. Wargrave's cruel, calculating personality was a nice change of pace for Russell, who has been doing mostly comedy this year. None of the comic lines in this play belonged to Wargrave.

Russell, Elizabeth Busted and Chris Offutt are the three main reasons the final act was such a success. They all put in strong performances and had developed their characters to the fullest.

Busted was especially convincing as a terrified Vera Claythorne in the final scene and captivated the audience completely in her plea for mercy from the killer.

D. Scott Cooper as a shaky Dr. Armstrong and Marcia Urban as a bitchy Emily Brent were also effective. Somehow you didn't mind it when the old bat Brent was killed off.

Jules Wieseman's brash Anthony Marston was good up until his death scene. That scene may have been pivotal since Marston was the first to die. What should have been the beginning of the aforementioned tension may instead have been the beginning of the aforementioned comedy. Wieseman, poisoned by cyanide, did not appear to be in any pain. One would have almost thought Marston was playing a bad practical joke.

A pity, because Wieseman's performance had ranked among the best up until that point.



DAVE BROWN

Sir Lawrence Wargrave (Brian Russell) strikes a menacing pose over a terrified Vera Claythorne (Elizabeth Busted) in the chilling third act of "Ten Little Indians."

A brief role by Tim Connelly was well done, as was Bill Harrison's pathetic General MacKenzie. However, Billy Nichols' speech seemed to become stilted in trying to capture the British accent of William Blore.

Bobby Spencer and Tammy Blankenship also turned in good performances as the butler and the maid.

The special effects during a storm were fantastic. Lightning flashing through windows gave an appropriately eerie effect to the setting.

A resounding thud of a falling bear statue was especially effective, causing audience members to jump. Naturally, this was in that tension-packed final act.

A column dedicated to all MSU seniors

This column is dedicated to the seniors of Morehead State University. The rest of you can read it, too, however, so you'll have an inkling of what is in store for you.

Seniors:

Do you find the word "last" creeping into your vocabulary a lot lately, as in the last home basketball game, the last home football game, the last Miss MSU Pageant, the last theater production, etc.?

Do you suddenly find yourself wishing you had spent more time on your homework instead of extracurricular activities, or vice versa?

Does the issue of whether or not the Eagles win the OVC suddenly take on added meaning, because this is the last (there's that word again) time that "your" team has a chance at it?

Do world events suddenly seem to be taking on a new significance, because soon it will be your world, too?

Do you look back on each missed opportunity with a new, more intense pang of guilt or sadness?

Do you find yourself smiling to yourself as you hear a freshman say, "My teacher said a cuss word in class today!" as you remember yourself

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by Tony Fargo

being similarly shocked to learn that instructors could cuss in college?

Do you find yourself growing impatient with all of those underclassmen complaining about this and that ("What do they know, they haven't been here four years like I have"), and find that another year has made you an instant expert on everything?

Do you suddenly find yourself shaking your head at some of the things freshmen say about high school, and saying, "Back when I was in school..." as if you're somebody's grandfather?

Do classes begin to take on less meaning and deep conversations with friends more meaning, as you begin to question the value of grades vs. the value of personal experiences?

Do you find yourself asking your friends every other day or so if they'll really keep in touch after you walk

away from here?

Do the hills, the lake, the trees, suddenly attract your attention more often, because you'll soon be seeing them for what could be the last time?

Do you suddenly find yourself faced with the task of putting all your accomplishments down in one to two typed pages, labeling it resume, and sending it to people in places you've never seen, trying to land a job you're not sure you want?

Does the whole idea of getting out, getting a job, earning a living, marrying, raising a family, buying a house, etc., leave you with a sense of panic?

Do you wish with all your heart that you could turn back the clock, do everything over again for another four years, and never leave the relative safety of the university?

Do you find yourself planning spring break around job interviews instead of trips to Florida?

Do all the relatives, older friends, and parents constantly asking what you're going to do when you get out begin to grate on your nerves?

Do you find the words class ring, announcements, graduation gifts, and

invitations begin to creep back into your vocabulary after a four-year absence?

Do you start trying to find time to get home a few more weekends, because soon it won't be "home" anymore?

Do you catch yourself wondering what it would have been like if you had gone to a different school, made different friends, and taken different classes?

Do you watch a person in a Greek shirt walking down campus, and wonder what it would have been like to be a Greek?

Do you ever wonder, as you walk down campus in a Greek shirt, what it would have been like to be an independent?

Do you suddenly find all rules a bore and an aggravation, since this is "your" university — you've paid your dues, right?

If you have experienced any or all of the above, then don't feel alone. All of us who are sharing the senior experience have felt some of this in one way or another. It's part of being a senior.

And it's definitely not the easiest part.

Thompson's shark hunt — who lands whom?

The Great Shark Hunt, by Hunter S. Thompson
Summit Books, \$66 pp. \$14.95

Hunter S.(tockton) Thompson, who occasionally and whimsically adds the title Dr. to his name, is presented at his finest in the Great Shark Hunt. The book's 46 pieces are essays, observations and hedonistic analyses that have been published in The Rolling Stone, Playboy and The National Observer magazines, among others, between 1962 and 1978. Most of the articles have never been published in book form and give the reader a chance to run "flat out" — a Thompson idiom — with the nation's foremost devotee of the oblique style of journalism.

The Louisville native began his career as a writer of national prominence with his firsthand account of life as a motorcycle gangster in the 1966 Hell's Angels: A Strange and Terrible Saga. So terrible were the Angels that Thompson spent a year or so with them. He rode their bikes, drank their beer and generally played the mascot's role — all for purity of research, he says.

Following the national attention the

Submission needed

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the deadline for contributions to Inscape, the campus literary magazine, according to its sponsor, Dr. Marc Glasser.

Entries may be in fiction, poetry, or art work, and may be presented either to Glasser or a member of the Inscape staff.

book review by D.R. Wright

book received, the Angels attempted to persuade him to share the royalties by pounding unmercifully between his ears, ribs, and general body perimeters. It was an altercation that ended the romance and Thompson has since pursued more erudite subjects. Shark hunts, for example.

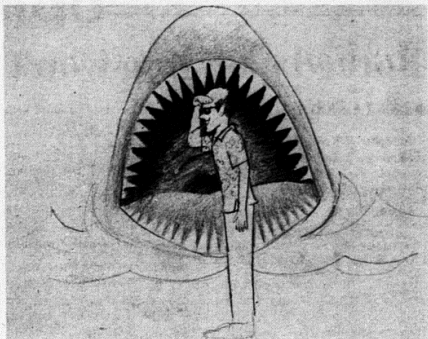
The title essay is a mind-popping example of Hunter S. at his most freaked-out, fly-catching self. At his best, Thompson is a sociological observer with a razor-edged mind. He dissects this incident and rips apart the superficialities of the social order with precision that would given envy the most talented neurosurgeon.

At his worst he is a self-promoting exaggerator — "gonzo" journalism. Thompson calls it — whose writing is crammed with detail and the paradox of anarchistic precision. So it is with the Great Shark Hunt piece.

Thompson takes the assignment of covering an international fishing tournament for Playboy magazine and ends up writing the story about the hazards of social stratification in the elite world of the wealthy sportsman.

He does mention fish on occasion — "...fish for man-eating sharks. It seemed like the only way to get a real feel for this sport — to fish (or hunt) for something genuinely dangerous, a beast that would tear your leg off in an instant. If you made the slightest mistake."

Thankfully, this sort of terror is sandwiched between scenes of overweight and senselessly drunk sportsmen insulting wives, friends, other



RUBAN DEATON

tourists and the world in general. The drunk and unruly capitalistic sportsman is a beast to Thompson.

Lest you think that Thompson's anarchistic ramblings represent a razor-mind out of control — a possibility that cannot be totally ignored by even the most astute reader — you should examine the precision of his investigative journalism.

"Strange Rumbblings in Aztlan," published in Rolling Stone magazine, is a look into the events surrounding the death of Mexican-American Los Angeles Times columnist Rubin Salazar in 1971. There are no drug-induced, maniacal social ravings (all part of the Thompson manual for self-indulgent writers) in this piece. All Thompson's egotistical ramblings are

redeemed in this article alone.

He approaches a shark-headly problem — the Chicano ghettos of South Los Angeles were a maze of riots, charges and countercharges in the late '60s and early '70s — and remains true to the intelligently cutting perceptions that Thompson has as a cornerstone of all his writing. In this piece, Thompson does not betray the "legitimate" journalistic news gathering style.

Somewhere between the "gonzo" brood-riding of the sports-fishing saga and the life-and-death tension of a respected journalist and the emerging social structures he represented is the remainder of the Great Shark Hunt's pieces. They are an improbable collection of fishtales by a writer whose world's view is one of precarious balance.

letters to the editor

BSU lauded

Editor's Note: The following is a letter received by MSU president Dr. Morris Norfleet. Because of its nature, he sent it to us with a request for publication.

Dear Dr. Norfleet:

Last Sunday evening (Feb. 10) the Baptist Student Union Choir from Morehead visited the Oakland Avenue Baptist Church and presented a special musical. I believe it is one of the best I have heard.

In the troubled times in which we live, it's very refreshing to hear and see a group of young people perform as the BSU Choir did last week. I feel reasonably sure you hear some negative remarks about the youth at Morehead, but all the praise I could give goes to that group which visited us. Their conduct and attitude are highly exemplary.

With prayerful concern for the work you do and the youth you serve, I am prayerfully

Yours in Christian Service,
Eugene Reynolds

Pastor
Oakland Avenue Baptist Church
Cattlettsburg, KY

Fans, huh?

To the editor:

To those who call themselves Lady Eagles fans: Wednesday evening, you let them down by cheering the University of Kentucky on to a victory with your silence! With 57 seconds left in the game it took our cheerleaders and the cheer "two bits" to get you on your feet. I know that you could have easily cheered the Lady Eagles on to victory even though they were down, because I have seen you do it, especially at the University of Louisville game.

You didn't let the men's team down when we played Western. You even got your name "fans" in the Lexington paper because you couldn't sit down to let the men lose.

If you're going to come and take up space in the gym and claim to be an "EAGLE FAN" then GET UP AND DO IT!!! By your silence you condemned them to a loss

before the game started.

Sincerely yours,
Viola Bramel
Lauraetta Wilhelm
384 Mignon Hall

Raconteur roasted

To the editor:

Twenty-four thousand dollars of student money to produce about 5,000 yearbooks for all who attended MSU last year. Why so much?

I attended MSU last year and I don't want a yearbook. Now, don't get me wrong. I am not a communist radical. I just have no interest in owning a yearbook. So, if you had made one less yearbook, you would have saved about \$6 of the activity fee.

Now I am sure that I am not the only person who doesn't want a yearbook, or who doesn't really care if they get one or not. Let's say 10 percent of the people on campus do not pick up a yearbook. That adds up to about \$3,000. It

seems like a waste to produce more books than the public demands.

Why not take orders for yearbooks and cut down on the waste of students' money? If The Raconteur is really necessary and in demand, the yearbook staff would have no problem getting people to order the books.

A better idea would be to lower the activity fee by \$3 each semester, and ask the people who really can't live without it to pay for it. If the yearbook is a must for every student, and the demand reaches far and wide, why not remove student funding? Let the yearbook stand on its own merits.

Why force students to buy a yearbook they don't want? Three dollars each semester does not mean much to you, but it means a meal to me.

For all of you who "pick up a yearbook, for lack of any other options, here are the cooking instructions: preheat oven to 350 degrees, bake 12-15 minutes until golden brown, serve three or four hungry students.

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opinion

Forced pledging won't solve patriotic apathy

By TONY FARGO

Students at Kentucky public schools will be patriotic each morning, whether they want to be or not, if a bill that passed in the state House of Representatives becomes law.

House Bill 32, which must now go to the Senate, would require every public school student to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag each day. The bill passed 89-6.

It is easy to see what led the legislators to propose such a bill. With the current problems the United States is facing in Afghanistan and Iran, the representatives probably felt that we

all need to stand behind our country more and show our loyalty.

They have a point — we should want to rally around the flag and support our president during these difficult times.

But is forcing school children to recite the pledge of allegiance really going to solve all our problems, or will it simply add more?

Our country was founded on the principle that we have the freedom to express our views as we see fit without threat of punishment. Apparently a few legislators, caught up in the patriotic fever running through the House,

forgot about that principle.

For instance, an amendment that would have allowed students not wishing to say the pledge to stand silently at their desks failed 74-18, with one legislator arguing, "If you wish to be a citizen of this country, you owe it certain devotions and obligations. If not, then you're free to go," according to *The Courier-Journal*. He didn't bother to explain where a public school student is going to go if he doesn't want to say the pledge.

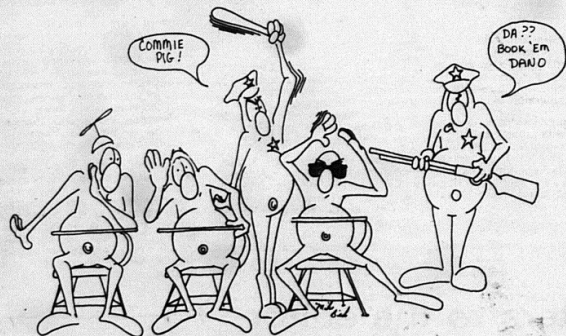
When someone mentioned that not all Kentucky school students are U.S. citizens, another legislator suggested that we "send them back from where they came" if they don't want to say the pledge.

It would be almost as fair to make a foreign student, here on exchange perhaps, say our pledge as it would be for American students to be forced to say the Russian pledge in Moscow, if there is such a thing.

One can almost picture the reaction of an exchange student upon returning home to Japan or wherever. "Oh, those Americans. They talk all the time about how free they are, but I saw a kid paddled because he wouldn't say the pledge of allegiance."

Forced pledging is not the way to cure our apathy toward our president and our country. No one can force someone else to love the United States. A pledge of allegiance that you have to drag out of someone has no meaning.

We hope that the Kentucky Senate will not be as short-sighted when the bill comes before it. Patriotism is great; forced patriotism is tyranny.



America has overreacted to Afghanistan

By SEAN KELLY

"But now the Soviet Union has taken a radical and an aggressive new step. It is using its great military power against a relatively defenseless nation. The implications of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could pose the most serious threat to peace since the Second World War."

President Carter and the American press have confused many of the facts surrounding the events in Afghanistan. This is not to say the Russian invasion is right; Moscow's flurry of propaganda that the intervention was "military aid requested by the Afghan people's government" is far from the truth.

Carter's terming the invasion as a "threat to world peace," however, is no more accurate than anything the Kremlin has churned out.

A review of the facts is needed:

Afghanistan was a Soviet satellite to begin with. If Carter is really concerned about the Russian takeover of the Afghan government,

he is several years too late. The Soviet troops did not "install a puppet regime," as the White House puts it. The puppet regime was already there.

Late President Hafizullah Amin, the first Soviet puppet, wasn't doing his job. The Kremlin, therefore, decided to get rid of him and install Babrak Karmal. The Soviet troops were sent to put down any further rebellion that might occur during the "switch."

As mentioned before, this Soviet action cannot be termed as "military assistance" or "liberation;" neither, for that matter, could the Soviet invasions of Czechoslovakia in 1968, of East Germany in 1953, or Hungary in 1956.

Where was the United States when Russian troops were marching down the streets of Prague? Why was nothing done about the Soviet troops in the Iron Curtain countries? Why should we bother with Afghanistan now?

Of course, there is talk about the Russians "pushing towards the Persian Gulf." If this were the case, why couldn't they just go

through Iran, instead of detouring through Afghanistan?

Also, the Persian Gulf region is under Soviet influence anyway; it is to them what the Caribbean is to the United States.

Concerning Carter's response to the invasion, one other question must be asked: would Carter have responded the same way if the invasion had occurred several years earlier?

The real threat to Carter is not from Soviet troops marching through the streets of Kabul. It is from within his own party and from the Republicans. This is, after all, election year.

The Afghanistan invasion, instead, has proven to be his saving grace. It has given him an opportunity to appear as a fearless leader, and has given him the edge that Franklin Roosevelt had in the 40s: the American public's fear of "trading horses at midstream."

It's time the American public wake up to the facts and stop being duped by an administration that wants to serve only its ulterior motives. Haven't we been fooled long enough?