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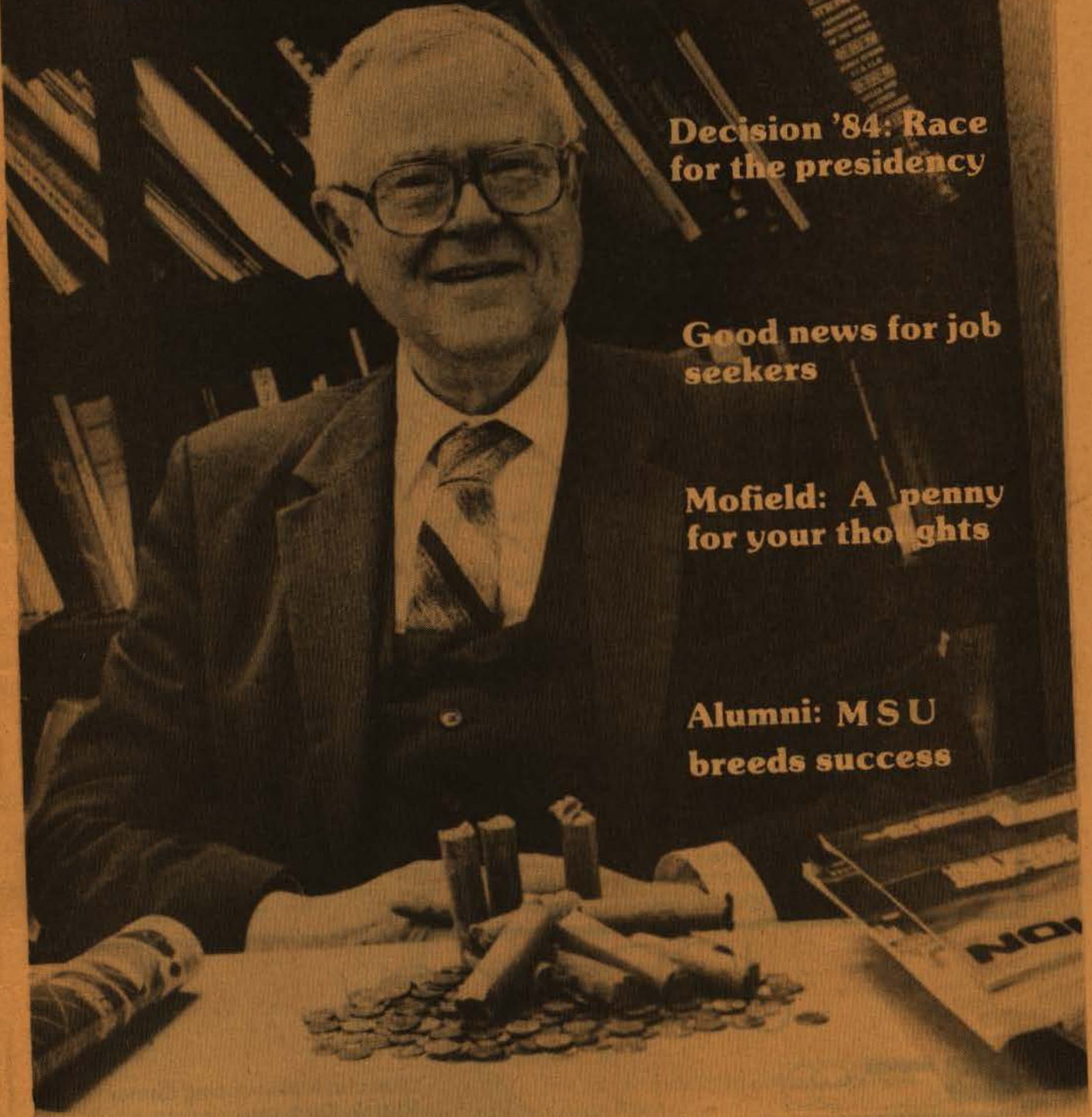
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Letter from the managing editor

Inside readers:

In this issue, we have tried to bring you entertaining articles as well as informative ones. You'll find humor ranging from the 1984 Curris Awards to the ingenious Beer and Donut Diet, and from bumpersnickers to our fiction story. There are also more informative stories ranging from MSU's successful alumni to the black community on campus and from this year's presidential election to the job outlook.

We'll also take a look at academic advising from both the student's viewpoint and the adviser's. There're also the more traditional columns of I Wanna Know and album reviews. In addition, we'll take a look at the offerings on the new Murray Cablevision system. You'll find this and more—**Inside**.

The production of a magazine requires much time and effort. Therefore, there are a few names I would like to mention. Our adviser, Debbie Wattier, was always there to help us plan, coordinate and make decisions. Jamie Doerge and Mark Barden both put in many hours in designing our page layout. Terry (he) Stalions was **the** most helpful non-staff person during the final days of production. We had two contributing writers whom I wish to thank—Dr. David Earnest and Terri (she) Stalions. Also a thank-you goes to the staff of the Murray State News for their cooperation while we were using their facilities, and another to Frank Fazi, Lila McCuiston and Ava Watkins of MSU printing services for their help and patience.

The entire **Inside** staff contributed efforts in various ways. The

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To everyone who helped in getting this issue of **Inside** ready for publication, thank you. To everyone who reads the magazine, we hope you enjoy it! **I**

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MOFIELD:

A penny for your thoughts



By **JIM MOODY**

Editor's Note: For those students, faculty and administrators who know Dr. Ray Mofield, they know one of the friendliest, most likeable persons on campus. Dr. Mofield always has a smile on his face and something cheerful to say.

Dr. Mofield is a journalism and radio-television professor at MSU. He has been at the University for almost 20 years serving in many different capacities.

After graduating from MSU in 1943, he went into the Notre Dame midshipmen school. Other schools Dr. Mofield attended included: Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1945; Columbia University, in New York City, where he got a master's degree in economics in 1958; and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he received his doctorate in communication in 1964.

If you don't know Dr. Mofield, you have yet to meet one of the most interesting faculty members on campus. His memory of events or facts on many subjects amazes his students and fellow faculty members.

Dr. Mofield has had much experience in broadcasting. He worked at WPAD in Paducah as chief announcer in the 1940s. During that period, he was chosen to air President Harry Truman's dedication of Kentucky Dam. He also did a CBS radio show, "Report to the Country." Later, he began stringer work as a correspondent for

CBS News, handling reports from Paducah for "News of America" and "World News Round-up." One week he did CBS's "Face the Nation" with U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper of Somerset, Ky. In 1948, he was selected by the renowned broadcasting announcer Edward Murrow to cover Alben Barkley's vice presidential campaign when Barkley ran with Harry Truman. Dr. Mofield won a CBS citation for "best election night story" in 1948.

When Dr. Mofield left Southern Illinois-Carbondale to come to MSU in 1964, he accepted a position as executive assistant to former MSU president Ralph Woods.

Recently **Inside** talked with Dr. Mofield about his colorful career during an interview in his office.

"During that time, WPAD was the only station in the Jackson Purchase. I ... worked for \$50 a week."

Inside: After graduating from school, what was your first job?

Mofield: My first job was teacher of speech, journalism and Spanish at Vienna, Ill., High School in 1945. I helped put out the school newspaper, directed the plays, coached debate and drove the school bus for \$140 a month.

Inside: Was \$140 a month a good

wage in the mid-1940s?

Mofield: Comparatively speaking, I guess it was. I believe the same year that I went there, teachers in Kentucky were making \$75 a month.

Inside: Describe your first job in radio.

Mofield: After teaching at Vienna, the NBC network in Chicago put out some fliers to speech teachers that they were going to train 25 announcers at a summer institute. I had a chance to go to Northwestern, which I had always wanted to do. I was fortunate to win one of those 25 positions and got to work for WMAQ in Chicago, plus go to Northwestern.

Inside: Was WMAQ one of the top stations in Chicago?

Mofield: I think it may have been the top station in the market at times. It was 50,000 watts and an NBC-owned station. They originated a dozen soap operas. The morning announcer was Dave Garroway. Nobody had heard of him much except around Chicago. Later, he started the "Today" show and became popular.

Inside: After working at WMAQ and going to Northwestern, did you want to return to western Kentucky to work?

Mofield: I had a job offer from a station in South Carolina but my parents didn't want me to leave this area, so they suggested I work in Paducah. During that time, WPAD was the only station in the Jackson

Purchase. I came to financial terms with the station manager, Pierce Lackey, and worked for \$50 a week.

Inside: What were some of your duties at WPAD in the mid-1940s?

Mofield: I really did everything. We got all kinds of mail from agencies and Mr. Lackey would assign me to report to that agency. So I became the farm director, the news director, sports director, etc. I held 10 different positions while I was there. I was finally station manager.

One of the things we did was starting the first Lions Club radio auction, and items were sold by local merchants. We built the first Western Kentucky Crippled Children's Center. Later, that turned into today's telethon on Channel 6 television.

Inside: Tell us about your association with CBS while you worked in Paducah.

Mofield: I did quite a few CBS shows and made \$50 for each report. The first story I did was a report of veterans coming back from the war and problems they encountered.

When President Truman came to dedicate the dam I wasn't able to interview him because there was great security around him. They had 15,000 troops from Camp Campbell, now Fort Campbell.

"I've covered a luncheon for former President Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon, and I put John Kennedy on the air at Carbondale while he was running for President."

Inside: Who are some of the famous people that you have interviewed?

Mofield: I've covered a luncheon for former Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon, and I put John Kennedy on the air at

Carbondale while he was running for President. I've interviewed many senators from this area including Alben Barkley when he was senate majority leader.

"My feeling is that Edward Murrow (whom I worked with while he was reporting during World War II) is the best newscaster of all time."

Inside: Tell us about your sportscasting career and your interview with former University of Kentucky basketball coach, the late Adolph Rupp.

Mofield: I really did all types of sporting events from basketball to golf tournaments. I did the state high school basketball tournament along with some college games. Ashland Oil handled all of the major Kentucky schools in radio coverage and we

were part of that network. I did some 2,000 games in my career, including some SIU games and MSU contests. I did the DePaul-MSU game from Paducah Tilghman in the mid-40's and interviewed former DePaul coach Ray Meyer.

When I was chosen to do the North-South high school all-star game in Murray in the late 1940s and early '50s, I got an opportunity to interview Rupp. I asked him one question as the halftime show began. He responded to that question and talked the entire halftime. He grabbed the microphone and sat there with a monologue. I couldn't do anything else that I had wanted to and missed my commercials.

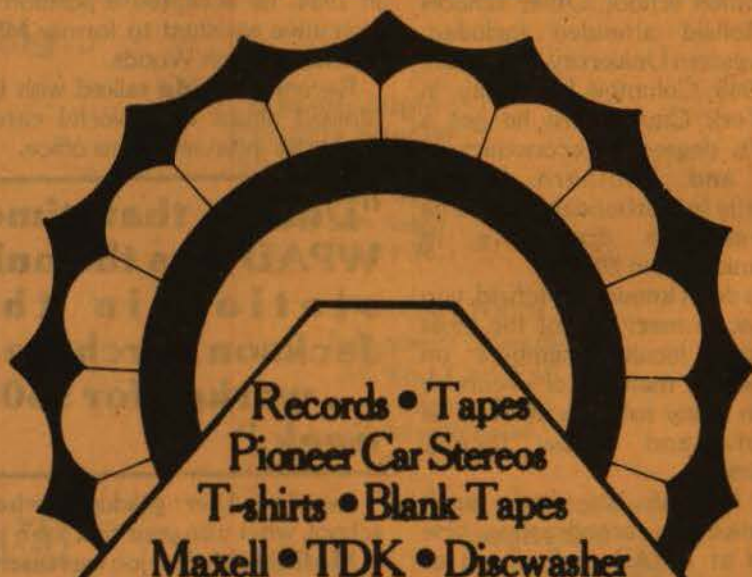
Inside: Who is the greatest newscaster that you have ever met?

Mofield: My feeling is that Edward Murrow (whom I worked with while he was reporting during World War II) is the best newscaster of all time.

Inside: Who was one of your famous students while you taught at SIU?

Mofield: Jack Buck, who is the play-by-play announcer for the St.

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Louis Cardinal baseball team, has done very well. He has been on other broadcasts, including "Monday Night Football" on CBS radio.

Inside: Why did you come to MSU?

Mofield: After finishing my doctorate at SIU, I contacted Dr. Woods, then president. He told me before, he was interested in me and reaffirmed that the second time. In those days (1964), there was just one college and one dean. There were no vice presidents, and I did a little bit of everything.

My first real assignment was to build a nursing school and a new nursing building.

Inside: When did you get involved in the radio-television aspect of the school?

Mofield: When we made the budget in the fall of 1965, I told Dr. Woods I wanted to improve the journalism department. Before I came, they offered a minor in journalism, but it was in the English department. They didn't offer much radio-TV, maybe one or two courses. I told him I needed \$15,000 to expand the journalism area, build a radio station and get a press.

"Another great accomplishment was getting the radio (now WKMS) on the air May 11, 1970."

From that time, we announced we had a department of communications. Speech, journalism and radio-television comprised that department. I became the full-time chairman of the department in 1968 after Harry Sparks became president.

Inside: What are some of the biggest developments that you have seen in the journalism and radio-television department?

Mofield: One great accomplishment was that we began a master's program in 1967 in either print or broadcast. My first graduate in the print side was Bob McGaughey, now chairman of the department.

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Another great accomplishment was getting the radio (now WKMS) on the air May 11, 1970. I feel that has given our students much more experience. We also got Channel 11 from the cable system. I believe the cable system has contributed some real dollars to our educational program. It is good to know that you might have a good-sized audience. Again, the major factor is experience for students.

Inside: What does experience mean in getting a job in the broadcasting field?

Mofield: First, there is no question that a college degree means a lot. Most places of any size won't talk to a prospective employee unless he has been in college. However, in a larger market, they want experience.

What the student needs is not only campus media experience, which is very important, but commercial radio, newspaper or television experience. If a prospective employer hears that, he perks up. Almost all of the successful persons have worked at a smaller market commercial station.

Inside: How does MSU rank in prospective employers' minds for radio-television?

Mofield: I may be biased, but I think we do very well. MSU has a good reputation on the national level. We are one of the 93 institutions of the 3,000 universities in the country that offers a master's in broadcasting. Our students are able to get the experience where larger universities teach and the students observe. Until a student has done it, he hasn't really learned anything. The interest must be there for the student early in his college career.

"I believe I have given away more than a thousand pennies. The single largest amount of money I've given is \$1.00."

Inside: Does a student need to be well-rounded in his education?

Mofield: I tell my students they

don't need to know everything about physics, but enough to interview a physicist. It holds true for economics, business, political science, etc.

Inside: How do you have such a great memory?

Mofield: I think it is something the Lord gave to me. I guess there are certain principles like association. Really, I don't try to memorize information; it's just a natural ability.

Inside: How many pennies have you given away during your teaching career? (Mofield gives away pennies to students for answering tough questions dealing with any subject.)

Mofield: I believe I have given away more than a thousand pennies. The single largest amount of money I've given is \$1.00. Somebody told me what the 137th Psalm was. It is the Babylonian Captivity.

Inside: What do you see in the future for the MSU journalism and radio-television program?

Mofield: I see the program continuing to offer experience to the student in every level from radio news to television production. **I**

I wanna know

By MARY ANN MALYS

I WANNA KNOW... Why are the buttons on men's shirts on the right but on the left of women's blouses?

Answer from Wendy Honey, instructor in clothing and textiles at MSU:

There are two proposed theories to each part of this question.

Supposedly, it is easier to button and unbutton a shirt if the buttons are sewn on the right with the button hole made on the left. During the Renaissance period, 1330-1500, buttons were very expensive and were considered a symbol of wealth: the more buttons you had on your shirt or jacket, the wealthier you were. For this reason, the buttons on

men's shirts were sewn on the right because it was more convenient this way when the men had many buttons to show off their wealth.

The women of the Renaissance period usually had maids to help them dress and undress. It was easier for the maid, while standing in front of a woman, to grasp the button in her right hand and proceed to button up the woman's dress. Therefore, the buttons were sewn on the woman's left side of the garment. But to the maid standing in front of the woman, the buttons were on the right. This is the easiest way to button and unbutton a blouse: if the buttons are on the right.

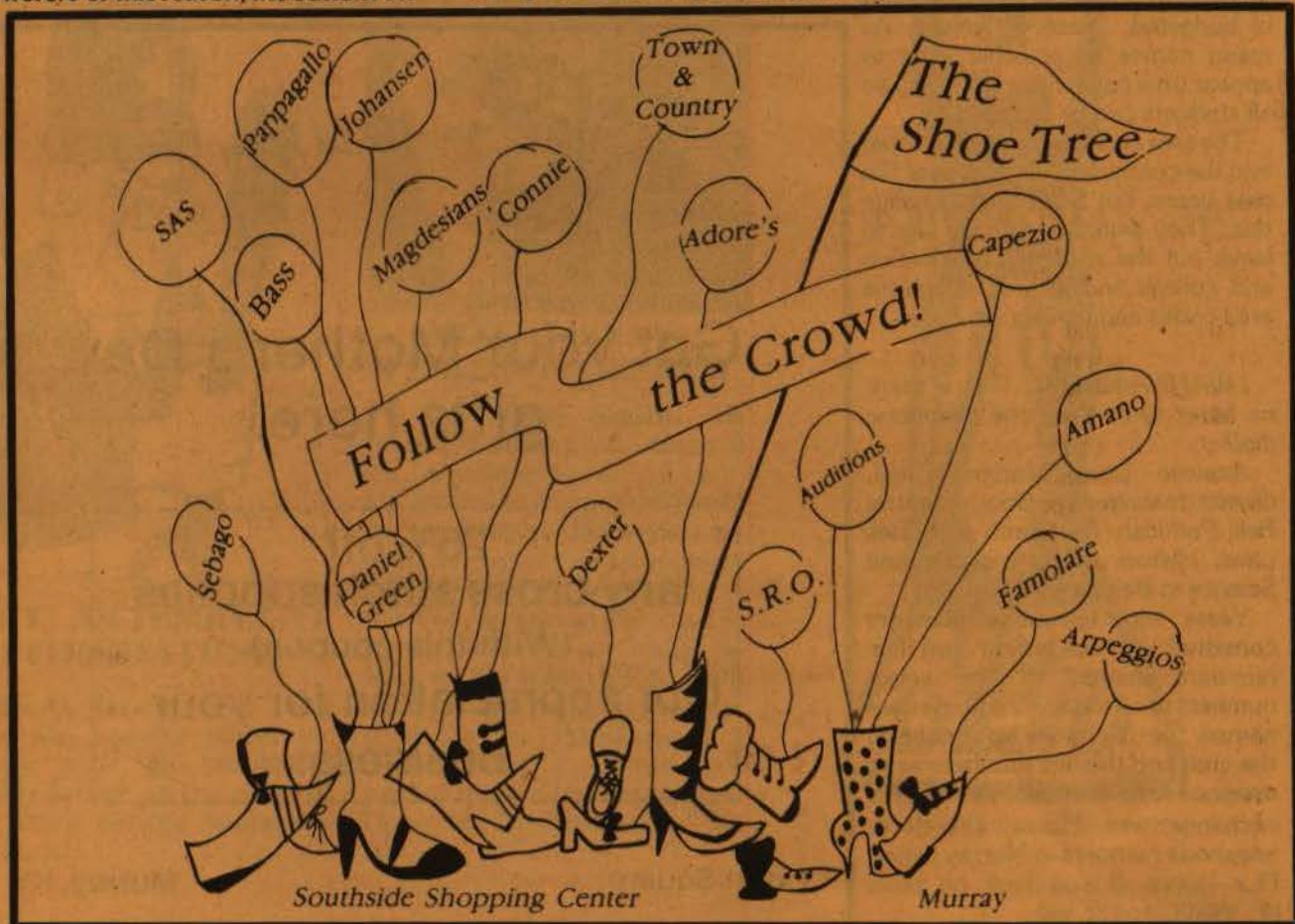
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men were right-handed, they needed the right hand free to work. If a man was asleep in his house and he was attacked, he was supposed to have his right hand free at all times to wield a sword and defend himself and his family. In this case, the man would have to use his left hand to button up his shirt.

As for the women, the other theory concerns the nursing and caring of a child. It is typical for a woman to cradle her baby in her left arm. Therefore, she would need her right hand free to unbutton her blouse and open it from left to right to feed her baby.

I WANNA KNOW... Why are there no area codes listed for telephone numbers in the MSU student directory?

Answer from John Litchfield, SGA senator at-large and chairman of the standing committee on the telephone directory.

The directory is used mainly by students for writing purposes over the holiday breaks and for finding a student's campus telephone number. Because the directory is funded through advertising sales and is budgeted, space is limited. As many names as possible have to appear on a page in the directory so all students can be included.

The area codes were never written into the computer program over the past years, but SGA might change this. They would eventually like to leave out the student classification and college and include telephone area codes and mailing zip codes.

I WANNA KNOW... Why is there no letter Q or Z on the telephone dial?

Answer from Marvin Orgill, district manager for South Central Bell, Paducah (Research from Bell Labs, History of Engineering and Science in Bell Science, vol. 1):

Years ago, telephone numbers consisted of two letters and five numbers instead of the seven numbers used today. The two letters named the telephone exchange in the area and the five numbers were assigned. For example, the Murray exchange was PLaza; therefore, telephone numbers in Murray began PLx—xxxx. If you look on your

telephone dial you will see that the letters "PL" correspond to the numbers "75", which is still the base for all Murray telephone numbers today (753—xxxx and 759—xxxx).

Over the years, Bell Labs decided to convert the names and numbers dialing to all numbers dialing because this system is more versatile. The telephone dial was designed with 10 holes in it, where the "1" is reserved for Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) and the "0" is reserved for the Operator. This meant that there

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were eight holes left to fit the 26 letters of the alphabet. Bell Labs then looked at the names of the past exchanges and found that the letters Q and Z were not used as often as the other letters of the alphabet. Therefore, they divided up the remaining 24 letters and assigned three letters to each hole on the dial,

corresponding three letters to one number.

I WANNA KNOW... Why does your mouth taste "so funny" in the morning after brushing your teeth and then drinking orange juice?

Answer from Dr. George C. Oakley, dentist, Murray:

Overnight a film of plaque develops on your teeth. This film is made up of food particles, bacteria, saliva and sloughed-off dead skin cells. This accounts for the terrible taste you experience when you wake up in the morning.

When you clean your teeth with toothpaste, you are not only cleaning your teeth, but you are cleaning around your gums as well. There is an acid present around the gums, but it is not close enough to the tooth surface to cause a sensitive feeling.

After drinking orange juice, which is very acidic, your teeth are coated with an acid. This acid must penetrate this plaque on your teeth causing a different feeling, an agitation, around the gums. This may account for that tingling, tart feeling you experience because your gums are now a little bit more sensitive. I



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The 1984 CURRIS Awards

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Time-honored though these awards may be, they still required a face-lift in the form of a new title. So, for 1984, we at **Inside** are proud to announce the Curris Awards, named in honor of former Murray State President Constantine W. Curris.

Why did we pick Dr. Curris to be the namesake of the awards?

Considering all the screwy logic surrounding his dismissal, we thought it would be appropriate that his name go on the award for people who do strange things or have strange things done to them.

Now, without further ado, we proudly present the Curris Awards.



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BEST ATTEMPT AT INTIMIDATION

To **Joe Green** and the University security office, for putting such an unfriendly-looking flatfoot on the cover of this year's parking regulations brochure.



MOST LIKELY TO BE SUCCEEDED

To **Dr. Jean Smith**, the recently-dismissed head coach of the Lady Racer basketball team. Dr. Smith has blasted the media for not giving her team adequate publicity, but she disdains player interviews. A prime example of this can be seen in the case of former center Diane Oakley, an MSU graduate who led the Ohio Valley Conference women in scoring for the 1982-83 season.

The Murray State News once wanted to do a feature story on Diane, but Dr. Smith vetoed the idea...

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To **CRAIG EICHELMAN**, Student Government Association senate candidate, for the his day-glow orange campaign stickers. By the way — where exactly is Senate College?

BEST USE OF WHITE SPACE

To **The Shield**, for leav ng out a few p cturs h re and ther' ...



THE "CLOSE — NO CIGAR" AWARD FOR ATTEMPTED ART

To the folks who slapped together the "**Uptown Girls**" backdrop sign for the Miss Murray State pageant. As one SGA official said, "The girl on the sign looks like a beached whale."



THUMB KIND OF CARPENTER...

Thumbs-up to Journalism/Radio-Television faculty member **Mark Barden**, who sacrificed his spring break to work on a new set for the MSU-TV 11 studio.

Unfortunately, in the process of working from 8:00 a.m. to midnight on the set, a weary Barden severed his thumb when his circular saw slipped from its course. Barden was rushed to Jewish Hospital in Louisville, where the prodigal thumb was re-attached.

Although the doctors were initially uncertain as to whether the re-attachment surgery would be successful, both Barden and thumb are now back on the job.

THE 'DRESSED TO CHILL' AWARD

To all the students who wore shorts the day after spring break to show off their tans even though the mercury registered a high in the mid 40s. **1**



THE "PLAY BY OUR RULES OR WE WON'T TALK TO YOU" AWARD

To **Paul Loewanwater**, who produced the "From Pacman to Poker-man" segment of CBS' "60 Minutes." He side-stepped questions from an **Inside** reporter who called him in New York to find out about the CBS story on removal of video-poker machines from the L & N Lounge in Puryear, Tenn.

Loewanwater first answered questions, which were asked in response to O.S. Jefferes' (owner of L & N Lounge) comments

about "60 Minutes" coverage of the controversy, with "no comment" or "no opinion." Loewanwater then went off the record for the remainder of the telephone conversation, saying he was not an authority on the subject.

How many people whom "60 Minutes" interviews are authorities? It seems as if the master investigators from CBS can't take the taste of their own medicine.

Academic advising "incomplete"

You're graduating when?

Maybe not...

By **TERRI STALIONS**

When graduating seniors are surveyed about their experiences at Murray State University, the two areas that consistently receive the lowest ratings are campus parking and academic advising, according to Dr. Frank Julian, vice president for student development.

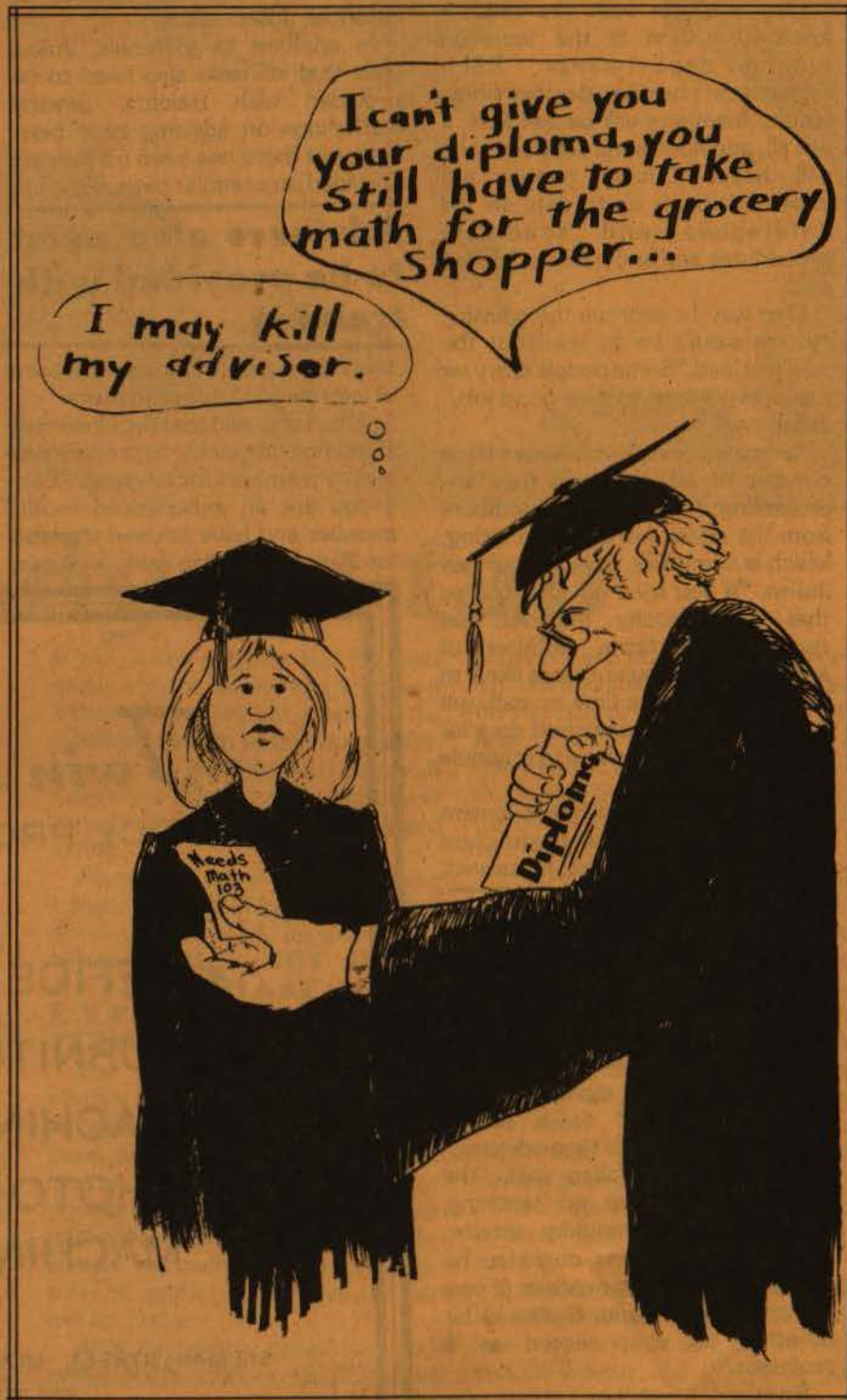
The faculty handbook states that the adviser should "be approachable and readily available to students" and "establish personal rapport with advisees." The adviser should also "give accurate information on academic regulations, class scheduling, graduation requirements, etc.," and "provide basic career guidance and information." But many faculty members find the role of adviser difficult, and many students are dissatisfied with the quality of the advising they receive.

Class mis-scheduling is the most common complaint about advising made by seniors, Julian said. "The majority of students, even those who were ecstatic about their experiences at Murray State, said they were misadvised at least once or twice during their undergraduate career," Julian said.

One senior said, "My adviser told me I had one more economics class. Then, I found out after I had taken it, and failed it, that I didn't have to have it. They had changed the requirements, but my adviser didn't know it."

Another senior who had to remain at MSU an extra semester because of wrong advising information said, "My adviser didn't tell me about eight hours I had to take. There had been a change in the requirements."

Other complaints by students include the feeling that advising is not individualized enough and that advisers are not readily available to students.



"Most faculty members hear complaints that they aren't in their office enough," said Dr. Ron Cella, English professor. Many faculty members are busy, he said, and many students simply show up expecting to see their adviser immediately, instead of scheduling an appointment. "I'm doubtful that there are many faculty members who just don't care," said Cella.

One problem with the present advising system is the variation among departments. Each department chairman decides which faculty members will be advisers, if not all, and how many advisees each will have. "Those people are expected to get up to date on the catalogues and academic procedures and policies," Julian said.

One way to improve the advising system would be to level out the advising load. "Some people carry far too heavy a load to do a good job," Julian said.

"Some chairmen who have a large number of advisees feel they are protecting their faculty members from the added burden of advising, which is admirable, but wrong," said Julian. "If you level out the load so that each faculty member has roughly the same number of advisees, then you are more likely to be able to have the time to really get to know your advisees and do a lot more than just help them to schedule classes."

Another important improvement would be to build a reward structure into the advising system, Julian said.

The advising process ought to be part of the teaching process.

Under the present system, there's very little reward to a faculty member who spends time advising.

"In the past," Julian said, "the emphasis has been on teaching, research and community service. The advising process ought to be part of the teaching process. If you are good at advising, it should be reflected on your record as a professor."

Another problem faced by advisers is a lack of accurate

information about academic requirements and procedures.

"You have to give the adviser something to work with," Julian said. Trying to advise the students with just the information provided in the catalogues is extremely difficult, he said, so the adviser is "almost doomed to do an inadequate job." An adviser's handbook or some other very concise booklet is essential, Julian said.

In addition to materials, Julian feels that advisers also need to be provided with training. Several workshops on advising have been held, but there has been no training provided on a regular basis. Training

Advisers also need to be provided with training.

sessions would promote the sharing of information among advisers.

Julian also said that the University should move quickly to prepare new faculty members for advising. "Even if you are an experienced faculty member and have advised students for 20 years," Julian said, "you may

know how they do it at Duke or Vandy, but you have no earthly idea what our requirements are here, or what the student's expectations are. Why should any student have to pay the price because he got a new faculty member as his adviser?"

Julian said these improvements in the advising system are already underway and "we can begin to see some progress by this coming school year." Training sessions should be ready by next year, he said, and possibly some sort of advising materials—"maybe just a few pages of nutsy-boltsy good stuff."

The key to these improvements is a change in attitude, Julian said. "What will change is our expectations and our definition of a good adviser.

"It has been proven and reproven in research both locally and nationally that one of the surest ways to retain a student is to give him good advice," Julian said.

"If we think the retention of students is a worthwhile goal," Julian said, "do we really have a choice but to try and improve? We owe it to the faculty to help them so they can help you." I

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Body on tap

By LOUIS WOOTTON

A health and fitness craze is sweeping the country. Everyone from Jane Fonda to James Coco has a diet guaranteed to give you that ultimate body.

I have come up with yet another revolution in the diet industry. After many attempts on my body by groups like Weight Watchers, The Diet Center and Richard Simmons, I have finally decided to enlighten the people of the world on weight loss. What I have developed is "Wootton's World-Famous Beer and Doughnut Diet."

One popular myth is that beer is fattening. People only gain weight if they drink beer in limited quantities over a prolonged period of time. Beer, to be properly consumed, must be consumed at a minimum of 72 ounces or one six-pack per hour for a minimum of four hours. Common sense would tell anyone that beer is one of the most healthful beverages available. When a person

is cut, what does he do? He puts alcohol on the wound and it makes it better. With a weight problem, the digestive system is the wound. So, how can my diet help you? Simple. It integrates the most important aspects of college life: "partying and eating."

After you have consumed the correct amount of beer as specified above you are ready for phase two.

Warning: DO NOT DRIVE AFTER PHASE ONE, ESPECIALLY IN TENNESSEE.

You have someone take you to Huck's (Minute Mart or Kroger is acceptable), because the munchies have arrived. Upon arriving, you search out the packages of powdered doughnuts, buy three packages, begin consumption. If you should be unable to go to Huck's, you can return to your dorm and call out for pizza.

After completing phase two, you arrive home, click on the T.V. and adjust your vertical hold so that the

screen does a slow roll. Keep volume at a comfortable level. Place yourself on the bed or couch and open the final six-pack and final package of doughnuts. A glass is helpful for dunking the doughnuts. Your metabolism begins to adjust, and soon phase three begins.

Phase three begins with meditation. Then, there is a ceremony where one begins to pray to the Porcelain god. Phase three ends with bed spins. Bed spins are equivalent to running a marathon without ever leaving the comfort of your room. The next day arrives and you are exhausted from physical exertion. Your appetite is suppressed and you have lost several pounds.

This regimen should continue for at least three days a week for a month.

It is guaranteed to give you results from the first day. So, if you want to lose a few pounds fast, try the Beer and Doughnut Diet. You'll be glad you did. **I**

Muscles beginning to soften?

Calories + College = Plump

By LOUIS WOOTON

In this meat market we call college, almost everyone is concerned with his appearance. Everyone is looking for that "special person," and usually the most desirable bait (i.e. good looks, personality & money) gets the best catch.

For many, college is the first time that changes begin to occur in their bodies. The metabolism slows down because the growth process has stopped. The large amount of calories once required for growth are now too much, and the body begins to store the excess in the form of fat.

Many people have trouble recognizing their own weight gain. They think they have been using too much hot water in the wash and that is why their clothes are beginning to feel snug. One early sign that a person is gaining weight is increased wearage of loose-fitting articles such as sweat pants and shirts. Don't let anyone fool you into thinking they are athletic because they wear sweats. They are just heavy.

It is also reassuring to associate with at least two friends who are heavier than yourself. It is comforting to know there are at least two people who wish they were your size.

Weight problems affect all groups on campus. Among sororities the weight problem is easily identifiable. One way of spotting the sorority pledges is by the letters that can be put on the derriere of their shorts or sweats. An average pledge can get two letters comfortably on her rear. By the time that same girl is a junior, she can easily fit the sorority name spelled out, not just the initials.

When the junior year arrives, the dates are not coming as easily as the first two years, and if the girl has a boyfriend, hints about the girl's weight are being made for the first time. Example: "Why don't you wear any of the clothes you wore your freshmen year?" "Do you have anything besides sweats?" "Honest, I don't think you're too fat."

As with anything else, there are two sides to this story. Several girls described some of the changes that occur to the male body. One such change is the Special K handful,

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rather than just a pinch. Most guys refuse to accept their weight gain and continue wearing clothes that are too small. Shirts refuse to stay tucked in, exposing what appears to be a flesh-colored inner tube around waist. Jeans start riding low on the hips, affecting the walk and forming callouses on the inner thighs. Exposure of the "Great Divide"

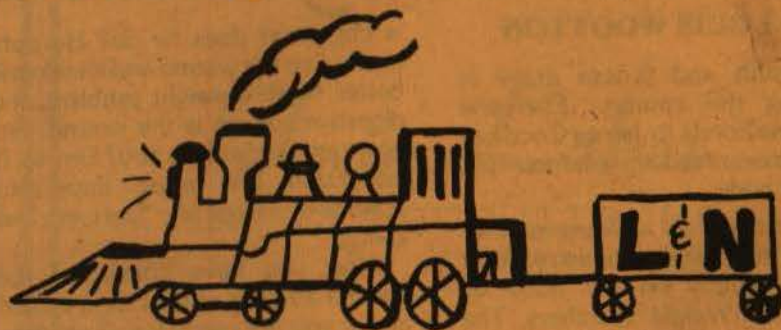
while sitting is also an effect of this tight jean wearage.

The face also becomes full, and double chins begin to form. Then the fate every man fears most occurs — hair loss and the premature receding hair line.

The problems are universal and cannot be isolated to any group or groups. It has many causes and many cures. One thing to remember is that you can become whatever you want to be. If you have fat thighs, then find a fat thigh lover.

For those that weight gain doesn't affect, age will. Beauty really is in the eye of the beholder, and inner beauty is the most important facet in one's personality. After all, the majority of people I talked with agree that personality will win out over looks any day of the week. I

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Job market is up; engineering #1

By LINDA BOGGESS

A national survey of employers conducted by the Michigan State College Placement Services has found that "hiring quotas for 1984 college graduates will be 5 percent above last year's, the first improvement in the job market in three years."

This being the case, then most Murray State University graduates should have better luck in the job market. Lynn Richard, MSU interim director of Cooperative Education and Placement, said, "Placement percentages do vary from year to year since they are directly dependent upon the economic condition, but I feel there is a momentum growing in employment opportunities and I have optimism that they are going to keep growing."

"A very good percentage of students registered with placement will find employment this year," said Richard. "One reason being that we

have an increase in employer contacts over recent years."

Encouraging examples of recent MSU graduates and their jobs include:

—Rick Clark, DuPont Company, Augusta, Ga.

—Marcus Cope, small game wildlife manager, The Land Between the Lakes

—Mindy Crosby, newscaster at WSIL-TV, Harrisburg, Ill.

—Dr. David G. Fitch, dentist, Murray.

—Tony Foster, designer at the Pink Palace Planetarium, Nashville, Tenn.

—Laura Goucher, medical technician, Southeast Missouri Hospital

—Russell Gross, band director, North Hardin High School

—Rebecca Henpz, property mistress at The North Shore Theatre, Beverly, Mass.

—Suzie Imes, Arthur Anderson accounting firm, Nashville, Tenn.

—David Jennings, sports editor of The Sturgis News, Sturgis.

—Ricky Lowe, non-game manager, The Land Between the Lakes

—Dr. George C. Oakley, dentist, Murray.

—Wayne Pope, band director, Calloway County High School.

—Jacqueline Purcell, teacher, Knoxville, Tenn.

—Debra Redman, teacher, Clarkton, Mo.

—Charles Seay, environmentalist with the Purchase District Health Department, Mayfield.

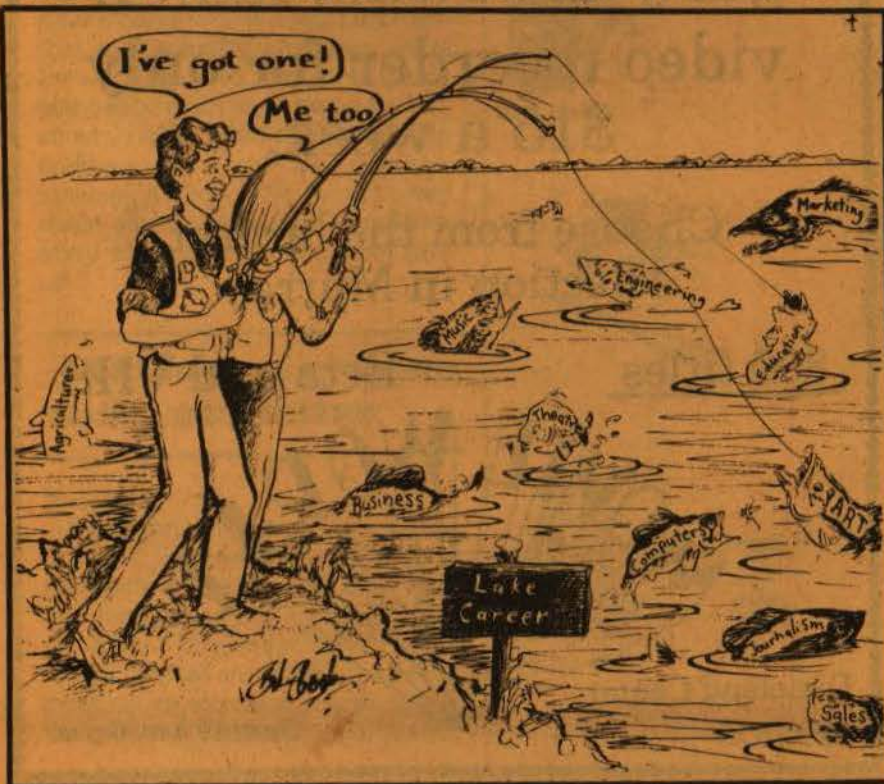
—Sarah Southerland, Design Works, Louisville.

—Mary Stanton, teacher, Mayfield.

—Jeff Warren, Home Federal Savings & Loan Association, Paducah.

—Ginger Weaver, medical technician, Murray Calloway County Hospital

—Chet Wiman, Ohio River Steel Corporation, Calvert City.



Most in demand

According to an article in Changing Times magazine, reporting the Michigan State study, "The graduates most in demand are those with engineering degrees."

"Behind engineers on the demand index are computer science graduates, accounting grads and business-marketing-economic grads."

"Further down the scale are graduates in mathematics, physical sciences and liberal arts. And some of the companies reported a need for graduates with specialties in other categories — agribusiness; animal science; home economics and emphasis on textiles; journalism and communications; industrial and manufacturing technology; logistics and procurement; nuclear medicine technology; nursing and health care administration."

Starting salaries

The Michigan State survey also found that starting salaries for 1984 graduates will be up about 2.8 percent.

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According to the survey, graduates with bachelor's degrees can expect a starting salary averaging \$19,306. Those with master's degrees will average \$22,094, and those with doctorates will average \$23,650.

Following are average starting salaries for graduates with bachelor's degrees, by field:

Electrical engineering	\$26,643
Computer science	\$25,849
Accounting	\$18,684
Agriculture, natural resources	\$17,586
Marketing, sales	\$17,550
Business administration	\$16,650
Communications	\$15,636
Education	\$14,779
Arts and letters	\$14,179

Regional

"Regionally, the best opportunities for graduates will be in the Southeast and Southwest, while the job market will remain tight in the Northeast, Midwest and Northwest," according to the Michigan State survey.

Placement procedures

"Identifying a career path or job is hard work," Richard said, and completing this process correctly "requires setting priorities and planning a strategy."

Richard maintains that it is better to start looking for a job early, at the end of junior year or beginning of the senior year. Placement procedures at MSU include filling out forms and receiving help in filling out the

resume. Requesting transcripts and letters of recommendations are also a part of the process.

Bill Ferguson, coordinator of placement office, is available to advise students on resume preparation. Richard said the resume is intended to get a student an interview and is often the only glimpse the employers will have of a student.

Most company representatives who visit MSU for interviews are on a circuit to visit surrounding universities as well, Richard said. Thus, MSU students are competing not only with one another but also with students at other universities.

Some employers, such as Texas Instruments, IBM, AT & T, McDonnell Douglas, Bacons, General Electric, Jefferson County School systems, Teledyne Brown, Tennessee State Audit and Hughes Aircraft, do come directly to Murray State to fill job openings, Richard said.

Most of the MSU colleges encourage their students to work with the campus placement office when starting their job search.

Some colleges, such as the College of Industry and Technology, require students to take a seminar that meets one hour a week during their last semester. It covers a variety of topics, such as:

- filing with placement
- writing a resume and cover letter
- securing a job
- looking at different employers
- considering graduate programs available at various universities

"They help graduates make the transition from school to a working environment," says Dr. Kenneth Winters, dean of the College of Industry and Technology.

The College of Creative Expression has a variety of placement procedures for students. In the music and art departments, students have a network of MSU graduates to contact upon graduation for advice on possible employment.

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Theatre students have opportunities to audition for summer jobs at The Lone Star Theatre in Texas, Opryland in Tennessee and The Southeastern Theatre Conference. Getting this experience behind them helps to get permanent jobs later.

Some MSU colleges and departments have placement booklets printed containing their graduating seniors' pictures, personal data, educational information and experience.

College deans' advice

Overall, the MSU college deans' advice to their students to help them find jobs is to:

- encourage them to begin thinking early in their college career about what they want to do upon graduation and strive toward that goal
- encourage students to work part-time or have an internship relating to their major
- increase employment possibilities by having a minor very different than your major
- work with placement during the junior year

In addition, Winters said, "We have very little trouble finding jobs for our graduates if they are willing to relocate." On the other hand Winters said, "If a graduate does have trouble finding a job, I tell them that in all actuality when they are in the working world, they are probably going to be working 40 hours a week, so why not put that much time into finding a job. They must continue making an effort after being turned down again and again. Do not feel sorry for yourself and do not give up."

—enclose a resume with your letter

Pep talk

Ferguson reminds students that America is coming out of bad economic times, so students may find themselves being turned down at first. "Students have great competition all around them, so they must do an excellent job of selling themselves," Ferguson said, "MSU

students, you are the well qualified product. You are the sales person. Sell! You simply must have a good plan and aggressively seek it."

... students may find themselves being turned down at first.

Get an edge

According to the jobs article in Changing Times, "landing a job offer in this crowded and fiercely competitive job market will not be easy.

"Besides specific academic credentials (the right major and course work with 3.0, or B, average or better), corporate recruiters say the following criteria will give a candidate an edge in the bidding:"

- work experience in co-op programs, summer jobs, part-time jobs during the school year
- the ability to communicate well, verbally and in writing
- clear, realistic career objectives
- good preparation for interviews—

this includes doing your homework about the company you will be interviewing with, so you can talk somewhat knowledgeably about the company's products, operations and job openings

- dressing in appropriate attire
- if you should write to a company for an interview, indicate the particular job or field you are interested in. "Explain how your academic background and work experiences relate to the job, and tell what attracts you to the company. This is where the research you have done comes in. Suggest several dates when you could visit the company's office or plant."

—enclose a resume with your letter


Local employers

Martha Cherry, owner of The Cherry Branch in Murray, along with her husband, Oliver, said when she is interviewing a person for possible employment, she looks for:


- a pleasant personality
- a neat, fashionable appearance
- a good conversationalist

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She tells prospective employees:

- they will be working as a "family"
- to always stay busy (there is always something to do, and customers do not like to see employees sitting down on the job)
- do not tie up the phone, because it is a business phone
- do not gossip with co-workers

Walt Apperson, publisher of The Murray Ledger & Times, said when he is interviewing a person for possible employment, he looks for:

- the educational level
- experience, internships
- possibly a strong English background
- appearance

Chuck Wynn, owner of Dakota Feed and Grain restaurant, said when he is interviewing a person for possible employment, he looks for:

- a neat appearance, especially for the type of position for which they are applying
- an ability to talk about history, hobbies, interests
- an understanding of what the interviewee is looking for in the job and what the restaurant owners expect from employees
- an outgoing personality

Some bad news

According to the U.S. News & World Report between now and 1990, the supply of college graduates will continue to outrun the supply of jobs requiring a college degree.

The labor force will continue to grow, but at a slower rate.

"The number of farmers required to feed the nation will keep declining. The growth of government employment will slow or end. More and more unskilled and semiskilled workers will be replaced by machines."

After you get the job, then what?

So taking in all this information laid out before you, you can see you have some work ahead of you. Just bear in mind that the right approach in a first job can bring you a fat paycheck, training, experience, professional credentials and valuable contacts that may lead you to an even better job. **I**

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By RANDY HOXWORTH

If you have an opinion about anything ranging from the love of animals, to the signs of the zodiac (a to z) there is a bumpersticker to proclaim your sentiments.

Last year an estimated 600 million stickers were stuck to the bumpers of American cars. It is quite evident that Americans share different opinions.

I thought it would be fun to match the bumpersticker with the kind of person driving the car.

-A MAN'S HOUSE IS HIS CASTLE, LET HIM CLEAN IT! Maybe a loving wife!

-A WOMAN WITHOUT A MAN IS LIKE A FISH WITHOUT A BICYCLE! Another loving wife!

-REMEMBER THE ALIMONY! A loving ex-wife!

-DID YOU WAKE UP GROUCHY THIS MORNING, OR DID YOU LET HER SLEEP? A loving husband!

-INSANITY IS HEREDITARY, YOU GET IT FROM YOUR KIDS! A parent of a Murray State student!

-FAT CAN BE BEAUTIFUL! The first person to the table and the last one to leave!

-IF YOU THINK EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE, TRY IGNORANCE! Any teacher!

-IF THIS CAR WAS A HORSE, I'D HAVE TO SHOOT IT! One of Murray's used car salesmen!

-ONE NUCLEAR BOMB CAN RUIN YOUR WHOLE DAY! I'd say this belongs to someone who saw the television show THE DAY AFTER!

-READ YOUR BIBLE, IT'LL SCARE THE HELL OUT OF YOU! An aspiring television evangelist!

-I'M A SKOAL BROTHER! Someone who thinks SMOKING is repulsive!

-I'M REDNECK AND PROUD OF IT! The founder of the organization to help stamp out BOY GEORGE!

-I'M NOT AS THINK AS YOU STONED I AM! Someone with a syntax problem!

-FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK! Someone who has had a D.U.I. ticket!

-DON'T LITTER — NEUTER! Someone who watches too much of THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

-WHEN WILL I SUPPORT GUN CONTROL? WHEN THEY PRY MY COLD DEAD FINGERS OFF THE TRIGGER OF MY GUN! A person you don't want to mess with!

-STRIKE A BLOW FOR JUSTICE, PUNCH AN ATTORNEY! Someone who wants to go away for a long time!

-I READ BANNED BOOKS! Anyone who has read THE GRAPES OF WRATH!

-MINDS ARE LIKE PARACHUTES, THEY ONLY WORK WHEN THEY ARE OPEN! A person with a good outlook on life!

-LET US REMOVE YOUR SHORTS! A qualified electrician!

-I LIVE IN WALMART COUNTRY! Someone with unique shopping habits.

-WE GOT IT GOOD IN MURRAY! Someone who hasn't traveled much!

-And last but not least, my favorite bumpersticker...BE ALERT, AMERICA NEEDS MORE LERTS. Anyone with a sense of humor! I

Honk if you read Inside!

A winning combination: MSU education and

By **JEANNE BISS**

Industriousness and success are inevitably linked, and Dr. Jerry A. Shields, a 1960 Murray State graduate, exemplifies this relationship. As one of the nation's leading specialists in eye cancer and unusual diseases of the retina, he is undeniably successful; and his record of achievements indicates his tremendous industry.

Currently, Shields holds the following positions at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Penn.: attending surgeon in oncology service; associate surgeon in retina service; and staff physician in pathology service.

"The Wills Eye Hospital developed a service dedicated to the treatment of patients with eye cancer. Patients from all over the United States and the world who have various types of eye cancer are treated here," Shields said in a telephone interview with **Inside**.

He is consulting ophthalmologist at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia and a consultant to the Philadelphia Children's Hospital. He has been professor of ophthalmology since 1981, and assistant professor in pathology since 1982 at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Shields has been program chairman of the Philadelphia Ophthalmic Club since 1980. He has previously been: co-chairman of the Retina Section of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) from 1975-77; treasurer of the Macula Society in 1979; and the chairman for the American Joint Committee for Staging of Eye Cancer in 1980-81.

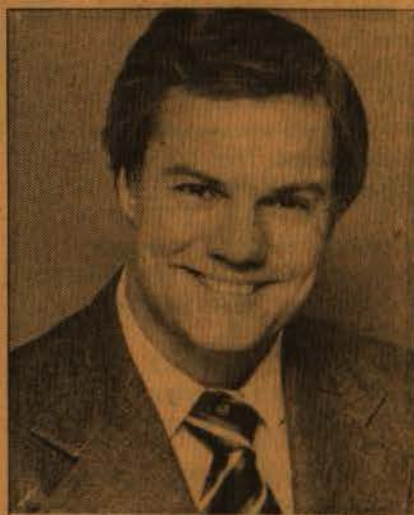
He has been a member of 20 medical organizations, and presently

has membership in 10.

As a student at Murray State, Shields was a pre-medical major. He credits the University for his start in medicine.

"Murray had a very nice program for pre-med preparation. I thought the training was excellent, and MSU was a fun place to stay for four years," he said.

After graduating from Murray State, Shields received his MD degree in 1964 from the University of Michigan. He served as a battalion surgeon in the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam from 1965-66 and as a medical officer with the USS Sylvania in Italy from 1966-67. In 1970 he completed his ophthalmology residency at the Wills Eye Hospital. From 1970-72 he worked on fellowships in retinal surgery at that hospital and with the



Dr. Jerry A. Shields

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He received certification from the American Board of Ophthalmology in 1972.

Shields' medical expertise has been recognized by three awards for excellence in the ophthalmology field. He received the James

Shipman Award for the best scientific presentation at the Annual Wills Eye Hospital Conference. He won second place for a scientific exhibit on the "Management of Intraocular Tumors" at the American Academy of Ophthalmology in Chicago. Shields received the Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 1979.

According to a pamphlet printed by the ophthalmology academy, Shields received the award for "outstanding service and contributions to his profession," and was "one of 30 Academy members and two non-members honored at the opening of the Academy's five-day meeting, the largest annual meeting on scientific advances in eye care in the world." About 14,000 ophthalmologists and other eye care specialists and guests attended the meeting. He received his award for his voluntary contributions to the continuing education program of the academy.

He also researched the effects of ocular leprosy as a staff ophthalmologist on the SS HOPE in Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, in 1972.

From September 1968 to December 1982, Shields gave 305 scientific presentations and lectures. He was the featured speaker at two named lectures during this time. In February 1976 he lectured on the "Diagnosis and Management of Choroidal Melanomas" to the Rochester Ophthalmological Society in Rochester, N.Y., at the Third Pinsky Memorial Lecture. In May 1982 he lectured on the "Management of Malignant Intraocular Tumors" at the Royal Society Lecture in Kingston, Ontario.

From 1972-82 he had almost 200 articles published, mostly in medical journals. He has written two books

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and several chapters of textbooks.

His busy schedule will continue to be hectic. Shields, originally from Sturgis, Ky., said that he will be traveling for six weeks this spring to give lectures in Japan, New Zealand and Australia. Then, in the fall he will go to the Soviet Union to lecture on the treatment of malignant eye cancer. He will also give lectures in Africa and East Germany.

The adventuresome spirit of Capt. John R. Bostick, a 1972 graduate of MSU, typifies his personality and is a key ingredient to his successful career.

Bostick has experienced extreme highs and lows in his life — from the bottom of the ocean as a Navy submariner to the heights of the blue sky as an Air Force jet pilot. He has shot to the top of that spectrum and his career as the lead solo pilot for the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, The Thunderbirds.

The prestige of being one of the six Thunderbird aerial performers is great. "Air Force jet pilots consider it the highlight of their careers to be chosen as a Thunderbird. Many, many people strive to become Thunderbirds. They look for quality applicants, and the competition is keen," said Capt. Jerry Thomas, Las Vegas, Nev., Thunderbird public affairs officer.

Bostick has fulfilled a childhood dream by becoming a jet pilot. "All I've wanted to do since I was a little boy was to fly jets. It's been a life long dream, and the pinnacle of a flying career in the Air Force is to fly as a Thunderbird," he said in a telephone interview from the Nellis Air Force Base in Las, Vegas, Nev.

The Thunderbirds have been performing since 1953. Over the 30 years since, they have given 2,455

aerial demonstrations, flown in all 50 states, and performed in 45 foreign countries in North, Central and South America, Europe and the Pacific. Bostick was selected for the team in June 1982. Pilots fly as Thunderbirds for two years.

According to promotional information on the Thunderbirds,



Capt. John Bostick

their mission is to "plan and present precision aerial maneuvers that demonstrate the capabilities of Air Force jet aircraft and the exacting professional skills that the Air Force develops in its people to fly and maintain these aircraft." The Thunderbirds serve the Air Force in public relations, recruitment and retention of personnel.

Bostick was one of the squadron members who performed for the largest crowd ever to see a Thunderbird exhibition — 2.1 million people July 4, 1983, at Coney Island, N.Y. He now flies the number five aircraft, which is the lead solo pilot maneuver position in the airshow. In 1983 he flew the number six aircraft as the opposing solo pilot,

which flies behind the leader slot pilot in air formations. Bostick has accumulated more than 2,200 hours flying jet aircraft.

Danger is a built-in aspect of Thunderbird routine. For one of his maneuvers, Bostick has to fly upside down 100 feet above the ground at speeds more than 500 miles an hour. Concentration during a demonstration is essential, he said, because distraction can cause a failure, crash and death. Thunderbirds strive for perfection, which puts a good deal of stress on the pilots, he said.

"It physically drains the body to do the air show," Bostick said. His hobbies would not appear to be the type that would relieve this stress, but then Bostick, or "Bosco" as his friends call him, does not seem to be the sedentary sort. He owns and flies a private four-seater airplane. Past hobbies have included: riding dirt-bikes, snow skiing and flying ultralight and regular hang gliders. He has also owned seven Corvettes in his lifetime.

Glamour and fringe benefits accompany being a Thunderbird, Bostick said. "It is a very high style of living. We spend over 200 days 'on the road' hitting every major metropolitan area in the U.S."

There are receptions for the pilots after every air show. Bostick has met many government officials, including mayors, governors, Vice President George Bush and President Ronald Reagan. Bostick said he has become used to being interviewed on television. In addition to numerous appearances on local stations, he has been interviewed by NBC and ABC network reporters, including Harry Reasoner, an anchorman on the ABC network evening news, who Bostick said is a big fan of the

Thunderbirds.

Bostick's definition of success is "being able to establish yourself in the career that you have chosen and making a contribution to an organization and society."

"Money is not the primary thing; it is the gratification of striving and accomplishing what you want to do."

Bostick said he would give two pieces of advice to Murray State students who wish to succeed in their lives.

"Get a good, solid education in something useful in today's world, such as engineering or technology — something that is marketable and useful and is something you want to do."

"And, study really hard and be a good student, because the things you do early in life are what you build upon the rest of your life," he said.

Although Bostick was an Outstanding Senior in 1972 in Economics, he wishes he had gotten an engineering degree. His lack of such a degree may hinder his reaching his next career goal, but he hopes to overcome that obstacle. He is "shooting for the stars" with his dream to become a space shuttle pilot.

He said that goal may seem to be on the outer regions of possibility, but he is willing to strive and work toward it. Becoming a Thunderbird pilot was also a long shot for him. "It always seemed like something so far out-of-reach," he said, "but as I worked for the goal the obstacles fell down."

Bostick has fond memories of MSU. He is a native of Water Valley near Fulton, and his parents still live there. Bostick has been to past MSU Homecomings, and he plans to attend another one, perhaps in 1985. He retains ties to the University through his cousin, Craig Batts, a freshman here.

"I really loved Murray State. I liked the college atmosphere, and I liked Murray," he said.

Bostick relishes his position as a Thunderbird pilot. The Thunderbirds are considered to be a national treasure, he said.

"It has been an honor from the very start to finish, and it is very much a privilege to be a Thunderbird," Bostick said.

As for his future after his stint with

the Thunderbirds, who knows, there could be an MSU alumnus in space someday.

The late President Dwight D. Eisenhower considered MSU alumnus Forrest C. Pogue as one of



Dr. Forrest C. Pogue

the nation's foremost authorities on World War II history.

Eisenhower was instrumental in planning the commemorative program of the 25th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. When asked who would attract American military history scholars to the two-day conference in 1969, Eisenhower said,

"If we can get Forrest Pogue to speak, we will have a good beginning."

Pogue's acquaintance with Eisenhower began after the war when the general authorized him to do a history of Eisenhower's SHAEF, (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force). He gave Pogue access to War Department records and gave him access to his personal files. As the civilian historian for the U.S. Army from 1945-52, Pogue interviewed more than 100 former Allied Forces political and military leaders to write his first book, "The Supreme Command," about Eisenhower's headquarters.

Pogue's career as a historian traces back to 1928 at Murray State where he was a history major. After graduation he taught history and political science at MSU until he became a combat historian for the U.S. Army during the war. Pogue received the Bronze Star and France's Croix de Guerre for his interviews with soldiers on combat fighting during the Normandy invasion.

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military historian, Pogue was appointed director of the Research Center of the George C. Marshall Research Foundation and became Gen. Marshall's official biographer in 1956. Marshall was former secretary of state and secretary of defense and

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—Eisenhower

was Army chief of staff during World War II.

Pogue taped more than 40 hours of interviews with Marshall to begin work on the general's biography. Pogue is one of the first historians to have used this "oral history" method of interviewing. He also talked with more than 300 wartime officials and associates of Marshall, 175 of whom are on tape, to obtain information for

his four-volume biography of Marshall.

Pogue interviewed many famous people for the Marshall volumes including: late Presidents Truman and Eisenhower; former Prime Ministers Attlee and Eden; Generals de Gaulle, MacArthur, Bradley, Devers, Collins, Ridgeway, Eaker and Taylor; Admirals King, Leahy, Nimitz and Stark; Lords Alanbrooke, Cunningham, Ismay, Mountbatten, Portal and Tedder; Field Marshals Montgomery, Slim and Wilson; Eleanor Roosevelt; and former governor Adlai Stevenson.

Pogue has completed three volumes on Marshall's life — *George C. Marshall: Education of a General, 1880-1939*; *George C. Marshall: Ordeal and Hope, 1939-42*; and *George C. Marshall: Organizer of Victory, 1943-45* — and is near completion of a fourth volume. He has written several other books and articles on U.S. military history.

The Association of the U.S. Army awarded Pogue a Certificate of Achievement in 1964 for his military writings and first two books. The certificate read: "Dr. Pogue's many

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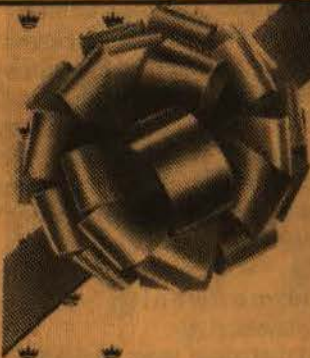
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Pogue was executive director of

"The Hut course was one of my best" — Pogue

the George C. Marshall Research Foundation and director of the George C. Marshall Research Library, in Lexington, Va., from 1964-74. In 1974 he was named director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Institute for Historical Research at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., a position he presently retains.

Pogue has been president of: American Committee on the History of the Second World War, Oral History Association, American Military Institute and Murray State University Alumni Association.

He is a consultant to the Dictionary of American Biography and president of the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Senate Historical Office.

After receiving his bachelor's degree at MSU in 1931, Pogue earned a master's degree from University of Kentucky and a doctorate at Clark University in Massachusetts. His wife, the former Christine Brown of Fulton, painted the portrait of Marshall that hangs in the Marshall Research Library.

Pogue, a Lyon County native, still retains ties to MSU. He is a registered voter in Murray and votes by absentee ballots here. "I consider myself very close to Murray; I've had a love affair with Murray," he said. "It has been very nice to me."

That he still has ties to Murray shouldn't be surprising considering that one University building, the special collections library, is named for Pogue. In fact, he remembers seeing the library being constructed. Within its walls he met his future wife. He said he was quite pleased to have the library named for him.

Of all the occupations Pogue has held -- teacher, writer, historian and administrator -- he enjoyed being a

classroom teacher most because he loves to talk and interact with young people.

When he was a college professor at MSU, Pogue enjoyed talking to students inside and outside of his office and classroom. "The Hut course was one of my best ones," he said. The Hut was a small restaurant that was a gathering place for students from the 1930s to 1960s.

His advice to students is to "get a strong, basic education and carefully pick teachers who are among the best." He said that students should have an interest outside of their majors. When he was a Murray State student, he was president of the debate team and was the editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper during the summer of 1929. He said that those interests, in addition to his major, have aided him throughout his life. His debating experience gave him the confidence he would need later to interview many famous people; his journalism experience taught him to "write quickly, and write clearly."

Pogue considers success to be: "doing what you like to do, that performs a service, and doing it reasonably well and to your satisfaction. It is not being wealthy."

Pogue, who is 72, plans to retire soon, but he said that he plans to continue writing for a long time to come.

When the Kentucky Jaycees named MSU alumnist David Armstrong as one of the five outstanding young men in the state in 1975, they knew what they were doing. As Kentucky Attorney General, Armstrong has since proven himself equal to that title.

Armstrong, a 1966 graduate of Murray State, has had numerous honors bestowed on him since graduation. His duties as attorney general make him the chief legal officer and the chief prosecutor of the state as well as the "people's attorney." Before becoming attorney general, Armstrong achieved an impressive record of legal positions. The following is a list of some of his past achievements: 1982 — appointed to National Legal Resource Center for Child Advocacy and Protection, won the United State Attorney General's Award for Public Service (from U.S.

(Photo courtesy Kentucky Attorney General's office)



David Armstrong

Department of Justice)

1981 — president of National District Attorneys Association, appointed to President Reagan's task force on violent crime, elected to American Bar Association Criminal Justice Council, appointed to Board of Directors of the Crime Victims Legal Advocacy Institute, won the 1981 Public Service Award given by the Association of Federal Legal Advocacy Institute

1979 — served as member of the first delegation of the United States Prosecutors to visit the Soviet Union on a fact-finding tour, appointed to National Crime Information Center Advisory Policy Board by FBI Director William H. Webster, appointed as Advisory Committee Chairperson of the Kentucky Victim Assistance Network

1978 — president of Kentucky Commonwealth Attorneys Association

Armstrong was inaugurated as

"...Murray State helped shape my future goals" — Armstrong

attorney general of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in December 1983. As the "people's attorney," he is "mandated to serve as a consumer advocate who is involved in environmental protection, Medicaid fraud, anti-trust, economic fraud and other areas," said Vicki Bynum Dennis, director of public information in the

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Circus '84:

By **DONNA GROVES**

In November, we Americans — some of us — will vote to elect a president for our country. That's the way a democracy works. The people have the opportunity and responsibility of choosing their leaders.

Unfortunately, not all Americans choose to vote. Voters often have little, if any, idea of what each candidate stands for in terms of issues. Some people decide which candidate to vote for based on his party affiliation, media coverage or the sign in the neighbor's front yard. Still others have found another way to deal with the responsibility for electing a leader: they don't vote at all.

Let's take a brief look at each of the candidates in this presidential election and the background of the race.



Early in the Democratic race, the contest featured the all-but-inevitable shoe-in Walter "Fritz" Mondale versus a seven-man field of opponents. But the one-time dark-horse candidate, Senator Gary Hart of Colorado, soon gave Mondale a run for his money.

Ironically, analysts had thought there might be a dark-horse candidate capable of challenging Mondale. However, the candidate expected to do that was Senator John Glenn of Ohio who dropped out of the presidential race in mid-March.

Of the eight candidates who began this contest, only Mondale, Hart and

The donkeys & the elephant

the Reverend Jesse Jackson remained as of late April. Prior to Hart's first-place finish in the New Hampshire primary, political analysts expected Mondale to have virtually clenched the Democratic nomination on "Super Tuesday," but that didn't happen and Mondale and Hart finished all but side by side.

Before Hart's rise to serious political status, Mondale was eager to "win the nomination...ready to defeat Mr. Reagan." President Ronald Reagan is living up to the analysts' expectations of his being the only viable candidate for the Republican nomination.

While Mondale has run into several stumbling blocks since that time when he was ready to wage war solely against Reagan, that eagerness may be one of the major problems with his campaign. Many Democrats, and Republicans as well, have voiced their opinions that Mondale simply cannot beat Reagan in November. And apparently, more

policy, recommit ourselves to worldwide economic development, strengthen our traditional alliances and expand them to include "the world's energizing democracies."

Known as the "endorsed" candidate, Mondale has been accused of having his hands tied because of his approval by several special interest groups. His supporters range from the AFL-CIO to the National Education Association, and from the father and widow of Martin Luther King Jr. to former President Jimmy Carter.

***HART says he offers "a new generation of leadership." His campaign has found much of its strength in the younger voters, particularly college students. He was drawn into public service by his fascination with former President John F. Kennedy. Not only are Hart's ideas similar to Kennedy's, but he even looks and acts the same as his mentor.

Hart's "new ideas" campaign calls for opposing the building of complex weapons systems such as the MX missile and B-1 bomber, in favor of adding to the conventional forces. While he favors a 4 to 6 percent increase in defense spending, part of that would be used to increase the



and more voters are willing to give Hart a chance to try.

***MONDALE is campaigning as the protege of the late senator and former vice president Hubert Humphrey. Mondale's platform is based on nuclear arms control, his civil rights record and on the promise of meeting Soviet leaders once a year. He wants to emphasize American moral values in our foreign



pay scales for military personnel. Hart also believes America should implement the nuclear freeze.

While he contends that he is not an enemy of labor, he has leaned just far enough on the issue to make union leaders wary of him. Hart's platform includes a proposal to pressure labor, management and bankers to agree to modernize key industries such as steel and auto manufacturing.

Hart's economic policy would mean killing virtually all of Reagan's economic programs, including his tax cuts and many of his budget reductions. He also says America should end all aid to El Salvador until the government there stops the death squads.

***JACKSON is mainly concerned with getting the other candidates to take action "in the right direction." He is leading more of a crusade than a political campaign. The civil rights leader is the first black man to ever become a major presidential candidate. He has suggested that he will go to the Democratic convention to demonstrate "the long-term value" of his movement.

Jackson wants greater enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and reform of the Democratic Party rules to make it easier for a black to challenge the establishment. He makes broad statements about areas needing reform simply to bring the issues to the spotlight. As far as a defense policy, he says, "We need to use our minds, not our missiles." And his farm policy, "Parity, not charity," also lacks details.

Jackson is a Baptist preacher concentrating almost entirely on domestic policy as he "preaches the cause" of his campaign to his followers. The leader of the "Rainbow Coalition" has said of Reagan, "What we really should do is pray to remove the man that's removing the food." Jackson has also challenged his Democratic opponents to name a female running mate.

Although Martin Luther King Jr.'s family has endorsed Mondale, Jackson's platform is mostly based on King's ideology.

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Republican nominee, has the advantage (or possibly disadvantage) of having served in the office for which he is campaigning.



The voters will decide whether to elect him — not on the basis of what he might do if elected — but on the basis of what he has done since elected. Perhaps that means he has the most at stake.

Reagan's campaign stresses that he has rebuilt America's defenses and won respect for this country abroad. He vows to continue fighting for prayer in public schools and against organized crime.

Yet, as the "Great Communicator," the president has the talent of being able to say almost anything in a way that makes it sound encouraging. If he were a radio station, the format would be easy-listening.

In his campaign, he is criticizing the budget although it multiplied during his administration. Studies indicate that under his leadership, the number of citizens in the American middle class is dwindling. Meanwhile, Reagan is accusing his opponents of "making an appeal to greed and envy" among the poor people of the nation.

Reagan has the advantage of an on-camera personality and debonair style. His opponents have quite a task since anyone who debates an eternal optimist is bound to sound like an eternal pessimist.

Government by the People?

These are the candidates from which will come forth a president, the leader of America. Not that he will be chosen "by the people" per se, since not all the people choose to vote. In fact, Kentucky's voter

turnout is less than most other states.

A survey commissioned by the State Board of Elections found that in the ten elections held in Kentucky between 1978 and 1982, nearly 40 percent of the people in the state who were of voting age were not registered to vote or did not vote.

The study shows that 28.7 percent of the state's voting-age population did not register to vote during that five-year period. And another 9.6 percent were registered, but did not vote in any election during the time studied. Only 5.5 percent of the people who were registered voted in at least nine of the ten elections.

The apathy of the American voters often leads them to the polls uninformed about the candidates — that is, if their apathy is not too strong to keep them away from the polls entirely.

Any American who doesn't consider the effect each candidate's election to office might have on the nation may someday find out the hard way — after the candidate is in office. |

Election Events

July 16-19 — Democratic national convention in San Francisco

August 20-23 — Republican national convention in Dallas

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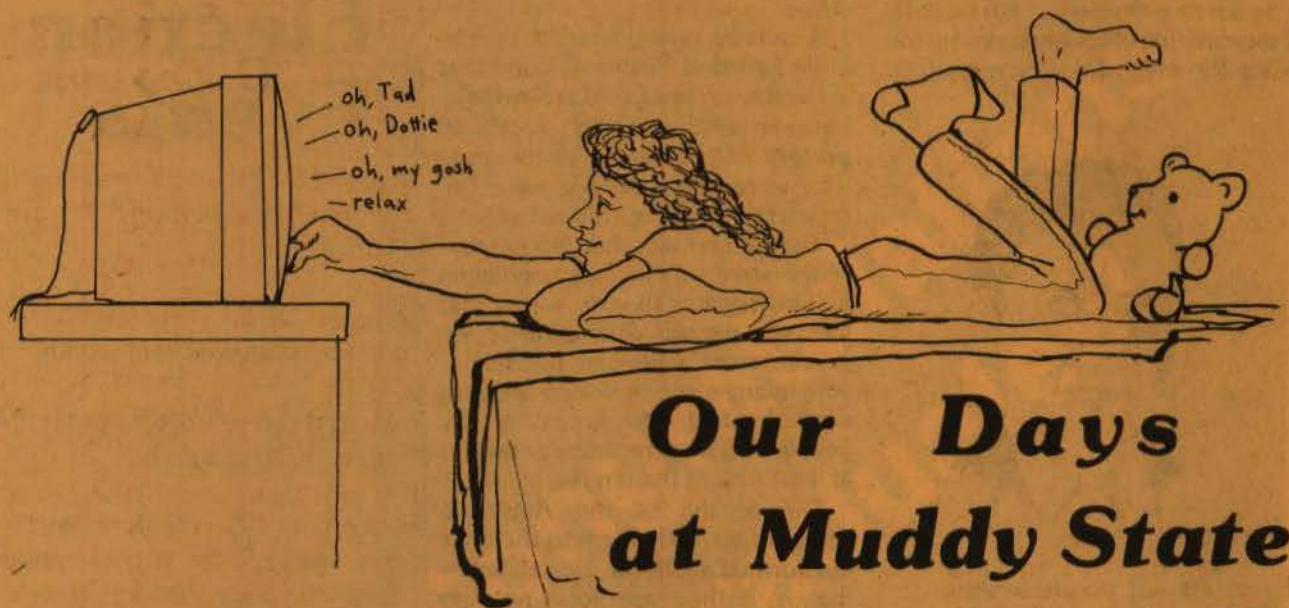
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By **TOMMY PRIDDY**

Joan puts the key into the lock, turns it to the left, and hears it click, letting her know it has served its purpose. She hurriedly pushes the door open, throws the pile of books she was holding onto the table, and rushes to the television set. She pulls the knob. Voices are heard and a faint picture begins to appear.

As she watches the picture clear, she sighs with relief and thinks, "Good. It is only a commercial." She rushes to the refrigerator, grabs a diet cola, jumps on the bed, and relaxes, readying herself for her daily soap opera.

The screen momentarily becomes blank, and then music starts playing. Words appear on the screen and the announcer reads them: "These Are Our Days at Muddy State." As the story begins, Joan learns that Bob, the quarterback on the football team and the campus hunk, has just lost his fourth girlfriend of the week—and it is only Tuesday.

"Rick, I tell you, I just don't understand why any girl would break up with me," Bob says while talking to one of his friends on the telephone. "I'm good-looking, strong, and intelligent. I'm the quarterback of the football team and I'm filthy rich."

"Sounds like a winning combination to me, Bob, but maybe it's your immense modesty that turns them off," Rick suggests while

choking off a laugh.

"Well, maybe you're right," Bob replies, "I guess I should point out my many outstanding qualities to people more often. Hey, Rick, I'll catch you later. Someone is knocking at the door."

"Sure. Later, pal. You better not keep your admiring public waiting," says Rick, struggling to keep his composure.

Bob lays the phone down and opens the door. There he finds

didn't rise until the sun went down," Bob retorts.

"Darling, let's not get nasty. I came here to offer my condolences after your recent break-up with that witch you were dating," she states while walking past Bob into his apartment.

"I wouldn't call her a witch," Bob says, "I wouldn't put down witches that bad. Imagine her, breaking up with me. Well, it is her loss, not mine."

"At least we agree on something, sweetheart," Natalie says, while seating herself on the sofa. "I did have something else I wanted to talk about."

"Well, what is it?" Bob asks, as if he didn't already have an idea what she was going to ask.

"I thought, maybe, since you're unattached, we could go to a movie tonight and then take a walk down Lover's Lane—" she begins.

"And then go back to your apartment, right?" Bob interrupts.

"Right, dearest. Then, maybe we could talk about spontaneous combustion or something," Natalie says with a sly smile.

"Or something," Bob agrees with a big grin.

The network cuts to a commercial and Joan sits musing about the strange twist in the show. "Bob and Natalie," she thinks to herself. "Bob

All the guys call her "Hurry Curry" because she is always in a hurry to . . . take a stroll down Lover's Lane.

Natalie Curry. All the guys call her "Hurry Curry" because she is always in a hurry to leave the movies and take a stroll down Lover's Lane.

"Hi, Natalie. What brings you out so early?" Bob asks with a grin.

"What do you mean 'early,' Bob, dear?" Natalie says, acting offended.

"It is nearly one o'clock."

"That's what I mean. I thought you

is a pain in the posterior, but not even Bob deserves Natalie Curry." Her thoughts are interrupted as the commercial ends and the show returns.

The show has shifted to a car pulling into a parking lot. The driver pulls into a slot, gets out and walks over to a group of guys who are standing admiring the 1966 Cadillac convertible he just got out of. The car is white-on-white and looks like it just rolled off the assembly line.

If the car is sharp, then the driver is equally impressive. He is Sterling Ransom, a street-wise scholar from New York. Sterling is truly the black man of the '80s. He is nice-looking and well-liked by all that know him. He likes to say that he is dressed for success, but that he will cut your throat if you cross him.

"Hey, Sterling! Where did you get those wheels?" one of the guys in the group shouts.

"Yeah, man, the white dudes are gonna want to know where you stole it at," another from the group says.

"I saved my money and bought one of the junks out at George's Junkyard," Sterling explains, "I got old George to help me and we

restored it. I better not catch one of you guys messing with it or getting fingerprints all over it."

"Man, we'll wash our hands before we get in," a guy dressed in jeans and a hooded sweatshirt says with a laugh. Suddenly, he shouts, "Hey, look at that!"

Across the street, a new girl on campus is walking to her dorm. She pauses at the street corner, glances at the group, then crosses the street and continues down the block as if she hadn't seen them.

As she walks away, the group of guys at once seem to comment, "Did you see that walk" and "Man, is she fine!"

"Sly, who was that?" Sterling demands of his friend.

"Did you see that walk"

The guy in the sweatshirt replies, "Man, I sure wished I knew."

The girl is Gloria Anderson. If Sterling is the man for the '80s, then she is the woman. She is smart and has been around. She knows what

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she wants and how to get it.

At this moment, a white Cadillac pulls up beside her and the driver says, "Hey, foxy momma, how about jumping in and taking a ride with me?"

"First of all, I'm not a hairy, sharp-nosed, slant-eyed animal. Second, I'm definitely not your momma, and third, I wouldn't ride anywhere with you, Sterling Ransom," is the reply the driver of the Cadillac receives.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean—" Sterling begins but is interrupted by the crashing sound of a garbage can falling over. It had been sitting at the edge of the street until being knocked over by the bumper of Sterling's car.

Sterling slams on the brakes and jumps out to inspect the front of his car. Finding no damage, he bends over to pick the can up.

"Did you hurt your car?" a voice to the right of Sterling asks.

Sterling looks up and sees the most beautiful woman he has ever seen staring at him face-to-face. Immediately becoming embarrassed over the series of events, he looks down at the ground as if he has lost something.

"You really should watch where you are going," she scolds. "You can get my attention without ruining a wonderful car like this."

Sensing that there might still be a chance to get close to her and regaining composure, Sterling says, "No, it didn't hurt the car. I'm sorry I acted like a fool."

"You sure did, Sterling," she answers while trying to look uninterested.

"How do you know my name?" he asks.

"Do you think there is a girl on campus who doesn't know the infamous Sterling Ransom?" she replies as she begins to walk away.

"I guess not," he says and then, realizing she was leaving shouts, "Hey! What's your name?"

"I'm Gloria," she coolly replies as she walks. "Call me later; my number is 5579."

Another commercial flashes on and Joan makes a dash for the bathroom. When she returns, she finds that the story has left Gloria and Sterling and now has Louanne following Rick around his garage as

he works on his car.

"Betty says she isn't going out with Roger any more. She says that he is so cheap that he made her pay her own way into the movies last night. Sue says she is afraid that John is



becoming an alcoholic. She says that he goes 'down south' nearly every night. She told me she was going to ask him what his mailing address was down there since he practically lived

down there..." Louanne was chattering like a package delivery commercial.

"Look, Louanne, why don't you knock it off? I'm trying to get this car ready for our date tonight," Rick says, obviously tiring of the endless recital of their friends' lives.

"Besides, who cares what they are doing?"

"I heard that Sterling met that new girl, Gloria, today. Jill said he even ran over a garbage can while trying to impress her," Louanne goes on, totally ignoring her companion.

"That's nice," Rick says, not really paying any attention to his friend. He walks over to a shelf, picks up a set of headphones and puts them on. He turns the radio on and finds his favorite station. He turns the music up loud and says, "Maybe I can get some work done now."

"I tell you, I don't know how you and that Bob are such good friends," says Louanne as she goes on recounting the daily gossip she has heard. "Rita told me that Claire said that Missy told her that as soon as he and Amy broke up, he ran straight over to Natalie Curry's place. You

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know what Natalie Curry is, don't you?"

The scene now fades on Rick and Louanne. The musical theme of the show begins and the picture of an hour-glass with clumps of mud inside appears on the screen. The announcer then says, "Will Bob and Natalie take a stroll down Lover's Lane and discover the principles of spontaneous combustion? Will Gloria say 'yes' to Sterling's invitation to boogie down in the back seat of his Cadillac convertible with him? Will Louanne stop talking long enough to get dressed for her date with Rick? Tune in tomorrow to find the answers to these and other questions."

The announcer pauses briefly, then says, "Like hunks of mud caught in an hour-glass, these are

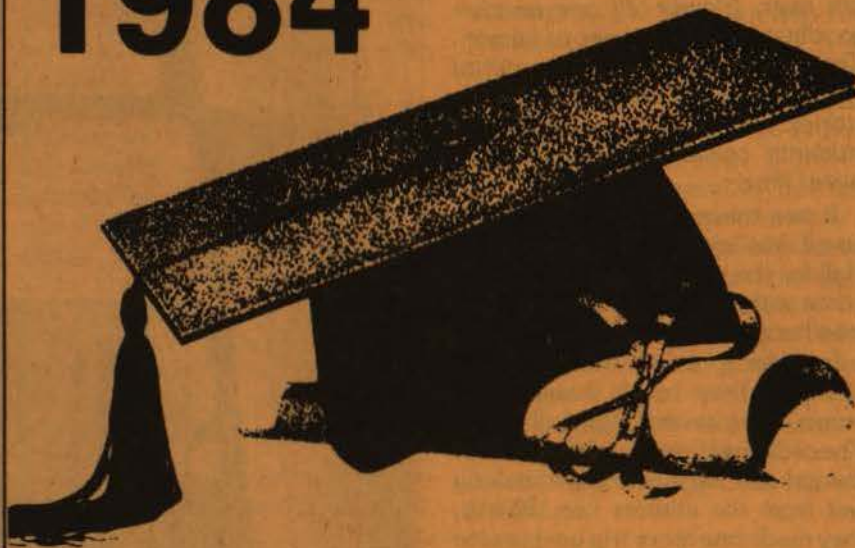
"Like hunks of mud caught in an hour-glass, these are Our Days at Muddy State."

Our Days at Muddy State."

Joan gets up and punches the television off. She goes over to the telephone and dials.

"Hello, Karen? Did you watch the story today?" Joan asks anxiously. "Can you believe Bob is going out with Natalie? I could just die." I

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The worst part isn't over when finals are through...

The moving blues

By GINNY PARK HUTSON

The semester has ended, finals are over, friends tell one another goodbye for the summer or longer. The time has come to move out of the dorm. The following are short stories from a few Murray State students concerning that bitter-sweet time.

It was raining as usual, when this co-ed was moving out of Elizabeth Hall for the summer. Her uncle had come with his pick-up truck to help load her possessions.

In order to avoid waiting for the elevator, they began hauling the boxes down several flights of stairs. The ordeal was made worse because the girl and her uncle were soaking wet from the endless rain. Finally, they made one more trip upstairs for what they thought was the last load.

Together they picked up the stereo system, which included the tape deck, speakers and record player. They were going downstairs when the R.A. asked whether the resident was almost finished.

The co-ed answered her with a relieved note, "Yes, thank goodness."

The girl and her uncle gingerly placed the stereo equipment in the back of the truck, making certain to cover it thoroughly with plastic. The uncle got into his truck and prepared to leave while the girl went back into the dorm to check out of her room.

She made her way toward the lobby desk when her R.A. asked once again if she had taken everything out of her room. She had checked her room several times and was definitely ready to go.

The R.A., with a grin on her face, asked once again if she was absolutely positive everything was out. The girl, looking puzzled said that she was certain all of her belongings were packed. The R.A. then laughed and thanked the girl for



(Photo by Louis Wootton)

the wardrobe!

If there is one thing a student should learn from college, it's not to wait until the last minute to get a job done. However, sometimes we learn from our mistakes:

Before they moved, four fellows had decided to celebrate the end of the semester. Although they were supposed to be moved out of the dorm by 9:30 a.m. Saturday, they stayed out into the early morning

hours.

They finally made it back to Hart Hall around 5:30 a.m., with only a couple of hours to recover from the previous evening. Four hours passed and it was around 9:25 a.m. The group was awakened by a rap on the door. They heard their R.A. telling them to open the door so he could inspect the room.

In a panic, the group gathered a few loaded boxes and opened the

door. The R.A. was shocked to see the condition of the room. He informed them they had only a few minutes to get their belongings out, or they would each forfeit \$50 deposit.

Fifty dollars is certainly not peanuts to a college student. The group quickly gathered unbreakable articles and began tossing them out of the window. A few of the fellows filled their arms with boxes and ran down the stairs, dumping their belongings beside their car.

The room began to look empty. The only thing left was the stereo. Two of the boys went to get the R.A. Another stacked the stereo equipment in his friend's arms.

The young man with the stereo began walking carefully down the stairs. Things were beginning to look good for the group until the fellow with the equipment stepped on an apple core. What followed was definitely not a pretty sight.

To get a clear picture in your mind, imagine your expensive stereo system bouncing along a series of concrete steps, finally smashing into a side wall. All in all, it appears they lost more than a \$50 deposit!

While some people may not be in a big hurry to leave the campus for the summer, others are. A few semesters ago, a girl couldn't wait to get home. Certain circumstances slowed her down.

As the girl began to pack her possessions, she realized she had a big day ahead of her. The closet and drawers were full, the walls were covered with posters and pictures, and the floor under her bed looked like a bargain basement.

As the day wore on, the co-ed eventually gathered all her belongings and began to haul them down the stairs.

After going down seven flights of stairs several times, she decided to forget the quick weight loss effort and take the elevator.

Arriving at the end of the hall with her hands full of coat hangers, the girl managed to push the elevator button with her nose.

The elevator arrived a few moments later, the girl got in and managed to push the first floor button, again with her nose. The elevator stopped on six and the girl thought nothing of it. However,

nobody got on. The elevator stopped again on floor five. Once again, no one entered. By this time the girl's arms were shaking from the weight of the clothes.

To the co-ed's displeasure the elevator stopped on every floor! The girl knew that when she finally put the clothes down, her arms would drag the ground.

Finally, everything was out of her room. The R.A. checked her out of the dorm. Relieved that the whole ordeal was over, the girl said goodbye to her friends and then headed out of the dorm.

As she was coming out of the building she noticed a man in a blue suit standing beside her car. The girl approached her car, knowing what was about to happen. The policeman gently placed the parking ticket under the wiper and advised her to move her car.

Managing to smile, the girl didn't even argue with the officer. She simply took the ticket off the windshield and said goodbye.

The following is a list of ideas for students to help make moving day a

more enjoyable experience:

1. If you know that you will be loading your belongings in an open vehicle, purchase several boxes of trash bags, just in case it rains. Remember, springtime is a rainy season!

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Where are the brothers?

Black community uncovered

By TONY KENDALL

The biggest beef I've heard from potential incoming black freshmen is that we never hear anything about the black community on campus. "What do you mean by that," I ask? "Well, when I came here to visit my guide was white and the teachers I met were white. All the pamphlets I got had nothing about the black community."

There is a black community on Murray State's campus, and it's with that intention in mind that I write this story.

My story begins with Brown vs. The (Kansas) Board of Education in 1954 and the Supreme Court decision that ruled that separate but equal school facilities were illegal. When one thinks about the integration of schools and colleges in the South, pictures of demonstration and protest quickly come to mind. This was the case at many schools in the South but apparently not at MSU.

When the first black student arrived here in the 1950s, there were no demonstrations or federal troops to walk him to class.

This was a mild surprise to me during my research, that no one could remember something that big.

Wilson Gantt, retired dean of admissions and registrar, who was beginning his 26 year association with Murray State in the mid-fifties, said, "I can't remember the exact year, but it was during the time that I got here or just before. There may have been some people who objected to blacks being admitted, but I never heard anything about it. Murray State has, as long as I've been associated with them, admitted everyone who was eligible without regard to race, creed or color."

J. Matt Sparkman, retired vice president for student affairs, said, "From what I can remember there was not much said about letting blacks enroll. Some of us were concerned that there might be some



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small isolated incidents, but to my knowledge nothing ever happened. When they (blacks) arrived, things went smoothly. As far as we were concerned, they were students just like everyone else."

I was disappointed that no one could remember many details. There went my shocking expose' for **Inside**. But I think I know why no one remembered. Those were the days before governmental regulations, affirmative action and quotas. When you filled out forms, there were no questions regarding race. You were accepted on merit and nothing more.

In the 1960s, the black community slowly began to grow. As the college grew into university status the number of blacks increased. More black athletes appeared, and this led to an increase of black students in general.

By the early 1970s the black population was near 200 at MSU. It was about this time that the first black Greek organizations began.

The first black Greek fraternity at MSU was Alpha Phi Alpha. They received their charter in 1969. Alpha Phi Alpha was the first Greek letter organization for blacks in the country. It was founded at Cornell University in 1906.

Micheal Hardin, current president at MSU, describes the incident: "It was a brave move. It took courage for them to do what they did. The late sixties were trying times for blacks. Race relations were strained. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been killed, riots were taking place all over and the Black Panthers were making news. But that didn't stop them from doing what they had to do. Alphas have always been at the front of the pack."

Hardin has a valid point. He mentioned several famous blacks who are or were members of Alpha Phi Alpha: Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; the late musician Duke Ellington; and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young. One has to have a grade point average of 2.4 to be considered for membership.

In 1972 Omega Psi Phi became the second black fraternity at MSU. They were also the second black letter fraternity in the nation. Rodney

Lofton, current secretary-treasurer, explains: "Not every black wanted to be an Alpha man so there was the need for another fraternity. We were founded in 1911 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. (a black university). We were the first black fraternity founded by blacks on a black campus."

The Omegas are also a proud bunch with many notable alumni. The Rev. Jesse Jackson is an Omega, as is former Urban League President Vernon Jordan. NAACP President Benjamin Hooks is one, as was Dr. Charles Drew, a noted physician who discovered blood plasma.

Two black fraternities were still not enough for MSU. Kris Mackey, a current member of Kappa Alpha Psi, explains, "We were chartered in 1972 and there was a need for more choice and we were the answer. We were founded in 1911 at Indiana University. We became the first black fraternity founded in Middle America. All the others were founded on the East Coast."

The Kappas also have some distinguished members among them. Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and former Cleveland

Mayor Carl Stokes are brothers. The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who was Dr. King's right-hand man, is a Kappa, as is Arthur Ashe, former tennis star and captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team. The Kappas are the only black fraternity at MSU with a house. That gives them a slight advantage over the others. More on that later.

A fourth black fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, was started at MSU in 1981. Tony Grimes, a current member, tells us, "Not everyone wanted to be a Kappa, an Alpha or an Omega, and Phi Beta Sigma was the way to go." Phi Beta Sigma was also founded at Howard University in 1914.

Now for the women, there are only two black sororities, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha. They were both started in the mid-1970s and unlike their black brothers, they are part of the Greek system. This is partly because none of the sororities on campus have houses. They all occupy the same building (Swann Hall).

For those of you who aren't into the fraternity scene, there are two black organizations on campus that are not fraternal organizations: The Twenty Grand Club for men and

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The black Greek system on campus has come a long way but it still has far to go. Unlike the sororities, the black fraternity has had problems being accepted by their white counterparts. "They don't understand the way we operate for one," said Hardin of Alpha Phi Alpha. "They think that our pledging rituals are hazing but we and our national office don't consider what we do hazing." The other black fraternity leaders agreed on that point.

Probably one of the most misunderstood and controversial things about black fraternities is the way they make pledges walk in a line single file. Mackey of Kappa Alpha Psi responds, "The IFC (Inter-Fraternity Council) doesn't understand that the things we do are part of our heritage. By making them walk single file and do things

together they get to know each other and become as one and it makes them stronger brothers."

Money and size are also reasons black fraternities do not belong to IFC. They average only six members each and to have voting privileges in IFC a fraternity must have at least 25 members. "For us to belong to IFC and not be able to vote would be ridiculous," adds Hardin.

Black fraternities have had problems being accepted...

The Kappas are the only black fraternity on campus with a house. Would it not be to their advantage to join IFC? "No," says Mackey. "Because of what Mike (Hardin) pointed out and besides they would have to approve of our pledging rituals, and that's too much for us to give up in order to gain," Mackey said. It all goes back to misunderstanding.

When it comes to

misunderstanding black fraternities, the Omegas probably are the most misunderstood of all, thanks in part to the menacing looking brands (That's right, I said brands, not tattoos) that most of them sport on one of their biceps.

Rodney Lofton clears the air about the brands. "Any Omega that you see with a brand got it of his own free will after he had become a brother of Omega Psi Phi and not while he was a pledge and in no way is it forced on them. There are some that don't have them. It is completely an individual decision," Lofton said.

To those of you black high school students considering coming here, there is a black community on campus and there are plans to increase the number of blacks on campus. But according to the people in charge it is no easy process.

Phil Deaver, vice president in charge of affirmative action, said, "We are trying our best to improve the black community at Murray

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News Beat
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TV's sour grapes

By GLENN ABEE

When Murray Cablevision announced its expansion of the cable line-up, TV viewers were apparently overjoyed. Now that the new system has arrived, some of the glee has turned to sour grapes.

Complaints about the new system by citizens, in fact, have led to a town meeting, letters to the editor and even a lawsuit.

The new channel line-up, which has caused some of the sour grapes, is reviewed here.

On the old basic system, subscribers had a choice of 11 channels: two ABC channels, two CBS channels, one NBC channel, two educational stations (KET and PBS), two independent channels (WTBS-Atlanta and WZTV-Nashville), the USA Network and a 24-hour "runner" (Channel 13) which carries news, weather and sports in printed form. For cable subscribers who wanted to pay some extra money, there was the option of the pay-subscription Home Box Office.

With the new expanded system, cable subscribers now receive the same 11 channels and the optional HBO plus, at this writing, 14 other basic channels.

Included among these other basic channels are yet another ABC station, another channel of the USA Network, an independent station (WGN-Chicago), a 24-hour news channel (CNN), a 24-hour weather channel, a 24-hour music channel (M-TV) and a 24-hour sports channel (ESPN).

There is now the offering of two more pay-TV channels — Cinemax and the Disney Channel. And don't forget, subscribers, there is still yet another NBC channel on its way.

The Cablevision's "Channel Line-

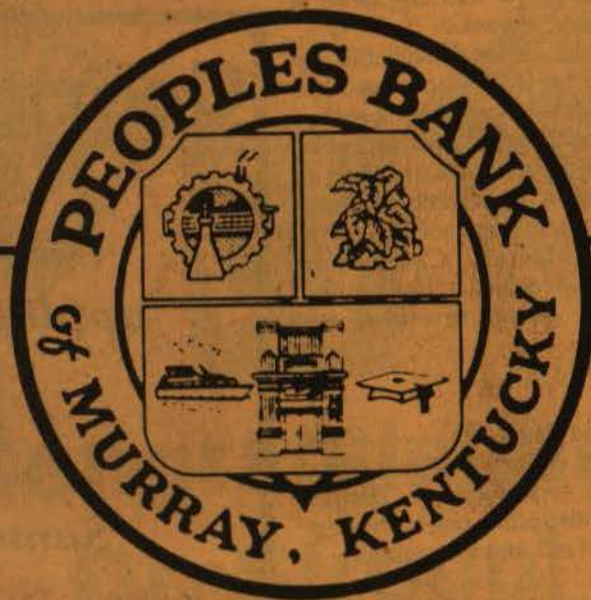
up" sheet issued with the channel-selector box lists 34 channels besides the three pay-TV channels. At last count, only 25 of these

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stations were on the air. Is this bad arithmetic or what? All of the channels not yet on the air, with the

exception of the Black Entertainment Television (channel 18), are to be community-oriented channels. The Cablevision's decision to have so many of these channels available to the community, instead of combining them into one channel for Murray and Calloway County's use, seems like a waste.

Why the sour grapes with the channels which have been activated? Well, one reason is obvious: too many channels show the same thing. Another reason is that the 24-hour so-called specialty channels repeat things not from season to season, like the networks, but from day to day. This becomes somewhat monotonous.



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For instance, ESPN (the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network) often shows a basketball game live, and the following day repeats it two or three times. Did Kentucky beat Louisville four times?

Another example of this is M-TV (Music Television) which often shows a certain video more in a day than AM radio plays it in a week. Van Halen's "Jump" and Michael Jackson's "Thriller" are prime leaders in this category. Many people who like the songs are not only sick of hearing them, but also of seeing them.

The best stations cable subscribers receive are the independent networks. These channels do not repeat shows often, nor do they show the same prime-time selections like the network-affiliated stations.

CNN (the Cable News Network) is also a good choice for subscribers. Not only is much of the news live, but it is "news." CNN doesn't repeat material; therefore, the viewer doesn't get fed up with it. Of course, then again, who is going to watch news 24 hours a day? But it is assuring to know that the news is there when you want it.

The worst channel available, by far, has to be the 24-hour weather channel. It's nice for weather updates and travel advisories, but 24 hours of nothing but weather?

Now, here is my selection of some of the best and some of the worst channels Murray Cablevision subscribers receive. Remember, everyone's going to have his favorites.

THE BEST:

WGN-Chicago (9) — This independent channel not only offers some good fare such as "Barney Miller," but also offers one of the best selections of old movies around.

WTBS-Atlanta (17) — This channel, like WGN, offers old movies and old television favorites. TBS also offers some very good live sports coverage.

CNN (29) — As a news channel it is interesting, or should be interesting, to everybody. The interview segment "Take Two" is one of the best on television.

WTVF-Nashville (5) — Although this is a CBS-affiliated station during prime time, the local fare such as "The Rockford Files" is still well worth watching.

WZTV-Nashville (10) — This is another independent channel which has a very good selection of movies

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and old favorites. Also, the "20 Minute Workout" at 12:30 p.m. is fun for the guys to watch, but does anyone really do those exercises?

Lifetime (23) — This channel offers a variety of shows dealing with health, entertainment and human interest. The variety show hosted by Regis Philbin is very good.

THE WORST:

The Weather Channel (35) — Of course!

WSIL-Harrisburg (3) — Do we need another ABC channel?

USA Network (15) — Some of the sports on this channel are worth watching, but many of their informational programs are so uneducational they're ridiculous. Where do they get their hosts for these shows? Although the USA Network is also on channel 11, it will soon only be on channel 15 when MSU-TV takes over channel 11 entirely.

Channel 13-The Murray Ledger and Times — This 24-hour "runner" repeats things so often that the news is boring. And much of the time the channel goes on the blink; this is a little more exciting.

C-SPAN — Although this channel covers the national government, our elected officials are often not the most interesting people. Unless there is a major discussion going on,

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many viewers fall asleep, just like many of the officials taking part in the discussion. However, this channel does offer good election and campaign coverage.

M-TV could be considered one of the best channels around if it didn't repeat things so often. However, it is nice for people who like music. You could read while listening.

The stations affiliated with the networks are not all bad. It is just that much of network television is bad (Have you seen "The Fall Guy" lately?) and these stations have to show it to keep their affiliation.

How can the Murray Cablevision improve subscribers' choices? Well, this is probably impossible since the new shows are just not of high quality. Of course, shows like NBC's "Hill Street Blues" and CBS's "The Jeffersons" are good, high-quality viewing. But these shows are the exception and not the norm.

It seems that shows like "Andy Griffith," "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "All in the Family" are the best on the television. The older a show is, often the better it is. TV will never be the same again. That is why many of the independent stations are the best, and sometimes the only, choice. I

Black _____

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State. We would like to add more black faculty and have more black students, but it's not easy."

I can imagine it is sometimes hard trying to sell Murray State University to a young single black professor, especially one from a bigger school in a larger town. Being a black student myself I know the problems that they have convincing blacks to come here to work or go to school.

There you have it. That's only one side of the story I know but it is the side that you never hear. Sure the black organizations don't want to be separate from the whites but for the campus community to be united each side must first see where the other side is coming from, before we can go anywhere together. I

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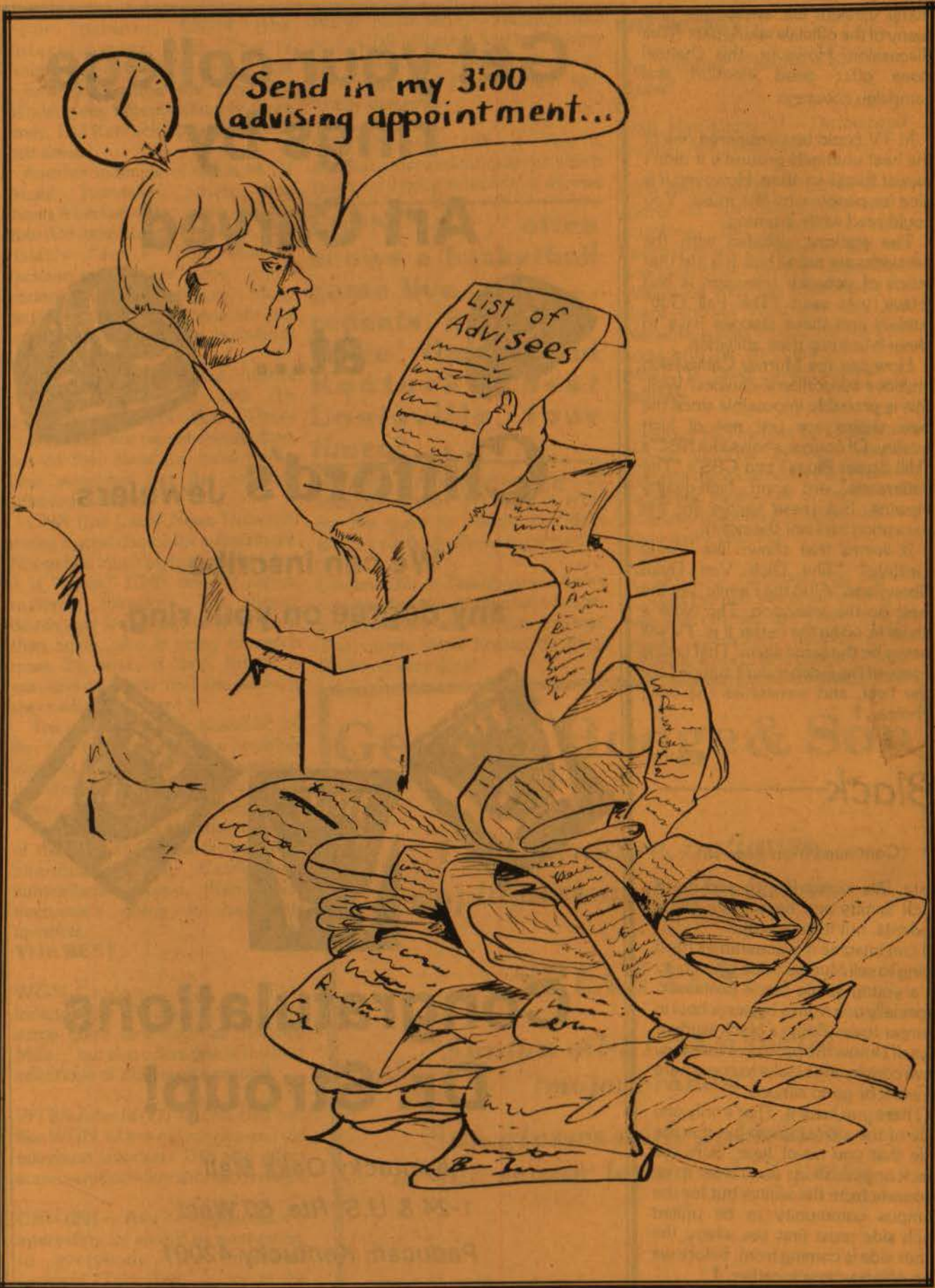


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By David Earnest

David Earnest, associate professor of English at MSU, directs the Center for Academic Advising.

As coordinator of advising for the 500 or so undeclared majors at Murray State, I get to hear a lot of complaints about advising, advisers and advisees. I have come to the studied conclusion that when there are real problems, the problems can almost always be blamed on individuals — usually students, as I shall explain later, and not on the system.

In fact, Murray State has a model advising system. At a recent national conference on academic advising I confirmed something I had already suspected. Experts and experience both recommend the kind of advising available to students here: that is, direct student contact with teaching faculty in the student's field of study, combined with extensive support services from Counseling and Testing Services, the Learning Center and the Placement Office. At the conference I attended, heads turned as I described our advising system, because it conforms to all the models recommended by experts. Now obviously our system is not perfect, but I foresee steady improvement coming as the result of increased awareness and enthusiasm among the faculty, as well as support from the administration.

So if your advising system is so good, why all the complaints? First of all, the most common complaints — that advising is inconvenient in one way or another — are inherent in any

advising procedure and thus are not really complaints at all. Both faculty and students are perennially short on time, and everybody loathes paperwork.

Unfortunately, at Murray State legitimate complaints about advising do exist. I mentioned earlier that most frequently students are to blame, not advisers. Before I explain what I mean, let me explain that the major exception I would make involves departments where advisers are overloaded, whether by choice or necessity. Experts maintain that the ideal advising load for teaching faculty is 18-25 advisees. I know of some advisers on campus, however, who have far more advisees than the recommended load. In some cases the load could be shared, and in my opinion it should. In others, the student-faculty ratio in a department may simply be too large to achieve the ideal advisee-adviser ratio. The worst situations — where the adviser signs a blank Trial Schedule and hands it to the advisee — are clearly an injustice to the student and demand correction.

“Some students expect their advisers to read the catalogue for them.”

This brings us to the crucial question of how much attention a student needs and deserves. It is related to the other question I've been asking: “Who's to blame for the advising problems that do occur?” I claim that the culprits are usually the student.

However much time a faculty member may have available for advising, he cannot give as much time and attention to any individual student's academic career as that student can himself. Common sense should indicate as much to anyone, yet I have found that some students expect their advisers to read the catalogue for them (they haven't

bothered to pick one up at the Registrar's Office). They expect their adviser to choose all their courses for them (they haven't had time to look over the Schedule of Classes). In fact, they expect their adviser to do everything except choose the time of their classes: this is a matter they have usually given a good deal of thought. Such students are the ones most likely to encounter problems.

A typical conference before advance registration lasts 15-30 minutes. If during that time an adviser has to select all a student's classes, talk him out of obviously inappropriate or ill-timed courses, and then schedule his classes — is it any wonder the adviser may not have time to do some *real* advising and discuss the student's general academic progress and career plans? Is it any wonder that he may sometimes overlook a general education requirement, especially if the student has no idea what the general education requirement are?

Here's my solution to the problem: Every student should *own a catalogue and become familiar with his own requirements for graduation.* (This latter responsibility is officially the student's, by the way — not the adviser's.) At registration time, every student should *come to his adviser's office with a list of courses* (including entry numbers, section numbers, and times), whose advisability they can then discuss together. If a student has academic problems or needs to talk about personal or career matters, he should make it a point to *see his adviser earlier in the semester*, at registration time faculty advisers have less time than at any other part of the semester.

If these simple, common-sense measures were followed, many of these so-called advising problems would vanish. And then we advisers could do our job well, the job most of us genuinely like to do because we care for our students. We could talk with our students about our own specialties and about their education and their plans for the future. ■

Winning combination

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state attorney general's office.

Armstrong, a native and resident of Louisville, related his years at Murray State to his current success.

"I have always believed that my years at Murray helped shape my future goals. I found my classes and professors challenging, and I feel that it was during that time at Murray State that I really began to formulate what I wanted to do with my life.

"I've always cared about people, and I think attending Murray helped focus that even more. Often people tend to get isolated in a very large university system, but I never felt lost at Murray. I felt that I was surrounded by caring people who encouraged me as an individual," Armstrong said.

Armstrong is a successful individual, and he defines success as follows:

"My job as attorney general is to be the chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, and that is a role that I take very seriously; but

another very important part of my job is to serve as the people's lawyer as the chief advocate for the people of the state, and I relish that responsibility," he said.

"This role fits very much into my definition of success because to me success is more internal than external. I think when a person can feel good about his or her accomplishments, when that person feels successful, it is more often than not a review of accomplishments that have helped other people," Armstrong said.

His job as attorney general, along with other positions he held while an attorney, has enabled Armstrong to work toward goals that make him feel successful. "I felt successful as Commonwealth's Attorney from Jefferson County because I was able to get programs off the ground that helped people like child abuse victims and other victims of crime," he said. "To me, that is success, and I hope to be successful in a similar fashion as attorney general." ■

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.38 Special goes Commercial

By **GLENN ABEE**

.38 Special — *Tour De Force* (A & M Records) — This new release from the masters of southern rock, who took over as the leaders of that genre after the demise of Lynyrd Skynyrd, is aimed more at commercial AM/Top 40 radio listeners than at rowdy southern rock-and-roll fans.

Unlike *Special Forces*, their previous release, *Tour de Force* is a mixture of slow songs with melodic lyrics, soft guitars and quiet drums. For instance, "If I'd Been the One" is one of the slowest songs ever recorded by .38 Special. "Back Where You Belong" and "One Time for Old Times" are also slow tunes, and all three of these have been released as singles and are making it big on AM radio.

This is not to say these songs aren't good; they are. But a question many long-time fans of .38 Special—

myself included—may be asking is: Have these wild-eyed southern boys sold out for the commercial success of pop music?

Well, this is a difficult question to answer, especially when one listens to "Twentieth Century Fox," which is reminiscent of the old .38 Special. Don Barnes' lead vocals on many of the album's songs and the guitar duo of Barnes and Jeff Carlisi prove that .38 Special is as talented and as gutsy as ever. Especially on "Twentieth Century Fox" and "Long Distance Affair" where the guitars and drums hum.

This album is divided between the success of commercialism and wanting to please hardcore southern rock fans. Hopefully, .38 Special will get back to what it does best: playing southern rock-and-roll, loud and hard, as they did on previous releases, *Wild-eyed Southern Boys*

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The Scorpions — *Love at First Sting* (Polygram Records) — The "sting" of this album comes in the form of hard-driving, heavy metal rock-n-roll. From the album's hard-hitting and energetic opening two songs, "Bad Boys Running Wild" and "Rock You Like a Hurricane," the band only lightens up a little.

Songs such as "Coming Home" and "Still Loving You" are melodic ballads, yet they still resound with the band's energy. Klaus Meine's vocals are possibly the best in the world of heavy metal. Not only can he scream masterfully on "Rock You Like a Hurricane" and "Big City Nights," but he can also soften his voice for the ballads.

Rudolf Schenker and Matthias Jabs are one of the best guitar duos around, and their backing riffs on this hard-rockin' album add to its intensity.

The Scorpions are not slowing down in energy or in musical tone; if anything, they are moving harder and faster, just like a hurricane.

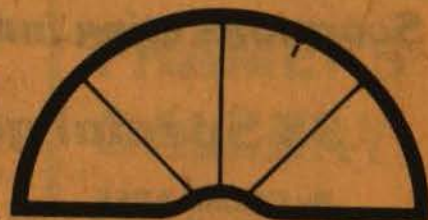
In comparison with their 1982 release, *Blackout*, *Love at First*

Sting is better where music is concerned, but still weak compared to *Blackout's* lyrics. All things considered though, *Love at First Sting* may be the best hard-rock album released this year.

Alabama — *Roll On* (RCA Records) — The band's fifth album tends to prove that Alabama is the best country band around. These guys do not play the type of twangy-steel guitar music which is stereotypical of country music. Their music is more energetic and melodic than most country music.

The album's opening tune, "Roll On," about a trucker's family life, is the most energetic song on the album, and a sure-fire hit. "Carolina Mountain Dew" is a love song that follows "Roll On" in perfect order as the band mixes country-rock tunes with ballads.

This combination of ballads and country-rock keeps Alabama from being stereotyped as a country band, and allows them the freedom of going from the country charts to the pop charts in a category known as crossover, which Eddie Rabbitt has challenged and conquered. **I**



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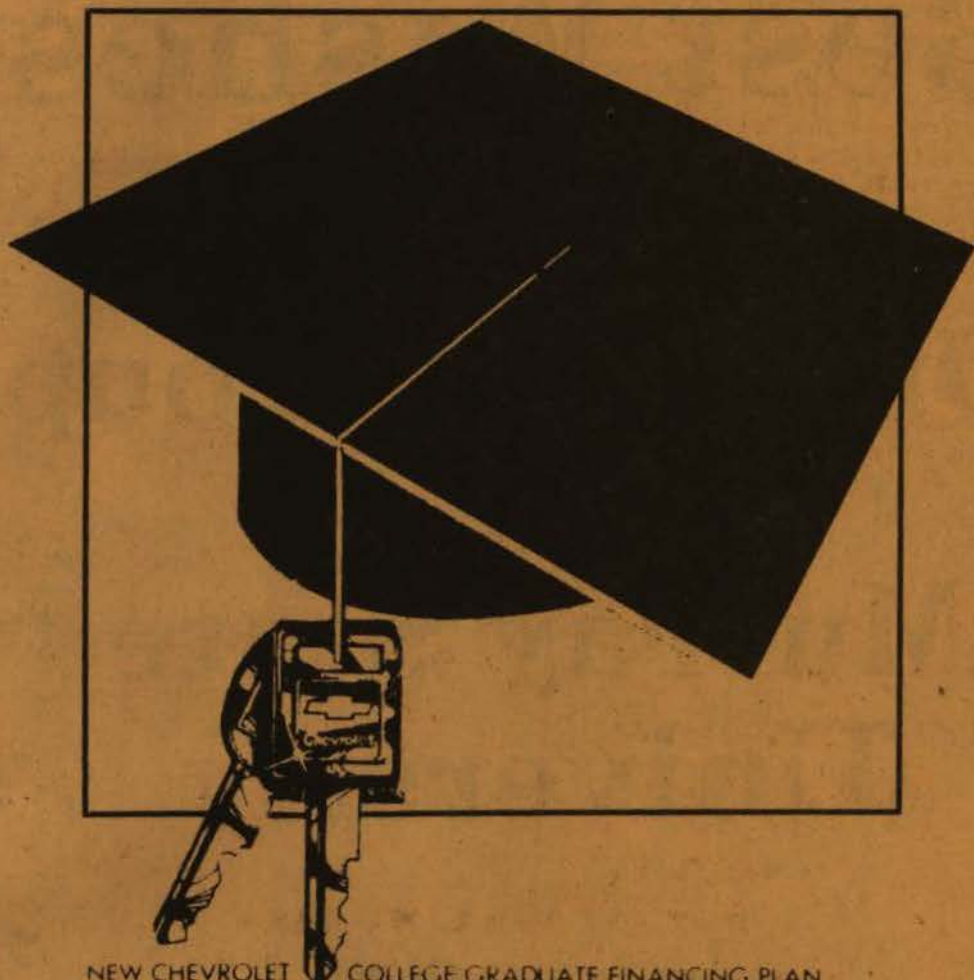
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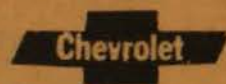
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