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Furbush suspension upheld

RA will appeal ruling

By KAREN SHERIDAN
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Appeal of suspended Williams Hall resident assistant John Furbush was unanimously denied by a Residence Hall Pro-Office appeals board, it was announced Monday.

Furbush was suspended Nov. 7 for smoking that he had smoked marijuana in on one occasion. He was defended at a week's hearing by criminal justice professor Zolton Ferency and economics professor C. Patric "Lash" Larrowe.

The management side, which urged that suspension be upheld, was represented by the hearing by Residence Hall

Programming Director Gary North, Williams Hall head adviser Eric Parks and West Circle area director Scott Chesney.

Appeals Board Chairperson Robert Minetti would not comment Monday on the board's denial of Furbush's appeal. Furbush would receive written reasons for the decision today.

Furbush said Minetti told him Monday that the board had based its decision on the

contention that Furbush violated job expectations regarding drug use.

"Minetti said these expectations were made perfectly clear during the pre-employment period and during the fall," Furbush said.

"I'm not surprised at the decision, considering that the five people on the panel either were employed by or directly related to North's work," he added. "I don't think I was given a fair hearing."

Throughout the two-day hearing, which concluded Friday, Furbush argued that the expectations concerning drug use during off-duty hours were never made clear.

Citing cases of other resident assistants who had not been suspended for marijuana use under similar circumstances, Furbush maintained that the management policy on private drug use was inconsistent and not well-defined.

But in his closing statement Friday, North argued that "Furbush clearly understood the expectations regarding the use of illegal substances and understood what the consequences of a violation would be."

Ferency argued that these expectations were vague and maintained that the rights of resident assistants were an important issue of the case.

"It is clear that there is no general agreement on the question of 'reasonable expectations,' and that these are not defined in Furbush's contract," he said.

"We want the board to strictly construe the RA contract because it is clear there has been no violation here — and to recommend to North that 'expectations' be defined so that there will be no more cases like that of John Furbush."

Ferency also concluded that if the board upheld Furbush's suspension, it would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

"What Furbush did was to retire to his own room and indulge in a personal pursuit," he said.

"I would be shocked if North thought the signing of the contract did anything but guarantee the rights of resident assistants to privacy."

Furbush will appeal the ruling of the board to the All-University Student Faculty Judiciary.



AP Wirephoto
An old-fashioned mail wagon carries the crew of a supersonic Anglo-French Concorde jetliner from their plane at London's Heathrow Airport recently. The stunt publicized this week's inauguration of supersonic mail service between London and New York.

Andreotti resigns amidst financial woes, violence

By MICHAEL J. DUFFY

(AP) — Italy's 39th government fell Monday. Premier Giulio Andreotti resigned in the midst of economic, political violence and a Communist takeover in the NATO country.

President Giovanni Leone scheduled a meeting with political leaders today and is expected to ask Andreotti, 59, the three-time Christian Democrat premier, to try to form a new government by Thursday. But difficult negotiations appeared

to find a solution acceptable to the left — cabinet posts for Communist-approved independents, a coalition including the Socialists, policy concessions that would meet concerns of the working class or some other formula not yet aired publicly.

The Communists, led by the Eurocommunist Enrico Berlinguer, gained 34 percent of the popular vote in 1976 elections, just four points short of the Christian Democrats. Italian, French and Spanish Communists in the Eurocommunist movement avow they are free of Kremlin domination and claim they would participate democratically in the government of their countries.

As a result of the elections, the Italian Communists won the presidency of the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Parliament, and key posts on parliamentary commissions, then gained the backing of other parties to force the Andreotti government to accept their collaboration in the formation of government policy in return for abstentions in Parliament.

But the Communists, dissatisfied with the government's implementation of programs and worried about possible loss of popular support, decided last week to end their cooperation with Andreotti's government and try for their long-sought goal of a "historic compromise" that would allow them to share power with the Christian Democrats. Two smaller parties, the Socialists and the Republicans, backed that strategy.

In addition to political turmoil, Italy also is faced with economic troubles, including industrial stagnation, frequent strikes, a high cost of living and a 9 percent unemployment rate.

During the last year and a half, Andreotti's government has managed to make some gains economically. The rate of inflation,

which had climbed to 22 percent early in 1977, was down to 14 percent by December. Italy's balance of payments, \$1 billion in the red in 1976, recorded a \$2 billion surplus in 1977, helping to stabilize the lira.

These gains, however, were made partly at the cost of stagnation and rising unemployment, with nearly two million persons currently out of work. The high incidence of unemployment among youths — 75 percent of the total — has contributed to the level of political violence.

The Communists and their parliamentary allies contend a threatened breakdown of public order makes it necessary for an "emergency government" to be formed that would include Communists.

The U.S. State Department last week restated American opposition to any participation by the Communists in the Italian government and urged a reduction in their power. The statement brought a wave of protests from leftists, who accused the United States of heavy-handed intervention in Italian internal affairs.

The Soviet news agency Tass said Monday that Italy's political crisis has been "aggravated by the overt interference of the United States." And in the Netherlands, the independent Rotterdam Daily Algemeen Dagblad also accused the United States of interfering in the internal affairs of Italy. It said in an editorial that without the Communists, Italy "would already have been on the dangerous road to a new fascist dictatorship."

Dictator Benito Mussolini was overthrown in July 1943. Since then Italy has had 39 governments, 35 of them since the end of the war.

SENATE DISCUSSES TUITION BILL

Barry to give testimony

By KAREN SHERIDAN
State News Staff Writer

ASMSU President Kent Barry will testify before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee Friday in support of the proposed Packwood-Moynihan Tuition Tax Credit Act.

Under the bill, introduced by U.S. Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan in September 1977, taxpayers could subtract tuition expenses for themselves, their spouses or dependents directly from their tax bills. A maximum tax credit of \$500 would be allowed for each student.

Sponsors of the bill include U.S. Sens. Robert Griffin, R-Mich., Donald W. Riegle, D-Mich., George McGovern, D-S.D., and the late Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn.

Barry said he will testify in support of the act, despite criticism of the bill by the National Student Association and the National Student Lobby.

The two organizations have opposed the bill on grounds that it is geared to aid only students from families in a middle- or upper middle-class income bracket.

The organizations also maintain that the proposed act might cause tuition hikes at many colleges and universities, according to an NSA spokesperson.

But a memo released by the ASMSU Legislative Relations Cabinet cited a nationwide 57-percent increase in tuition at four-year institutions over the past five years and a "consequential" drop in

enrollment of students from middle-class income families during the same period. The figures show the need for supporting the proposal, Barry said.

"The reason that people from Moynihan to Goldwater have supported the bill is because the poor in this country can get enough through grants and scholarships to support themselves," Barry said.

"The middle class may not be wealthy enough to support a son or daughter through school but they are not eligible for this kind of aid."

However, Andre Burnett, spokesperson for the Washington-based NSA, said the organization has taken the position that while the bill may aid parents, it will not directly benefit most students.

"The NSA and the National Student Lobby are opposed to the bill because the tax credit would go back to the parents and not to the student," he said.

"Not only could the parents use this money at their own discretion, but it is an across-the-board credit that only hits lower-middle and upper-class people," he added.

"NSA would rather support a bill that would benefit the lower-middle and lower-class people who need it the most," he said.

Barry, the only student government president asked to testify before the Finance Committee on the act, said he will leave for Washington after the ASMSU board meeting tonight, and will meet with Moynihan, Griffin and Sen. Russel Long, D-La., before Friday.

The ASMSU board will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 4 Student Services Bldg.

Supreme Court upholds raises, rejects canal treaties challenge

By RICHARD CARELLI

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the way members of Congress have been giving themselves pay raises and threw out an attempt to sink the Panama Canal treaties.

The justices also let stand states' use of standardized tests for public school teachers — tests the federal government says discriminate against blacks.

The court rejected a challenge by Rep. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., to the methods used by Congress since 1969 to boost the salaries of its members. The lawmakers were earning \$42,500 a year in 1969. They now earn \$57,500 annually.

Had Pressler been successful, all members of Congress would have seen salaries shrink to their 1969 level — a \$15,000 pay cut.

Pressler sued Congress and the Treasury Department in 1975, challenging provisions of the Postal Revenue and Salary Act of 1967 and the Executive Salary Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1975.

Until amended last April, the salary act allowed members of Congress to receive substantial pay boosts without facing the politically delicate chore of voting for them.

That's all changed now, but Pressler's suit zeroed in on the constitutionality of a \$12,900 raise members of Congress received last February before the law was changed.

He also challenged \$2,100 in raises Congress has received under the cost-of-living adjustment legislation. That act, still in effect, provides for congressional salary hikes every time most government workers receive them.

Pressler had argued unsuccessfully before a three-judge federal trial court here that the Constitution requires all congressional compensation to be "ascertained by law" — a phrase he said "clearly means by act of Congress."

The Supreme Court's affirmance of the

lower court's ruling against Pressler was made without comment, except for a brief statement by Justice William H. Rehnquist. He explained that the affirmance might have been based on Pressler's legal standing to sue rather than the merits of his suit. He did not say which factor was the determining one.

The justices also issued no accompanying comment when they threw out an appeal by five members of Congress and four states challenging the constitutionality of the Panama Canal treaties signed last September by President Carter.

One treaty would relinquish U.S. control over the international waterway to Panama in the year 2000. The second would guarantee the continued neutrality of the

canal zone.

The appeal contended the Constitution requires action by both houses of Congress before the government may dispose of U.S. property.

Challenging the treaties now pending before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and James McClure, R-Idaho. Rep. Daniel Flood, D-Pa., and the states of Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana and Nebraska.

The states had also contended that the Carter administration had not received assurances that terms of the treaties would not be altered if Panama's government changed hands. Any rise in canal tolls would

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E. Lansing girl uninjured in assault by armed man

A 16-year-old East Lansing High School girl was assaulted early Monday morning by a man armed with what was believed to be a knife, East Lansing police said. The girl was not injured, police said.

The girl was walking to school on Centerlawn Street near Abbott Road at about 7:40 a.m. when she was approached by a man asking for directions to another East Lansing street, police said.

As she was giving the directions, the man tried striking the girl in the chest with a thin, sharp silver object which she believed was a knife, police said. The object struck a book the victim was carrying instead, police said.

The object did not penetrate the girl's skin, according to police.

After the girl screamed, the suspect ran north on Evergreen Street, police said.

The victim continued to East Lansing High School, where she called police.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-8-inch white male weighing about 145 pounds. He was reportedly 17- to 19-years-old with brown collar-length hair. He was wearing a blue ski cap, blue jean pants and a blue jean jacket, police said.

East Lansing police request that anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in the area of Abbott Road, Centerlawn, Evergreen and Northlawn Streets between 7:40 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. Monday to contact police.

Treasury Dept. opposes some oil tax credits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department announced Monday that U.S. oil companies can no longer claim tax credits for certain oil payments made to Saudi Arabia and Libya. The payments resulted in \$600 million in tax benefits to the nation's oil companies in 1976.

However, the ruling only applies to future transactions and a Treasury Department official indicated that ways could be found to circumvent the ruling so that oil companies could escape paying increased taxes in years ahead.

But the official said the "maximum conceivable tax increase," if passed by oil companies to consumers, would only increase gasoline prices by 0.1 percent per gallon. The Treasury Department did not want the official's name used.

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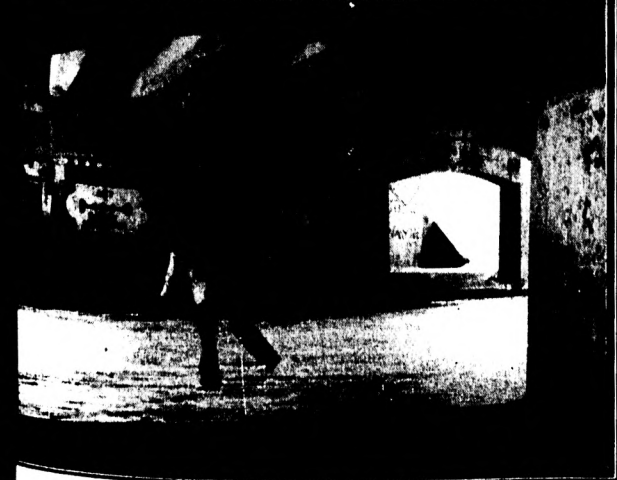
inside

Remember the excitement when you finally reached your 18th? Some people think you should wait until your 21st for the thrill. See page 3.

When it goes in the gutter you just pick it up and try, try again. See page 7.

weather

It shouldn't snow much today but it will be cold and windy without a sign of sun.
Today's high: near 20.
Tonight's low: zero.





Two cosmonauts return to earth

MOSCOW (AP) — Two Soviet cosmonauts returned to earth Monday after an unprecedented linkup in space, leaving two comrades behind in an orbiting lab for a possible try at a record time aloft.

Western space experts speculated the cosmonauts may try to break the Soviet mark of 61 days aloft or the American record of 84 days in space set in 1974 by the third crew to man the Skylab space station.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, described the mission as "a most important step along the road of creating permanently operating manned orbital stations with relievable crews."

The two teams of cosmonauts joined in a historic triple linkup with the Salyut-6 space station last week. The lab, in orbit since Dec. 10, was sandwiched between two Soyuz craft, marking the first time two ships docked with the same space station.

Belgrade conference resumes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Deep differences persist between East and West over human rights as the Belgrade conference resumes today to tackle the seemingly monumental task of working out a document assessing implementation of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

Sources said, meanwhile, that the diplomats here may be setting the stage for a new summit conference like the Helsinki meeting on European security and cooperation.

The 35-nation, closed-door Belgrade

conference, reconvening after a year-end recess, is reviewing implementation of the accords that gave tacit recognition to Europe's postwar political map, with Soviet domination in the East, and contained provisions that the West viewed as promising greater civil liberties in the Communist bloc.

But the two and one-half months of debate before the holiday recess showed that neither East nor West is prepared to abandon its positions on what the focus of the Belgrade final document should be.



Mondale embarks on diplomatic mission

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Walter F. Mondale, embarking on his third diplomatic mission for President Carter, visits Canada and Mexico this week, with energy a focal point of his trip.

Such key issues in his host countries as the Quebec separatist movement and illegal aliens will be discussed only briefly, if at all.

It will be the second week in a row for Mondale to spend most of his time out of Washington.

The vice president, who spent five days last week in western states and traveled to Minnesota for Sen. Hubert H. Hum-

phrey's funeral Monday, flies to Ottawa today for meetings with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and other Canadian leaders.

On Wednesday he flies to Edmonton, Alberta, and then back to Washington in time for Carter's State of the Union address the following day.

On Friday morning the vice president takes off again, this time for a meeting in Mexico City with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo and weekend visits to Indian ruins in the Yucatan city of Merida before returning to Washington on Sunday evening.

Carter faces backlog of legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if President Carter is right in saying Congress soon will agree on an energy bill, it still faces a substantial backlog of domestic legislation this year.

Tax cuts, a new welfare system, labor law revision, and containment of hospital costs are a few items on the pending business list for the session that begins Thursday. Leaders, with an eye on the November elections and earlier primaries, hope to adjourn by the end of September.

Senate and House conferees come back to the months-long debate over control of natural gas prices, the issue that stalled the energy program. Congress couldn't settle the question in 1977, even in a session extending into December.

Many of the details of Carter's proposals to reduce taxes and thereby stimulate the economy will become known when he delivers his State of the Union address Thursday. Indications are he will recommend a total of \$25 billion in tax cuts for business and individuals.

Torrential rains hit West Coast

(AP) — Torrential rains, flooding and rock slides snarled roads throughout California on Monday as drought-breaking storms hit the West Coast. Meanwhile, the East Coast girded for a snow storm that pushed out of the Rockies, across the Great Plains and into the Midwest.

Most of the nation coped with bad weather conditions. A frost hit parts of Florida; snow fell over the Dakotas; heavy winds blew across west Texas; and thousands of New York suburbanites awaited the return of electrical power.

Californians, who until recently suffered from a record drought, now have to contend with a brutal rain that has flooded roadways and caused mud and rock slides.

The storm extended from southern California up into Washington and Oregon.

Forecasters predicted a break in the weather as the latest storm, which followed a weekend of rain, calmed later Monday. But another storm was building over the Pacific and more wet weather was expected today.

Sentencing postponed in busnapping case

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Sentencing was postponed Monday for three men who pleaded guilty to the Chowchilla busnapping so defense attorneys can argue that the state's mandatory life sentence without parole is "cruel and unusual punishment."

Retired Riverside County Superior Court Judge Leo Deegan set Feb. 14 for a hearing on defense allegations that the law is unconstitutional as applied to defendants Fred Woods, 26, James Schoenfeld, 26, and his brother, Richard, 23.

The three pleaded guilty to the July 15, 1976, kidnapping of 26 Chowchilla school children and their bus driver. Deegan later ruled that three young girls suffered bodily harm in the ordeal.

Kidnapping for ransom with bodily harm automatically carries a life sentence without parole under California law. But attorneys argued Monday that imposing such a severe sentence would be unfair since even persons convicted of first-degree murder can in some cases be granted the possibility of parole.

Top leaders honor Humphrey

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The nation's leaders joined farmer and factory worker Monday in a final tribute to Hubert Horatio Humphrey, one of the genuine crusaders in American politics.

President Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale, members of Congress, judges and diplomats gathered at House of Hope Presbyterian church for the funeral of the Minnesota senator who had grown to love and respect during his 30 years in Washington.

He was to be buried in neighboring Minneapolis. Humphrey's death Friday night after a long battle against cancer prompted an outpouring of sympathy from America's most powerful and influential citizens.

But the tributes that seemed most appropriate for Humphrey, a tireless crusader for civil rights and jobs legislation, were the long lines of anonymous mourners, the people to whom he had dedicated his political life.

People waited for hours in below-zero weather outside the Minnesota Capitol, where his body lay in state, for an opportunity to walk past his casket. The Capitol remained open through the night and by

mid-morning, police estimated that more than 20,000 people had filed through the marble rotunda.

Some wept, some sang spirituals and patriotic hymns. Many brought young children to say farewell to the Happy Warrior.

Thelma Johnson, 30, a black Minneapolis housewife, said Humphrey "did more for the black people and the underprivileged than any man in history, including any president."

It was a young Hubert Humphrey, the mayor of Minneapolis, who electrified the turbulent 1948 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia with a speech demanding a strong civil rights plank in the party platform. Adoption of the plank touched off a walkout by delegates from the South.

A few months later, Humphrey was elected to the U.S. Senate. He later would describe how he was shunned by many of his colleagues who regarded him as an upstart who talked too much and lacked respect for Senate institutions then dominated by Southerners.

He gave up his Senate seat in 1964 to run as vice president on the ticket headed by Lyndon B. Johnson. Humphrey's replacement in the Senate was Mon-

dale. Four years later, Humphrey finally won the Democratic presidential nomination. He started out far behind Richard M. Nixon in the polls. By election day, Nixon's margin of victory was a fraction of a percentage point.

Humphrey returned to the Senate in 1970. The emergence of Jimmy Carter in 1976 ended

Humphrey's dream of the presidency. And then cancer required removal of his bladder.

In August 1977, doctors discovered a large cancerous tumor in his pelvis. They said it was inoperable and tried radiation and chemical treatments to try to arrest its growth.

His body wasted but his eyes still bright and his voice strong,

Humphrey returned to the Senate in November, a welcome for which no one could recall a precedent.

He entered the chamber to find most of his colleagues on the floor. He stood and applauded with hands moved among them, shaking hands, embracing, seeming exuberant as ever.

WOMEN, MINORITIES INCLUDED

NASA picks astronauts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. space agency on Monday named six women, three black men and an oriental among 35 candidates to fly on the nation's space shuttles in the next decade.

It was the first time that women and minority-group members have been named to the astronaut corps. The group of 35 is the largest contingent of astronauts ever selected and the first group named since 1969.

All of the women, two of the blacks and the oriental came aboard in a list of 20 mission specialists — whose main shuttle work will be to conduct medical, astronomical, scientific and other experiments. The other black is one of 15 pilots named who actually will fly the rocket ship.

Robert A. Frosch, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said the new group will report for training July 1 at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. He said they would be eligible for flights in 1980, the second year of shuttle operations. The present corps of 27 astronauts will man the early flights, starting in about 13 months.

NASA expects by 1985 to be launching as many as 60 shuttle flights a year into earth orbit, carrying as many as seven persons on each flight. The shuttle is a reusable spaceship that will land back on earth like an airplane, to be refurbished and flown again.

The women named Monday are Dr. Anna L. Fisher, 28, of

Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., a Los Angeles physician; Dr. Shannon W. Lucid, 35, of Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; Dr. Judith A. Resnik, 28, of Redondo Beach, Calif., on the engineering staff of Xerox Corp.; Sally K. Rice, 26, Stanford, Calif., a physics research assistant at Stanford University; Dr. Margaret R. Seddon, 29, Memphis, Tenn., resident physician, Department of Surgery, City of Memphis Hospital; and Kathryn D.

Sullivan, 26, Cupertino, Calif., post-graduate student at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Drs. Fisher and Lucid are married, and Dr. Lucid has three children. Dr. Lucid and Resnik all have degrees.

Rice said she was excited at her selection, the first time NASA selected it can send technicians to space who can't double flight controls," she said.

Vance in Mideast expects long talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance flew here Monday determined to play an active role in the new round of Egyptian-Israeli peace talks, but U.S. officials cautioned that "instant agreements" are not in the offing.

Vance expects long and difficult negotiations and even occasional breakdowns, a senior U.S. official told reporters on Vance's arrival for the formal resumption of talks today.

Another summit meeting between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin may be needed to keep up the momentum, the official said. "You're not going to find instant agreements."

Vance, who will be here through Thursday, promised

"to actively participate" in talks between Israeli Prime Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian counterpart, Abdel Moneim Kamel.

Less than three hours after his arrival, Vance held a private meeting with Dayan and Begin. They were joined by Dayan and top Israeli officials.

The negotiations, which began Tuesday in a Jerusalem hotel suite, will focus on start on the Palestinian issue.

Vance is expected to propose for an interim arrangement for the 1.1 million Palestinians living in occupied territory. It would give them more autonomy than the "self-rule" posed last month by Begin.

Tongsun Park's data called 'very valuable'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Tongsun Park's chief American interrogator said Monday that the onetime Washington lobbyist is providing "very valuable" information about the Capitol Hill payoff scandal and probably will be questioned for about a week more.

Acting Deputy U.S. Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti also told reporters he would fly back to Washington today, leaving the Park questioning to the remaining five members of his Justice Department team.

He said policy matters had been worked out so that his subordinates could continue the questioning routinely. South Korean investigators also are participating. The sessions, in their third day Monday, will last about a week more, or some 70 hours, Civiletti said.

Park emerged from two hours of questioning Monday morning and told reporters, "I think things are going well." Civiletti said the testimony of the 42-year-old Korean rice dealer, central figure in the scandal, is "very valuable because it is first-hand information and in many instances it provides a basis for thorough analysis together with other evidence the investigation has produced."

But he added that the interrogation was "difficult and time-consuming and takes attention."

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FOR DISCUSSION OF FACTS OF CASE

Esmail supporters to meet

By JEANNEBARON

State News Staff Writer

The National Committee to Defend the Rights of Sami Esmail will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight in 111 Olds

Numerous questions remain to be answered in the case of the 23-year-old MSU student arrested in Israel Dec. 21. Twenty-six days after Esmail was arrested at the Israeli consulate in Chicago and the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C. have the barest facts relating to his arrest.

Conflicting reports have been received on how Esmail was arrested and how he has been treated by police authorities.

No one seems to know how the Israeli authorities became aware that Esmail would be arriving in the country Dec. 21 on Trans World Airlines flight 880.

Similarly, officials contacted do not know how the authorities may have received information linking him to a Palestinian group, or specifically why they believe he was affiliated with that group.

In relation to Esmail's treatment, reports of what he told members of his family and members of the American embassy in Tel Aviv do not agree.

Esmail was visited by a consular official and a consular assistant Dec. 25, at which time he complained of continuous questioning over an extended period of time and of having been forced to hold a chair over his head," Horsey said.

Basim Esmail, Sami's brother, was allowed to visit the prisoner Dec. 28 with Felicia Langer, his attorney.

"Sami had come to Israel to see his dying father," Basim told the State News. "They physically and morally beat him until he signed a confession."

Ali Esmail, 84, died Jan. 4. Sami was allowed to attend the funeral. Though handcuffed in the car he was transported in, he was not handcuffed during the funeral.

However, Basim said, three youths told him they saw Sami cuffed at his hands and feet with a rope around his neck outside the police station before he was taken to the funeral.

The confession Esmail signed was written in Hebrew, a language he does not speak or write, Basim said. The confession was signed Dec. 27, the day before his attorney was allowed to see him.

One question family members have raised is why they were not informed of Esmail's arrest until Dec. 23. At this time the American embassy was notified of Esmail's detention and informed his family.

Horsey said that a consular official took a statement from Esmail Dec. 30 concerning alleged mistreatment. The statement did not indicate physical abuse other than continuous questioning, she said adding that Esmail is not currently complaining of mistreatment. But, Basim said, it appears Esmail may have refused to make an official statement for fear of further government action against him.

Several cases of police abuse of Arabs have been reported in Israel, though few have been substantiated. Esmail is a United States citizen of policy."

intervene in the judicial process," she said. A hearing is scheduled for Esmail on Jan. 21. Either formal charges will be filed and a trial date set, or the Israeli authorities could

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Sen. John R. Otterbacher, D-Grand Rapids

OTTERBACHER TO RUN Senator after U.S. slot

State Sen. John R. Otterbacher announced Monday he will run for the U.S. Senate, making official what has been common knowledge since he pulled out of the 1976 race Don Riegle eventually won.

Otterbacher, a Grand Rapids Democrat, has been campaigning for this year's nomination ever since, and he set off Monday on a six-day tour of 11 Michigan cities to emphasize his campaign.

The 35-year-old liberal ran out of money last time, but said he already has \$80,000 and hopes to raise \$400,000 more in his bid

for the seat of retiring Republican Sen. Robert Griffin.

Otterbacher has visited 82 of Michigan's 83 counties and logged 175,000 miles in state travel since he withdrew before the 1976 primary, he said.

A Michigan legislator for six years, Otterbacher was elected to the state House in 1972 and upset the Senate majority leader two years later with 61 percent of the vote in a largely Republican district.

He said he would stand on his record of nursing home and emergency medical care

reform, saying he would be "delighted to have the media compare that record with anybody else in the race."

Other Democratic candidates include state Sen. Anthony Derezinski of Muskegon; suburban Detroit newspaper publisher Philip Power; Dudley Buffa, former aide to the late U.S. Sen. Philip Hart; and former U.S. Rep. Richard VanderVeen of Grand Rapids.

Lt. Gov. James Damman has announced he will run for the Republican nomination.

Ford Rouge plant charged with violating air pollution standards

By SCOTT WIERENGA
State News Staff Writer

The Ford Motor Co. has been cited by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for air pollution violations at its Rouge complex in Detroit.

Based on visual observations, the EPA said particulate emissions from three coke batteries, three blast furnaces and the basic oxygen process shop in its steelmaking operations are nearly double that allowed by state standards.

Peter Kelly, EPA air enforcement attorney, said particulate emissions from the Rouge complex are approximately 2,000 tons annually. The legal level is 1,100 tons per year, he said.

In addition, federal health and ambient air quality standards in the vicinity are not being met, Kelly said.

Victor Sussan, director of environmental control for Ford, said the company has not yet received the violation notice.

"All we know is what we read in the newspapers," he said. However, he acknowledged the EPA phoned the company to inform them the formal violation notices had been signed.

He said the violation notice was based only on the visual presence of smoke and not on actual measurements.

Lasmi N. Kesari, EPA air enforcement engineer, said Monday the visual evaluation was performed by specialists who were

taught to recognize excessive air pollutant emissions. Engineering calculations involving emission factors are also performed, he said.

Kelly said federal law allows the company 30 days after receipt of the notice to bring emissions within legal limits. Since this may be impractical, conferences will probably be held with Ford officials to discuss compliance procedures. If Ford refuses to cooper-

ate with the EPA, a suit could be filed against the company in federal court, Kelly said.

The Wayne County Health and Air Pollution Control Division has been working on the pollution problem, but the county's programs have not been sufficient to force compliance, according to officials in the state Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Division.

Senior citizens and handicappers to rally

Nearly 1,000 senior citizens, handicappers and others are expected to rally at the state Capitol today and Wednesday in support of public transportation.

Lt. Gov. James Damman and Rep. William Ryan, D-Detroit, are to speak at today's session, and House Speaker Bobby Crim, Senate Majority Leader William Faust and Senate Minority Leader Robert Davis are among those scheduled to attend Wednesday.

The rally, sponsored by 14 senior citizens' groups, the Handicapped Service Develop-

ment Committee and other groups, is supposed to show support for a package of transportation bills now in the Legislature and call for dial-a-ride systems in every county of the state.

Conditions are critical, according to pre-event publicity, because persons dependent on public transportation cannot travel between most counties and many areas cannot afford to run dial-a-ride vans, even if they have them.

The rally is to be held in the House chamber and starts at 9 a.m.



Local youngsters enjoy the 12-inch ice on the fourth lake of the MSU Water Quality Management Project which was opened for winter recreation last weekend. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday on an experimental basis. A floodlight has been installed for nighttime skating. The lake is about three miles from campus on I-96.

LOBBY CLAIMS LEGAL RIGHTS INVOLVED

Change in drinking age disputed

By ANNE MARIE BIONDO
State News Staff Writer

Changing the drinking age would take the right from legal adults, according to Magnus of the Three O'Clock Lobby.

The lobby is a Michigan organization run by persons under 18 years old. It has the belief that young people should have a greater say in issues affecting them.

Magnus spoke Monday morning at the Capitol in response to proposed legislation to raise the drinking age from 18 to 21. About 100,000 signatures have been collected by proponents of the bill to place the proposal on the statewide ballot this

drinking age is that they are misinformed on the issue. "We believe that proponents of raising the age are misrepresenting statistics," Magnus said.

Statistics released by the Secretary of State's office indicate that young people are involved in more alcohol-related accidents than other age groups. However, Magnus claimed, when the statistics are "looked at in their entirety," the average number of alcohol-related accidents is roughly the same as the average for all ages.

Proponents of legislation argue that lowering the drinking age to 18 may have increased school disciplinary problems.

But Magnus claims that alcohol reaching minors in schools and causing disciplinary problems is the fault of school administra-

tors and store owners. "The real problem here is enforcement," he said. "I think school administrators could do a better job enforcing the laws."

"A lot of negative reporting is done about young people," Magnus said. The way young people are portrayed helps to make this an emotional issue, he added.

People are easily caught up in this sea of emotionalism, Magnus said. He agreed that the number of young people involved in alcohol-related accidents is upsetting, but doubted whether raising the drinking age would solve the problem.

Magnus said that schools could do more to educate students on the possible dangers of alcohol. "Something must be done," Magnus said. "But raising the drinking age is an ineffective solution."

Judiciary hearing on RHA tax rescheduled because of illness

The All-University Student Judiciary hearing on the Residence Halls Association's right to tax, originally scheduled last Sunday night, has been postponed until 7 p.m. this Sunday, in room 4 Student Services Bldg.

RHA president Robert Vatter said the organization requested a postponement because two RHA people working on the case were sick last week and could not prepare material to present at the hearing.

Vatter also announced he has lifted the freeze on RHA tax funds. He added the judiciary said it will not require RHA to

refund any tax funds if they lose the appeal. Vatter said he originally froze the tax funds in the event that RHA would have to refund the tax money if they lose the appeal.

Beal Living Co-op, which filed the case, had asked AUSJ to impound the RHA tax funds, but the judiciary refused.

At this week's RHA meeting Wednesday, Vatter said he will introduce amendments to the constitution which will spell out specifically what the RHA president may do with his or her power.

Bruce Guthrie, a Wonders Hall resident, questioned Vatter's right to appoint a

vice-president, which he did at last week's meeting, since he said there is no provision in the constitution for such action. However, Vatter said, the constitution states the president has the powers of the position listed in Robert's Rules of Order.

The amendments to be introduced Wednesday night will spell out some of the powers listed in Robert's Rules of Order, Vatter added.

This week's meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday in the West Holden Hall Lounge, and is open to all students.

Milliken's message an opening political shot

This is an election year, which means that the initiatives taken by our state representatives will be geared to maximizing their own political fortunes. Nothing more dramatically illustrates this fact than Gov. William G. Milliken's State of the State Address, delivered last week before a joint session of the State House and Senate.



Milliken

Milliken coyly skirted the question of whether or not he would seek re-election as governor, but the tone and substance of his message left little room for doubt that Milliken is, at the very least, keeping his options open. House Speaker Bobby Crim perhaps summarized it best, calling the address "smooth and just the kind of speech I would give if I was an incumbent running for re-election."

The centerpiece of Milliken's speech was a call for tax relief worth \$85 million. The governor also suggested property tax relief for senior citizens and handicappers. The thrust of his message was basically liberal, the kind of tone one strives for when seeking elective office in a basically liberal state.

Nevertheless, there is some question about the validity of Milliken's tax cut proposals. The cut, on an individual basis, would be very small. Democrats suggest that the main reasons for the proposals are political and symbolic, not substantive.

In addition, there is some

A needed holiday

Sunday was Martin Luther King's birthday. He would have been 48. There is little need to itemize the acts of goodness the late Dr. King performed in a life cut short by the violence of our society.

His life was dedicated to peace and he fought for peace with — to use Dr. King's own expression — a "sword that heals." He helped liberate us all from the straightjacket of prejudice.

Monday was officially observed in Michigan as Martin Luther King Day, and many people were given the day off from their jobs so that they might honor Dr. King with private remembrances.

But while many businesses were closed, employees of the state were required to work. The business of government continued.

It seems a shame that the state could not observe its own official holiday because of salary conflicts which the legislature still hasn't resolved. In a concurrent House and Senate resolution, the Civil Service Commission interpreted Monday off as, in effect, a pay increase since salaries had previously been budgeted without regard for Martin Luther King Day.

Next year, however, these conflicts should be resolved and state employees will have the opportunity to honor Dr. King that they have for other men of similar stature on their days.

Martin Luther King earned the special place in history that Monday assures. But certainly he deserves to be celebrated with the same quiet vigor we give other men.

question about the reliability of a report, issued by state Budget Director Gerald Miller, that the state has a \$68.4 million surplus for the 1976-77 fiscal year. News of the surplus came just a month after Miller predicted a deficit.

Several Democrats, including Crim, have questioned Miller's figures. The political wars of 1978, it appears, are already heating up.

To be sure, Michigan's economic conditions are a major — some would suggest the most important — aspect of any political year. Nevertheless, there are other issues worthy of consideration as the various campaigns materialize.

In Milliken's case, voters should not forget that the governor was inexcusably lax in pursuing solutions to the PBB fiasco which continues to plague Michigan.

Voters should not forget that Milliken was tardy in making clear to the federal government his state's opposition to Seafarer.

Voters should not forget that Milliken appoints representatives to the Public Service Commission, which, in the past, has demonstrated a distressing lack of concern for the plight of the less fortunate by approving unjustified rate hikes for public utilities.

Voters should not forget that Milliken took a painfully long time to support a ban on double-bottom tankers, which have caused accidents claiming several lives.

Milliken's record is not uniformly negative by any means. He is a moderate in political philosophy and has supported several progressive initiatives. He has pushed for badly-needed land-use legislation, which would define and limit the extent to which private corporations can encroach on the state's precious, dwindling natural resources. The foremost obstacle to the land-use bill has been a democrat, Joe Mack of Ironwood.

If Milliken does seek re-election — as now seems likely — his stance on the issues should be carefully scrutinized as they relate to his previous record. The same holds true for state senators and representatives. The past, as they say, is prologue.



JIM SMITH

Anyone can do the job

Imagine someone's surprise as they read down the classified ads of their newspaper and come across a want-ad for a university president.

"Painter, paperboy, personnel officer, plumber, president . . ." "President, Michigan State University," the ad reads on "is seeking an outstanding individual."

Who wouldn't consider themselves outstanding? "A broadly-based search and selection committee is being formed to consider nominations and applications." Broadly-based. Sounds like the Statue of Liberty or a bunch of fat people.

The ad says the person chosen will be responsible to eight elected bosses whose meetings he or she will preside over. The president can talk, but not vote.

Qualifications sought include "distinguished academic credentials." Most people have a 2.5 or better grade point average, so many will read on.

"Demonstrated ability to administer a complex organization," is another attribute sought. Anyone who found their way through winter registration comes pretty close to that.

"An understanding of, and commitment to, the participation of faculty and students in academic governance." Might as well throw in motherhood, apple pie and the American flag for good measure.

"A dedication to equal opportunity." No problem here either.

"An ability to articulate the mission and needs of the University to the governor, legislature, campus constituencies, alumni and the people of a unique agricultural-industrial state," the ad

continues.

That last one probably eliminated a few. Still, a lot of people can stand on one foot, hop and rub their head and stomachs at the same time.

Lastly, you must have a "devotion (oh, pray for arts and letters) to academic excellence and the land-grant philosophy."

A description of the various roles of MSU; instruction, research and public service follows the qualifications.

MSU "has an enrollment of 44,200 students and a faculty of 3,400." Big deal. That just makes it hard to find a parking place.

Anyway, they give the president a house on campus so who needs a parking place?

The ad does not mention that the marching band practices outside your bedroom window during football season, however.

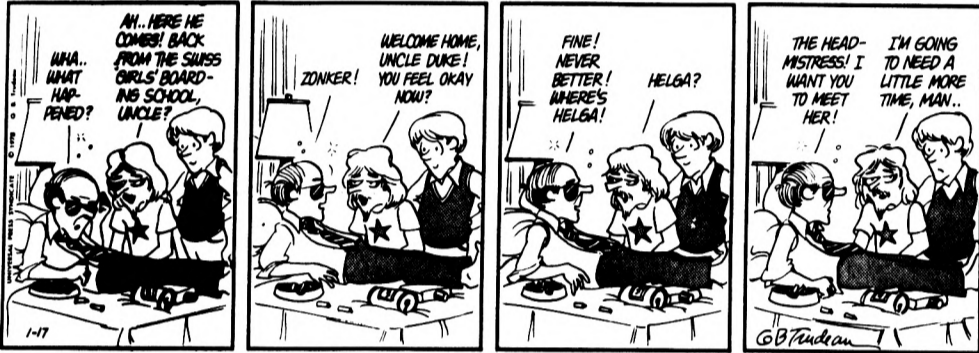
You'd better hurry, though, because deadlines for applications and resumes, or, as the ad says, "curricula vitae" (apparently Latin is also a prerequisite for the job) is Feb. 17, 1978.

No salary figures were mentioned, but since the federal minimum wage increased Jan. 1, applicants can count on at least \$2.65 an hour.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees in the MSU Administration Building.

The ad is scheduled to appear in the Jan. 9 and 16 editions of the Chronicle for Higher Education and the New York Times of Jan. 15.

DOONESBURY



An open letter: torture at Petak-Tikva

By BASIM ESMAIL

It is very unfortunate and sad that Sami Esmail, a graduate assistant in electrical engineering at MSU cannot be teaching his students and working towards his masters and doctorate degrees.

Sami was informed by phone in early December that his father, who is dying, would like him to return to the West Bank to spend whatever time he could with him. He said that he would return as soon as he took his exams and took care of his students' grading. Sami left East Lansing Dec. 20, 1977 heading for home. He was scheduled to arrive home Dec. 21. However, he did not arrive. We thought maybe he missed the plane. He did not arrive on Dec. 22 or Dec. 23.

We decided to report him missing to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, which was able to find out that Sami was arrested upon arrival at Ben Gurion airport on Dec. 21, 1977. When I asked them why, they informed me that the Israeli authorities suspected him of being a member of an illegal organization and possibly here on some kind of a mission.

I informed the embassy that these charges were totally untrue and that Sami was a graduate assistant at Michigan State University on a mission to see his dying father, and they could come and see for themselves. I asked them on behalf of my family, to intervene and request that the Israeli authorities release Sami, an American born citizen, who was being held on unfounded charges. They refused the embassy's request. The embassy was allowed to visit Sami on Christmas day, four days after his arrest.

However, no member of the family was able to go along. They informed the family that his hair was pulled repeatedly and he had been punched several times during his interrogation. We were also notified by the embassy that he requested that we ask Felicia Langer, a very well known Israeli, Jewish lawyer to represent him. We asked her and she accepted willingly.

She was shocked to hear of the unfounded charges the Israeli government was trying to frame him with for having come nearly 10,000 miles to say good bye to a dying father. She wanted to see Sami immediately to inform him of his rights, but the Israeli authorities kept saying it was impossible and that they were still interrogating him. I informed Felicia that I thought this was ridiculous and that back in the United States, upon being arrested you are informed of your right to remain silent and have a lawyer represent you.

She informed me that in the so-called "democratic" Israel they try to make a person self-incriminate himself and sign statements — under physical, mental, and moral torture — that they later use against the person in court. It was clear that Felicia and I would probably never see Sami until they could get him to forcibly sign some

kind of statement incriminating himself of things he had never done.

It is no secret to the Israelis that Sami is intelligent. The electrical engineering professors could confirm this and so will his grade point average, which I am sure is over 3.80. Sami has been a very effective campaigner in the United States for the Palestinians' human, civil, and legitimate rights, utilizing his right of freedom of speech. The Israeli government has used his trip to try and frame him as a member of an illegal organization, here on some kind of terrorist mission and put him in an Israeli cell where he can no longer be an effective campaigner for Palestinian human and civil rights.

After seven days of Sami's detention, Mrs. Felicia Langer, his attorney, and

myself (Sami's brother) were able to arrange to visit him in prison. I could hardly recognize that he was my brother when they finally brought him in the presence of a guard. He was in very bad health. He had been on a hunger strike protesting his arrest. He informed us that his hair had been pulled repeatedly and that he had been punched several times by his interrogators.

Whenever his interrogators asked him why he came to Israel he would tell them to see his dying father, and they would spit in his face and tell him "your dying father isn't worth 10 cents and you came for other reasons." They asked him this question and a few others over and over again for seven days and nights and he kept giving them the same answer. At no point did he get any more than two consecutive hours of sleep.

Sami was questioned by three different

Letters

Drops-adds system held aggravating

I write this letter for the student who suffered through drops and adds in the past. It is possible for improvement in the future? One would think that the administrators are deliberately making it aggravating for the students. I want to thank the Natural Science department for its role in the improvement to the drop and add system. The Natural Science Department is using a computer to handle your drops and adds. No longer do you need to be around campus to complete a card. In less than a minute, you can drop and add. On Monday when it was extremely hot, it made it very convenient to only have to stop in one place rather than five. In the University planning on extending the program? It makes life much easier for the students. It may even save the University money on processing cost. Can this be the system of the future? I hope so. The system we have now has to be the worst.

Neal W.

Immature people

This letter is addressed to the immature "children" who decided to play mechanic with my car. The night classes began you didn't have anything to which to occupy your little minds, so you took my engine apart and scattered the pieces around X lot. It saddens me to see that a university the caliber of MSU has such immature people among its ranks. I would like to thank the DPS officer who helped me look for the missing parts.

Barbara J. P.

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My time is valuable to me and I spend a great deal of it searching for and putting them back into my car. I had to purchase replacements for the ones I couldn't find in the snow. It's a poor way to start off a new term. I hope that next time you try an auto shop class when you like playing. The prank was not funny.

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groups of interrogators on a 24 hour basis. The very little time he was not interrogated he was thrown in a dungeon. During interrogation he was forced to carry heavy chairs while they were spitting in his face. At certain times he was forced to be naked and threatened with permanent bodily damage if he did not make confessions. In an attempt to self-incriminate his interrogators told him each and every one of his family, including his dying father, would be tortured if he didn't make confessions.

Sami was treated so terribly that he contemplated committing suicide during the period. Sami had become very weak. He told him unless he confessed they would let him spend the rest of his life in the dungeon and no one would ever hear of him. Sami finally signed a confession in Hebrew, the language of which he does not know a single word of. When Mrs. Langer asked Sami what he signed, he said he didn't know and when she asked him why, he just said he couldn't take the physical, mental, and moral torture any longer.

We have tried to publish this case but we have had no success due to the Israeli censorship of the press. Felicia Langer asked for Dr. Israel Shalom, Chairman of the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights, to meet her and myself at her office today (Jan. 1, 1978). We informed him of this inhumane treatment of Sami. He was shocked that the Israeli authorities would do this to an American citizen, but Felicia and I informed me that they know many cases where worse has been done to Palestinians. They both admitted that there is no justice in Israeli courts and human civil rights are not respected in Israeli prisons.

They informed me that the best way to get Sami out of prison and keep him from being framed is to leak this news to the American public, starting with the State News. Sami asked me to notify his professors, students, and friends at MSU what is happening to him. Sami was here just for his Christmas vacation to see his dying father and that is all. Sami was planning on returning to MSU for winter term to continue both his education and teaching.

I am asking the entire MSU community to intervene by putting pressure on President Carter and the U.S. government to keep one of their students from being tortured further in his Israeli prison at Petak-Tikva, and to demand his immediate release before they can frame him with false charges. I hope one day MSU can be known not only for giving its students one of the best educations in the nation, but for protecting their human and civil rights wherever they may be.

Basim Esmail is the brother of Sami. He graduated with a B.S. in medical technology in 1974 and received his M.B.A. in 1977.

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Letters

Two views on Furbush

Furbush pro

Over the past week, we have been following the Residence Program office arbitration proceedings in the case of John Furbush, who was suspended as a resident assistant because he smoked marijuana in his room. Suddenly, this incident has turned into a university-wide issue based on the idea that Furbush smoked marijuana, he is an advent purchaser and contributor to drug traffic and the performer of a crime.

It's realistic: marijuana smoking is prevalent on campus in East Lansing, in Michigan and throughout the country. Why should so many new students be spent investigating the future? I hope so. Marijuana users? They do cause violence, infringe our safety or freedom, or anyone a victim other than themselves.

However, the University administration and residence hall management has made it policy to sniff out grass initory hallways and stairwells.

Pot smoking a serious crime to warrant the attention it's getting over rape, assault and robbery? According to Sunday's Parade magazine, marijuana is rated number one in the latest survey of campus life. Why is the University's

time and money spent on sniffing out pot or prosecuting RA's who smoke, when we need protection on the walkways of this campus? Where do the University's priorities lie?

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Furbush con

This letter is in response to the current hearing concerning John Furbush and the great "RA Smokes Pot" scandal! Please fellow students, take another look. The local media, plus many students and faculty, seem to be making this a marijuana issue. I see it as a simple breach of contract, and here's why:

Three years ago, I was hired as a resident assistant in Abbot Hall. Before I accepted the job, I signed a contract with the University detailing its expectations of me. I am informed that this contract is still in use across the board on campus, and it still contains the stipulation that an RA will comply with all State laws, even that law making pot use anywhere on campus a no-no. I was also told that if I were caught not living up to these expectations,

I risked being fired. John Furbush signed the same contract, and by telling his Graduate Advisor that he had used pot in his room, he officially breached that contract. His supporters say that since he wasn't "caught," but volunteered the information, he should not have been fired. Then they drag the right or wrong of pot use into the issue.

I say face the real world! Picture a drugstore clerk grabbing 20 dollars out of the till, getting away with it, then telling his boss about it a week later. I'll let you finish the story. If Furbush didn't want to live up to his superior's expectations, he didn't have to take the job. No one forced him. He took his chance and lost.

As an RA, I may have violated "U" policy at times, but if I did I chose to tell no one. Had I been caught in a violation, I couldn't have argued, because I understood the risk I took. Decriminalizing pot use is, I guess, a fine idea, but let's not use one man's experience in the basic employer-employee relationship as a vehicle.

If you feel it's wrong that students can't legally smoke in their rooms, fine! Work to change the state and federal laws. Just let John Furbush take care of himself; he's a big boy now.

Lee Peters
Apt. 11 Riverside West
East Lansing

Public abortion funding hit

Since arriving at MSU last fall, I have enjoyed the editorial positions taken by the State News immensely. They show an admirable concern for social justice, for the needs of the poor and oppressed. Your recent support for the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Bill, which has been endorsed by President Carter, whom I proudly campaigned for last fall, gave me particular satisfaction.

However, I feel your support for public funding of poor women's abortions is terribly misguided. I do not believe it helps the cause of social justice by favoring abortion.

I stand firmly behind President Carter, HEW Secretary Joseph Califano and the members of the House of Representatives in their refusal to compromise with the pro-abortion Senate.

Abortion is, after all, the taking of an innocent human life, the life of the unborn child. What about the human rights of the unborn child? Anyone with even the simplest understanding of biology and the growth of the fetus will tell you that a fetus is a human life. The unborn child has a heart, a brain, legs, arms, all the characteristics of life at a very early stage in fetal development. Those who favor abortion conveniently ignore these facts when delivering their arguments to the public.

President Carter is right when he opposes public funding for abortion. He knows that the Supreme Court has ruled that a woman has a right to an abortion, a right to murder her own child! As president, Carter

alone can't stop abortion.

Those of us who value human life at all stages of its development were angry enough with the Supreme Court for legalizing abortion in the first place. But to take the position, as the State News does, that there should be public funding of abortion is enough to invite civil disobedience. Should people who are opposed to abortion be forced to pay, with their tax dollars, for the destruction of innocent human life? What about our rights?

I have nothing but deep concern for the problems of the poor. But never will I go so far as to favor free abortions (free murder for the poor), just because the rich can afford abortions. If I had my way, abortion would not be available to the rich, either. It is immoral, disgusting and plain killing.

Those of you who really are concerned with the poor should work on their real problems such as unemployment, lack of proper food, housing and oppression. There are millions of

poor women across the land who would be insulted to see abortion identified with their "rights."

Adoption, increased benefits for ADC, counseling centers, and respect for woman who choose to keep their children born out of wedlock rather than aborting them are all needed for the unfortunate woman who finds herself pregnant with a child she doesn't want or can't afford to support. But to abortion I say, NEVER!

Paul Wilk
319 Williams Hall

"pop rock prima-donnas" or having the unmitigated and unprofessional nerve to insinuate one of the members has a drug problem, is something that I personally have come to expect from Bill Holdship. Earlier this school year I wrote a rather hot-tempered letter to the State News in regards to Mr. Holdship's review of the Dan Fogelberg concert. In that review, Dan Fogelberg was on the receiving end of many similar allegations, which, in my opinion, were not

only unjustified, they were unfair.

A university the size of ours certainly deserves to have an informative and professional newspaper and staff. Although in my own mind I believe we have a fairly well-written and informative paper, the mere presence of a "journalist" — and I use the term ever so lightly — as Bill Holdship takes away much of the professionalism that we are entitled to. Bill Templeton
East Lansing

Bad review

I'm sure there are many MSU students who are just itching to echo the criticism Marshall Tucker Band member Jerry Eubanks directed at State News concert reviewer Bill Holdship and his treatment of concerts.

The excerpts from the review which Mr. Holdship sent to the Marshall Tucker Band, and the comments which appeared, did not startle or surprise me in the least. Calling the band members

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'Choirboys' unholy mess

By BYRON BAKER
State News Reviewer

There is a case to be made for the Robert Aldrich film of James Wambaugh's novel *The Choirboys* — however, I'm not sure it's care to be the one to make it.

Let's face it: *The Choirboys* is a sordid and repugnant film. It portrays police as barely articulate animals who prefer brutality to reason and violence to thought.

The picture is not simply distasteful, either: it looks and feels like a jury-rigged B movie shot off the cuff in a low-rent studio. Nothing about the production — save, perhaps, its large cast — would tend to indicate its \$6 million cost and months of production.

It is fairly well-known that author Wambaugh (who was the unhappy with the 1972 film version of his *The New Centurions*) has successfully sued to remove his name from the screenplay credits of the film, charging Aldrich and another scenarist (Christopher Knopf) had substantially altered and vulgarized his screenplay. Reportedly, Wambaugh is suing for further damages.

It is largely true, as Wambaugh has charged, that Aldrich and company have turned his novel into a kind of grotesque and varied variations on Warner Bros. cartoon characters than people. However, regardless of Wambaugh's legitimate cavil, Aldrich's treatment of the subject and characters is more or less consistent with the remarkable personal vision and philosophy expressed by the director in over twenty years of filmmaking.

From his *Apache*, *Kiss Me Deadly*, *Attack!*, *The Dirty Dozen*, *The Grissom Gang*, *Emperor of the North Pole*, *The Longest Day*, and *Hustle* to last year's *Twilight's Last Gleaming*, there can be discerned a distinct thematic line. In Aldrich's canon, there is a continuous depiction of man's struggle against the fatalism of his environment. A striving toward some kind of redemption, toward regaining some shards of self-esteem or grace. Accordingly, many of Aldrich's protagonists have hit bottom in some practical or emotional way: the commander in *Attack!*, Lee Marvin (and the convicts) in *The Dirty Dozen*, Scott Wilson's psychopathic killer in *The Grissom Gang* and Burt Lancaster's desperate ex-General in *Twilight's Last Gleaming* are only several examples which come to mind.

And the cops in *The Choirboys*. Wambaugh's characters were pathetic lot — rife with sociological and psychological ailments because, the author asserted, they were cops. Aldrich has given the same characters in an extremely different perspective. Right, so they're cops — he seems to ask — if they're so miserable about being cops, why don't they quit? As he said in an interview earlier this year, "I don't know how to feel sorry for a cop. He's a volunteer force. You're not drafted to become a cop."

The main problem with Aldrich's thesis is that it tends to render the picture ludicrous. Wambaugh conceived *The Choirboys* as an acid yet sympathetic portrait of sick cops; though Aldrich sympathetic toward some of the characters, his treatment of the story lacks sufficient emotional rationale. The film emerges as a repulsive freak show about sick cops. Some good actors — Charles Durning, Louis Gossett Jr., Perry King — are lost in the maelstrom. The Universal release is at the Meridian Eight Theatre.

'La Boheme' excellent

By ANA BISHOP
State News Reviewer

Sunday's production of Puccini's *La Boheme* at the MSU Auditorium was rich. It had everything: beautifully elaborate sets, excellent voices, persuasive acting, compelling music. It was both exuberant and poignant. The Opera Guild of Greater Lansing and the MSU Music Department must be commended for bringing such quality to the campus.

La Boheme has a slim plot. It is simply about love between a dying woman and a poverty-stricken poet, the disagreements they have, and the woman's death in her lover's arms.

But Puccini adds his music to the uncomplicated story, and that makes all the difference. The music is sometimes frivolous, sometimes sorrowful. It can be so sorrowful that Puccini himself cried as he wrote the last scene of *La Boheme* . . . so

did much of the audience Sunday night.

The voices of the principal singers were exquisite, and their acting was amazingly natural for the slowed-down reactions demanded by most operas. It is difficult to pair good voices with good actors, but this production managed to do it.

Jacques Trussel and Kathryn Bouleyn as the lovers, Rodolfo and Mimi, were gentle yet passionate. From the first caress of their voices in Act I, the audience was gathered into the lovers' embrace, enjoying the warmth of the music of Puccini.

The only thing Trussel lacked was volume. His rich voice was often lost in the rising fanfare of the orchestra. A hall with better acoustics than the MSU auditorium would have helped (O where is the promised Performing Arts Center?). When Trussel sang duets or in chorus, his voice was barely

audible, especially if the duet was with Bouleyn and her powerful voice.

Despite this weakness, Trussel is excellent as an actor and singer. So are the rest of the cast.

The lead male singers established and maintained a camaraderie that withstood both jostling and sorrow. Rodolfo (Trussel), Marcello (Charles Long), Colline (Serge J. Kopcak), and Schaunard (James Javore) could as easily parody a dance troupe as sell their only possessions to buy medicine for Mimi.

Long, as Marcello, and Sherry Zannoth as Musetta provided fitting contrasts to Mimi and Rodolfo. They were frolicky and peppy, whereas the other

two lovers were subdued, quiet. Zannoth overpowered the stage with her presence and melodious voice.

The sets were perfect. The bigger-than-life representations of rooms, street scenes and courtyards added to the pathetic sadness of insignificant beings living out a tragedy onstage. When the curtain opened on a blue-lit courtyard in Act III, the audience gasped at the sheer beauty of it.

Dennis Burk, music director and conductor, and Cynthia Auerbach, stage director, worked together with an excellent cast to put on one of the most polished productions I have seen in the Lansing area. It is a delight to see professionals at work.

Remembering Vietnam

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Last month, ABC aired a study of Vietnam vets called *The Class That Went to War*. Tonight, CBS does likewise with *Charlie Company at Home: The Vietnam Veteran*.

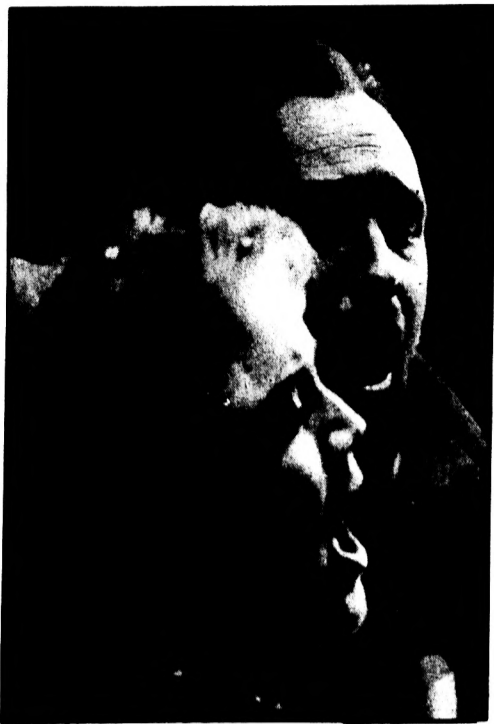
The CBS effort, reported by Bruce Morton, deserves a look. It's a fine program, with no maze of statistics, no crush of government mutterings to reduce human experience to vague abstractions.

What it does, for most of the hour, is just hear out eight ex-members of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, Vietnam class of '70, on how the war affected them and how they're getting along now. Their rifle company made headlines when, while CBS' John Laurence was with it, one squad refused the order of a new company commander to move up a certain trail. The old hands felt it invited instant ambush.

When televised nationally,

the refusal — coming at a time the United States was gradually pulling out the war — caused a major flap in military circles and provided fresh fuel for those protesting the war. *Charlie Company* only briefly relives that moment, concentrating instead on well-edited looks at the GIs then and now to illustrate how fate, the government and time have treated them.

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The star-crossed lovers Mimi and Rodolfo anticipate their tragic fate in this duet from *La Boheme*.



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The State Councillor (Carl Saloga) and Musetta (Sherry Zannoth) along with the lovers (right couple) Mimi (Kathryn Bouleyn) and Rodolfo

(Jacque Trussel) socialize at a Parisian cafe in Act II of the Lansing Opera Guild's production of *La Boheme* at the MSU auditorium last weekend.

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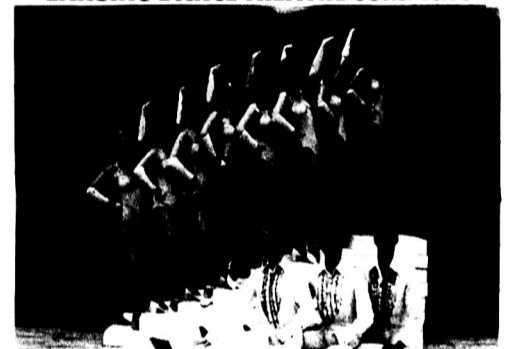
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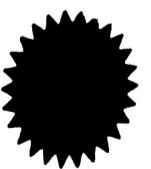
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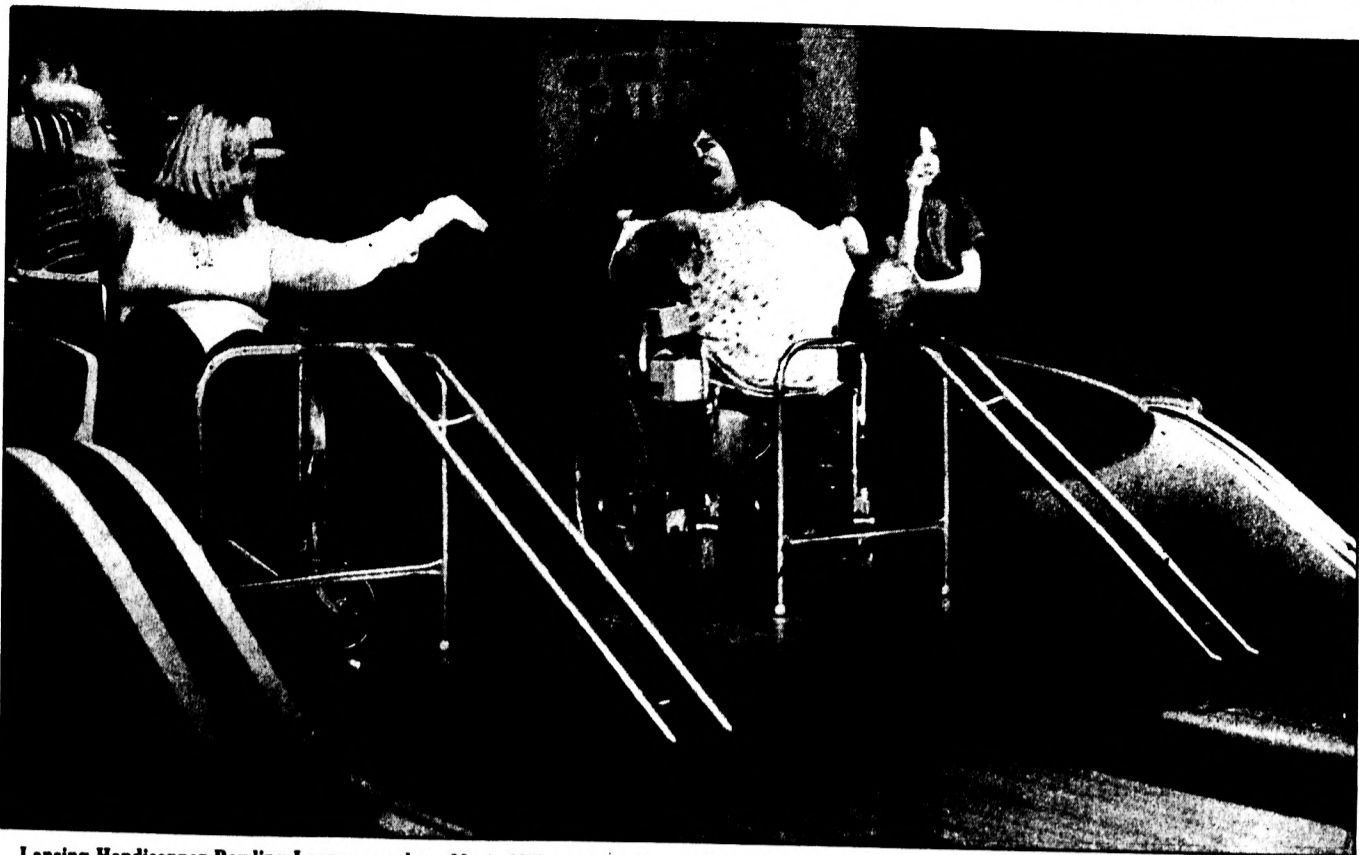
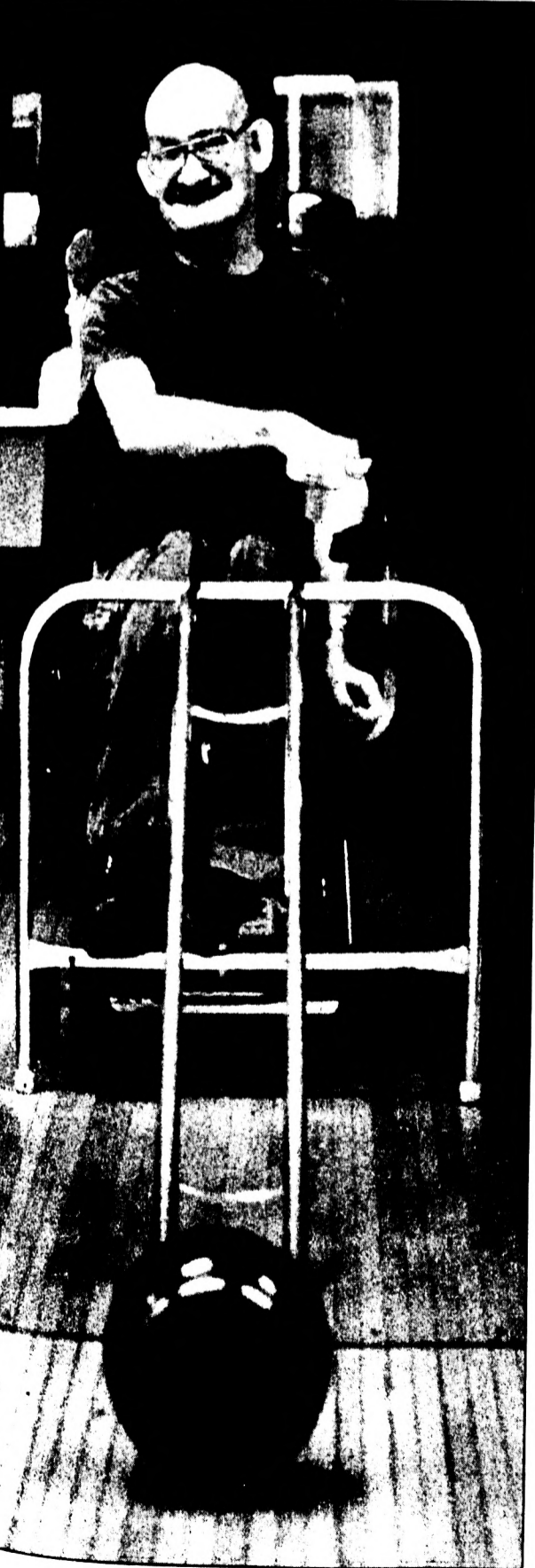
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75-year-old Bill Anger uses a metal ramp to guide his throw. Now retired, Anger says of himself: "You're only as old as you feel and I don't feel as old as I am."



Lansing Handicapper Bowling League members Marie Miller (left) and Carol Borst enjoy a Saturday afternoon at Timber Lanes of Lansing. The outing is a regular part of a program for handicappers sponsored by the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department.

Smiles... and the crash of pins

"If you wipe out, you try it again. And if you wipe out again, you try one more time. And if you still wipe out, well, you just have to adapt things to the way you can handle it and participate." That's Mark Titsworth's philosophy.

Who is Mark Titsworth? He's an electrical assembly worker at Hammond Manufacturing Company. And he has cerebral palsy, but that doesn't matter, because Titsworth says he believes people are only as handicapped as they let themselves be.

That is also the basic philosophy of the people who run the handicapper programs for the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department. Titsworth is a member of the program's handicapper bowling league.

Jerry Romer, program leader for the handicapper bowling league, said he cannot even recall exactly what disabilities all the league members have.

"Some are paraplegics, others have spinabifida (a spinal disease), epilepsy, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy... I really don't know what all of them have," Romer, an MSU major in therapeutic recreation, said.

"It really doesn't matter. It's no big deal at all."
The big deal, on Saturday afternoons at Timber Lanes in Lansing, is bowling, complete with cheers, moans, smiles and the crash of pins.

The setup is a bit unusual. Ramps are set up so the wheelchair users can get to their lanes. For bowlers unable to hold the ball steady enough to aim, there is a simple metal ramp on which they roll the ball down to the lane.

"One of our philosophies is to keep the equipment as simple as possible to let the person do as much on their own as possible," explained Judy Hoffman, supervisor of recreation programs for the handicapped.

Overseeing the bowling are two people from the parks and recreation department and volunteers, who are usually MSU students in therapeutic recreation or special education.

There is just one big requirement for the volunteers, Romer said.

"We don't want people volunteering because they feel sorry for them," he said.

The bowlers certainly do not express self-pity.

"Once in a while I get frustrated because I know I can do better at bowling," said Jane Spitzley, who wants to become a social worker or a teacher's aide. "But everybody feels like that. You don't have to be handicapped."

"Oh, I love it, I just love it," Bill Anger said, with a big smile. "I love doing things. You're only as old as you feel and I don't feel as old as I am."

Anger, who is 50, is also involved in one of the other activities the parks and recreation department sponsors: woodworking. He said he made speaker cabinets to pipe out the

music of his favorite country-western singer, Eddie Arnold.

Other activities included in the program are swimming, wheelchair sports, ceramics, skiing and special events. Handicappers are sometimes taken to shopping malls and other places they might not be able to go to on their own. One of the objectives of the program is to let handicappers know what options they have for recreation and what places are accessible to them, Romer said.

"A few years ago I wouldn't have done this," Titsworth said. "Now I feel I can go anywhere. They've taught me to go out and do things."

"I just had no desire to even bowl because I figured I couldn't do anything," said Joe Schmitt, a credit manager for Suits News Co. "I never swam. Now I'm swimming."

Besides the physical benefits of the recreation programs, the bowlers say they enjoy social benefits as well.

"It's made a drastic change in my attitudes about the public," Titsworth said. "By meeting volunteers at these programs, I've gotten more involved with the general public."

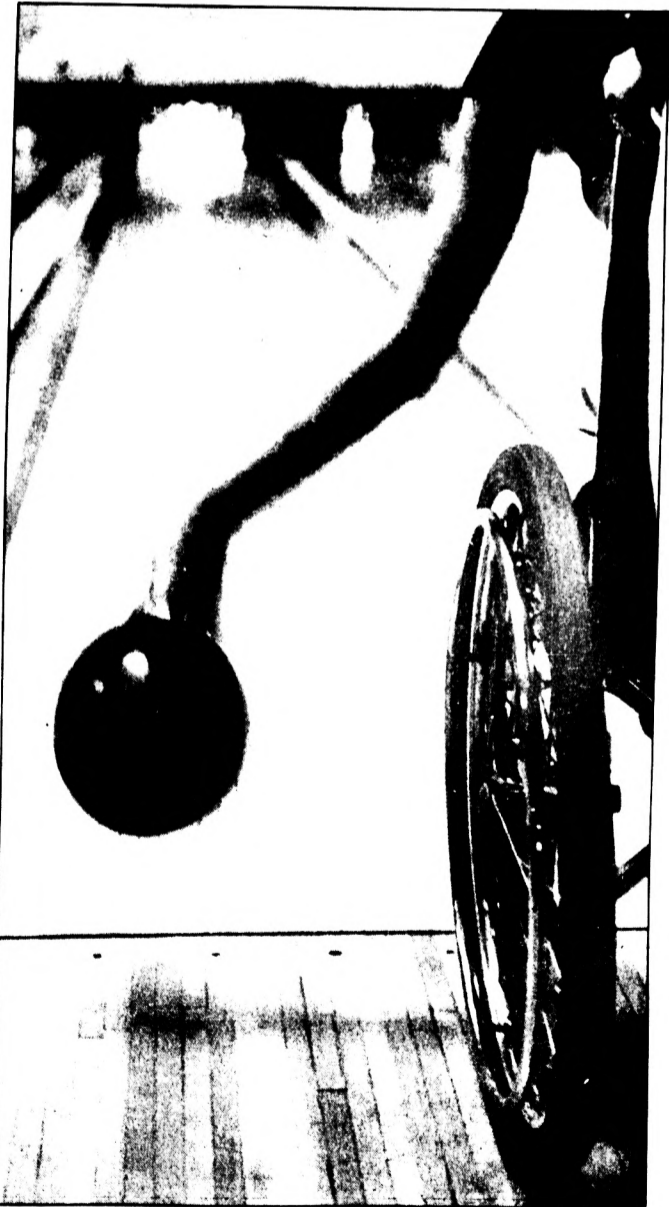
"When I was in high school, I was the only physically handicapped person there," said Carol Borst. "In a small community, they don't have the physically handicapped in mind. This has made me have a broader perspective on what handicapped people are about to do. We're out to change the general public attitude that we are homebody people. We're not homebody people."

Everyone at the bowling alley seemed to agree with this philosophy. But for a while, philosophies didn't seem to matter much — all concentration was on the game.

"I've had three strikes today on top of two spares," Borst said. "I do believe this is the biggest score I've done."

It was. And it was the highest score of the day: 148. The lowest score was 29. But both scores seemed reason to celebrate, because everyone had an excellent time.

Program leader Jerry Romer helps Jane Spitzley into position.



Photos by Ira Strickstein
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GYMNAST 'GOES FOR IT'

Lovato nears top form

By JOHN SINGLER
State News Sports Writer



Gymnast Diane Lovato, and teammates, will journey to Mt. Pleasant tonight to meet Central Michigan.

Knee injuries have crushed the strongest of athletes, physically and otherwise.

Diane Lovato's comeback hasn't been a pushover, but it hasn't been all trauma and tears, either.

"This knee thing changed my whole perspective on gymnastics," she said. "I just decided to go for it and I have."

Lovato came to MSU from Pasack Hills High School in Lincroft, N.J., after winning that state's prep all-around championship three times. The ligament damage to her knee, and subsequent surgery, was another interruption in what has been an on-again, off-again collegiate career.

Lovato enrolled for her first, and last semester at the University of Massachusetts in 1974.

"I just wasn't happy with school. Then I realized that I missed gymnastics terribly and so I came here. I taught (during the layoff) but didn't work out that much and it was hard to get back in shape."

Why MSU?

"Mike (Kasavana, Spartan head coach) is an excellent coach and he's the reason I came to MSU," Lovato said. In her brief stint at U-Mass, Lovato had benefitted from Kasavana's instruction. He preceded Lovato's trek to East Lansing by one year.

Lovato's high school record is all the more noteworthy when you realize she didn't seriously pursue the sport until her freshman year.

"I fooled around with gymnastics in grammar school but never competed until high school," she said. Lovato's high school coach, Joan Beyea, gets credit for building her skills and YMCA coach Eli Snyder must have helped. Lovato was voted "YMCA Athlete of the Year" one season and entered MSU as a "most promising all-around performer" whose skills are "very consistent."

"I don't really have a favorite event. I'm better on beam and I'm gonna get better on the uneven parallel bars and in vaulting," she said. "On floor, I'm a little bit behind what I was last year."

The addition of assistant coach Jodi Hitt Brandon has helped.

"Jodi is an excellent dance instructor and that will improve our scores. It makes you feel good when your dance is good," Lovato added.

Being sidelined and walking with crutches for nearly two months set Lovato to thinking about how much she really wanted to improve herself once back in the gym.

"I thought about doing better this year and I have," she said. "I just want my confidence back and it's getting there. Coming back from an injury like mine, it's hard to realize, mentally, that you have the strength back. At first, it was difficult for me to realize that it was okay."

From a front-line all-arounder last year, Lovato has tumbled out of the all-around rotation, partly due to the blue-chip group of freshmen brought in by Kasavana.

"As time goes on, and I get stronger, I realize that I'll be back in there if I work hard," she said. "I really want to reach my potential in gymnastics, to know that I'm working as hard as I can."

Tonight's meet at Central Michigan offers Kasavana a chance to experiment against the weaker Chippewas. Lovato may see duty as an all-arounder since freshman Lori Boes in on the mend from muscle spasms in her back.

The assemblage of talent on this year's team has the Spartans currently ranked 10th nationally. Many polls and coaches have them pegged for one of the top five spots by season's end in April.

Should the Spartans finish as one of the top two teams in the nation, Lovato's work load wouldn't be altered at all.

"It would be good and it would make me work that much harder," she said.

How top 20 UPI poll fared

NEW YORK (UPI) — How the UPI top 20 college basketball teams fared the week of Jan. 9-14th. Eight of the top 20 teams were defeated and four of the top 10 teams lost.

1. Kentucky, 12-0, defeated Auburn 101-77; defeated LSU 96-76.
2. North Carolina, 12-2, lost to Duke 92-84.
3. Arkansas, 14-1, defeated UM-St. Louis 87-65; defeated Rice 69-60; lost to Texas 75-69.
4. Marquette 11-1 defeated Missouri 70-52; defeated St. Louis 56-54.
5. UCLA, 13-1, defeated Oregon 90-72; defeated Oregon St. 77-60.
6. Notre Dame, 8-3, lost to San Francisco 79-70; defeated St. Bonaventure 79-78.
7. Indiana St., 12-0, defeated Tulsa 78-59; defeated Drake 92-80.
8. Louisville, 10-2, defeated Georgia Tech 90-84.
9. Syracuse, 12-2, defeated Penn St. 83-77; lost to Pittsburgh 86-81.
10. Kansas, 13-2, defeated Oklahoma St. 83-77; defeated Oklahoma St. 83-77; defeated Oklahoma 91-61.
11. Michigan St., 12-1, defeated Illinois 82-70; defeated Northwestern 87-63.
12. Georgetown, 12-2, defeated Navy 56-53; defeated South Carolina 47-43.
13. Indiana, 9-4, lost to Minnesota 75-62; lost to Wisconsin 78-65.
14. Holy Cross, 11-1, defeated Assumption 97-90; defeated St. Peter's 104-65.
15. (tie) Providence, 13-1, defeated St. Joseph's Pa. 76-69; defeated Pennsylvania 67-65.
15. (tie) New Mexico, 11-2, defeated Arizona St. 91-84; defeated Arizona 93-81.
15. (tie) Nebraska, 12-3, lost to Colorado 73-64; lost to Iowa St. 65-59.
18. North Carolina St., 11-2, defeated Maryland 88-82; lost to Virginia 74-68.
19. Cincinnati, 9-4, defeated St. Louis 66-55; lost to Memphis St. 67-63.
20. Texas, 12-2, defeated Houston 100-89; defeated Arkansas 75-69.

IM Notes


In response to the extremely heavy swimming demand placed on the IM swim periods, the Men's IM Building indoor pool will be for a special Early Bird swim beginning Wednesday. The hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Women's

IM Early Bird hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. There is no towel service until 8 a.m.

The deadline for women's IM basketball is noon Wednesday at the Women's IM Building. Turn in entries in room 121.

The deadline for the IM ping-pong tournament is also noon Wednesday in 121 of the Women's IM. The tournament is for men and women and there are singles and doubles tournaments and beginning and advanced tournaments.

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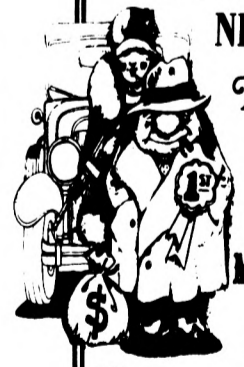
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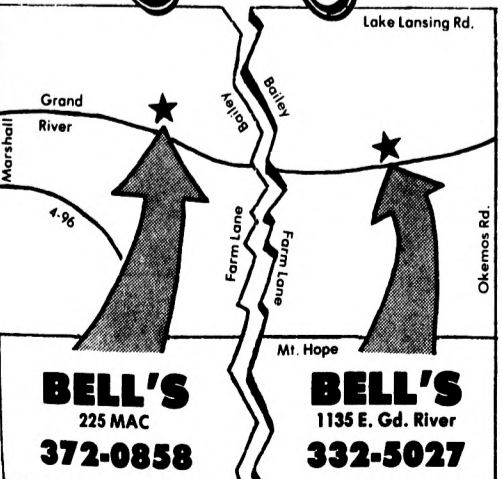
The men's and woman's MSU club skiing teams opened the 1978 season by hosting the Governor's Cup invitational meet at Chrystal Mountain in Thompsonville, last weekend.

The men's team walked away with top honors in the meet and Don MacKenzie took the individual honors by finishing first in both the slalom and giant slalom. The University of Michigan finished second in the meet and Northwestern College of Traverse City finished third.

In the woman's meet, the Spartans were edged out by U-M to finish in second place while Central Michigan finished third.

MSU was led by Debbie Drury, who finished third in the overall individual competition.

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Big Ten cage race will be battle royal

Don't be surprised at what happened in Big Ten basketball last Saturday . . . the same thing is going to happen every week.

Michigan lost, Purdue lost, and many people are treating MSU's squeaker against Northwestern almost as if it were a loss. The three teams at the top of league found tough going on their initial road trip.

The outcome of Saturday's game undoubtedly had a sobering effect on many people at MSU (including myself). Almost getting shocked by the "lowly" Wildcats proves that the Spartans aren't going to have a cakewalk.

With 10 straight wins it may appear on the surface that the Spartans are going to breeze through their schedule. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

Coach Jud Heathcote's team is going to get dialed away their fair share of times before the season is over — and he's the first to admit it.

"It's very tough to go on the road and win two games, no matter who you play," Heathcote said Monday. "I'm sure there will be some clubs who'll sweep a road series, but there won't be many."

There are many reasons for that, the most important of which is fatigue. Playing two games in three days is difficult to cope with physically. Teams will key all week for their Thursday night games, and there will be quite a few letdowns for the Saturday night encounters.

Quite simply, that is going to mean losses on the road — for every team.

Officiating is another reason why every team is going to lose their share of

games. The referees will deny it until the end, but the home team is definitely favored.

Picture an offensive player driving to the basket and a subsequent collision. The question is: charging or blocking? You can't tell me the 11,500 screaming people (which is what the Big Ten teams as a whole are averaging per game) won't affect the call.

The general consensus among the Big Ten coaches has been that a team can lose four games and still win the conference title. It seems to be a fair estimate.

When you look at the talent around the Big Ten it is amazing. Players like Mychal Thompson, Earvin Johnson, Gregory Keler, Ronnie Lester, Walter Jordan, Herb Williams, Dave Baxter . . . Nicknames like Magic, the Black Swan, Windex . . .

Face it, this basketball season is the best thing to happen to the Big Ten in years — and we're lucky to be seeing it.

The rest of the year is going to be a battle royal.

MSUNINGS: One has to wonder how Northwestern coach Tex Winter could have possible won over 300 games in his many different coaching jobs. After Saturday's game he was quoted as saying, "MSU has playground basketball players who don't realized when they travel with the ball." C'mon Tex, wake up.

Greg Lloyd, who was a former prep star for Lansing Eastern, will attend MSU next year. Lloyd started for three years at Eastern and he has played at the University of Arizona. He will have two more years of eligibility at MSU.

Men tankers drop first

By LARRY LILLIS
State News Sports Writer

The MSU men's swimming team lost their first meet of the season to Wisconsin 70-39.

The Spartans traveled to Madison to meet the Badgers, who finished second in the Big Ten last year. The Badgers showed that maybe they are ready to dethrone Big Ten champion Indiana.

Except for the diving events the Badgers completely dominated the meet. Of the 13 events the Badgers captured 10.

The diving team, which has been the strongest part of the Spartan lineup, continued to show that they could compete with anyone in the country. Kevin Chamer led the divers, capturing both the one- and three-meter diving events.

The only other Spartan winner was Dan Warnshuis who won the 200-yard breaststroke. MSU swimming coach Dick Fetters said that Wisconsin had a good team, but he added that his team was a lot better than they looked.

"I don't want to take anything away from Wisconsin, but we did not have a good meet,"

Fetters said. "You see, the Big Ten is dropping into three classes. Indiana is in one class followed by Wisconsin in another class.

"The rest of the Big Ten teams make up third class. MSU is ready to come up into second class. We had a bad meet, though, and beat bad.

"We certainly are not as bad as we looked not looking for any alibis, but there were certain things that hindered us. First of all, we had to travel to Wisconsin by bus the same day we met. When we got there the guys were tired. We didn't even have enough time to check the pool much before the meet started.

"Also during the week we had six or seven guys that were sick. They said they felt all right but they were kind of weak and in a close race they didn't have the stamina to be able to pull out."

In all the Spartans took three first-place finishes, nine second-place finishes and 14 third-place finishes as their record fell to 4-1.

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MAY BAN SUSPECTED CARCINOGENS Further nitrite use questioned

By DEBORAH HEYWOOD
State News Staff Writer
Bacon, sausage and other packaged meat products may be conspicuously absent from grocery shelves this spring, according to two MSU professors.

James F. Price, professor of food science and human nutrition, said a ban could result if nitrites used in curing meat products are found to form carcinogens — cancer-producing substances.

March 17 that bacon does not contain cancer-producing substances after being cooked at high temperatures.

Later deadlines have been set by USDA for proof that other cured and packaged meats are safe either after high-temperature cooking or

after eating. If the meat industry can't prove that nitrites do not react to form carcinogens, packaged and cured meats will just disappear for awhile, Price said. These products couldn't last longer than seven days on the shelf, he added.

"This is quite a complicated issue," said Merkel. "There has been a lot of research done, and while nothing has definitely been proved, two questions are being raised in particular.

"One — does heating bacon to a high temperature form cancer-causing agents and two — does eating meat with nitrites in it combine with acids in the lower bowels to form cancer-

causing agents." Merkel went on to say that even if carcinogens were formed in either process, no one knows what amount of nitrite in meat would constitute a dangerous level.

Nitrites are an important additive in meats, however. Besides being used for curing, they also give meat its characteristic pink 'cured' color and insure against botulism and rancidity during storage.

"So far there is no substitute for nitrite," said Price. Merkel believes that there would be such a public outcry if the meats were banned, that people might be willing to accept nitrites in their food.

"At least 40 percent, and maybe even 60 percent, of all our convenience foods fall into the preserved meat category," Merkel said. "I just don't think people would be willing to give them up."

He also stated that he doesn't think the meat industry would be willing to give up the enormous amount of revenue associated with these products. "It will probably end up being a huge court case," he said, "and could drag on for quite a long time. It's already been maybe seven or eight years since researchers discovered bacon cooked at high temperatures might be suspect."

Platelets found to block vital arteries

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Blood platelets, the cells that rush like heroes to breaks in blood vessels to stem bleeding, are now also viewed as villains, researchers said Monday.

The platelets generate a substance that may be part of the cause of atherosclerosis, which is the buildup of deposits that progressively narrow or block vital arteries.

In many cases, atherosclerosis leads to fatal heart attacks or strokes, which together represent the major cause of death in the United States.

Until recently, the deposits that adhere to blood vessel walls and increasingly restrict blood flow were thought to be simply accumulated globs of a fatty material carried in the bloodstream.

With new research, the story has become more complex. Professor Russell Ross of the University of Washington told a science writers' forum sponsored by the American Heart Association.

It now seems that muscle cells that normally reside in the middle layer of blood vessels and quietly do their job of expanding and contracting the vessels sometimes grow abnormally and multiply. Ross, a pathologist, said the spread of these renegade muscle cells into the innermost layer of the artery provides a framework for the fat deposits to cling to.

The trigger for the muscle cells' abnormal growth, Ross reported, may well be a newly discovered substance secreted by platelets, which always circulate in the blood.

Until now, blood platelets were chiefly known for their role in promoting blood clotting when a person begins to bleed.

"I think evidence is coming out that if we can inhibit platelet function, shut off the secretion of the growth-triggering substance in some way, we can prevent the multiplication of smooth muscle cells" and thus halt atherosclerosis at its origin, Ross said.

Although the origin of atherosclerosis is far from completely understood, Ross gave a possible scenario based on his research:

"The endothelium, a thin protective layer on the inside of blood vessels that is directly exposed to the blood, is damaged in some way. It may be a mechanical injury, such as scraping by a catheter passed into the vessels for a diagnostic test; it may be the relatively powerful rush of blood in a person with high blood pressure; or it may be damage caused by excessively high cholesterol in an overweight person.

"In any case, a patch of endothelium is torn away, exposing the layer of cells underneath. Then the platelets, which ordinarily would be barred by the endothelium, attack the exposed cells and secrete the growth-triggering factor. Thus far, said Ross, the substance has been given the unwieldy name of "platelet-derived growth factor."

"The muscle cells in the artery wall, stimulated by the substance, proliferate and form a lesion that may serve as a foundation for fat buildup. If

the injury is not repeated, the endothelium can grow back and resume its protective role. But if the injury happens over and over again, years of growth in the muscle cells and attachment of fatty substances to it can form a large deposit.

"When such a deposit completely shuts off a vital artery serving the heart or brain, the result can be a heart attack or stroke.

Future ways of battling atherosclerosis, said Ross, might focus on preventing the injury to the endothelium by reducing blood pressure and excess blood cholesterol, for example, or stopping smoking; or finding substances that block the platelets' ability to secrete the deleterious growth-triggering factor.

Ross said that the scenario was based on tests in which baboons were fed high-cholesterol diets of butter and eggs, or had catheters repeatedly passed into their arteries to scrape endothelial cells from their interior walls.

He added that agents which block the activity of platelets have been tried in animals, but are not at the stage of clinical use in humans.

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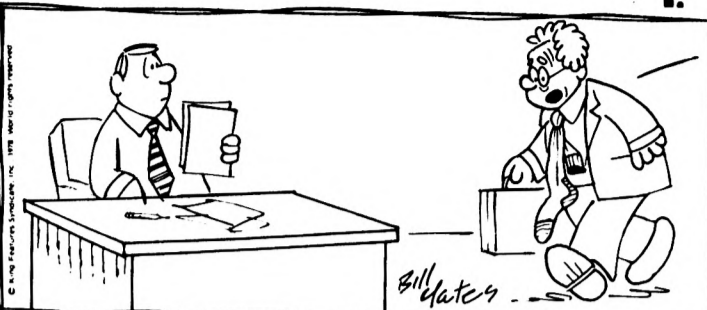


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I DON'T KNOW.

DEATH, PROBABLY.

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MS. BEVERLY SWITZLER...?

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OH, IT AIN'T SO BAD, SARA

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING! MY EYES ARE SHOT! MY LEGS ARE SHOT! MY FEET ARE SHOT!

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WHY ASK ME?

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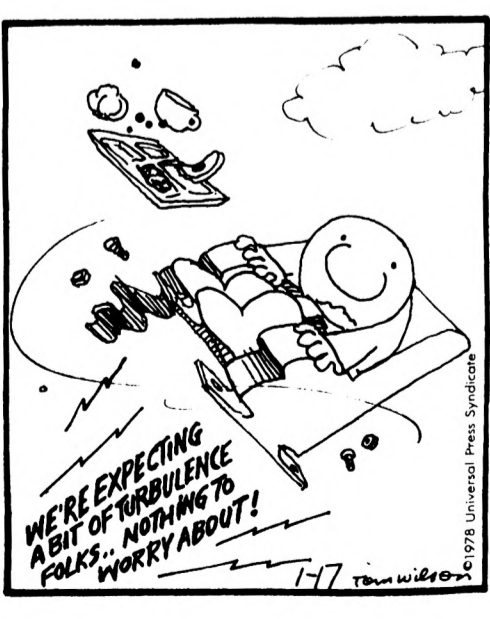
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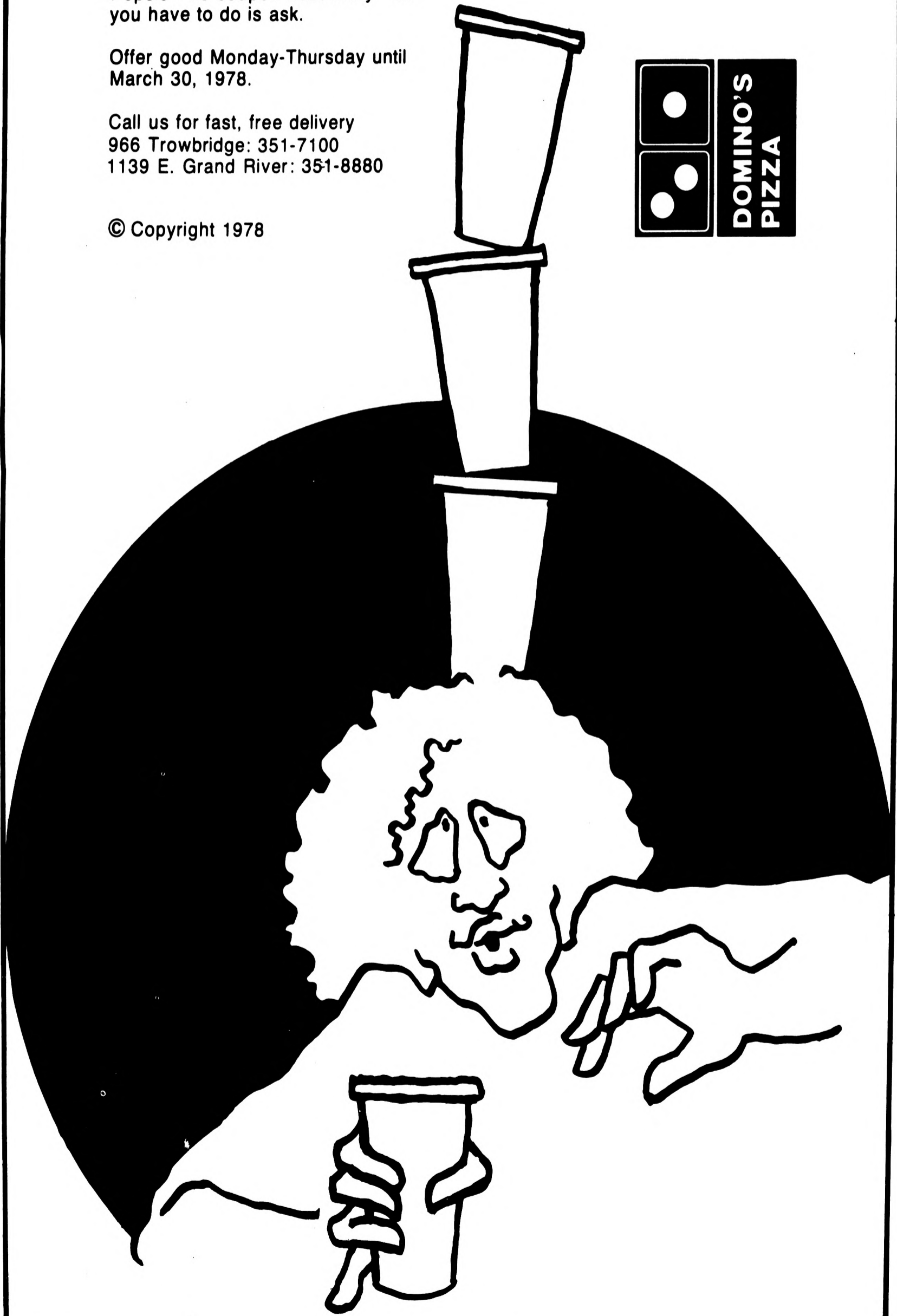
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