

Author Alex Haley to speak on culture in education

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Reporter

Alex Haley, noted author and lecturer, will speak on "The Importance of Diverse Cultures in Higher Education" Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee, the speech is the main feature of Racial Awareness Week.

A reception outside the auditorium will follow Haley's speech.

Haley currently is visiting various college campuses on a lecture tour. His new book "Hennings" is due to come out at the end of the year. Haley is probably best known for his 1976 book "Roots," for which he received a special Pulitzer Prize.

Dad surrenders; patient missing

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Michael Landreneaux, father of a 4-year-old leukemia victim kidnapped from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital last month, surrendered to police but did not reveal his son's whereabouts.

Landreneaux, 28, was charged Monday by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department with kidnapping a child under 6.

The Marshall resident and his former wife, Debra Landreneaux, of

Smithville, Okla., were sought by authorities since Brett Landreneaux was taken from the hospital in the early morning hours of Oct. 12.

Doctors said the child had a staph infection that would be fatal if it were not treated within 48 hours.

An attorney who accompanied Landreneaux to the Criminal Justice Center Monday night said the boy had received medical treatment outside Shelby County.

Attorney Robert Friedman said Landreneaux wanted to "turn him-

self in, face the charges against him, and clear his name."

"We feel Mr. Landreneaux has a legal defense to any charge that may be filed against him," Friedman said.

Another attorney, Will Heaton, said Landreneaux's wife would surrender "when the time is appropriate."

"I can only say they were seeking the best medical attention for the child, and Mr. Landreneaux was and

is primarily concerned with the child's best interests," Heaton said.

Hospital officials said the boy was admitted to St. Jude Oct. 9 on referral from a Texas doctor. The parents objected to the boy's treatment on religious grounds, but no specifics have been released about their beliefs.

Juvenile Court in Memphis was given legal custody of the boy in the wake of the kidnapping.

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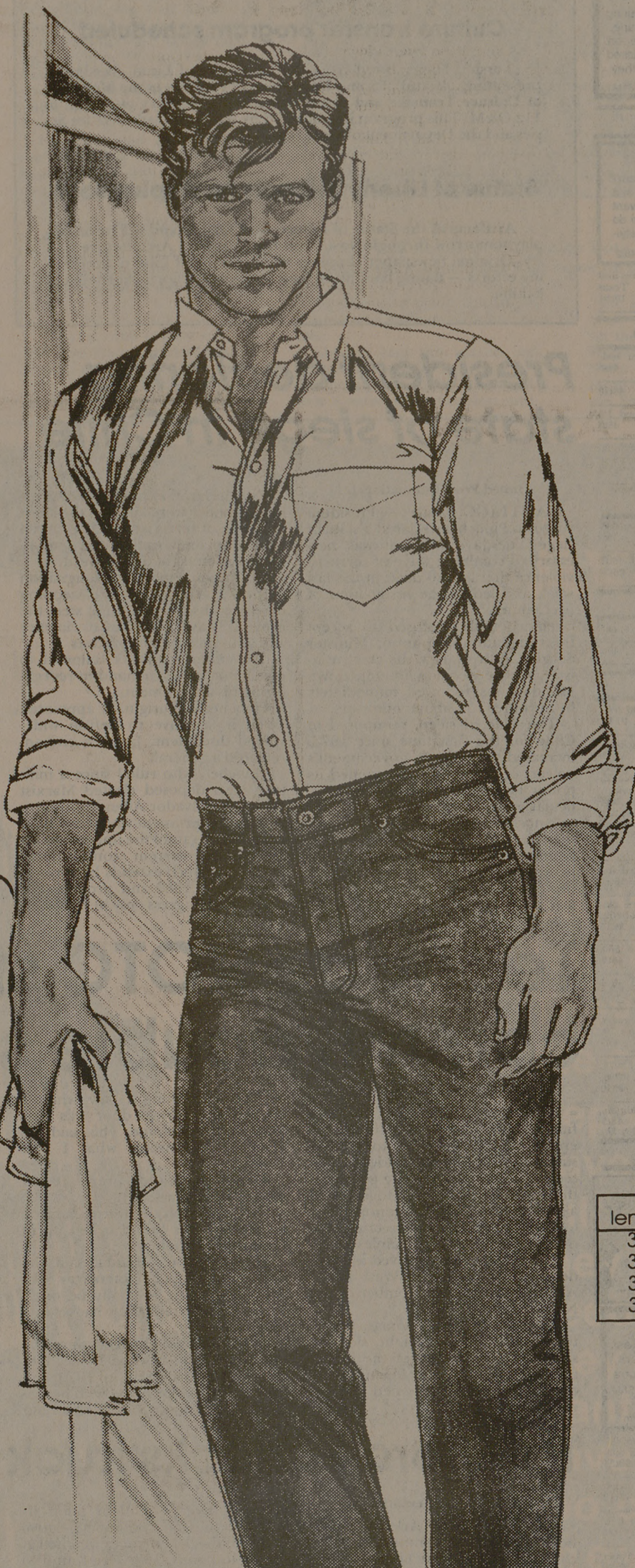
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