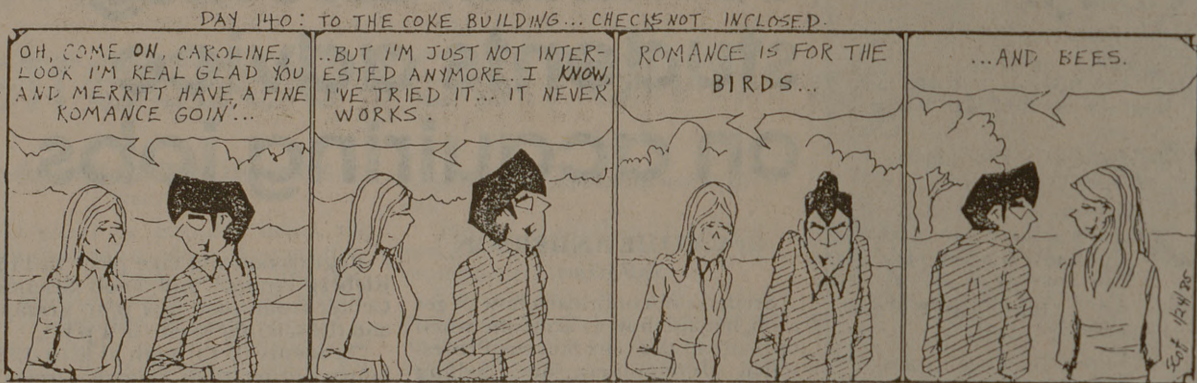


**STATE AND LOCAL**

**Warped**

by Scott McCullar



**16-year-old gets life term for robbery**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jurors sentenced 16-year-old youth to life in prison Wednesday for an attack on a nurse then learned the defendant had been convicted of capital murder a similar case.

Jurors were not told of the killing which occurred about two weeks later the incident on which they heard evidence, until after they had sentenced Larry Vernon Roberts, prosecutor Brian Rains said.

Rains said he could not tell jurors of the capital murder conviction because that case has been appealed but not affirmed. Roberts was convicted in October of killing the band of a woman he had just raped. He was also sentenced to life in prison in that case.

Roberts pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery in the new case, asked that a jury set his sentence.

"I'm sure some of them think about the fact that they're giving 16-year-old life in prison, which is kind of serious," Rains said. "When they find out that not a week later he did the very same thing and actually killed someone, they feel like they can justify it."

Prosecutors said Roberts was with a five-inch long knife, fired the 49-year-old nurse to withdraw money from her bank account and raping her June 8, 1983.

His victim testified Tuesday she fought with the youth in her home but said he beat her up, pulled a knife and raped her.

The woman said Roberts became angry after going through her pockets and finding only \$3. He forced her to go to her bank and make a withdrawal from a drive-up window then fled with the money, she said.

**MSC council proposes cuts**

**Previous deficits high**

By ANN CERVENKA  
Staff Writer

Although the Memorial Student Center Council has cut the budgets of many of the 32 committees, quality and quantity of the programming should not decline, MSC President Pat Wood said.

"It's a touchy subject," Director of Accounts Carol Collier said. "It's a touchy subject. What scares me most is that it was a no choice situation."

The current budget had to be trimmed by about \$69,000 to help pay the \$148,000 deficit remaining from 1983-1984, Wood said. The deficit was caused by committees not generating the income they projected.

The budgets for 1985-1986 also

will be affected, Collier said. Most budgets will be cut, and several committees eliminated.

"We have to prioritize those things," Wood said. The council will try to make the best use of student money, energy and staff time, he said.

However, final decisions will not be announced until the MSC Council meeting Monday night.

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services who oversees the MSC Council, has asked the budget either not increase from last year, or that it decrease by two percent.

"Someone is throwing a brick wall on our growth," he said.

Collier said the council spent many hours discussing the cuts, and also gave the committees the opportunity to speak to the Budget Review Committee.

"Basically every committee was touched," Wood said. "The cuts were generally across the board."

However, the direction of the MSC will not change.

"We will just have to go with the less glamorous names but with quality speakers, which is how the MSC used to run," Wood said. "We've gotten a little lazy."

"We knew this year would be tough because we are competing with the community," he said. HBO, MTV and the 16 movie screens in the Bryan-College Station community have taken away some of the income previously generated by the committees.

**Judge rules family has right to teach children at home**

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A Fort Worth family's successful fight for the right to educate three children at home instead of in public schools could spur more home classrooms, supporters say.

A judge ruled Tuesday that Larry and Velma Neal may continue their dining table classes for Sarah, 9, Ernest, 12, and Larry Jr., 16, despite the school district's contention that they violated state-mandated school attendance.

Their victory could bring a lot of home educators "out of the woodwork," said William Randall, founder of the private religious academy that publishes home courses used by the Neal family.

After the court decision, Fort Worth school officials said the law's vague definition of a school forces districts to take home educators to court.

"The district must continue with obeying the law until they get a better law or better definition through the Legislature," said Assistant Fort Worth Superintendent J.D. Shipp, a witness for the school district.

"If this becomes a major issue, I would think school districts around the state will be asking the Legislature for a definition," said Bill Whitworth, student affairs director for the Fort Worth schools.

Justice of the Peace Manuel Valdez ruled that the state has no clear definition of a private school in the Neal case.

Defense attorney Eric Can called the sentence "a damn shame. He was convicted for rape, which he was not charged for. He's charged for the rape in a separate indictment."

Other charges pending against Roberts include rape and robbery of the woman whose husband he was convicted of killing, aggravated assault and burglary in a nurse's attack and assault of another woman.

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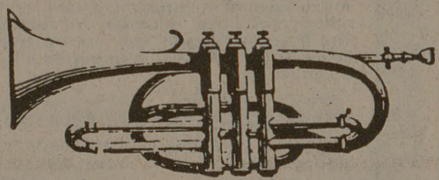
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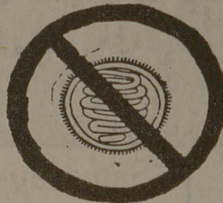
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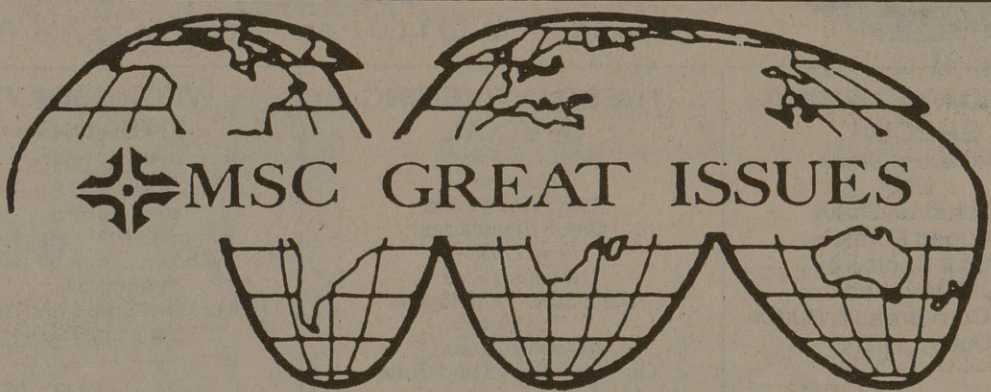
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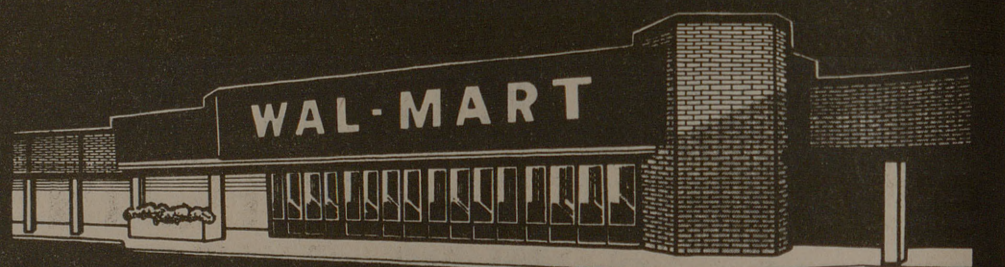


**General Meeting**

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