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Trojans hope to avoid sunrise execution

By Cal Fussman
Missourian sports writer

John Robinson's head coaching debut at the University of Southern California was a traumatic experience. On a damp, drizzly September night in Los Angeles last year, USC's football team was humiliated by the University of Missouri, 46-25.

Robinson blamed the loss upon himself. His team was unprepared, and the coach vowed to avoid a recurrence a year later. "If we let that happen again, we ought to be shot at

sunrise," he said.

This year USC is prepared for Missouri, and Robinson certainly won't be scared for his life when the two teams play at 1:30 p.m. today at Memorial Stadium. "We didn't bring any stakes with us, although there may be a few people with guns around," Robinson quipped Friday after his team's 45-minute workout.

It's easy to joke about last year's game, because it didn't affect the outcome of either team's season. The Trojans won their remaining 11 games, including the Rose Bowl. Missouri had an up-and-down 6-5 season that

had Tiger fans — and the nation's bettors — scrambling for Dramamine.

Although the opening game defeat conceivably cost the Trojans the national championship, Robinson doesn't label today's game a grudge match. He calls the contest, which probably will be played before a record home-opening crowd in 75-degree heat, a "learning experience" for both teams.

The Trojans lost seven starters from last year's defensive unit to graduation. Missouri lost eight. In addition, the Tigers lost all of their offensive line to graduation with the

exception of pre-season all-America candidate James Taylor.

Missouri offensive line coach Tony Steponovich predicts that fans sitting as high as the 78th row of Memorial Stadium will be able to hear his linemen's knees nervously knocking during Missouri's first possession.

Fortunately for the Tiger offensive line, which not only is inexperienced but has about as much depth as a Jacqueline Susann novel, they'll be working against an untested defense.

Trojan defensive returnees include linebacker Clay Matthews, tackle Walt Un-

derwood and safety Dennis Thurmon — all all-America candidates. Ricky Odom, voted to the all-Pacific Eight team last year, also returns.

The quality skill people in Missouri's offense — quarterback Pete Woods, flanker Joe Stewart and split end Leo Lewis — combined with USC's potent offense could produce, in Robinson's words, "a wild game."

The Trojan offense, which averaged more than 30 points per game last season, may be improved. According to Robinson, quarterback

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Insight 'Tourists' give boost to economy Football isn't only attraction

By Jenell Wallace
Missourian staff writer

The alumni who rolled into town today to cheer on Ol' Mizzou are supporting more than their Alma Mater.

They're also boosting the local economy as they spend money — and lots of it.

While they're spending that money, they assume another role — that of tourist.

Many of the old grads might shudder at the thought of being described as tourists since the word conjures up visions of people in Bermuda shorts running rampant through the streets, wildly wielding their cameras.

But the popular image of the tourist has been redefined in terms of dollars and sense.

"A tourist is anyone away from home spending his money," Dave Livengood states simply.

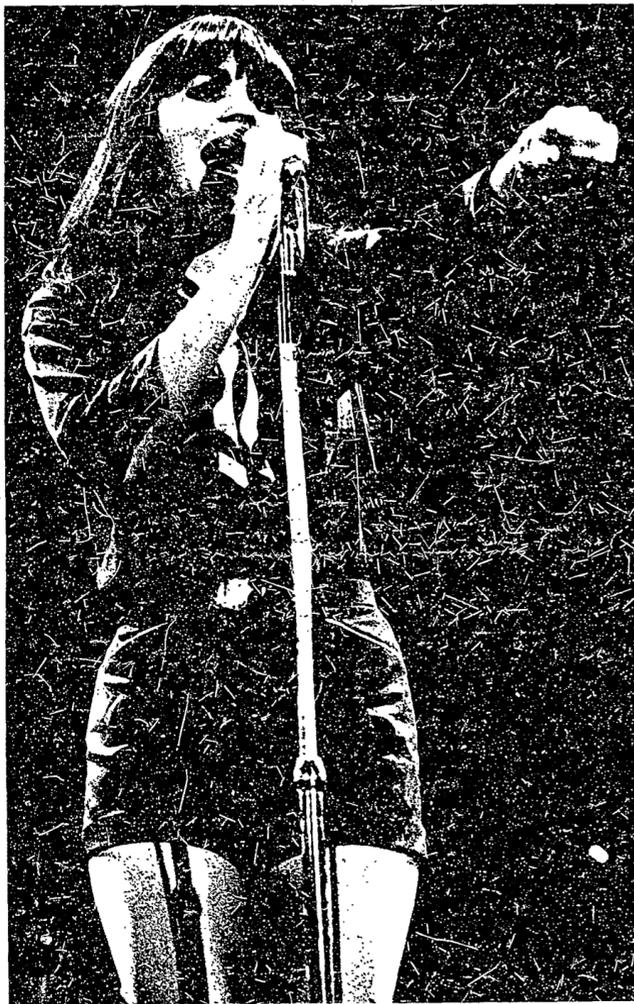
Livengood, manager of Bobby Buford's Restaurant, 1-70 Drive SW, is president of the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, an arm of the Chamber of Commerce which was reactivated last June.

An estimated 750,000 tourists spent some \$30 million here in 1976. Those figures, from a Missouri Department of Tourism study, are based on the amount of state sales tax collected in Columbia.

"Our objective is to lessen the highs and lows of the economics throughout the year," Livengood says as he discusses the function of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

He refers to the fact that tourism here has tended to be seasonal, following the nine-month calendars of the three local colleges. In recent years, however, persons have begun to see Columbia as

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Linda Ronstadt
In concert at the Hearnes Center

Linda dazzles Hearnes crowd

By Norty Cohen
Missourian staff writer

Dressed in a Cub Scout shirt (complete with a Pack 14 patch), shorts and sparkling bracelets, superstar Linda Ronstadt shook her shoulder-length black hair and dazzled a blue-jeaned audience of 7,500 Friday night at the Hearnes Center.

In a voice that ranged from delicate to raucous, she clutched the microphone and sang some new songs and some that were familiar to nearly everyone in the house, including "Love is a Rose," "Willin'" and "Silver Threads and Golden Needles."

She blushed during the ballads, danced and shook a tamborine during the rockers and just smiled afterward.

Her band included Waddy Wachtel on guitar and Kenny Edwards from the original Stone Poneys group, along with Rick Marotta, Dan Dugmore, and Don Grolnick.

Ms. Ronstadt opened the show singing "Lose Again" and then "That'll be the Day," but never saying hello. No one seemed to mind.

Piano player Don Grolnick accompanied her on "Desperado." When

it was finished, she stood for a moment as if entranced by her song. She picked the rhythm on an acoustic guitar on "It Doesn't Matter Anymore," which featured fine supporting harmonies from the band.

"Crazy," a slow country ballad, drew echoing applause from those in the audience, some of whom were seated behind the stage or in the rafters of the sky-high section D.

Opening the show was the Bernie Leadon and Michael Georgiades Band. Leadon is a former guitarist from the Eagles band, and many of the tunes resembled their music.

"Over and Over" and "Tropical Winter" were notable songs, but the few tunes the band played all were well done.

Ms. Ronstadt announced that a wonderful thing happened to her in Columbia. Two friends, Dolly Parton and Emmie Lou Harris, called about making an album, but she couldn't tell anybody about it yet.

It was a night of music with a 31-year-old star who sang truthfully, "In some ways I'm like a child." Her audience loved her that way.

Curators veto sale of Weldon Spring

By Sara Thomasson
and Lisa Wills
Missourian staff writers

The Weldon Spring tract will stay tight in University hands, the University Board of Curators decided in a closed session Friday morning. Two legislative leaders reacted with "shock and disappointment."

The board rejected 8 to 1 the \$13.6 million offer from the Missouri Department of Conservation to buy the land and announced that the University will not resume discussion with the department, despite a "strong recommendation" to do so from University President James Olson.

Speaker of the House Kenneth Rothman, D-St. Louis, and House appropriations chairman Wayne Goode,

D-St. Louis, said they had been led to believe the University had every intention of selling the 8,088-acre (3,725-hectare) tract in St. Charles County to the conservation department.

"I am terribly shocked, amazed and disappointed," Rothman said. "The curators went to the expense of getting appraisals, and then to suddenly break negotiations doesn't sound like a very consistent thing to do."

"We were told six months ago by President Olson the curators would negotiate in good faith to complete the sale," Goode said. "I was under the impression that the purchase would be made."

Rothman told the Columbia Missourian that immediately after the curators' meeting, Olson called the legislators and told them he had

recommended the purchase of the tract to the board.

Board chairman Rex O. Williams said the curators were "not particularly pleased" with the conservation department's \$11.1 million appraisal or the University's \$16.1 million appraisal.

Conservation department officials have said they believed splitting the difference between the two appraisals resulted in a fair price of \$13.6 million.

Rothman said he mirrored public opinion with his belief that the land would best be used for conservation and recreation. Both he and Goode warned earlier this year they would push for drastic cuts in University appropriations if the Weldon Spring tract

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Files on Lance kept in closet

From our wire services

WASHINGTON — A federal official responsible for the background information on Bert Lance's qualifications to be budget director kept the records in a bathroom closet safe for eight months, according to an Internal Revenue Service report released Friday.

The records contained information about a criminal investigation of Lance concerning \$450,000 in bank overdrafts by Lance, other bank officials and their families in 1974, the report said.

"The files for the Calhoun, Ga., First National Bank . . . had been requested by acting comptroller of currency Robert Bloom to be brought to his office" three weeks after Jimmy Carter was elected president, the IRS report said.

The report said "the files . . . were stored in a safe located in the closet of the comptroller's bathroom" and remained there until the week of July 11, 1977.

Bloom told IRS agents he gathered all the files "for the purpose of reviewing

the progress made by Calhoun since they entered into an agreement with" the comptroller's office to stop allowing Lance to overdraw his personal account.

He said he placed the files in the safe "solely for security reasons."

In an unsworn statement accompanying the report released by a Senate committee, Lance said he had no knowledge of the criminal inquiry into his banking activities when he informed President Carter of his qualifications to be budget director last December.

In Atlanta, a former United States attorney charged Friday that an FBI background report prepared on Lance prior to his confirmation as Director of the Office of Management and Budget had been "concealed" by the Carter administration.

John W. Stokes Jr., the former Republican official who was recently replaced by a Carter Democrat, said the report never reached the Senate committee which considered Lance's nomination.

Stokes said he knew of the existence



Bert Lance
More trouble for OMB head

of the report because he had contributed to it. He did not say what information he had provided to the FBI.

The White House acknowledged receiving at least one background report on Lance but said it was not a report meant to go to the Senate. In any event, the report contained no information that might raise questions about Lance's fitness for public office, the White House said.

In another development, Sen. Charles

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Tom tells his story

What's new, Tom cat? Welsh singer and sex symbol Tom Jones, now a resident alien in the United States, was in Columbia recently for a concert at the Hearnes Center. This week, Vibrations magazine talks with Jones about his career, his appeal and the women who throw their underwear at him.

Columbia's Koinonia House, a halfway house launched in September 1976, is in the business of helping people start a new life. After a year of operation, Koinonia House has changed the lives of its residents and garnered some staunch allies in the process. Read about it in Vibrations.

Also this week, Vibrations expands its "followup" section of people and events previously featured in the Columbia Missourian. Find out "whatever happened to" those stories in Sunday's Vibrations.



Tom Jones

In town today

9:30 a.m. 14th Annual Missouri River Valley Steam Engine and Threshers Show, Youth Fairgrounds, Boonville. Admission \$1.50.

10 a.m. Dedication of the University Alumni Center by Gov. Joseph P. Teasdale, south lawn off Stadium Boulevard.

1:30 p.m. College football, Missouri vs. Southern California, Memorial Stadium.

8 p.m. High school football, Hickman vs. St. Joseph Central, Hickman Field.

8 p.m. Middle Eastern dance performance at Stephens College South Campus Auditorium. General admission \$6, students \$4.50.

Exhibits
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