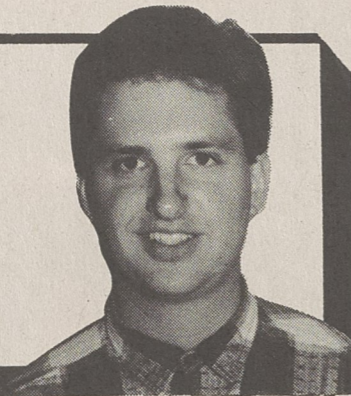


THE REBEL

Dennis Caveny



Spring Break

It's great to be back from spring break. I apologize for the two weeks that I didn't get my column in but I'm sure all of you understand the need to get away from it all sometimes. Even writing a story can be a chore when it's combined with writing term papers, taking mid-term exams and preparing a "55 percent of your grade" class presentation. I know you're feeling sorry for me by now, right? Anyway, it was great getting back to North Carolina and away from the pressures of city life here in Nashville.

The very words "spring break" stir the imagination and get the blood pressure up. Thoughts of bikini-clad young women soaking up the rays in Florida is one picture that comes to my mind. In past spring breaks I have had the privilege of sunning in Florida and skiing in New Mexico but this spring I wanted to be different and just enjoy being at home. So, off to Kings Mountain we headed.

Theresa and I arrived in town expecting a few days of rest and relaxation but instead spent four days rushing around trying to see friends and relatives and to do a little sight-seeing. She had never been to the Piedmont area of North Carolina so it was interesting for her to see new places.

One of the best (and scariest) parts of the trip was introducing her to all of my relatives. It totally amazed her that most of my family lives within 20 miles of each other (except Dale and Lisa who we visited on the way to KM). Her immediate family is the only part of her family that lives in Tennessee with other relatives spread out between New Jersey and Mississippi, so it was a different experience for her to see such a tight-knit group of people.

Another interesting side trip was when Dad gave us the grand tour of the KMG Minerals plant. He showed us the entire process of mineral mining and how bricks are made. I was very proud of him as he explained how he had spent so many years of his life there helping build that company into what it is today. I was glad that Theresa enjoyed the tour and I was even more glad that Dad took the time to show us around. My Dad, what a great guy!

As much as Theresa liked my friends and relatives it was the "fine dining tour" that she liked best. We hit all the hot spots including lunch at Garndpa's Store, Sunday lunch at Fred's, a special dinner at Kelly's, and an excursion to the Open Kitchen in Charlotte. She said she never saw people eat as much as we did.



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Justin Celebrates Birthday

Justin Dean Etters celebrated his fifth birthday Wed., Mar. 16 at St. Matthew's Pre-School. Justin and classmates enjoyed a dinosaur cake with ice cream and trimmings.

Sun., Mar. 13, Justin's family and guests celebrated his birthday with a cookout at his home. His guests enjoyed a dinosaur cake and ice cream.

Justin is the son of Dean and Sandy Etters. He has a younger brother, Josh. His grandparents are Stoney and Peggy Jackson and Zeb and Lee Etters.

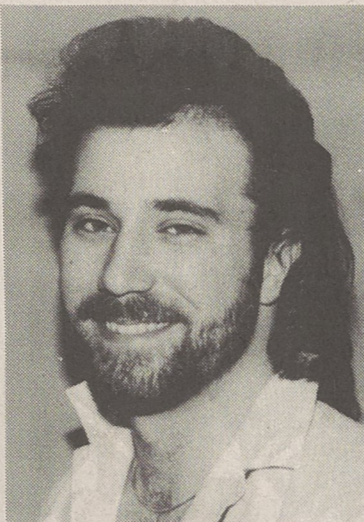
Living History Farm To Open

The Living History Farm at Kings Mountain State Park will open this weekend and remain open through the summer months.

Regular weekly programs include traditional music, pioneer cooking, spinning, weaving and woodworking demonstrations.

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BRENT BINGHAM

Brent To 'Be A Star'

Brent Bingham, 23, has been a country music fan all his life and started picking and singing as a choir member at Mary's Grove Methodist Church.

Next Monday night, April 11, Brent can be seen on the Nashville Network on "You Can Be A Star" singing John Snyder's "What's A Memory Like You."

The program will be televised at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Brent's backup is Bill Anderson and Poe Folks Band and the show comes

from a studio in Opry Land, Nashville, Tennessee. Brent earned the right to perform in the show by winning the male vocalist category during a four-day competition which led to the finals. Although Brent didn't win out in the finals, he is excited about being a finalist and getting exposure to a large television audience.

Judges for the Nashville competition were Shelley West, Mae Axton, and Gene Kennedy, president of Door

Knob Records. Jim Ed Brown was MC.

Playing and singing "slow tear-jerkers" has made Bingham popular with crowds going to Country Music City USA in Charlotte, where Bingham and a five-piece group entertain.

Brent is the son of Letha and E.A. Bingham of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Bingham and Shirley Adams accompanied Bingham to Nashville.

Bingham is a graduate of Burns High School.

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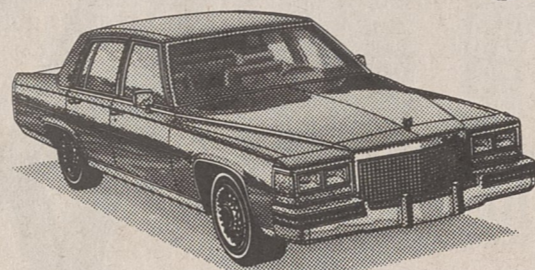
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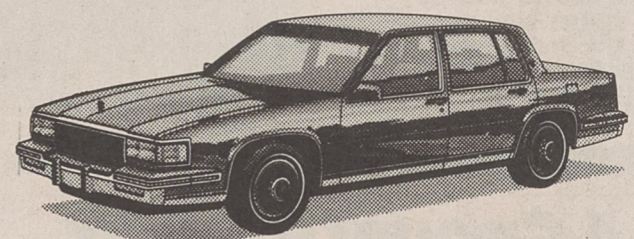
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