

# Capitol grad cited for jumprope folklore study

By Michele S. Haley

Dean Lapp, a June '83 graduate of Capitol Campus, has recently received the William Wells Newell Prize for the best student paper on children's folklore.

The \$100 award was presented at the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society in Nashville on October 28, by Priscilla Orde, President of the Children's Section of the Society.

Lapp's prize-winning paper was a computer analysis of children's jumprope rhymes and was completed as an independent study under the direction of Dr. Simon J. Bronner, Assistant Professor of Folklore and American Studies.

"As a result of his analysis, Dean found that the word 'Mother' appeared more often than any other word," Bronner said. "Surprisingly enough, he also found that there was very little mention of marriage."

Bronner said we can learn much about the psychological and physical development of girls in ages 7-10, through the study of



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While at Capitol Campus, Lapp served as vice-president for Delta Tau Kappa and received the society's academic scholarship

award for outstanding academic achievement and university and community involvement.

Lapp will begin graduate work in educational psychology at State

College, PA, next spring. William Wells Newell was a founder of the American Folklore Society. This year is the 100th anniversary of his internationally known book, *Games and Songs of American Children*.

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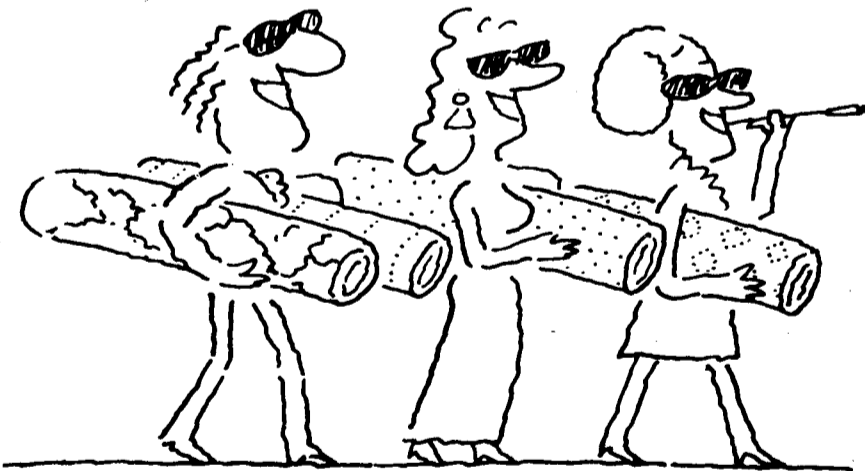
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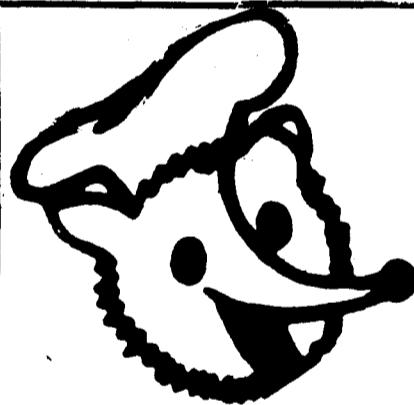
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