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Proposed bus route to link Murfreesboro to Nashville

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

MTSU students may soon be able to take advantage of a commuter bus service linking Murfreesboro and Nashville.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Murfreesboro City Hall to receive public comment on the proposed route, schedule and fare structure.

Debra Roberts, director of Administrative Services, said MTSU and Rutherford County will probably request a Murfreesboro stop as well as a stop along the exterior of MTSU campus.

According to Nancy R. Allen, chair of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and Rutherford County executive, approval was given last week to solicit bids for an operator and develop tentative schedules and routes for the proposed service between Rutherford and Davidson counties.

Allen said the RTA hopes to have the service running by August to coincide with the MTSU fall semester.

There were 3,520 MTSU students who listed Davidson County as their residence for the fall semester of 1995, according to Dean of Admissions and Records Cliff Gillespie.

"The RTA Board also gave approval to explore offering service between downtown Nashville and both Hendersonville and Mt. Juliet," Allen added. "Collectively, these routes mark the beginning of a comprehensive commuter network within Middle Tennessee."

The proposed Murfreesboro / Nashville route will be the second commuter service under operation by the RTA. Last fall, Allen announced the region's first commuter route between Franklin and interurban Nashville.

Money for the project will be divided between state and local funds, and federal matching funds. Federal funds aimed at limiting traffic congestion and ozone accumulation will cover 80 percent of start-up costs.

Currently Davidson and surrounding counties are under a Non-attainment Classification which

reflects unsafe ozone accumulation in the area.

According to Eric C. Beyer, RTA member, the proposed commuter service is a response to our area pollution problems as well as a need for inexpensive public transportation.

Beyer said bus fares will probably be based on a zone system. To travel one way from zone one, Davidson County, will cost around \$1.60; to travel from zone 2, the area from Davidson County to Sam Ridley Parkway in Smyrna, will cost about \$1.80; and to travel in zone three, Murfreesboro, will cost around \$2.00.

Beyer continued to say that commuter passes will most likely be available at a discount over the one-way fares.

"RTA is working closely with MTSU to develop a marketing plan to interest MTSU students in the bus service," Beyer said. "We are optimistic about the success of the project. Murfreesboro is already one of the strongest areas for van-pooling."

Walker removes name from UAB nominations

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

MTSU President James Walker removed his name from consideration for the presidency of the University of Alabama on March 6 after he was notified that he was among the final four candidates for the job.

Walker said that he had not applied for the position, but he had been approached in November by a hired consultant who asked him if he would like to apply for the job.

"The first couple of times I told him I wasn't interested, but the third time I guess he caught me at a weak moment and I said 'OK, I'll talk to you,' and the ball started to roll from there," Walker said.

When he came to MTSU in February of 1991, Walker said he had not thought about the job in terms of how long he would remain as president.

"I really hadn't put any time limit on it," Walker said. "I thought it was a good place with a good future and a lot of potential for what a university could do and what it could become. I just said that as long as I was happy with what I was doing, I'd stay on."

In an article in the Daily News Journal, the 54-year-old Walker was quoted as saying that he intended to stay at MTSU until he retires, but he would not tell Sidelines how long he thought that might be.

"Even at my age I keep thinking retirement's a long way down the line, but I think after a series of conversations with them and looking at what they wanted to happen at the University of Alabama, I should finish things up here," Walker said.

"I just didn't want to find myself opening up a door and saying 'Hi, my name's Jim Walker' all over again."

Walker said a big part of his decision was the actual difference he might make in Alabama compared to his plans here at MTSU, both ongoing and planned.

"My wife and I talked about it," Walker said. "We looked at all the moves we'd made and we looked at the university here and the potential for the impact that we could make. We thought that I could have a greater impact here at MTSU than I could have there in terms of where I could move this university."

Walker said he was pleased to

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Spring has sprung!

Laura Crafton, senior biology major, walks across campus Wednesday during the unexpected snow storm.

Brian G. Miller / staff

SGA elections scheduled

By Heather Hybarger / staff

Student Government Association (SGA) spring elections are scheduled for April 17-18 and SGA encourages students to pick up campaign forms which are currently available in the SGA office.

Students may run for the offices of SGA President, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Election Commissioner or one of 26 College Senators. There will be five senators each for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and the College of Education, four senators for the College of Business and Liberal Arts, Mass Communication, Graduate Studies and undeclared and non-degree seeking students.

Students may pick up either party nomination forms or candidacy forms and campaign petitions. However, since the only party registered with the SGA is the Raider Party, students not running with that party must complete petitions and candidacy forms in order to be included on the ballot.

Candidates running for president must collect 150 signatures of registered MTSU students. Candidates for speaker of the House, speaker of the Senate and election commissioner must collect 75

signatures. College senator candidates must collect 25 signatures of students in the colleges they would represent.

All petitions and forms are due on April 3. There will be a mandatory meeting for all candidates that day as well at 5 p.m. in KUC Room 305. The date for the speakout will be determined and a possible TV debate will be discussed.

Candidates who wish to register a poll watcher must do so by 4 p.m. on April 10. Any student who wishes to present a referendum on the ballot may do so by presenting a petition of 150 student signatures to the SGA office by this time also.

Elections will be held Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least one polling location remaining open until 6:30 p.m.

There will be one polling location at Peck Hall and one on the second floor of the KUC. It is a possibility there will be one polling location at the Recreation Center and one at the Mass Communications Building.

If no candidate receives a simple majority, a run-off election will be held April 23 and 24.

The SGA Office is in KUC Room 208, and the phone number is 898-2464.

Women's History workshop examines healthy mother/daughter relationships

By Christinia Ginn / staff

National Women's History Month (NWHM) and the June Anderson Women's Center (JAWC) are co-sponsoring a presentation on mother/daughter relationships in Dining Room C of the James Union Building Thursday, March 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

With the help of drawing, writing and visualization exercises, this workshop dives into the myths and misunderstandings of mother/daughter relationships, according to Guma Clark, director of Publications/Graphics and co-chair of Women's History Month.

"Since all women are daughters, there is a potential to gain insight of relationships through this

presentation," Clark said.

"It can help those good relationships and those that could be somewhat better. Participants will gain a better understanding of complex relationships between mother and daughters."

The presentation will be conducted by Nancy Morgan Ronan, an instructor at Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore.

Ronan received her Masters of Arts from California State University in psychology. She also did post-graduate work in sociology while at the University of Oregon, Eugene. She earned her bachelor degree from Arizona State University in psychology.

She has done many presentations ranging from "Thinking Back Through Our Mothers" to "Identifying Your Life

Issues in Mid-life."

She is affiliated with Association for Women in Psychology, National Association for Women in Education, National Women's Health Network, Oregon Society of Individual Psychology and University of Oregon's Center for the Study of Women in Society.

"This is a workshop that provides an opportunity for women to explore their psychological experiences of being a daughter," Roane said.

"Utilizing recent theories on the institution of motherhood and daughterhood, the program will illuminate ways for daughters to move towards mutuality and reciprocity with mothers and expand awareness of ideological frameworks of the mother/daughter relationship."

Fair provides career contacts

By Christi Underdown / staff

The Third Annual Nashville Area College to Career Fair will introduce seniors, graduate students and alumni with community business on Thursday, March 28 at the Opryland Hotel.

The event is not open to the public, and only registered students and alumni of the 13 participating schools will be allowed to enter. Participating schools include MTSU, Austin Peay, Belmont, Cumberland, David Lipscomb, Fisk, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Trevecca, UT Space Institute, University of the South, Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky University.

MTSU students can obtain free tickets to the fair by registering with

the Office of Placement and Student Employment.

"Last year there were 1,300 students from all 13 schools," said Martha Turner, director of the Placement and Student Employment Office. "Of that many, 200 of them were from MTSU. I hope to have more this year."

The purpose of the Fair is for students to meet recruiters, learn about career options and enhance one's job search, Turner said.

Turner said students are advised to bring ample copies of a current resume. If students need help in preparing a resume, the Placement and Student Employment Office will help.

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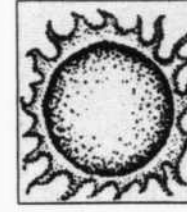
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MTSU Concerts presents



Rod Stewart

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SGA awards House member

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

Michael Grantham was elected the Outstanding House Member during the Student Government Association (SGA) House/Senate joint session Wednesday night.

Grantham, who was unopposed and chosen by acclamation, will be given the award during the SGA Banquet scheduled for 6 p.m. April 25 in the Tennessee Room of the JUB.

"It feels good to be awarded for something you like to do," Grantham said. "It's like getting something extra."

Grantham was House representative in the Electoral Act Revision Committee and is the Lambda representative in the House.

House Speaker Jaime Groce reminded members to register their organizations with SGA so that banquet invitations could be mailed. All registered House members and the presidents of their respective organizations will be invited to the SGA Banquet.

The next House meeting is scheduled for April 3 at 4:30 in the KUC Theater. ●

Guitar student awarded first place in competition

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

musicians under the age of 32 in categories of voice, string, piano, guitar, winds and brass.

Rogers' award marks the third consecutive year that an MTSU guitar student has won first place in the regional competition. Rogers received \$300 for first prize and will return to Memphis on March 10 to be presented in concert by the Beethoven Club, Yelverton said.

Rogers, who is originally from Rogersville, Tenn., completed his undergraduate work at Belmont University in Nashville. He is pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts in classical guitar performance at MTSU. ●

MTSU graduate student Jeff Rogers took first prize at the Beethoven Club Guitar Competition last weekend in Memphis.

The competition was hosted by the Beethoven Club, one of the oldest nationally federated music clubs in America, according to William Yelverton, assistant professor of music and guitar studies director.

The competition included both graduate and undergraduate guitar students from colleges including Austin Peay, Memphis State and the Blair School of Music. The annual competition is open to

Career: 130 employers at fair

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Students can pick up a roster of an estimated 130 employers that will be attend at the Placement and Student Employment Office.

Directions and free tickets are now available in the Placement and Student Employment Office, located in KUC 328. Students can also call at 898-2500. Tickets will be obtainable until March 27.

The event is sponsored by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. ●

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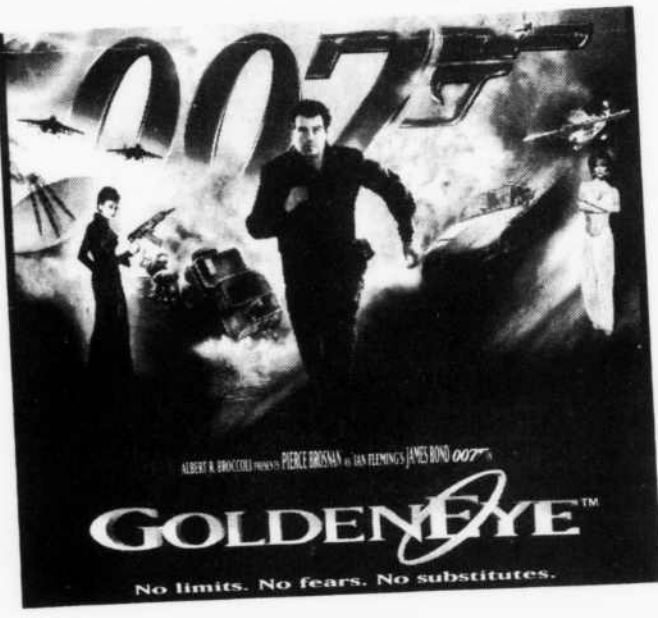
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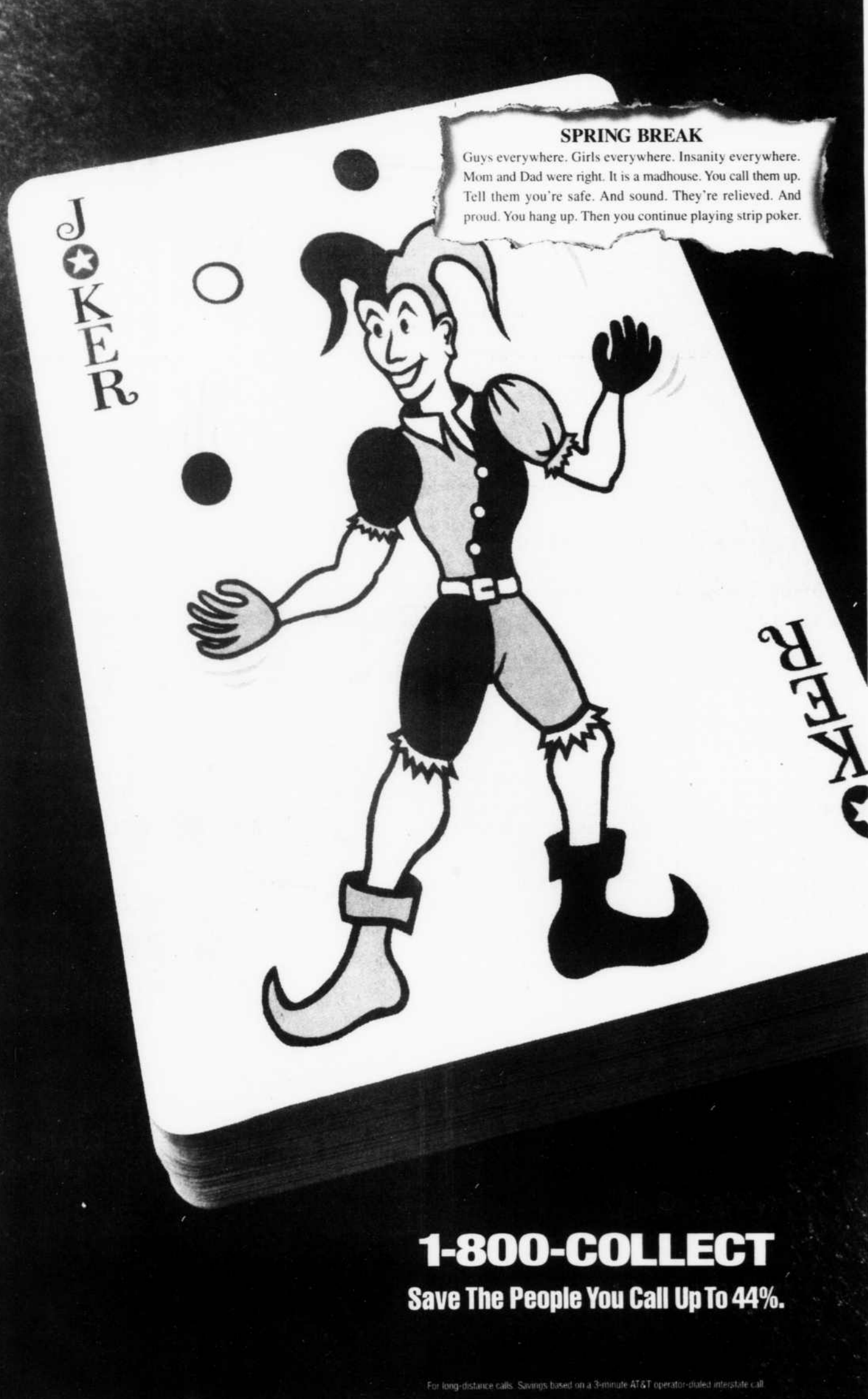
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Women's conference focuses on leadership

By Jenny T. Crouch

More than 150 students from across the state gathered at MTSU for the first Women's Leadership Conference which featured Missouri's first female lieutenant governor, Harriet Woods, and concluded by recognizing area women of achievement.

"Crossing Horizons Together" was the theme of the day-long conference which sponsors deemed a success.

"It was a very positive experience," said Candace Anderson, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, one of the sponsors.

"I was just looking through the [conference] evaluations, and they look very good," Rosovsky said, adding she hopes the conference will become an annual event at MTSU.

Held March 8 in Keathley University Center, students were welcomed by conference coordinator Annie Miller, business administrator sophomore, and Dr. Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. Debra Jackson, philosophy senior, then facilitated a session

which explored participants' attitudes about gender roles in society. This session was entitled "Valuing our Rainbow of Viewpoints."

Participants then attended two sessions, each offering eight concurrent workshops. Concurrent sessions covered topics such as body language, relationships, stress management, diversity, motivation, self-awareness, women's health and spirituality.

Woods' keynote address, "Women's Leadership: A New Vision," was held in the James Union Building Tennessee Room. Woods encouraged women to take risks.

"It's the risk takers who have changed history," Woods said. "I believe in risk-taking but not jumping off the cliffs."

The former journalist told the audience she became an activist because a manhole cover on her street made too much noise and the traffic perpetuated the distraction. In order to get the noise and traffic stopped, she became involved. To this day, the street is block off to through traffic.

Woods later served on a number of city committees

before being elected to her first city post.

Woods also spoke about discrimination, power and taking responsibility. She said that while sex discrimination still exists, it is perpetrated by "people who have so little else than the ability to belittle someone else."

"Gender can be an excuse or a launching post," she continued, and encouraged women to "get where the power is."

"We are the majority of the population, the majority of the registered voters, and the majority of voters who turn out....You can't share power being just a complainer," Woods said.

Woods is the immediate past president of the National Women's Political Caucus and headed the Coalition for Women's Appointments for President Clinton. She is currently hosting a weekly radio show in St. Louis.

Following the luncheon, another session was held with eight concurrent workshops.

The conference concluded with the presentation of the 1996 Tennessee Women of Achievement Awards for outstanding student,

faculty/administrator and community member.

"A woman of achievement is one who, as a leader, has chosen to dedicate and commit to a cause, to reach out to others, to have a vision and move others toward that vision, to stand and face challenges head-on — and is a serious woman who rules her life with energy, integrity, and love," Miller said.

Candidates for the awards were nominated by students, faculty and administrators from colleges and universities across the state.

Winners of this year's awards were: Dana Cook, MTSU criminal justice senior; Mary Henthorne Pennington, Roane State-education; Nancy Ransom, director of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at Vanderbilt University; and state Sen. Thelma Harper, D-Nashville.

The conference was sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center, the Division of Student Affairs, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the National Association for Women in Education. ●

Center for Pop Music gets new holdings

By James Neal / staff

MTSU's Center for Popular Music has expanded its archives with the new acquisition of about 3,200 broadsides and about 1,450 songsters from a folklore professor at the University of Pennsylvania, university officials said.

Mayo Taylor, coordinator of research collections, said Professor Kenneth Goldstein came down and saw how well preserved everything was at the Center and wanted his collection of broadsides and songsters here.

Broadsides are single sheets of paper with music and lyrics. Songsters are lyrics only on single sheets of paper, Taylor said.

Taylor said these broadsides date from the turn of the century to hillbilly songsters of the 40s and 50s.

Bruce Nemerov, project

director and audio archivist, said these songs were about the current events of the time they came out. Some are political, some are racist, but they offer historical insight into the everyday lives of the middle and lower class, Nemerov said.

According to information from the Center, their archives contain over 10,500 books and scores; 75,000 sound recordings; 53,000 pieces of sheet music and 600 periodical runs.

The collection of minstrels the Center has is one of the best collections in the South, Nemerov said.

"It's a real good representation of American music," Nemerov said.

He added that the collection displays how American music and all its different styles intertwine.

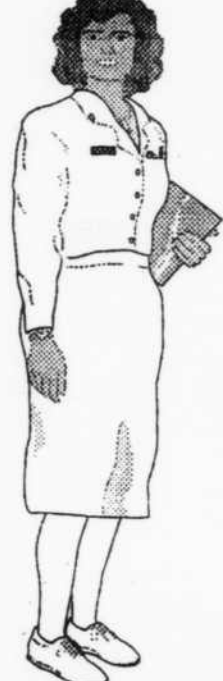
The Center is located on the ground floor of the Mass Communication Building. ●

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The Department of Nursing would like to invite all Freshman and Sophomore Nursing / Prenursing majors to an Orientation on April 1, 1996 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. This will be an informal question and answer period to address questions or concerns from those students completing prerequisites in anticipation for entering nursing classes. You will have an opportunity to meet faculty members, tour the nursing building, and meet student representatives from current classes and the Student Nursing Association. The orientation will be held in Rm. 105 in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. Please join us!!

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have been one of the final four applicants, and although he had not gone looking for the job he was gratified to have been sought out by the search committee.

"It's a tremendous honor, and when the chancellor of the University of Alabama called me and told me that I was on the final list I was extremely honored," Walker said. "It was not only an honor to me but to MTSU, that they would look at our university and look at the things that have taken place."

The decision to remove himself from the short list of candidates was not an easy one, Walker said.

"I'm a native of Alabama, and [moving to the University of Alabama] would have been a chance to go home," Walker said. "I started my administrative career in higher education there in 1974, and the thought of ending your career where you started it is a good thought. But I examined everything involved and our attachment to MTSU and Middle Tennessee and the community and decided to stay put."

"Several people have told me that I'm an adopted Tennessean now, and I should start thinking of myself as a Tennessean. When I think about all the places we have lived, the place that is most home would be Tennessee in general, specifically Middle Tennessee and Murfreesboro."

Walker said he has a lot to do before he retires from MTSU.

"We're undertaking a very comprehensive review of our academic programs, both undergraduate and graduate, taking a look at what possibilities may be of adding professional schools in addition to our College of Business and College of Education," Walker said.

"The idea of a Greek Row is still very much alive, as is adding new dormitories, in terms of apartment-style complex, adding additional chairs of excellence, additional scholarships for students, new classroom buildings. . . there's just a host of things out there that we need to do and we can do."

"We need to move forward," Walker said. ●

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rose Cafe for discussion and socializing. Members, guests and all interested students are welcome. Call Candace Moonshower at 646-4527 for more information.

Psi Chi/Psychology Club is sponsoring a guest speaker in Peck Hall Room 213 from 4-6 p.m. Dr. Jeanette G. Heritage will speak on "Growing Up Female in America."

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

The third annual **Nashville College to Career Fair** sponsored by area universities and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce will be held from 1-7 p.m. at the Opryland Hotel. The Fair is open to seniors, graduate students and alumni of participating universities. MTSU students and graduates who are registered with the Placement and Student Employment Center may obtain free passes to the Fair. For more information contact the Placement and Student Employment Center in KUC 328 at 898-2500.

Society of Professional Journalists will meet March 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the *Sidelines* office, JUB 310. Members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited or should call Jenny at 898-2815.

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are now being accepted for membership. The Student Ambassadors is a service organization that serves as hosts and hostesses for University activities. Applications may be picked up in the Public Relations office, Cope Administration Building, Room 205. Students must have been on campus for at least one semester and have a GPA of 2.5. Deadline for returning applications is March 28.

The **Japan Center of Tennessee** presents a "Women of Japan" exhibit in the lobby of Cope Administration Building. The exhibit of photographs and dolls is free and open to the public on Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. A "Japanese Kite Exhibit" will be displayed at the LaVergne Public Library, 5089 Murfreesboro Road, LaVergne, TN. The exhibit can be seen Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Wednesday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteer State Community College will sponsor and "Origami Exhibit" in the lobby of the Library, 1360 Nashville Pike, Gallatin, TN. This exhibit may be viewed Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. All exhibits will be displayed through March. For more information call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 615-898-2515.

Application deadline for the **Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary Scholarship** is April 12. Applications can be obtained in the social work office. Criteria are posted with the applications.

"The Rite of Dreams: An Awakening" an installation by MTSU Art Professor Janet Higgins at the MTSU Art Barn Gallery March 4-29. Special viewing times have been established when all aspects of this multimedia show will be working: March 27 from 11:30-12:30, March 28 from 12:30-1:30 and March 29 from 3:30-4:30. Regular gallery hours are 8-4:30 Monday-Friday.

ONGOING EVENTS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Dance Studio B. Everyone (athletes and non-athletes) welcome. Come for fun, fellowship, and Bible Study.

Women's Clinic in the

Academic Nursing Center offers the following gender specific assessments for \$15 initial and \$10 follow-up: breast exam, pap smear stool for occult blood, urine check, pregnancy test, blood chemistry profile, tests for infections if indicated and follow-up reporting and counseling. Blood Chemistry Profiles available the first Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at \$10 for the 18 component blood chemistry profile and \$10 for PSA (prostate cancer test). The clinic also offers free blood pressure screenings every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. For an appointment call 898-5950.

Raiders for Christ will hold a devotional on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center.

The **MTSU Christian Faculty and Staff Fellowship** will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in KUC Room 312. Interested Faculty and Staff are invited to attend any of these meetings. For further information contact Kim Sokoya at 898-2352 or ksokoya@frank.mtsu.edu.

The **MTSU College Democrats** will hold weekly meetings in room 313 of the KUC at 5:00 p.m. Come and find out what we are all about.

Codependents Anonymous (Coda) will meet Thursday's from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Room 109 under the red handrail. Coda is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) will meet Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Marks Methodist Church, 1403 E. Main St., Room 109. ACOA is a 12-step support group for people raised in an alcoholic or

other dysfunctional family.

Lambda, an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty, non-students, and their supporters, will meet every Tuesday in the Mass Comm building, room 103, at 6:30 p.m. For further information write to MTSU Box 624 or call 780-2293.

Lambda will be hosting a "Movie Night" every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 103. For more information call the Lambda Hotline at 780-2293.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Campus Prayer meetings on Wednesday at 9 p.m., in KUC room 312. All campus ministries and all individuals are invited to attend.

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Wesley Foundation will be hosting an hour-long ongoing study group on Human Sexuality in the Christian Faith, Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

Wesley Singers rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the **MTSU Speech Clinic**, 898-2661, for an appointment.

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Equality is a just premise but doesn't preclude justice



Scott Link

What is the definition of equality? We hear this word tossed around all the time. Everyone seems to think it is a great idea. Everyone seems to want it, but what is it they really want? When we say we need equality for all people, what do we mean?

The word "equal" actually means the same. Uniform was a word used in my dictionary. Yet we are not all the same. Our culture is diverse. Surely by equality we do not mean that all should be made exactly the same. A friend was telling me of a story, "Harrison Burgeron" by Kurt Vonnoget, where people decided to make everyone equal in all ways. Going so far as to place an intermittent buzzer in the ear of those who were deemed more intelligent in order to break their concentration and making the faster and stronger wear weights to slow and weaken, these people created a society where everyone was alike, average, mediocre, and boring. Is that what we want?

I do not think so, not in a culture so caught up with pride in our diversity. We have become way too preoccupied with being individuals to want that kind of equality. We live in a world where some are smarter, faster, stronger. Some are born into better circumstances. Some are not. My ninth grade history teacher said that the phrase "All men are created equal" meant that each person is born with similar opportunities, and the rest is up to them. But what do we mean when we say that people should be treated equally? First we must remember that equality stems from a belief in it. No matter how

much we proclaim the existence of our equality, it does not materialize unless we believe in it. Some say that they are equal, but feel inferior. This feeling is translated into an attitude of resentment of those they feel inferior to. Others claim that all are equal, yet they feel superior. All are equal, yet they feel superior. This feeling is similarly translated to an attitude of resentment of those they feel superior to. There are even still others who openly share their disbelief of equality for all. They resent all who are different.

How odd that these discrepancies are encouraged by our very society, a society that feels if it gives special privileges to some of those who feel inferior it will somehow make them equal. This serves

My worth as a human being should not be judged by my sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, age or any other demographic factor. People should be evaluated on their merit as an individuals, not on their membership in a demographic group. This is the equality we should be striving for.

only to justify the resentment of those who feel inferior and increase the resentment of those who feel superior. Thus the attempt made by society to equalize results in a furthering of the problem. Special privileges should be given to no one on the basis of a demographic factor.

Does membership in a group mean that we will automatically have all the qualities found in that group? Of course not, this attitude is a hasty generalization and a cause of discrimination. Does membership in a group affect us? Yes, it is a

part of who we are, but the essence of a person is not locked up in what group they belong to. Diversity permeates all aspects of our lives. Even the most similar people are different.

My worth as a human being should not be judged by my sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, age or any other demographic factor. People should be evaluated on their merit as an individuals, not on their membership in a demographic group. This is the equality we should be striving for.

Mr. Link is a senior who studies in the Radio/TV Department.

The Declaration of Independence

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for

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Letters to the Editor

Raider Party outlines platform, urges proactivity in SGA

To the Editor,

Dear students:

Due to recent changes in the Student Government Association (SGA) Comprehensive Electoral Act, a new window of opportunity has been opened up in the form of political parties that serve to better represent you in student government affairs. Now is the key time to take a more proactive stance in the SGA by ensuring that they are reflective of our views as students. We have formed the Raider Party for this purpose.

We believe that there are five key issues worthy of address that have either not been acknowledged or are not receiving the attention they deserve. Campus safety is one such issue. Under this category

falls such issues as rape and sexual harassment as well as lighting and parking. Secondly, the Raider Party would also like to focus on dormitory conditions. Thirdly, the Raider Party sees a need for the improvement in the day care system on campus. The meal plans are another concern of the Raider Party. The plan that freshmen are forced to buy will be a central issue. Lastly, the Raider Party wants to promote more diversity within the Student Government Association. The SGA should represent the entire student body, not just one select group.

We are looking for a diverse group of students to help us address key issues as well as to give a more holistic representation of the student body. If you would like to

join us, if you have concerns or issues that you feel need to be addressed, or if you simply want more information about our party, please contact our chairman, Brian Lewis at: MTSU Box A444 or e-mail at m_c_0032@frank.mtsu.edu.

We have allowed apathy to drive us far too long. We all have grievances. We all have concerns. So let's do something about it, and let's make an SGA that will actually work for you.

- Brian Lewis**
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Science of evolution should be left to the experts

To the Editor,

As a faculty member and scientist, I'm forced to respond to recent anti-evolution commentary in *Sidelines*.

The basis of a university is the premise that expertise has merit and significance. Consequently, professors' opinions are usually highly regarded IN THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE. This is also true of qualified technicians practicing their specialty. For example, you'd probably not hire a plumber to perform heart by-pass surgery or a back-hoe operator to repair your computer, but you'd hire them IN THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE.

Regard for expertise often wanes, however, when people's belief systems are threatened.

Many lay people (non-experts) then quickly discount expert opinion. They instead adopt opinions supportive of their own beliefs, no matter how DUBIOUS the source. In the evolution vs. creation debate, we've seen lay people using the same tired, old UNINFORMED arguments (no transitional forms, violation of the 2nd law of thermodynamics, etc.) to refute the scientific findings of evolution experts. The same people who surely wouldn't want ME (a layman) servicing their VCR, quickly endorse the opinions of fellow lay people and dismiss those of evolutionary biologists and geologists.

By using inept rhetoric to refute expert findings, a lay person is declaring that inept opinion

has more merit and significance than the findings of experts in that field. Common sense skepticism is a healthy thing — but logic suggests that lay people should respect the expertise of specialists, especially when it comes to complex scientific or technical concepts. If you STILL aren't convinced, the next time you fly in an airplane just ask yourself this simple question: "Who would I rather have servicing the engines on this plane — a certified aviation mechanic or a short-order fry cook?"

Finally, I want to ask all you skeptics — if you've no regard for expertise, why attend (or teach at) a university?

Clay Harris
Assistant Professor
Geography and Geology

Student finds proof of God's existence within himself

To the Editor,

In response to all the articles on evolution and religion, I would like to put my two cents in. To be honest, I haven't read the Bible every day of my life, I can't quote twenty verses of scripture off the top of my head, and I am far from being the ideal Christian. However, I have a fact that no one can prove wrong. That is the fact that God is real and He is working every day in my life. It may be complete nonsense, but this nonsense sure has answered a lot of my prayers lately. Is it coincidence? Maybe. But in my case, if it weren't for God's presence in my life, I would probably be dying of AIDS right now from having so much sex. However, today I am a virgin because of what Christ has taught me about true love. I'm not a virgin

because my parents or the preacher told me to wait. They have helped me but God alone has done the work.

Non-Christians ask, "How can you believe in something you've never seen?" The Bible says that faith is the evidence in things unseen. We sure seem to believe in the wind. Has anyone seen it lately? I saw the effects of it the other day but who's seen it? My point is that Jesus is like the wind in our lives. The breeze of His love is continually blowing through us and we can't see it, but we sure can feel it.

We get so caught up in analyzing religion. It's not even about religion. It's simply about God. Being a Christian is not a set of rules. Living for God and having a personal relationship with Him is beautiful. It's certainly not a yellow

brick road but the Bible does not say that living for Christ is living for happiness. It's about joy: the joys of being pure, being different from the world's standards, and knowing that Jesus loves us no matter what we do.

It's very easy to mistake God for religion. Believe me, I was a Christian for six years and then I actually met Him. He was so real and He changed my life. Yes, I still have sin in my life such as judging others and pride, but this is the point of Christ's unconditional love. God wants us to come as we are, give our sins to Him, strive to be like Him, and put all our faith in Him. If faith really is complete nonsense, then I sure am glad that I'm full of it.

Jeremy Cowart
Freshman, Graphic Design

One's identification with religion is a personal thing

To the Editor,

Concerning David B. Tarpley's letter in the Thursday, March 7 issue of *Sidelines*, I want to make a few comments. I agree with him but feel that his sarcasm was a bit much. There was no reason to insult Mr. Bradford's intellect. Many people have trouble coping with life and religion gives them hope and something to believe in. I do not see it as a reflection of intelligence.

What I do see though is a lack of investigation into the Bible. To accept anything without question can be dangerous. On several points the Bible is vague. How long

is a day to God? How did the Indians survive the flood? Where did dinosaurs come from? Why did God create Satan when he knew he would rebel?

Besides, it was man who decided which books would or would not be included. For various reasons some were discarded as not being important to be considered holy. Too many people take it literally anyway, and impose their interpretation of it on other people. Woe be onto him who does not believe as I do!

Mr. Bradford should strongly reconsider why he believes as he does. Then maybe he can write better cogent letters to the editor.

As for myself, I do believe in God. I think it takes more faith to accept the Big Bang and evolution. But, for those who do not believe as I do, then so be it. I have more important things in life to worry about. We will all find the truth after death. A person's relationship with the Creator is a personal thing and I suggest that Mr. Bradford and others work on their relationship and let others do the same though they may do it differently from them.

Sincerely,
Thomas Redfern
Junior, Political Science

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Letters to the Editor

1995-96 cheerleaders some of the best ever

To the Editor,

I just wanted to write you to express my gratitude for the 1995-96 cheerleaders. I have had the opportunity and privilege to work with them for the last year and it has been fantastic. We have had our share of struggles, but this is one of the finest groups of men and women that I have ever worked with. They are excellent athletes, scholars, leaders and individuals. They have represented MTSU in a way that we can all be proud of. They have worked very hard this year, practicing three times a week, and performing at sporting events, pep rallies and other activities. They have pushed themselves to become one of the best squads that MTSU has ever had. They began last summer at camp where they placed 2nd and 3rd in two competition categories. They received superior awards for every category that they competed in. Since then, they have gone on to represent our university in a number of capacities.

I honestly feel that they deserve some of the highest acclamations for their service. They have worked extremely hard to place MTSU and Blue Raider Athletics at the peak of success. As such, they have served their university well. They are an example of excellence.

I would also like to congratulate all the athletic programs for a successful year.

The MTSU Varsity Cheer Squad is made up of Bryan Moseley, Heather Conley, Jennifer Watkins, Barry Martin, Marc Hammerstein, Tomarrah Carr, Ben Robinson, Nicole Lester, Darius Lindsey, Carley Hodges, Larry Buck, and Amy Fletcher. The Junior

Varsity Squad is made up of Dikeshia (KeKe) O'Neal, Brad Deas, Tjuan Elliot, Jonathan Pursley, Ashley Bruce, Christie Sullins, Kristi Beeler, April Keyser, Andy Messin, Rachel Widuch, Andre White, and Jeff Ha. Our two mascots have been Carrie High and Chad Pennington. Serving as my assistant coach this year has been Mary Katherine Gilbert. I can't thank her enough.

Once again, thank you and congratulations to some of the finest cheerleaders that MTSU has ever seen. You are the best.

Sincerely,

Brent Hales
Cheer Coach

Letters on Bible, homosexuality are way off

To the Editor,

First of all I would like to respond to Jansen's interpretations of the Hebrew text. Are the prophets silent? If Jansen is right that the only texts dealing with homosexuality are concerning religious practice connected with idolatry, then the Prophets deal loudly and strongly with homosexuality in that they consistently deal with idolatry and the harmful results thereof.

As to Jesus' silence on homosexuality: after the Babylonian exile and the atrocities committed by Antiochus Epiphanes the Jewish people fought hard, died, were tortured and watched their children suffer the same to keep the Torah (Old Testament Law). Why would these same people then turn around and violate the very Torah they had suffered so much to keep by committing homosexual acts? Even if it originally meant what Jansen

believes the Torah to mean, it didn't by that point in time. So the reason it is not addressed by Jesus in the Gospels is probably because it was a non-issue. Homosexual practice was almost if not entirely non-existent amongst the Jewish people for cultural and religious reasons. In the rest of the Gentile world, there were instances of it.

Now concerning Leviticus, Jansen does not seem to understand the intensity of traditional Judaic/Christian relation between the secular and the Divine. For instance, a married couple cannot have sexual intercourse during a woman's menstrual cycle or they are considered unclean. Ritual purity and impurity extends to ALL aspects of life in the Scripture not just to Temple or church religious celebrations. One of the main purposes of ritual within Jewish life is to sanctify all aspects of one's life not just the religious or secular. In Judaism the Greek/Gnostic split between the sacred and the secular does not exist in the ways that Jansen apparently believes. Sex within traditional Judaism and Christianity is NEVER non-sacral (i.e., not-sacred). Our lives are not divided into convenient little compartments that the sacred never touches. Jansen seems to be clinging to a Yankee, Puritan understanding of Creation and Scripture rather than the traditional Jewish or Christian incarnational and sacramental view which does not separate life into that which is God's business and that which is too dirty for Him to touch.

As far as the context of certain passages of Leviticus and taking them contextually it would be good if Jansen would note that there are many references to various standards of holiness in Leviticus which do not make sense "in context." This is the reason for the Jewish commentary known as the Mishna (and the

commentary on that known as the Talmud). And I know of no traditional Jewish commentator who agrees with Jansen that there is no proscription of "private, consensual, non-sacral (there goes that term again) homosexuality."

The "upshot of (Jansen's) biblical study" is incomplete, inaccurate and lacking in a knowledge of the textual, cultural and theological aspects from traditional sources.

Concerning Mr. James's inability to find the Hellenic Greek translation done in approximately the 2nd century B.C., the title of this item is the Septuagint (LXX). You will probably find it in a dictionary or encyclopedia and failing that a biblical dictionary/encyclopedia. Mr. James obviously hasn't looked hard enough. If he would like, the local Christian bookstore had one for sale on their shelf, and, if it is sold, I am sure they can order it. And by the way Mr. James, that there is basically only one approach to the Father through Jesus is exactly what traditional Christianity believes. Personally I find you just as bigoted as a "right-wing fundamentalist" for saying that Mr. Miles was wrong for believing something. You imply that the only true way to believe is your way. Sound familiar?

Finally, following Mr. Enss' logic would lead you to obvious absurdities. You would wonder whether he questions the fact that the earth is round, or whether the Revolutionary War, the existence of African slavery in the U.S., the life of Socrates or the fact that we landed on the moon ever happened since he has not personally seen it for himself.

Sincerely,

Carl Badgley
Junior, Plant and Soil Science

13% take remedial courses

College Press Service

WASHINGTON—About 1.6 million students—or 13 percent of all college undergraduates—take at least one remedial course, according to a new American Council On Education report.

And students who do take remedial classes are more likely to come from low-income families than their peers.

The ACE study come at time when some states, including California, have debated restricting remedial classes. The report warns that efforts to eliminate or restrict students from remedial classes could prevent individuals, including many low income and minorities, from receiving a college education.

The latest figures, which cover the 1992-93 academic year, indicate that nearly 90 percent of all two-year schools and 64 percent of all four-year colleges and universities offered remedial instruction in fall 1989.

However, for budgetary or educational reasons, some states have proposed restricting remedial coursework to two-year colleges, limiting such classes to the first-year of study, reducing the number or remedial course offerings, tightening admission requirements, or requiring high schools to pay for remediation of their graduates.

But, according to ACE, data show that students in need of remediation were more likely to be from low-income families, born outside

the United States, speak a language other than English at home, and attend a two-year institution.

Findings of the report include:

- Nineteen percent of all African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American undergraduates and 15 percent of American Indian students reported that they took developmental courses. Buy comparison, only 11 percent of all white students reported they received remedial help, the report states.

- Eighteen percent of all students enrolled in developmental courses were not U.S. natives, and 21 percent spoke a language other than English at home.

- Nearly one-third (32 percent) of those enrolled in remedial writing classes were born outside the U.S., as were 29 percent of those in remedial reading. However, students who were not U.S. natives made up only 12 percent of those in remedial math classes.

- The educational aspirations of students in remedial classes were similar to those of undergraduates who did not take developmental coursework. More than one-third (34 percent) hoped to earn a bachelor's degree, while only 14 percent planned to an associate degree or less.

- Most students who received remedial help are freshmen (56 percent) and sophomores (24 percent), but nearly one in five were either juniors (9 percent) or seniors (9 percent). ●

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APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 12

Priority registration for Summer and Fall 1996 begins April 1 and runs through April 12. We encourage students to see a faculty advisor prior to their registration time to ensure appropriate selection of courses. If you would like information regarding academic programs offered through the five undergraduate colleges, please contact one of the college Academic Advisors listed below. Undeclared students should contact the Counseling & Testing Center, KUC 329, 898-2670.

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Delta Sigma Theta: Above and beyond, still going strong

Campus sorority searches for freedom, strength and the ideal man

By Charles A. Harrington / staff

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a community service organization founded on the campus of Howard University on January 13, 1913. Their chapter, Iota Tau, became the first Black sorority on the MTSU campus in 1973. Boasting prominent members like Wilma Rudolph, Nikki Giovanni, Aretha Franklin and Senator Thelma Harper, ladies of Delta Sigma Theta are a permanent facet of society in and outside of the college arena. I was blessed with the presence of Angel Taylor, Rhonda J. Clark, Nicole Nance, Tervonia Powell, Lakiesha Dozier, Kiip Seward, Andrea Pettis, Hope Stephens, Cher'ron Lewis, Tosha Robinson, Donna Waters, Devita Brown, Kristen Postell, Shannon Lee and Latonya Scott. Expressing their beliefs on many topics - their organization, the state of the black race, men, women, their upcoming "Greek Week" and O.J. Simpson - I presented the facts as they displayed their tact.

Q: What is the epitome of a Delta lady?

All: A Delta lady is strong, diligent, educated, versatile, independent, upstanding, proud, independent and possesses inner beauty.

Q: Do you guys think all sororities are on the same level?

All: It's based on the public service that they are doing and the way they carry themselves. It's not about the color you're wearing. But we are definitely going to be biased about our organization.

Q: What are your thoughts about our black Greek society on this campus?

Andrea Pettis: As far as leadership is concerned, no black Greek organization is really active on this campus.

Q: The black enrollment on this campus does make it hard to cater to them.

Tervonia Powell: There are only a handful that will participate in something educational.

Q: Are you all registered to vote?

Lakiesha Dozier: Yes, that is a requirement for being a member of our sorority.

Q: Is everyone voting for Clinton?

"I think some women blame men for their problems when they need to point at themselves."

Lakiesha Dozier

All: Yes.

Q: Ten years from now, what's going to be the state of this nation?

Kiip Seward: Revolution, on all levels. But then, it depends on the outcome of politics.

Q: What is the state of our black people today?

Nicole Nance: There is a lack of motivation for our youth.

TP: Many have their sights on today and are overlooking the future.

Q: What are our black women doing wrong in this society?

NN: Not supporting our black men enough...I think.(laughter)

Angel Taylor: I disagree.(more laughter)

NN: We are independent, but at the same time, I think we are taking away the male role.

KS: I don't think we've taken the male roles. I think we have been given the male roles.

Q: As far as independence, it seems like a strong woman scares men off.

Cher'ron Lewis: That's where the strong man comes in. When a man really becomes a man, he can withstand anything whether the woman is strong or... a real man is a man that can love a woman for her independence.

KS: I don't think that's the woman's problem. It's his problem.

Q: The answer that I was looking for... (everyone laughs)

Please see DELTA on page 8



Dr. Judson solves your problems

Searching for alien pods at the Grill

Dr. Father Judson,

I want to know why all of the women on campus have decided to cut their hair like those women on the television show "Friends."

"I'll Be There For You"

Dear "I'll Be..."

I have no idea why women have decided to crop their "do's" in such a "Friendly" fashion. Maybe they think that freaks like you will leave them alone if they cut their hair like everybody else. Maybe they want you to know that they are individuals and don't follow anybody else... no, that's not very logical. If they weren't going to follow anybody else, they would cut their hair different from everybody else. Right?

Thanks for making me look like an idiot!

Dr. Father Judson

Dear Dr. Father Judson,

A strange thing happened to me last month and I thought you could possibly help. I went to the grill on the campus of my university and was stunned when the person taking my order smiled at me when I approached the counter. After taking my order, the cook said the weather outside was nice. I tried to gather myself and make a response, but the only words I could muster were, "You...can...say...good...nice...things?"

It frightened me so much that I have stayed locked in my dorm room with the curtains drawn and the covers over my head, shivering and curled up in the fetal position. What has gotten into the grill workers? Are they becoming human?

Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering,

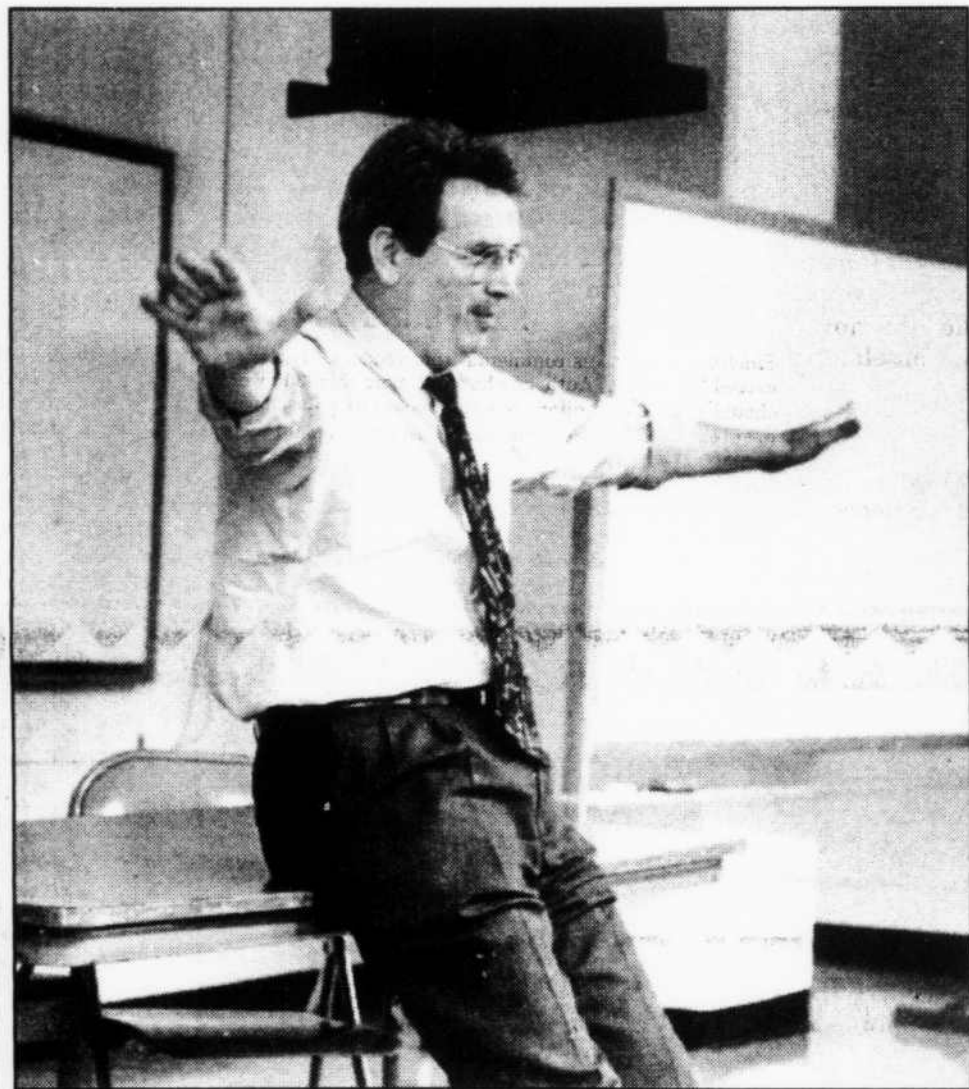
I checked with a reliable source at one of the grills here at Grundy Community College and he assured me that all of the workers at GCC were still "scratch and dent" androids. He also told me that he had not heard anything about human workers in any of the other grills across the country.

If I were you, I would file an official complaint with the university in regards to the "Nice Guy" incident. At the very least, your school should know that something isn't right in grill. I smell trouble a-cookin'.

Dr. Father Judson

* Dr. Judson is neither a licensed therapist nor a certified hair stylist (obviously - we have to DRAW his hair for him!). However, he has seen the movie "Grease" 47 times and knows all the words to "Beauty School Drop Out." He says he still has a crush on Frenchie. Sidelines assumes no responsibility for anyone following his advice on anything, especially hairstyles. However, if you must write him, please do so at Box 42. ●

Will there be fear and loathing in cyberspace?



Carl E. Lambert / staff

Tribble creator David Gerrold fears a dependence on the Internet will hamper people's loyalty to their physical environment.

'Star Trek' screenwriter gives tips for safe 'Net-surfing'

By Joey Butler / staff

In 1966, David Gerrold traveled "where no man has ever gone before," and in 1996, he's doing it again.

Gerrold, who wrote for not only the original "Star Trek," (his claim to fame is authoring the "Tribbles" episode) but "Next Generation" and "Babylon 5" as well, lectured yesterday on "The Martian Child and the Involuntary Human."

Actually, Gerrold admitted that he made up the title because he didn't know what to call his lecture, which happened to be about the Internet. Gerrold, an avid user of the Internet and all things cyber, fears that the dependence being placed on electronic environments is separating people from their physical environments.

"We've plugged into our electronic world to the point that we're losing our humanity," Gerrold said. "We've turned the Internet into this year's blonder."

Gerrold noted electronic fads of the past like the CB radio and the Walkman and compared them to cellular phones and e-mail.

"If someone asked you if you wanted a box by your bed where you could be interrupted at any time of the day or night, you'd say no," Gerrold said. "But that's exactly what a cellular phone is."

Gerrold explained that entering

cyberspace via the Internet was akin to being engrossed in a movie. He said that when you're watching a movie, you leave your physical environment for a period of time. Of course, with Internet users, you can lose touch with your physical environment for enormous amounts of time.

"We're all floundering with a technology that gives us enormous personal freedom," Gerrold said. "The Internet could be the most powerful communication tool we've ever invented because it allows every human on the planet with access to a computer to communicate with anyone else in the world with the same access."

With the number of computer owners in the world increasing in immense numbers in the last 10 years, Gerrold estimated that it won't be long before there will be as many people with computers as there are with telephones.

However, Gerrold thought that to be an exciting aspect of the Internet. The troubling aspect is that there is no one to regulate standards for what is placed there. He drew an equivalent between the Internet and a library without a librarian, saying that anyone could put their work on the shelves.

"We've made ignorance the equivalent of expertise," Gerrold said.

As an information resource, Gerrold felt that the Internet has

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Barry: If elected, I promise to be a stupid idiot

By Dave Barry

Not to toot my own horn, but I'm starting to see a strong voter response to my presidential campaign (Motto: "It's Time We Demanded Less!")

Every day, more and more voters are turning toward me. Granted, they immediately throw away and barf, but that is not the point. The point is that I'm getting attention, and I'm getting it without the negative campaigning and cheap-shot name-calling you're hearing from my dirtbag slimeball opponents.

How strong is my candidacy? Let's take a look at the following chart, which shows, state-by-state, the developing popular grounds will, as measured by the actual percentages of people voting for me in the early state caucuses and primaries (this chart has a margin of error of three-tenths of an inch):

IOWA - Zero
NEW HAMPSHIRE - Zero
DELAWARE - Zero
ARIZONA - Zero
THE PLANET EARTH IN GENERAL - Zero

I'm sure I don't have to whack you over the head with the significance of these numbers. I'm sure you've already reached the obvious conclusion. "Hey!" you are thinking. "Dave is getting EXACTLY THE SAME VOTE PERCENTAGE AS COLIN POWELL!"

Calm down! There is no need to think in capital letters. But you are

correct: I am currently running dead even, state for state, with the man who has been shown in poll after poll to be the nation's first choice for president.

Why are Colin and I so hugely popular? I can answer that in one simple word: "The Issues." Here is where I stand on them as of 8:35 p.m. yesterday:

CRIME - You can call me courageous if you want, but I am against crime. I favor the death penalty for everything, including zoning violations. In the case of really, really bad criminals - especially murderers and whoever is responsible for putting ketchup in those little packets they give you at fast-food restaurants - I support a massive government project to develop a way to bring them back to life after we execute them, so we can execute them again.

THE BUDGET DEFICIT - For far too long, politicians have been "sugar-coating" the truth about the deficit, telling us only what they think we want to hear. Well, I say it's time we acted like grown-ups and "faced the music." If you really want to know who's responsible for the budget deficit, go to a mirror, look yourself straight in the eye, and say: "I'M sure as hell not responsible!" Of COURSE you're not! Neither am I! I was hitting golf balls with O.J. at the time.

TAXES - A lot of my opponents have been going around spouting harebrained "pie-in-the-sky" tax schemes that promise "something for

"I fully realize that if everybody paid lower taxes, then the government would not have the money it needs to carry out its vital constitutional function of shutting down every other week."

Dave Barry

nothing." Well, I say it's time for a "reality check." I favor a practical, fiscally sound, two-pronged "Flat tax" system, as follows:

PRONG ONE - Everybody would pay less.

PRONG TWO - You, personally, would pay nothing.

Unlike my opponents, however, I am not suggesting that there is such a thing as a "free lunch." (Under my administration, you will still have to pay for your lunch, although dinner would be free, unless they serve it with

those little ketchup packets, in which case they would have to pay YOU.) I fully realize that if everybody paid lower taxes, then the government would not have the money it needs to carry out its vital constitutional function of shutting down every other week. Therefore, to offset my tax break, I am proposing a special tax of \$10,000 on everybody who gets:

THE 'JENNIFER ANISTON MODEL' HAIRCUT - Jennifer Aniston, for the benefit of those of you who have just arrived here from the 14th century, is an actress on the TV sitcom "Friends," which is about six ordinary young people who lead ordinary lives doing ordinary things just like you - working, watching TV, dating Julia Roberts, etc. This show is hugely popular, and one result has been that roughly 80 percent of American women have decided to do their hair in the same style as Aniston, often with unfortunate results. It's like the '70s, when millions of women got the Farrah Fawcett Model hairstyle, thinking this made them look like Farrah Fawcett, when in fact it made them look like French poodles that had fallen into vats of hydrogen peroxide.

Get real, women! Copying somebody's hairstyle doesn't make you look like that person! If I wore my hair like Brad Pitt, would I suddenly look exactly like Brad Pitt? Of course not! I would look exactly like Mel

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been used in several disturbing ways. The most disturbing to him was the existence of web sites created by hate groups who use the World Wide Web to recruit new members.

Although he said free speech should be protected, Gerrold suggested people should work toward the management of speech. He said every web site may have to establish a difference between purposeful and non-purposeful speech for their site and weed out any non-purposeful speech.

"My favorite answer to the dilemma of how to combat bad speech and maintain a free society is this: the only answer to bad speech is more speech. Informative speech. Factual speech," Gerrold said.

"We're in the middle of a transformation of humanness," he added.

In light of the recent government legislation concerning speech on the Internet, Gerrold said, "You cannot control the access to information. The government is learning this now."

Since access cannot be controlled, Gerrold said parents should teach their children to understand the existence of things like hate speech.

"I cannot make ideas safe for my child, so I will make my

"We've plugged into our electric world . . . We've turned the Internet into this year's blonde."

David Gerrold

child safe for ideas," he said.

Though he addressed problems arising with the creation of the Internet, Gerrold pointed out there are positive aspects as well. He thinks that in the future, the entire contents of the Library of Congress will be available. He also sees it as the primary tool of communication.

The best part of the Internet, Gerrold said, is how much it speeds up the rate of information transfer. He said that the rate of scientific inquiries have accelerated from a matter of months to a few weeks.

"We are in an exciting time now because thought processes of scientists are now able to match the speed of technology," Gerrold said.

TODAY
THE BORO (895-4800) Soul Satisfaction rocks the joint.
BUNGANUT PIG (893-7860) Lindsey plays live at 8 p.m. No cover.
CACTUS JACKS (890-8280) welcomes the Holdouts at 9 p.m.
JONATHAN'S (895-1133) entertains with Primitime at 10 p.m.
KUC THEATER (Student Programming 2551) Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino are on opposite sides of the law in "Heat" at 6:30 and 9 p.m. for \$2. Also starring Batman Val Kilmer.
MAINSTREET (890-7820) welcomes the Beat Prophets at 10 p.m. for \$4.
SQUEEZER'S (896-8175) hosts Aggy Colored Karma and The Plain at 10 p.m.

FRIDAY
THE BORO offends with Obscene Jesters
BUNGANUT PIG presents Max Johns at 9 p.m.
CACTUS JACKS gets a little bit rowdy with Buck Naked and More Drunk Cowboys at 9:30 p.m.
JONATHAN'S holds court with the

Jesters.
MAINSTREET welcome Self with the Roaries and A Million Worlds. Show starts at 9 p.m.
MUSIC ON THE KNOLL hosts rap acts Verbal Chaos, Cool Daddy Fresh, Tuck, and Ghetto Souljahs. Party starts at 3 p.m. In case of rain the show will be moved inside to the KUC Grill.
SQUEEZER'S welcome Janie Grey at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
THE BORO exposes Naked Sam.
BUNGANUT PIG gets sideways with the Sidewinders at 9 p.m.
CACTUS JACKS welcomes back Buck Naked and More Drunk Cowboys. Same time, same price.
JONATHAN'S it's Saturday Night Fever all over again as the Funkmonsters disco their way into fame and fortune.
MAINSTREET hosts Pray with Cusp and Tequila Black.
MURPHY CENTER features Rod Stewart at 7:30 p.m.
SQUEEZER'S presents Old Mother Haggard at 10 p.m.

SUNDAY
SQUEEZER'S presents Brazen Youth, Withdrawn and Secal Matter.

MONDAY
BUNGANUT PIG welcomes Dallas Craft 8 p.m.
CACTUS JACKS encourages male bonding with Men's Night and 2-for-1 cocktails.
FINE ARTS SHAKESPEARE FILM FESTIVAL presents Roman Pulanski's "MacBeth" at 3 p.m. in the KUC Theater. The festival is free to all MTSU students.
SQUEEZER'S presents Alex Ogden.

TUESDAY
THE BORO hosts Ballistic Whiplash, Dr. Gonzo, NAA, Stalemate and Laughing Storm Dogs.
BUNGANUT PIG hosts Lisa at 8 p.m.
CACTUS JACKS gives it up for the sisters with Ladies' Night and 2-for-1 cocktails.
FINE ARTS SHAKESPEARE FILM FESTIVAL presents "Henry VI" starring Kenneth Branagh at 3 p.m. in

the KUC Theater. No charge.
KUC THEATER is showing "Jumanji" at 6:30 and 9 p.m. for \$2.
MAINSTREET goes planetary with A Million Worlds.
SQUEEZER'S welcomes Big Bethel at 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
THE BORO hosts Highwater.
BUNGANUT PIG welcomes Lisa back for another night. Everything gets started at 8 p.m.
CACTUS JACKS spotlights you! It's Karaoke Night with David Lovell.
FINE ARTS SHAKESPEARE FILM FESTIVAL presents "Hamlet" starring Mel Gibson at 3 p.m. No charge.
JONATHAN'S goes over big with Tall Paul.
KUC THEATER continues its run of "Jumanji" at 6:30 & 9 p.m. \$2
MAINSTREET its a party with the Gutter Junkies.
SQUEEZER'S presents Aggy Colored Karma and Holy City Zoo.

DELTA:

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was the fact promiscuous women lacking strength make it harder for their strong and independent counterparts.

CL: When the woman says, "It's OK for me to be the side bitch," then it's a problem.

NN: If you can't be the number one, don't be one at all. (everyone claps)

Q: If you see that the black man is doing something wrong, what is it?

CL: It doesn't seem like he's maturing to me.

LD: I think they're afraid of commitment as a whole in relation to life, period.

CL: You know what I hate? Black men . . . they blame everything on the white man. They can't find it in themselves to do what they need to do regardless of the obstacles.

Q: What is the ideal man?

All: The ideal man is spiritual, sensitive, understanding, educated, honest, trustworthy and God-fearing.

Q: Is that ideal man a fantasy?

All: We all have that fantasy man . . . then there's reality. (laughter)

Q: Are women settling for less?

AT: I'm not going to say we are settling . . . compromising maybe . . . not settling; you never settle.

KS: He's attainable.
Rhonda J. Clark: . . . y ideal man is reachable.

Q: Is that ideal man on this campus?

All: No!
LD: Just observing . . . I think some women blame men for their problems when they need to point at themselves. It's not in all cases, but how can you call a man a dog when you are a

dog.

All: True!
Q: What are the problems we have within our race?

All: Jealousy.
KS: We are educating away from ourselves instead of within.

Q: What are your thoughts on interracial dating?

AP: I always wonder why [people do it].
NN: It doesn't bother me.

CL: It seems like, these days, it's a fad.

Q: It's old news, but what do you guys think about O.J.?

All: I knew that was coming.
AT: It should an example to black men.

KS: He should be an example to black men, but he wasn't an example to himself.

Q: Was he guilty?

All: (The majority answers) No!
Q: Do you think he sold out his race?

LD: First of all, you have to acknowledge the definition of a sellout. A sellout is someone who, after becoming successful, forgets where they came from and do not bring someone with them . . . (everyone claps) . . . [O.J.] didn't advertise the community service that he did and there wasn't a need to.

CL: I hate the word sellout. I don't think anyone has the right to call anyone a sellout because you don't know what's in their heart.

Q: What do you guys think about these rape cases that pop

up all around America?

KS: I think that whenever a black woman takes a black man to the cleaners, it is over-publicized.

LD: That Mike Tyson case was a joke.

CL: Poor little Michael Jackson.

All: Aw . . . he did it.

Q: Did you guys get to go and see "Waiting to Exhale"?

All: The book was better.

Q: Could you ladies see yourselves burning your husbands' clothes and car if you were in Bernadine's situation?

All: Hell yeah!

AT: If it was bought in the 11 years when we were together . . .

Q: Ladies, what is the theme for your upcoming week of events?

All: "Above and Beyond, Still Going Strong."

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta are sponsoring their annual "Greek Week" beginning Sunday with the Gospel Explosion in the KUC Theater at 6 p.m. While presenting community service projects like their Campus Cleanup on Tuesday and their reception dedicated to upstanding men on campus on Thursday, they will also provide social activities (Greek mixer, swim party, etc.) for students on campus. For more information, contact President Angel Taylor at 898-3148.

BARRY:

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Gibson! But that is something I have learned to live with. Because I happen to be a realist, which is why I know that I will never be president of this great nation unless I can persuade you, the people, to give me your trust because I want to present my Vision for America's Future by means of TV commercials suggesting that my opponents are guilty of, at minimum, molesting livestock. So help me out,

voters! Let's all do our part, as patriotic citizens, to make this great nation an even better place in which for me to live. You'd better act now, because there are only so many spaces on the Supreme Court.

And speaking of presidents: It has been brought to my attention that I am a stupid idiot because in a recent column I attributed the statement "We have nothing to fear but fear itself: to Winston Churchill. This statement was of course made by Franklin D. Roosevelt, inventor of the phonograph."

I sure feel swell!

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The MTSU National Alumni Association is now taking applications for the first

"Alumni Scholars" Scholarship

The Scholarship will cover regular in-state registration fees for Fall 1996 and Spring 1997 semesters of undergraduate study (assuming Fall semester GPA meets requirements). The recipient will remain on scholarship for a maximum of four semesters as long as the criteria for eligibility is met.

The Scholarship will be presented on May 4, 1996 at the 6:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet in the JUB Tennessee Room. The recipient will be expected to attend the Banquet and be introduced.

Criteria for Eligibility:

- *Junior or Senior classification - Successfully completed (or currently enrolled with expected completion) 60 hours
- *3.0 GPA requirement for two most recent semesters - MTSU GPA of 3.0 to be maintained during period of scholarship
- *2.5 cumulative GPA required
- *Commitment and service to the University and/or home community must be evident on the application to be given serious consideration
- *Selection committee to review applicants with open minds to their financial needs
- *Recipients of other current scholarships or grants which cover tuition costs will be excluded from consideration
- *Must enroll as a full-time student for the entire semester while receiving the Scholarship
- *Official application form must be used and should be typed or printed in ink. An official complete academic transcript must also be received by the Alumni Relations Office by the application deadline

Scholarship Applications are available only from the Alumni Relations Department in the Alumni Center and are to be returned to the Director of Alumni Relations by the Friday, March 29 application deadline. The selection process will be completed by Friday, April 19 and the recipient will be notified immediately.

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SIDELINES

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Middle falls in first round of NCAAAs

Lady Raiders get at-large bid, defeated 72-57 by Kansas

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

On Sunday, March 10, most of the 17,500 students of MTSU were probably either at home visiting with family, or partying their brains out in Florida.

But the 14 members of the Lady Raider basketball team all had their eyes on ESPN's NCAA women's tournament selection show.

Even though the Lady Raiders lost in the OVC tournament final to the Austin Peay Lady Governors, their overall 24-5 record, precipitated by two non-conference wins over Top 30 teams Ole Miss and Houston, was enough to get them into the tournament.

The Lady Raiders finished the season in lackluster style and the NCAA has a long history of practicing the "what have you done for me lately" approach when it comes to selecting at large teams for the tournament.

But the Lady Raiders did not have to wait long to find out their fate.

They were the eighth team announced, earning a #13 seed in the East Region, and were matched against #4 seed Kansas. The game was played last Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

"I was not shocked that we got in, but after we lost in the OVC final, I thought that maybe I had played in my last game," senior guard Heather Prater said. "But I talked to some people that told me our out-of-conference (play) was so good that our chances looked better and better as the week went on," Prater said.

Head coach Lewis Bivens said, "I thought we had a good chance to get in, so when we came up on the board so quick, it really took all the pressure off."

And then it was on to the game. The Lady JayHawks, led by Charisse Sampson and Angie Halblieb, jumped out to an early 12-4 lead with 15:41 left in the first half.

But the Lady Raiders clawed their way back, and got within 15-10

following a Natalie Sneed 3-pointer with 13 minutes left in the half, before the Lady JayHawks went on a 14-5 run that spanned six minutes and gave Kansas a 29-15 lead.

The Lady Raiders were able to find their stroke the rest of the half, though, and walked into halftime down by 13 at 38-25.

Middle was paced in the first half by Natalie Sneed and Carlita Elder, each with six points, and Heather Prater backing up with nine.

But the story was not the large lead, it was the Lady Raiders less than warm shooting from 3-point land, an area that was the strong point for the Lady Raiders all season long.

At the half, Middle had hit just two of 11 shots from behind the arc.

Not much changed in the second half, unfortunately, as Kansas outlasted the Lady Raiders for the entire second half, out muscled them, and just flat outplayed them, only letting Middle get as close as 10 en route to a 72-57 win and a trip to the second round.

The Lady Raiders shooting woes continued in the second half, as they shot just 3 of 13 from 3-point land in the second half.

Despite the defeat, the Lady Raiders were proud to represent the OVC in the tournament.

"I was really glad we were in it all," Prater said. "I was really not sad, I was very proud of what this team accomplished. Coach Bivens told us before the game that there was no pressure, to just go out and to have fun. I do not think anybody felt bad, because we all just really enjoyed ourselves."

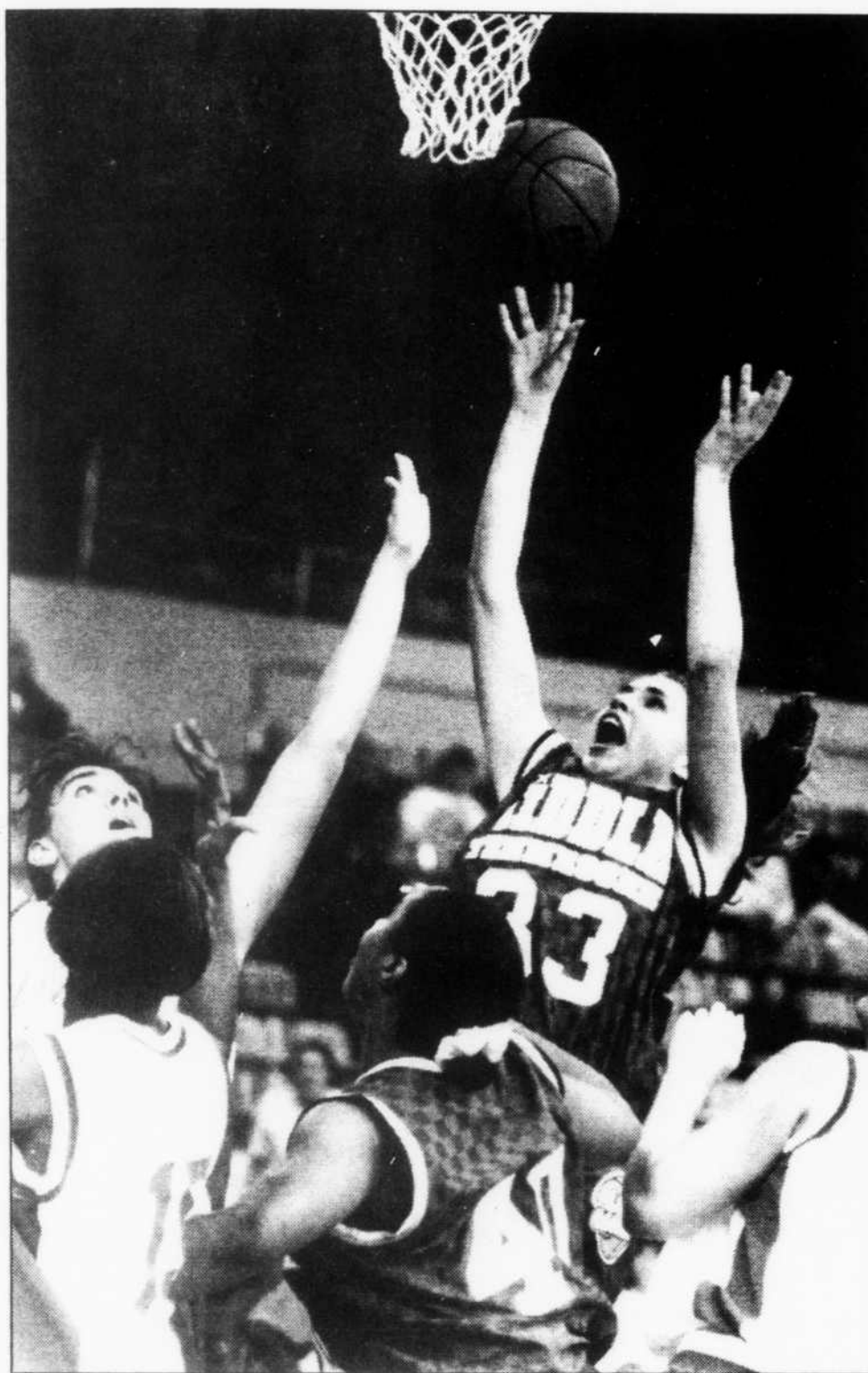
Bivens said of the game, "We did not shoot well at all. 5-of-24 from the arc was not good, and if we had hit a few more, we may have just won."

Despite the loss, Bivens said the future is bright, and there were no reasons to be ashamed.

"I am very pleased with this team," Bivens said. "We had a very young team this year. When you start three freshman and you go 24-6, you should be proud, because that in itself is a tribute to a great season."

Kansas was led by Sampson's 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Tamecka Dixon and Angie Halblieb backed up the Lady JayHawks attack with 16 and 12, respectively.

The Lady Raiders, playing in their



Brian G. Miller/ataff

Freshman center Jonelda Buck puts up a jumpshot during a recent Lady Raider game. The Raiders received an at-large bid to the NCAA Women's Championship Tournament and took on Kansas.

first NCAA tournament since 1987, were led by Elder's 19 points. Sneed and Prater both backed up the Lady Raiders with 10 points.

Prater said of the game, "We just did not hit our threes. If we had, we would have been right in the thick of it with them."

Bivens said the fortunes of the

Lady Raiders are only looking brighter.

"We have a lot of quality players here," Bivens said. "The future is as bright as it can be, and if you look at the records, we have won the most games the past five seasons in the OVC, so we are looking to stay consistent." ●



Robervations
Rob Nunley

Spring snow cancels MTSU hardball action

This was supposed to be one of those weeks that sports fans just salivate over.

I was looking forward, just as I'm sure a lot of you were, to getting back to the home away from home. And a great week of spring sports was scheduled to ease everyone out of their vacations and back into their everyday grinds.

Monday, the Lady Raider softball team was scheduled to take on the Lady Tigers from TSU. Then Tuesday and Wednesday, the baseball team was all set to host the Memphis Tigers. Three straight days of the national pastime. It was going to be great.

So of course, something had to screw it all up. All of Middle's games were cancelled due to snow.

Snowouts are something baseball fans joke about on those chilly days in early spring when the season has just begun. Outside of Colorado, if the weather cancels a game it's always RAIN.

There's something very strange going on here. It's not supposed to snow during baseball season. It just doesn't happen. Once we all come out of the toasty confines of the basketball arenas and find our seats at the old ballpark, the snowflakes are supposed to be over.

But this year something has gone terribly, terribly wrong. What have we done to bring the wrath of the very elements themselves down upon us?

But you know when I think about it, we never had snowouts before coach Farrar was let go. I hope the administration hasn't angered the gods.

•And while we're on the topic of anger, it looks like Dennis Rodman has finally shown the people in Chicago exactly how much of a nutbar he is.

Saturday night after being ejected from the Bulls' game at New Jersey, "The Worm" threw his jersey, knocked over a water cooler and, most notably, head-butted official Ted Bernhardt.

The NBA fined Rodman \$20,000 for his "Macho Man" Randy Savage imitation and suspended him for six games without pay, making Rodman's total loss for the incident just over \$200 thousand.

In an Associated Press story yesterday, Rodman was quoted as saying that he would like to have a private audience with NBA Commissioner David Stern so he could ask "What's the difference between me and everybody else in the league?"

Well, Worm, I think I could theorize on that question for a while. First of all, let's just say that Rodman doesn't exactly look like the average NBA player. In fact, where I'm from we might just go out on a limb and call him a "Freaky-freaky."

Now I'm not saying that Dennis can't color his hair every one of Crayola's 64 shades if he wants to, and if there are a few more square inches of his skin that aren't already pierced or tattooed, I say let him go ahead and do it. But Rodman can't complain that because of his image referees pay more attention to him. OF COURSE they do. It's not like he's going to blend into the crowd.

I don't want to be branded a Worm-basher, so let me just tell you that I really like Rodman. I thought he was a great player when he was with the Pistons, and he really appears to have gotten better with age.

But somewhere a couple of years ago something snapped in ol' Dennis's brain, and if you ask me he's walking around now a few sandwiches short of a picnic. And while The Worm is still one of my favorite players in the NBA (especially now that Warren Kidd is in Europe), what he did Saturday night is totally out of line.

The number one rule in all organized sports is you never, under any circumstances, get physical with an official. Rodman broke that rule, and he paid for it.

Dennis should just be glad he doesn't play Australian Rules football, where a player last year butted a referee and was suspended for 30 years. Of course, if he was a boxer, he would've only lost a point. And if he was a pro wrestler, he would've been applauded.

I guess you have to be really careful about what sport you use your butt in. ●

Prater leaves MTSU with records, memories of great career

By Sean P. O'Toole / staff

When the clock hit triple-zero in Lawrence, Kansas Saturday night, Lady Raider guard Heather Prater walked to the locker room and took her #34 jersey off for the last time.

Saturday night's loss marked the end of a career that many consider the greatest by a Lady Raider point guard ever.

"I am proud of myself," said Prater, very modestly as usual. "This will all probably mean more to me in the years to come than it does now, because I will get to look back on it all and think, 'Hey, I hold that record,' and my kids will be able to say to their friends, 'Guess what? My mom did this and that at Middle.'"

Prater definitely has plenty to be proud of, considering that she leaves Middle as the all-time leader in assists, 3-point baskets, and also, a 1,000-plus point scorer, something any college player should be happy about.

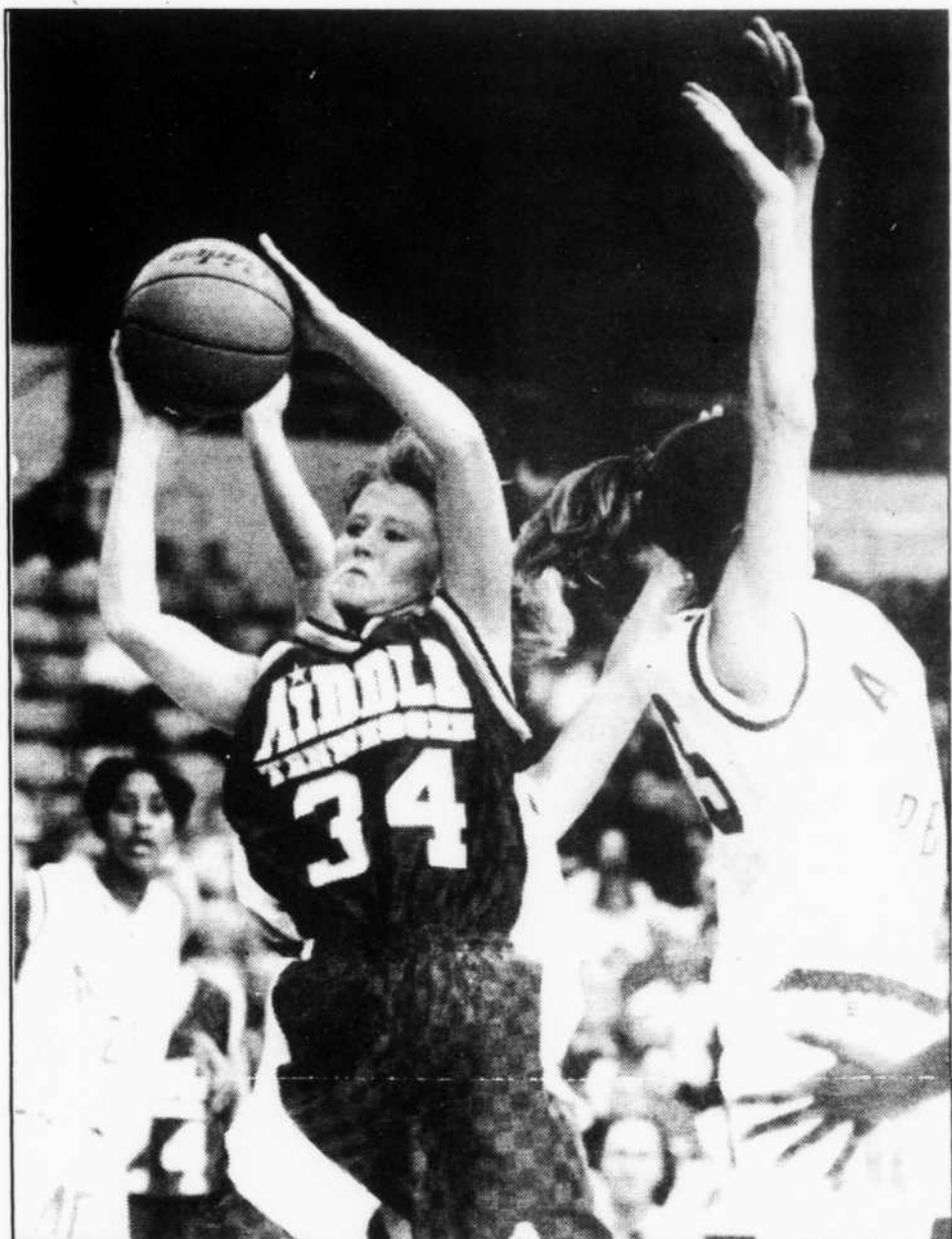
Prater also leaves Middle having become just the FIFTH player in NCAA Division I-A history to score 1,000 points, dish 500 assists, and hit 200 3-point baskets.

Despite her seemingly infinite list of accomplishments, Prater said that she was scared of her chances here at Middle in the beginning.

"I was scared about whether or not I would be able to adapt to the college game my freshman year, or if I would get to play at all. But ironically, a starter got hurt before the beginning of my freshman year, and I got some playing time, which helped me pick up a lot of confidence and experience."

And despite all the riveting games she was a part of, Prater said she has no favorite game she played in, but does have a favorite moment.

"I remember a game against (Tennessee) Tech last year, in which we were down by ten with five



Brian G. Miller/staff

Senior Lady Raider point guard Heather Prater puts up a shot during the OVC championship game. Prater holds the MTSU records for career assists and 3-pointers, and is a member of the 1,000 point club.

minutes to go at their place, and we came back and won," said Prater. "That was probably my favorite moment."

A business education major, Prater will graduate this May, and will leave behind her a Lady Raider squad with the brightest future in

Men's tennis 23rd in nation

By Joel Frey / staff

MTSU's men's tennis team has moved up to 23rd in the country, its highest ranking to date, in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll.

The move in the poll places the Blue Raiders ahead of all but three Southeastern Conference schools, including the University of Tennessee.

Besides the team's upward swing in the ITA rankings, the doubles team of Fred Niemeyer and Anthony Deluise are ranked seventh nationally. This almost certainly assures the duo a spot in the season-ending NCAA tournament.

In individual singles rankings, DeLuise is ranked 72nd overall with Niemeyer not far behind at 77th.

Coach Dale Short said that although he and the team is very pleased with such national recognition, it is important that they remain focused as the season enters a new phase beginning Saturday with home matches against Southern

Mississippi and UT-Chattanooga.

"Obviously we are very pleased with the latest poll," Short said. "As far as I know I don't think any MTSU Division 1-A team has ever achieved as high a ranking. But we must remember from now on when we play schools like Southern Miss and UT-Chattanooga, who are in similar positions to us a couple of years ago, that they will be extremely motivated to beat us."

Short also said, however, if his team is firing on all cylinders Saturday, the Blue Raider's overall talent should prevail against the Golden Eagles and the Moccasins.

"I don't think we, or any other team for that matter, can show up to play, just go through the motions and expect to win," Short said. "But I feel confident we will be ready to play Saturday."

This will be the team's first match in three weeks. A March 6 date with UT was postponed because of inclement weather in the Knoxville area. The match

has been rescheduled for April 6.

"I am a little concerned with the lay-off," Short said. "I am glad, however, that we will be able to use this weekend to prepare for our match Monday with South Alabama."

South Alabama is currently ranked 11th by the ITA and three of its singles player are ranked near the top 30 nationally, with its top player ranked in the top 10.

It will also give Short's squad a chance to avenge a loss earlier in the season to the Jaguars at the O'Charley's Invitational.

"They are a very talented team but I think if we are firing on all cylinders and get the match-ups we want, we will be in position to pull of the upset," Short said.

MTSU squares off against Southern Miss at 8:30 a.m. followed by UTC at 2:30 on Saturday. Both matches will be played at the Murphy Center courts. Monday's match with South Alabama is also at home beginning at 2:00. ●

Women's tennis faces UT-C Friday

By Joel Frey / staff

The women's tennis match scheduled at the Murphy Center courts with UT-Chattanooga this afternoon at 1:30 has been postponed until Friday at the same time because of the inclement weather.

Coach David Thornton said it would not have made sense to play today especially when considering both teams had room in their to schedules to play on Friday.

"It really would have been a waste of time for UTC to come tomorrow and sit around all day," Thornton said. "Given the unpredictability in the weather the past several days, both UTC's coach and I thought it would be better to hold off one more day."

The weather played havoc with the Lady Raider's Spring Break trip to Hilton Head, S.C., as well.

MTSU's scheduled match with North Carolina was canceled due to rain. The Lady Raiders were still able to get in their match with Georgetown and Thornton was able to arrange a match with the nearby College of Charleston.

The Lady Raiders eventually split the two matches, losing to Charleston but easily defeating Georgetown 7-0.

"The conditions in the match were very tough in the Charleston match," Thornton said. "It was a very cold and blustery day and I think the girls' concentration levels were effected a bit."

Thornton said he was pleased, however, with his team's performance against Georgetown considering Michelle Wilson and Kelley Bacich were unable to play.

"We came out and played well on all counts in that match," Thornton said. "I was

particularly impressed with the play of freshman Courtney Genosi. She played a really nice match especially in the second set after falling down 3-5 and coming back to win the last four games in taking the match."

Freshman Jennifer Bryans, who won her match at number two singles 6-0, 6-2 against Georgetown said the Lady Raider win was "a total team effort."

Thornton said Friday's match with UTC will be a challenge for his young Lady Raider squad.

"UTC is very talented especially in the top half of their line-up," Thornton said. "We will definitely need some strong matches from our four, five and six players."

Following Friday's match, the Lady Raiders return to action Monday against South Alabama at 1:00. ●

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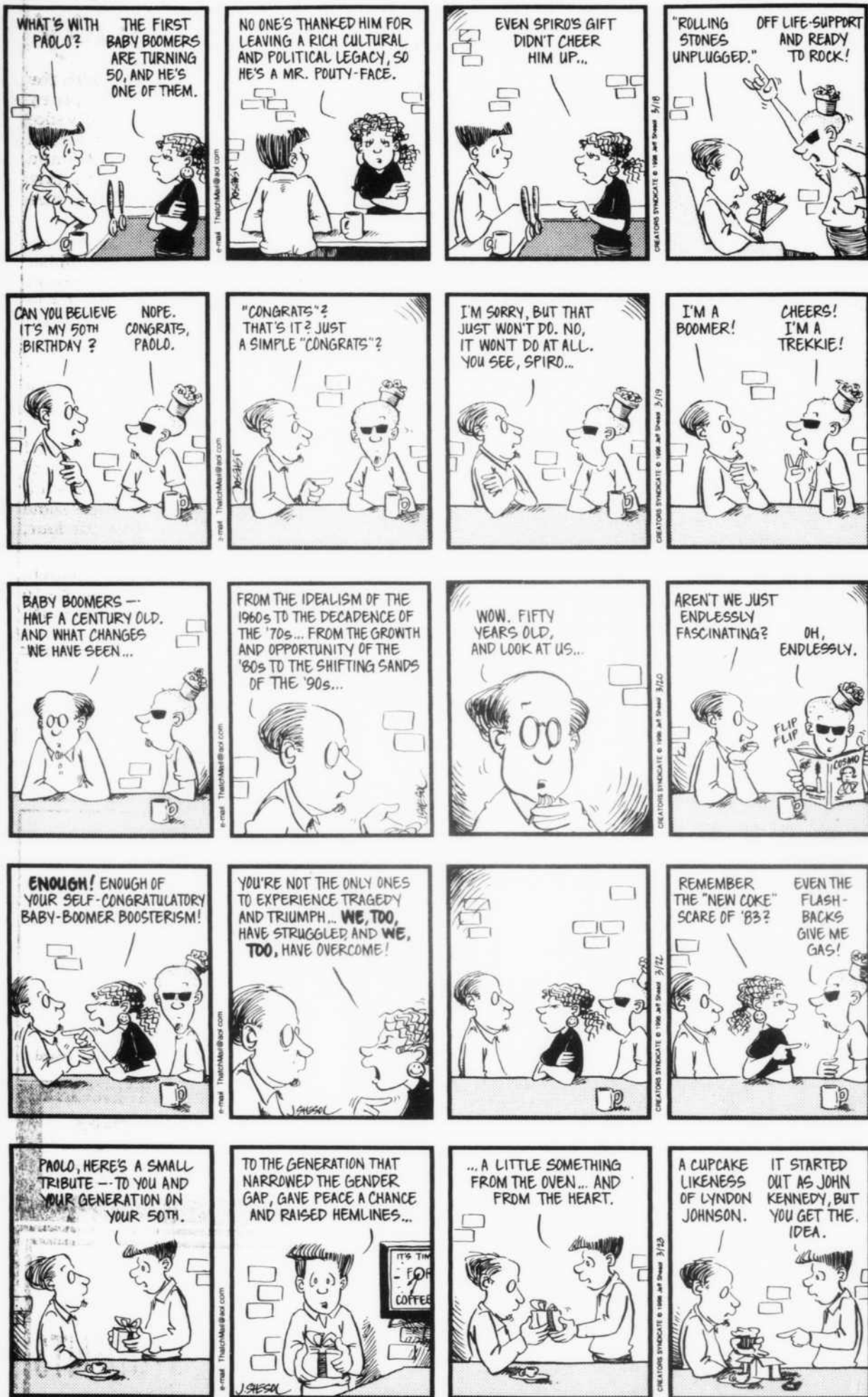
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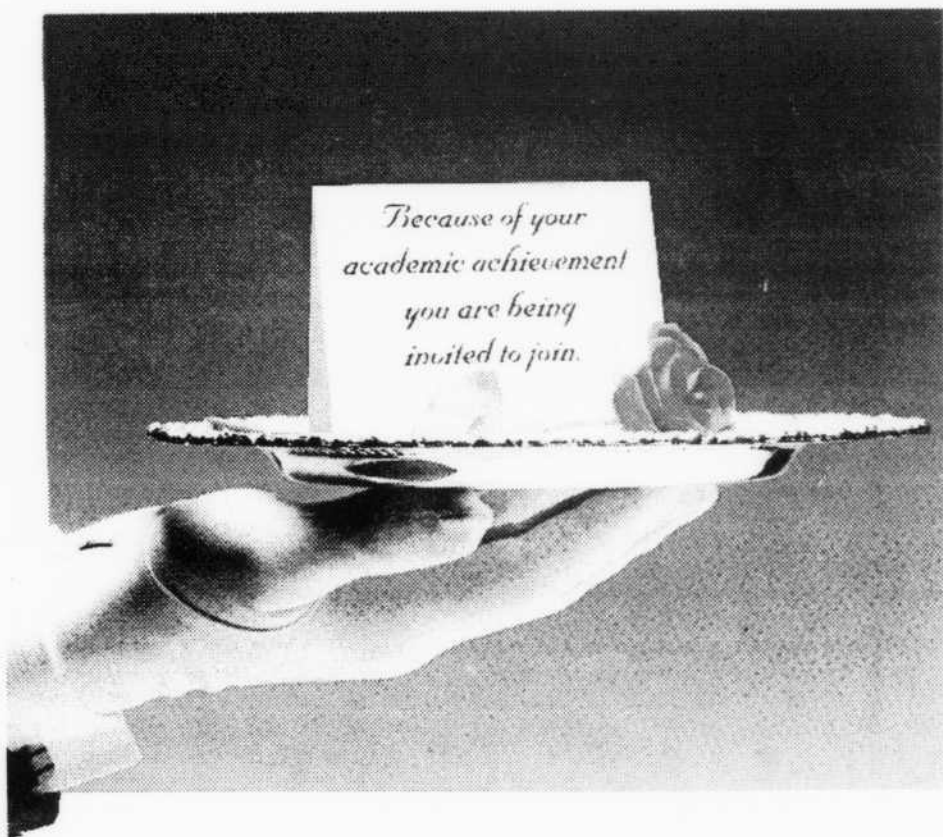
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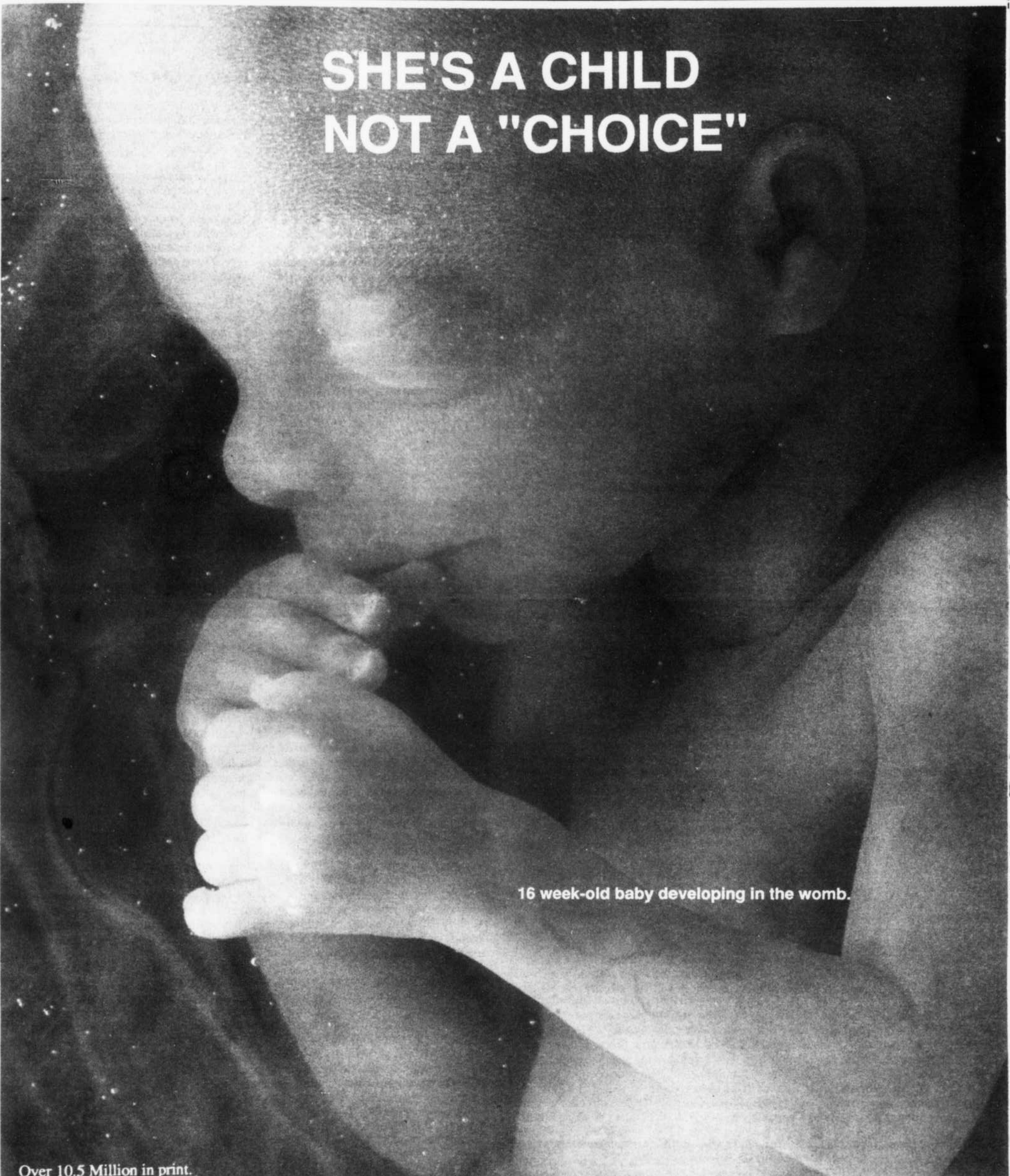
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Actually, if you are subjecting yourself to the possible after-effects of abortion, as outlined on page eleven; or putting yourself in the position of being the anguished mother pouring out her heart from personal experience (also page eleven); or making yourself two to four times more prone to breast cancer (documented by recent research), shouldn't people who claim to be for women be warning you of these consequences?

Perhaps abortion isn't about women's rights after all! What then, or whom, is it about? The answer can be found within these pages.

For instance, isn't it exciting to discover, as Dr. Jerome Lejeune points out

on page four that the miniaturized language mapping out the new baby at the time of fertilization contains more information about him/her than can be stored in five sets (not volumes) of Encyclopaedia Britannica?

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The War of Words

Claim: Abortion is legal, therefore, it must be right.

Answer: If child abuse were suddenly declared legal by the U.S. Supreme Court, would that make it right? Would we ignore such an injustice and do nothing to protect the children?

Claim: I have the right to "choose" to abort my baby - a woman's "right to choose!"

Answer: How can anyone have the right to choose to kill another individual? The only "choice" in abortion is between a dead baby or a live baby. Furthermore, the advocates who defend the "choice" to abort, resulting in a dead baby, are not consistent. Why is it only in the case of abortion they argue that "choice" should be legal and absolute? Using the same rationale, shouldn't people have the right to "choose" to use drugs ("It's my body") or the right to "choose" to practice prostitution? Should our society allow a person to "choose" to kill another person (or have that person killed) to solve the first person's problem?

Claim: The government should not interfere with a woman's "right" to abortion.

Answer: Our Declaration of Independence declares that we have an "inalienable right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Thomas Jefferson defined government's role, "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." Pres. Reagan, a defender of the human and civil rights of the preborn, called it "the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning." (Without life, taxation, health-care etc. are immaterial).

Claim: If public money (tax money) is not available to pay for abortions "poor" women will be denied access to abortion. They will be discriminated against.

Answer: Are we obligated to provide cigarettes and alcohol to poor people if they cannot afford them? On the contrary, government is very explicit about which items may be purchased with food stamps. Is this considered discrimination? The same people who argue for "public" subsidies for abortions are the same ones who argue that it is a "private" decision. To quote Congressman Henry Hyde, "We have a "right" of free speech. Does this mean the government has to buy us a personal computer? A typewriter? A megaphone?"

Claim: I am personally opposed to abortion, but I would not interfere with another's right to have an abortion nor impose my morality on others.

Answer: Analogy -- if the abolitionists had bought this line of reasoning regarding the slavery issue, some states could still be saddled with slavery today. Every law ever passed sets standards which reflect someone's (or a body of law-makers') morality.

Claim: You want to ban women's "constitutional right" to abortion.

Answer: This is a "spurious" or false "right" - having no basis in the constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court claims to have discovered a "privacy" right in the "penumbra" of the Constitution ("penumbra" definition: a partly lighted area around an area of full shadow). Court decisions (*Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*) are aberrations (deviations from truth) and do nothing more than grant temporary license to kill children in the womb, the most dangerous place of residence. This license is tenuous and could be over-ridden by reversal or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, to guarantee the permanent freedom of the slaves and establish rights for all U.S. "persons" the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was passed. It states, "...No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law." (emphasis added). In *Roe v. Wade* the Court determined that unborn children are not "persons" even though they have the right to inherit property and many other rights. Some states have entire sections of law outlining Crimes Against Unborn Children in which they, from conception on, are protected from negligent or willful harm or death.

Claim: If legal abortions are banned, women will resort to back alley abortions.

Answer: In 1972, the year before the Supreme Court legalized abortion, a total of 39 women died from illegal abortions, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Former abortion provider Carol Everett states, "In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing 500 abortions [legal: 1982-83] monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500" (p.10). If the numbers are this astounding for her four Texas clinics, it doesn't take an expert mathematician to figure out that the number of casualties happening nationwide at the over 2200 supposedly "safe" abortuaries would be in the high hundreds.

Claim: Abortion should be legal to end a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.

Answer: It is important to remember that the child conceived in rape, or incest, is no less human than any other child. David Reardon's article, (page 8) points out that the very worst solution that can be offered to the pregnant woman at this crisis time in her life is an abortion. Abortion compounds the problem! If a small child were killed in the street by a negligent driver and it was later determined that the child had been conceived in rape, would the driver be held less responsible? Is that child's death less tragic?

Test Your Abortion I.Q.

1. On January 22, 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion through which month of pregnancy? A) 3rd month; B) 4th month; C) 6th month; D) 9th month
2. Since abortion was legalized in 1973 the number of preborn babies' lives extinguished by abortion is: A) 6 million; B) 12 million C) 30 million; D) 33.5 million
3. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the U.S., causing what percent of total deaths? A) 21%; B) 35%; C) 46%; D) 52%
4. What age group of women have the greatest number of abortions? A) 15 - 19; B) 20 - 24; C) 25 - 29; D) 30 - 34
5. About 10 million Black children have been aborted since abortion was legalized. This is what fraction of the present Black population in the U.S.? A) one-eighth; B) one-fifth; C) one-third; D) one-half
6. Since 1960 the number of babies born out-of-wedlock has risen by what percent? A) 60%; B) 105%; C) 250%; D) 419%
7. Women who abort their first child stand how much greater risk of developing breast cancer? A) 3 x; B) 2 x; C) 4 x
8. With the advances in medical science the number of surgical procedures which are now performed on babies in the womb is: A) over 50; B) 80; C) 90; D) over 100
9. One out of every how many preborn babies is killed by abortion? A) two; B) three; C) four; D) six
10. What percent of abortions performed in the U.S. are repeat abortions? A) 30%; B) nearly 40%; C) nearly 50%; D) 60%
11. What percent of women who have had abortions experience suicidal tendencies? A) 45%; B) 60%; C) 70%; D) 75%
12. A developing baby's heart begins to beat at: A) 21 days; B) 30 days; C) 45 days; D) 60 days
- 13) How many Americans now have an incurable sexually transmitted disease? A) 20 million; B) 36 million; C) 56 million
- 14) Every year up to what number of U.S. women become infertile because of STDs? A) 66,000; B) 75,000; C) 98,000; D) 150,000

The answers to these questions can be found on p. 9.

Abortion is Legal During 7th, 8th and 9th Months

In *Roe v. Wade* the Court allowed states to restrict abortions in the 3rd trimester "except where it is necessary... for the preservation of life or health of the mother." However, in *Doe v. Bolton*, the companion case to *Roe*, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient." Because of this broad definition of "health" the Court, in effect, permitted abortion-on-demand in all fifty states right up until birth for any reason!

Chronology of a New Life

Fertilization: The sperm joins with the ovum to form one cell. This one cell contains the complex genetic blueprint for every detail of human development—the child's sex, hair and eye color, height, skin tone etc.

Month One: The first cell divides within several hours and then cell division continues in an orderly fashion every few hours as the small group of cells travels down the Fallopian tube to the uterus, where the uterine lining has been prepared for implantation. There are over 100 cells present when this tiny embryo reaches the uterus 7 to 10 days after fertilization.

Day 20—foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are already established; **day 21**—the heart begins to beat in a regular fashion; **day 28**—the backbone, the rest of the skeleton, and muscles are forming—arms, legs, eyes and ears have begun to show. At one month old, the embryo is 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg — and developing rapidly. The heart is pumping increased quantities of blood through the system. The placenta forms a unique barrier that keeps the mother's blood separate, but allows food and oxygen to pass to the baby.

Month Two: At 35 days the pre-born baby has all her fingers. Brainwaves can be detected at **day 40**; the brain is controlling 40 sets of muscles as well as the organs. The jaw forms including teeth buds in the gums. The eyelids seal during this time to protect the baby's developing light-sensitive eyes which will reopen in the seventh month. The stomach produces digestive juices and the kidneys have begun to function. The tiny human being responds to touch. By 8 weeks, the developing baby is now referred to as the fetus, a Latin word meaning "young one" or "offspring."

Month Three: Day 63 (9 weeks): Unique fingerprints are evident and never change. The baby now sleeps, awakens and exercises her muscles by turning her head, curling her toes, and opening and closing her mouth - often sucking her thumb. Her palm, when stroked, will make a tight fist. She breathes amniotic fluid to help develop her respiratory system. By 12 wks. all the organs and systems of her body are functioning. The only major activity from now until birth is growth - the increase in her size.

Month Four: By the end of this month (16 weeks) the baby is 8 to 10 inches in length and weighs a half pound or more. Her ears are functioning, and there is evidence that the baby hears her mother's voice and heartbeat, as well as external noises. The umbilical cord has become an engineering marvel, transporting 300 quarts of fluids per day and completing a round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. Because the preborn child is now larger, the mother usually begins to feel her baby's movements during this month.

Month Five: Half the pregnancy has now passed. The baby is about 12 inches long. If a sound is especially loud or startling, she may jump in reaction to it. Babies born at this stage of development (19 - 20 weeks) are surviving at an increasing rate thanks to advances in medical technology.

Month Six: (24 weeks): Oil and sweat glands are functioning. The baby's delicate skin is protected in the amniotic sac by a special ointment "vernix."

Month Seven: The baby's brain has as many cells as it will have at birth. The preborn child uses the four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch. Research has documented that she can now recognize her mother's voice.

Month Eight: The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. Antibodies increasingly build up. The baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid per day, more if it is sweetened. She often hiccups. She has been urinating for several months.

Month Nine: Toward the end of this month, the baby is ready for birth. The average duration of pregnancy is 280 days from the first day of the mother's last menstrual period, but this varies. By this time the infant's heart is pumping 300 gallons of blood per day. In response to signals from the brain the child triggers labor and birth occurs. Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have taken place in the womb. Only four more will come - during the rest of childhood and before adolescence. In developmental terms we spend 90% of our lives in the womb.



Photo courtesy of Joseph R. Stanton, M.D.

6 Weeks

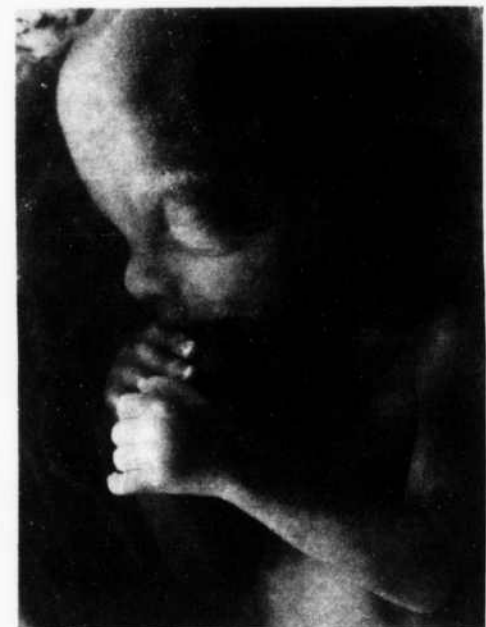


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16 Weeks



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20 Weeks

Life begins at conception

"Each of us has a very precise starting moment which is the time at which the whole necessary and sufficient genetic information is gathered inside one cell, the fertilized egg, and this is the moment of fertilization. There is not the slightest doubt about that and we know that this information is written on a kind of ribbon which we call the DNA."



Dr. Jérôme Lejeune

Jérôme Lejeune, M.D., Ph.D., tells us much about the intricacies of the beginning of human life. Contrary to the popular view that the tiny baby becomes more and more "developed" as the weeks of pregnancy go on, Dr. Lejeune says that the very first cell, the fertilized egg, is "the most specialized cell under the sun." No other cell will ever again have the same instructions in the life of the individual being created.

In the words of Dr. Lejeune, "Each of us has a very precise starting moment which is the time at which the whole necessary and sufficient genetic information is gathered inside one cell, the fertilized egg, and this is the moment of fertilization. There is not the slightest doubt about that and we know that this information is written on a kind of ribbon which we call the DNA."

He explains that the fertilized egg contains more information about the new individual than can be stored in five sets (not volumes) of the Encyclopedia Britannica (if enlarged to normal print). To further emphasize the minuteness of this language, Dr. Lejeune states that if all the one-metre-long DNA of the sperms and all the one-metre-long DNA of the ova which contain the instructions for the 5 billion human beings who will replace us on this planet were brought together in one place the total amount of matter would be roughly the size of two aspirin tablets.

When Dr. Lejeune testified in the Louisiana Legislature (House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, June 7, 1990) he stated, "Recent discoveries by Dr.

Alec Jeffreys of England demonstrate that this information (on the DNA molecule) is stored by a system of bar codes not unlike those found on products at the supermarket ... it's not any longer a theory that each of us is unique."

Dr. Lejeune states that because of studies published within the last year we can now determine within three to seven days after fertilization if the new human being is a boy or a girl.

"I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."

"At no time," Dr. Lejeune says, "is the human being a blob of protoplasm. As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."

In the testimony Dr. Lejeune gave on The Seven Human Embryos (Circuit Court for Blount County, Tennessee at Maryville, Equity Division, August 8-10, 1989) he compared the chromosome to a mini-cassette, in which a symphony is written, the symphony of life. He explained that if you buy a cartridge on which a Mozart symphony has been recorded and insert it

in a player, what is being reproduced is the movement of the air that transmits to you the genius of Mozart. In making the analogy he said, "It's exactly the same way that life is played. On the tiny minicassettes which are our chromosomes are written various parts of the opus which is for human symphony, and as soon as all the information necessary and sufficient to spell the whole symphony (is brought together), this symphony plays itself, that is, a new man is beginning his career ... as soon as he has been conceived, a man is a man."

Dr. Jérôme Lejeune died on April 3, 1994. Dr. Lejeune of Paris, France was a medical doctor, a Doctor of Science and a professor of Fundamental Genetics for over 20 years. Dr. Lejeune discovered the genetic cause of Down Syndrome, receiving the Kennedy Prize for the discovery and, in addition, received the Memorial Allen Award Medal, the world's highest award for work in the field of Genetics. He practised his profession at the Hôpital des Enfants Malades (Sick Children's Hospital) in Paris.

Dr. Lejeune was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Science, a member of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, The Royal Society of Science in Stockholm, the Science Academy in Italy and Argentina, The Pontifical Academy of Science and The Academy of Medicine in France.

If you would like to obtain a copy of Dr. Lejeune's testimony on *The Seven Human Embryos* send \$4.00 to Human Life Alliance of MN, Inc., 3570 Lexington Ave. N., Suite 301, St. Paul, MN 55126-8087.

Legalized Abortion Based on Lies and Fraud

Norma McCorvey was the "Jane Roe" of *Roe v. Wade*.

Early in 1970 Norma McCorvey claimed that she had been gang-raped and became pregnant. Attorneys Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, newly graduated from the University of Texas Law School, needed a "client" in order to challenge Texas' 100-year old law that banned abortions. They convinced Norma that she should be seeking an abortion.

The case was subsequently argued all the way to the Supreme Court which resulted in legalizing abortion in all 50 states in 1973. In the meantime, Norma's baby was born and released for adoption. In 1987, McCorvey admitted that the gang-rape was a lie. In August 1995, she joined Operation Rescue stating that she was tired of being exploited by the pro-abortionists.

While *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion, on the same date, *Doe v. Bolton* provided for abortion-on-demand for the entire nine months of pregnancy and was the legal vehicle which provided Court sanction for the over 2200 abortion mills across the country.

Sandra Cano was "Mary Doe" of *Doe v. Bolton*

Sandra Cano now says she was an unwitting participant in fraud on the highest court in the land. Sandra was a young expectant mother with three children facing a divorce from a husband who was in jail for child molestation. Cano's three children had been taken from her by family service workers. They were being shunted from one bad environment to another. Cano loved her children dearly. She was almost insane with grief when she turned to Legal Aid Services for help. The offer of N.O.W. lawyers to take the whole mess off her hands, obtain a divorce and regain custody of her children sounded too good to be true.

When the attorneys hinted that they would like to strike a deal which would include aborting the child Sandra was carrying she made it very clear that she could never do that. Yet, her attorneys ignored her objections and ran roughshod over her. When she realized her case had been used to obtain abortion-on-demand she said, "...why would I stretch my imagination to include a plan so bizarre that it would give people in a civilized society permission to kill their own babies? ... I surely never thought they would tie my personal anxieties about retrieving my children to a scheme to make abortion-on-demand legal." Ironically, the Cano baby, like the McCorvey baby, was carried to term and relinquished for adoption. Yet, 33,500,000 other babies have lost their lives to abortion because of these two cases.

Sarah Weddington was the Attorney

Sarah Weddington, the attorney who argued *Roe v. Wade* before the U.S. Supreme Court, gave a speech at the Education Ethics Institute in Oklahoma. She explained why she defended the sketchy story and false rape charge of a Texas waitress "Jane Roe" all the way to the Supreme Court: "My behavior may not have been totally ethical. But I did it for what I thought were the right reasons." *Tulsa World* 5/24/93.

Playboy Provided the Funding

Hugh Hefner, founder of *Playboy* claims to have done one great thing for women: "Playboy probably had more to do than any other company with *Roe v. Wade*. We supplied the money for those early cases and actually wrote the *amicus curiae* for *Roe*."

Do You Hear What I Hear?

"With no hype at all, the fetus can rightly be called a marvel of cognition, consciousness and sentience."



"She slides into the world with eyes alert, the tiny ridges of her ears living antennae scanning the conversation frequencies in the room. She finds her mother's voice with her ears, and her eyes."

The baby's alertness and awareness begins with early development in the womb. The preborn baby can hear and respond to sound. Car horns can make the baby jump. Her heartbeat quickens.

When Peter Hepper of Queens University in Belfast repeatedly played to 30-week-old fetuses the theme song from a popular soap opera, they relaxed. After

birth, the babies became "quite alert" when they heard the tune.

"...When a loudspeaker directs speech syllables at a mother-to-be's abdomen, the fetus's heart slows, a sign of attentiveness. The heartbeat speeds up as the fetus gets bored with the sounds, then slows again if new ones flow into the womb."

A fetus remembers some experiences and may alter her behavior as a result.

The title, the direct quotes and other pertinent information in this article are taken from: *Newsweek* Special Issue, "How Kids Grow," Summer 1991 (Begley).

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Pregnancy Hotline
1-800-848-LOVE (5683)

Nurturing Network
1-800-866-4MOM (4666)

Birthright
1-800-550-4900

Bethany Christian Services
1-800-238-4269

America's Crisis Pregnancy Helpline
1-800-67-BABY-6

CARE NET
1-703-478-5661



Problems After an Abortion?

Conquerors Hotline
1-612-866-7715

American Victims of Abortion
1-202-626-8800 ext132

American Rights Coalition
1-800-634-2224

Victims Of Choice
1-708-378-1680

Life Dynamics
1-817-380-8800

Project Rachel
1-800-5- WE-CARE

Local Crisis Pregnancy Help

BRISTOL

Abortion Alternatives CPC
516 Holston Ave, #202
Bristol, TN 37620
423-968-4673

CHATTANOOGA

AAA Women's Services
6232 Vance Rd.
Chattanooga, TN 37421
615-892-0803

Bethany Christian Services
4719 Brainerd Rd, Suite D
Chattanooga, TN 37411
615-6227360

Pregnancy Counseling--Catholic Social Services
125 N Market St
Chattanooga, TN 37405
615-267-1297

CLARKSVILLE

CPC Clarksville
PO Box 44
Clarksville, TN 37041
615-645-2273

CLEVELAND

Crisis Pregnancy Center
258 Broad St; Box 5183
Cleveland, TN 37311
615-479-6683

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Women's Care Center
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Dayton, TN 37321
615-775-0019

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Jonesborough, TN 37659
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Knoxville, TN 37917
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Knoxville, TN 37919
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Pregnancy Support Center
PO Box 8260
Knoxville, TN 37996
423-637-2229

MANCHESTER

Crisis Pregnancy Assistance Center
RR7 Box 7527
Manchester, TN 37355
615-728-6440

MEMPHIS

Birthright of Memphis
115 Alexander St
Memphis, TN 38111
901-327-8109

Life Choices
3297 Park Ave
Memphis, TN 38111
901-323-5433

St. Peter's Home / Catholic Charities
1805 Poplar Ave
Memphis, TN 38104
800-227-3002

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Murfreesboro, TN 37130
615-893-0228

NASHVILLE

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2200 21st Ave S #404
Nashville, TN 37205
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Catholic Charities
30 White Bridge Rd
Nashville, TN 37205
800-227-3002

Crisis Pregnancy Support Center
1810 Hayes St
Nashville, TN 37203
615-321-0005

SEVIERVILLE

Covenant Place
PO Box 4391
Sevierville, TN 37864
615-453-4644

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"Mother Theresa's Home for Infants"

Referrals:

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5649 Western Ave. NW
Washington DC 20015
(202) 237-6633
&
335 East 145th St.
Bronx, NY 10451
(718) 292)0019

Human Life International
7845 Airpark Road, Suite E
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
1-800-549-LIFE or (301) 670-7884

Focus on the Family
(Radio Show, Videos & Seminars)
8655 Explorer Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
(719) 531-3460
International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force
Human Life Center
University of Steubenville,
Steubenville, Ohio 43952
(614) 283-6316

Heritage House '76 Incorporated
919 S. Main Street
Snowflake, Arizona 85937
(602) 536-7705

American Life League
P.O. Box 1350
Stafford, VA 22555
(703) 659-4171 Metro D.C. (703)
690-2510
Fax: (703) 659-2586

Stopp Planned Parenthood
(National Resource on PP)
P.O. Box 8
LaGrangeville, NY 12540

Post-Abortion Help

American Victims of Abortion
419 7th St. NW, Suite 402
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 626-8800 ext132

Conquerors
1515 E. 66th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55423
(612) 866-7643
24-Hr. Hotline (612) 866-7715

Nat. Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation & Healing Referral Line.
PO Box 07477, Milwaukee, WI 53207
(414) 483-4141
Hotline 1-800-5-WE-CARE

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Post Abortion Ministries
P.O. Box 281463
Memphis, TN 38168

Silent Voices
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(619) 422-0757

Victims of Choice
P.O. Box 815
Naperville, IL 60566
(708) 378-1680

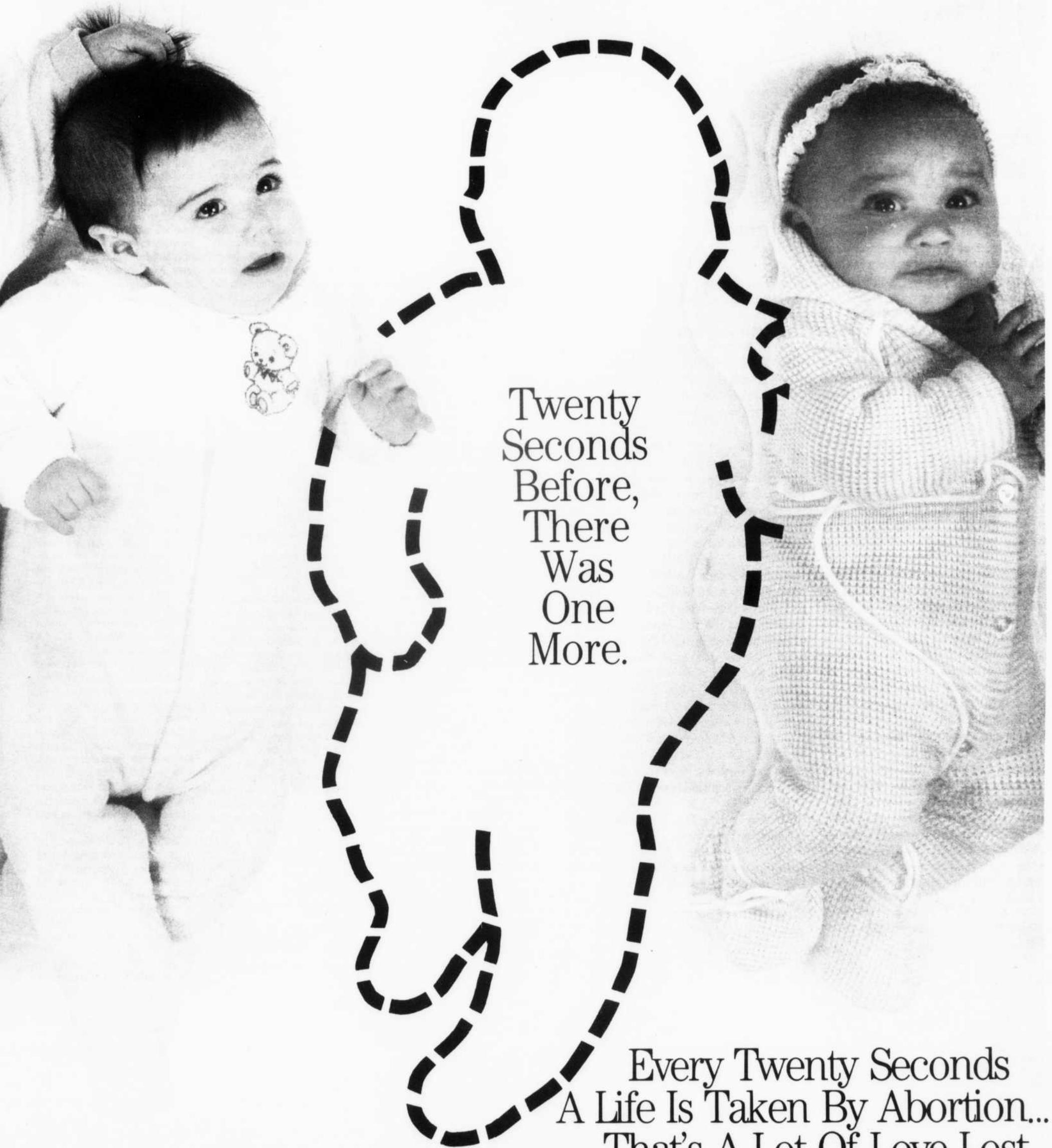
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American Collegians for Life
P.O. Box 1112
Washington, D.C. 20013
(301) 858-9646

Collegians Activated to Liberate Life
(National Networking)
Box 259806
Madison, WI 53725
(608) 256-2255

Campus Crusade for Christ
(National Organization)
100 Sunport Lane
Orlando, Florida 32809
(407) 826-2000





Twenty
Seconds
Before,
There
Was
One
More.

Every Twenty Seconds
A Life Is Taken By Abortion...
That's A Lot Of Love Lost.

Birthmother Opts for Adoption... The Loving Alternative

It was the beginning of my junior year in high school. I was excited, looking forward to another year of diving, gymnastics and track. But this excitement quickly came to an end when I realized I was pregnant.

When the pregnancy was confirmed, my mind went racing. It wasn't enough to just say that I was scared - I was terrified! The idea of having an abortion was never a consideration for me. I could not live with the realization that I was responsible for taking the life of my child - a death because of my actions.

My first instincts told me that I needed to raise my child on my own. I knew I could love and care for a child, but when I stopped thinking about myself, and thought about what was best for my child, I knew adoption was the right decision. I was sixteen at the time. I wanted to go back to school for my senior year and wanted to participate fully, in sports etc. I wanted to go on to college.

I knew I could not do all of this and raise a child at the same time. I did not want to have to live with my parents indefinitely and depend on them for everything. I did not want them to be thrust into the role of prime care-givers for my child. It just would not be fair for any of us, for them, myself or the baby. I knew that placing my child for adoption would be the right thing to do, the loving alternative!

The adoption procedure I opted for is not your ordinary plan. I chose to do an independent open adoption. Through this process I was able to select from among the prospective adoptive parents. I had the opportunity to establish a personal relationship with them as well as to develop a lasting friendship. The more I got to know them the more excited I was about placing my baby with this couple. They had so much love and



Lisa O.

security to offer my child. They were there with me in the hospital when my son was born. Their video camcorder ran non-stop.

I will always treasure the three days I spent in the hospital with my son. Handing him over to his new parents was by no means easy, but I knew in my heart that this was the right decision for both of us.

Many tears were shed throughout the nine months and during the hospital stay. But, they were not all tears of sadness. I miss my son very much. I think about him every day and a smile comes to my face. I thank the Lord that He led me to two such special people to be adoptive parents for my child.

It has been several years since my son was born. He now has an adoptive sister. I keep in contact with the family through letters and pictures. I can't begin to explain the feelings of pride and contentment that I experience when I see the smile on his face.

I am now a junior in college majoring in paralegal studies. Relinquishing my son was the hardest decision I will ever have to make but I'm more confident than ever that it was the right one. While in the hospital I received a card which read, "Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same." This is so true!

Testimony by Lisa O. of Minnesota.
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Every year over two million requests for adoption go unsatisfied.



18 week-old baby developing in the womb.

*If he is not alive,
why is he growing?*

*If he is not a human being,
what kind of being is he?*

*If he is not a child,
why is he sucking his thumb?*

*If he is a living,
human child,
why is it legal to kill him?*

The abortion experience for victims of rape and incest

by David C. Reardon

Rape and incest are very emotional topics. They often elicit in the general populace feelings of revulsion; people draw back from the issue of rape and incest, even from the victims of rape and incest. People don't know how to handle a person who is in that much pain. There is no quick fix....

Some people who are otherwise very pro-life will condone abortion in rape and incest cases because they don't know what else to offer. And they will accept it as a rare case. This pro-life difficulty in defending the unborn even in rape and incest cases is largely due to ignorance because the facts, as I have found them, show that the victim's needs are not being served by abortion. In fact, rape and incest victims actually suffer considerably from the abortion.

The facts suggest that only a minority of rape and incest victims actually choose abortion¹—so right there, one should pause and reflect. Abortion is not usually chosen as the immediate solution by rape and incest victims but that is the prevailing belief of the general population. A woman has been raped and made pregnant: "Oh, she's got to have an abortion." No one has studied the rape and incest victims' needs; abortion is presumed to fill their needs.

Kathleen DeZeeuw states, "Having lived through rape, and also having raised a child 'conceived in rape,' I feel personally insulted and assaulted every time I hear that abortion should be legal because of rape and incest. I feel that we're being used by pro-abortionists to further the abortion issue, even though we've not been asked to tell our side."

The children conceived through sexual assault also have a voice which deserves to be heard. Julie Makimaa, conceived by an act of rape, works diligently against abortion. She believes every life has a value beyond measure, a purpose which only time can reveal. Not ashamed of her origin, Julie proudly proclaims: "It doesn't matter how I began. What matters is who I will become."

Abortion Adds to the Pain of Rape

Various studies and my own research indicate that rape and incest victims fall into the high risk category of aborters, and the existence of rape or incest is actually a contraindication for

abortion. Jackie Bakker, whose testimony is in my book,² says, "I soon discovered that the aftermath of my abortion continued a long time after the memory of my rape faded. I felt empty and horrible. Nobody told me about the emptiness and pain I would feel deep within causing nightmares and deep depressions. They had all told me that after the abortion I could continue with my life as if nothing had happened." This is the same story we hear from a lot of aborted women. But for the rape and incest victim it is an especially keen story, because they have been told, "In your situation that is the only thing you can do." And they have been betrayed by that advice.

"I felt empty and horrible... They had all told me that after the abortion I could continue with my life as if nothing had happened."

Victims Gave Reasons to Forego Abortion

Perhaps the best study was done by Dr. Sandra Mahkorn, published in *Psychological Aspects of Abortion*⁶ Dr. Mahkorn was an experienced rape counselor who, in 1979, identified 37 pregnant rape victims who were treated by a social welfare agency. Of these 37, only five chose to have an abortion. Of the 28 who gave birth, 17 chose themselves; for the remaining eight, research was unable to determine where the child was placed.

"I was being sexually attacked, threatened by him and betrayed by Mom's silence...the abortion which was to be in 'my best interest' has not been...it only 'saved their reputations,' solved their problems and allowed their lives to go merrily on."

Several reasons were given for not aborting. First, several women felt that abortion was another act of violence — that it was immoral or murder. One said she would suffer more mental anguish from taking the life of a baby. Second, some saw an intrinsic meaning or purpose to the child. Somehow this child was foisted into their lives but, on the other hand, they sensed some other hidden purpose behind it. And although not responsible for having brought the child into being, it had happened, and the consequences could be lived with. Third, at a subconscious level, the rape victim feels that if she can get through the pregnancy she will have conquered the rape. Outlasting pregnancy shows she is better than the rapist who brutalized her. Giving birth, then, is the way rape victims seek to reclaim their self-esteem. It is a totally selfless act, a generous act, especially in light of the pressure to abort. It is a way for them to display their courage and strength to survive even a rape.

In her study, Mahkorn found that feelings or issues relating to the rape experience were the primary concern for most of the pregnant rape victims — not pregnancy. While 19% — a significant number — placed primary emphasis on their need to confront their feelings about the pregnancy, including feelings of resentment and hostility towards the unborn child, the primary difficulty they experienced with the rape pregnancy was pressure from other people who saw the pregnancy as a blot to be eliminated. Family and friends just weren't supportive of the woman's choice to bear the child.

Dr. Mahkorn also found that, in the group who carried their pregnancies to term, none, at the end of pregnancy, wished she had decided on an abortion. Abortion therefore inhibits the healing to the rape victim and reinforces negative attitudes.

Abortion Reinforces Women's Powerlessness

Another example from my book is Vanessa Landry, another rape victim who said, "I didn't really want to have the abortion. I have always been against abortion all my life. People think that whenever anyone is raped, they have to have an abortion. My social worker just kept telling me all kinds of things to encourage me to have the abortion. They didn't give me any other option except to abort.

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The Abortifacient Nature of Some Contraceptives

THE BIRTH CONTROL PILL - The "Pill" causes 150 different chemical changes in the woman's body (chemical warfare). This fact is documented in the *Textbook of Contraception* by Malcolm Potts, director of Planned Parenthood of England (Cambridge Press 1983, p.144). The "Pill" works in three ways:

- 1) Temporary Sterilization - preventing ovulation; however, it is estimated that the low dosage pills now in use, fail to suppress ovulation 50% of the time!
- 2) Abortion - altering the lining of the womb, making it hostile to a newly conceived child and preventing implantation in the womb.
- 3) Contraception - The "Pill" thickens the cervical mucus slowing the transportation of sperm to the ovum.

INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (I.U.D.) - though touted and sold as a contraceptive, in reality, the I.U.D. does not prevent conception. Neither does it prevent ovulation. The I.U.D.'s mode of action is to create a hostile and inflammatory environment in the womb so that a newly conceived child cannot implant and grow there. The fertilized ovum is thus expelled.

Also acting as abortifacients are other equally deceptive "contraceptives": Depo-Provera, Norplant, RU486, Abortifacient Vaccines, Cytotec, etc.

Answers to Abortion I.Q. Quiz 1) D; 2) D; 3) C; 4) B; 5) C; 6) D; 7) B; 8) D; 9) B; 10) C; 11) B; 12) A; 13) C (1 in 5); 14) D

The Declaration of Independence begins with:

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..."

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Abortion Techniques Described

Suction-Aspiration: The method of abortion most commonly used for early pregnancies. The abortionist inserts a hollow plastic tube into the dilated uterus. The tube is connected to a powerful suction apparatus. The suction tears the baby's body into pieces.

Dilation and curettage (D and C): Similar to the suction procedure except the abortionist inserts a tiny hoe-like instrument into the uterus. With this, the abortionist cuts the baby into pieces and scrapes him/her out into a basin. Bleeding is usually profuse.

Dilation and evacuation (D and E): Used after 12 weeks. A pliers-like instrument is needed because the baby's bones are calcified, as is the skull. The abortionist inserts the instrument into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby's body. The spine must be snapped and the skull crushed in order to remove them from the womb.

Salt poisoning (saline injection): This is used after 16 weeks. A long needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen into the baby's sac. Some fluid is removed and a strong salt solution is injected. The solution is swallowed and "breathed" and slowly poisons the baby. He/she kicks and jerks violently as he/she is literally being burned alive.

Hysterotomy or Caesarean Section: Used mainly in the last three months of pregnancy, the womb is entered by surgery through the wall of the abdomen. The tiny baby is removed and allowed to die by neglect or direct act.

Prostaglandin chemical abortion: This form of abortion uses chemicals, developed by the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co., which cause the uterus to contract intensely, pushing out the developing baby. In one article, one of the complications listed with this method was "live birth." In fact, the two most "dreaded" complications for an abortionist are a dead mother or a live baby.

Dilatation and Extraction (D and X) Late Term Abortions

(The authenticity of the following information has been confirmed in an article in the American Medical Association's Newsletter, *American Medical News*, in the July 5, 1993 edition).

At a September 13-14, 1992 meeting of the National Abortion Federation, a trade association of abortion providers, an Ohio abortionist, Dr. Martin Haskell, described this new technique he has perfected. Unlike the D & E procedure whereby the preborn child is dismembered inside the mother's womb, with the D & X method the preborn baby is alive until the end of the procedure when the child is killed by suctioning the brain tissue through a hole at the base of the skull while the baby's head is still inside the uterus. Then the intact aborted child, minus brain content, is removed from the womb.

According to the paper presented by Dr. Haskell the procedure takes three days and begins with "dilation (and) MORE DILATION." The cervix is initially dilated to 9-11 mm. with mechanical dilators, in order to accommodate the placement of five to seven synthetic laminaria, Dilapan hydroscopic dilators, which remain in place overnight.

The following morning the Dilapan are removed and replaced with a second insertion of 15 to 25 dilators, again left overnight. The Dilapan process may cause severe cramping.

On the third day, after removing the dilators, the abortionist ruptures the membranes, if this has not already happened, and drains the amniotic fluid. The abortionist places an ultrasound transducer on the mother's abdomen and locates the child's legs and feet.

The abortionist then uses a large forceps to grasp one of the baby's legs. He pulls firmly, forcing the child into a feet-down position. He continues pulling until the baby's leg is drawn into the birth canal.

Next, using his hands instead of forceps, the abortionist delivers the baby's body in a manner similar to a breech birth. First, the child's other leg is delivered, followed by the torso, shoulders, and arms. The baby's head "usually" remains inside the uterus.

The abortionist then performs the last step which Dr. Haskell calls "fetal skull decompression." Using blunt-tipped surgical scissors in a closed position, he pierces the child's head at the base of the skull. He then forces the scissors open to enlarge the skull opening.

Removing the scissors, the abortionist inserts a suction catheter into the wound and vacuums out the child's brain tissue (in Dr. Haskell's words, "evacuates the skull contents") causing the baby's death. With the skull emptied of brains, it collapses and he then "applies traction to the (dead) fetus removing it completely from the patient."

Dr. Haskell has performed over 700 of these abortions on preborn babies as old as 26 weeks. Dr. Haskell refers to another abortionist, Dr. James McMahan of McMahan Med. Center and Eve Surgical Centers in Los Angeles and Tazama, CA, who not only also uses this technique but sometimes uses it to abort preborn children up to 32 weeks "or more."

Barbara Radford, Executive Director of the National Abortion Federation said of this late-term abortion technique, in a 6/18/93 letter to NAF members, "Don't apologize: this is a legal abortion procedure."

++++ American War Casualties +++++

Each cross-mark represents 50,000 people killed. The war casualties represent all American combat-related deaths.

Revolutionary War	(25,324)	†
Civil War	(498,332)	+++++
World War I	(116,708)	+++
World War II	(407,316)	+++++
Korean War	(54,246)	†
Vietnam War	(58,655)	†
Gulf War	(293)	
War On The Unborn	(33,588,888)	

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Rape and Incest

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They said I was just another minority bringing a child into the world and there were too many already.⁷ Here is a woman who is being victimized not only because she is a rape victim, but also because she is black and a minority and she has a low income. That is one of the stories that upsets me the most.

Childbirth can be a victory. For the majority of pregnant rape victims who wisely choose to forego abortion, childbirth is the choice of triumph over rape. It is a choice that says, "Rape will not dictate my life." It allows them to show their own courage and generosity. When the need of pregnant rape victims is carefully examined, it can be shown the abortion is not necessary and indeed is very likely to hinder recovery by increasing feelings of guilt, shame and low self-esteem.

Like Incest, Abortion Promotes Silence

Incest victims face similar problems. Incest is a very complex issue and it is hard to say much in a very short period of time, but the vast majority of incest victims want to carry their pregnancy to term. These are young girls for whom pregnancy is a way to break out of an incestuous relationship with their father, whom they may love despite their confusion and resentment about the way they have been used as sexual objects. Since they still love the father, having the child can not only help expose the incestu-

ous relationship but also give hope of beginning a truly loving relationship.

In studies of incest victims, the vast majority choose to carry the pregnancy to term.⁸ Those in the minority who have an abortion do so only under pressure from their parents to conceal the incestuous relationship. Because the incestuous relationship is a family pathology that involves father, mother and daughter, all are involved in a conspiracy of silence.⁹

I interviewed Edith Young, now 38 years old, who was a rape and incest victim at 12 years of age. To cover up the incident, her parents procured an abortion for her without telling her what was to happen. The emotional and physical scars of incest and abortion still last to this day. She said, "I was being sexually attacked, threatened by him and betrayed by Mom's silence...the abortion which was to be in 'my best interest' has not been...it only 'saved their reputations,' solved their problems and allowed their lives to go merrily on."¹⁰

Pro-life persons don't have any reason to be ashamed to expose a pro-life view in the case of a rape or incest. The ones who need to be ashamed are the pro-abortionists who have been exploiting the problems of rape and incest victims, confusing the public and promoting abortion for their own social engineering goals. To my knowledge, pro-abortionists have never yet brought together a group of rape and incest victims who carried their pregnancies to term who said, "Oh, that was the worst thing I

ever did. Why didn't somebody give me an abortion when I needed it?"

We, on the other hand, can produce women who took the advice of the pro-abortionists, had the abortion and now say, "This abortion ruined my life. What were you telling me?" We need to join rape and incest victims in demanding that pro-abortionists stop exploiting the pain of innocent women's problems for their own political ends.

¹Pregnancy and Sexual Assault, Sandra Mahkorn, in *The Psychological Aspects of Abortion*, ed. Mall and Watts (1979), pp. 53-72.

²*Aborted Women: Silent No more.* David C. Reardon (1987), pp. 206-210.

³&⁴Text omitted.
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⁶Supra, note 1.
⁷Supra, note 2, pp. 276-278.

⁸The Consequences of Incest: Giving and Taking Life, Maloof, in *The Psychological Aspects of Abortion*, ed. Mall and Watts (1979), pp. 73-110.

⁹Father-Daughter Incest — Treatment of the Family. Kennedy, *Laval Medical* 40:946-950 (1969).

¹⁰Supra, note 2, pp. 212-218.

David C. Reardon is Director of the Elliot Institute for Social Sciences Research and author of the book "Aborted Women: Silent No More" (1987). For a copy of *Post-abortion Review Newsletter*, write to: P.O. Box 9079, Springfield, IL 62791. The majority of this article appeared in *Association for Interdisciplinary Research Newsletter*, Vol 2, Fall 1988.

Carol Everett was involved in the abortion industry in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, area from 1977 until 1983. As director of four clinics, owner of two, Ms. Everett was responsible for the clinics' daily operation. Everett, who had an abortion soon after it became legal in 1973, now speaks out on...



Carol Everett

"What I Saw in the Abortion Industry"

Q What is the governing force behind the abortion industry?
A. Money. It is a very lucrative business. It is the largest unregulated industry in our nation. Most of the clinics are run in chains because it is so profitable.

Q How much money were you making in the abortion industry before you quit?
A. I was getting a commission of \$25.00 on every abortion I "sold". In 1983, the year I got out, I would have pocketed approximately \$250,000. But, in 1984 we expected to be operating five clinics, terminating about 40,000 pregnancies, and with that projection I planned to net \$1 million. Money, Money, Money — that's where my heart was.

Q Why do you refer to "selling" abortions?
A. The product, abortion, is skillful and sold to the woman at the crisis time in her life. She buys the product, finds it defective and wants to return it for a refund. But, it's too late. Her baby is dead.

Q In what way is the woman deceived?
A. In two ways — the clinic personnel and the marketers must deny the personhood of the child and the pain caused by the procedure. Every woman has two questions, "Is it a baby?" and "Does it hurt?" The abortionist must answer "NO." He/she must lie to secure the consent of the woman and the collection of the clinic's fee. The women were told that we were dealing with a "product of conception" or a "glob of tissue." They were told that there would be only slight cramping, whereas, in reality, an abortion is excruciatingly painful.

Q What type of counseling was offered at the clinics?
A. In the clinics in which I was involved we didn't do any real counseling. We answered only the questions the woman asked and tried not to "rock the boat." We did not discuss alternatives to abortion unless the woman forced us to. We sold abortions.

Q What method of abortion did your clinics use?
A. For the most part, the abortion industry stopped using saline and prostaglandin procedures because of the number of live births. A live birth means you have to let the baby die, or dispose of it in some distasteful way. Most second and third trimester abortionists use the D & E (dilation and evacuation) method. The abortionist uses large forceps to crush the baby inside the mother's uterus and remove it in pieces. The side effects of live births and the mother going through labor are avoided. But it is a horrible procedure in which the baby must be re-constructed outside the uterus to be certain all the parts have been removed.

Q How did you dispose of an aborted baby?
A. In our clinics, we put them down the garbage disposal. We used the heavy duty model. Some second and third trimester babies' muscle structure is so strong that the baby will not come apart, so they must be disposed of through trash receptacles.

Q Abortion is supposed to be a "safe" experience. What complications did you witness?
A. We were doing a one-day traumatic dilation, which has a higher rate of complication. In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing over 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500. Common complications that take place are perforations or tears in the uterus. Many of those result in hysterectomies. The doctor might cut or harm the urinary tract, which then requires surgical repair. A complication that is rarely publicized is the one in which the doctor perforates the uterus and pulls the bowels through the vagina, resulting in colostomy. Some of those can be reversed, some must live with the colostomy for the remainder of their lives.

Q How did you keep these complications and deaths from the public?
A. The woman would be loaded into my car (an ambulance outside an abortion clinic is terrible advertising) and transported to a hospital that would protect the doctor and the abortion clinic's reputation. The concern is not with the patient only in keeping an unblemished reputation. You have a built-in cover-up with the patients' family. They are dealing with their guilt and emotions over the situation and do not want to deal with the added pressure of exposing the truth through the media.

Q Why did you get out of the abortion business?
A. Two things came into play at about the same time. I experienced a profoundly religious transformation—a conversion. At about the time I was having second thoughts a Dallas television station did an expose disclosing the abortions performed at my clinic on non-pregnant women — all for money! I finally realized, "We weren't helping women — we were destroying them — and their children." By then my transformation was complete and I knew that I not only had to stop being involved with abortions but I had to help promote the truth.

Planned Parenthood Ignores Own Advice

In 1963, a Planned Parenthood publication, *Plan Your Children For Health and Happiness* stated: "An abortion kills the life of an baby after it has begun. It is dangerous to your life and health." Yet Planned Parenthood now operates the nation's largest number of abortion mills.

ABORTION:

Possible Effects on Your Body

Immediate

- Intense pain •Punctured uterus •Excessive bleeding
- Infection •Parts of baby left inside •Shock/Coma
- Damage to other organs •Death

Later

- Inability to become pregnant again •Miscarriage/Stillbirths •Tubal Pregnancies
- Premature births •Pelvic inflammatory disease
- Hysterectomy •Two to Four times Higher Risk of Developing Breast Cancer

"People do not understand that there are thousands of serious physical complications from abortion every year in this country." Dr. Bernard Nathanson, OB-GYN,

"The inherent risk of abortion is not fully appreciated, both by many in the profession and certainly not by the public." The American Colleges of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Possible Effects on Your Emotions

The Most Common

- Guilt •Desire to become pregnant again
- Depression/Crying •Inability to forgive yourself •Intense grief/sadness
- Anger/Rage •Emotional numbness
- Sexual problems •Lowered self-esteem
- Nightmares •Anorexia or other eating disorders
- Drug or alcohol abuse •Suicidal urges

"Abortion has a painful aftermath, regardless of the woman's religious beliefs, or how positive she may have felt beforehand about her decision to abort." Vincent Rue, Ph.D., Psychologist.

Post Abortion Syndrome

(Women suffering mental and emotional anguish following an abortion)

Dr. Anne Speckhard, Ph.D, in her study on Post Abortion Syndrome, found the following effects on women.

Events Related to Abortion

- 23% had hallucinations related to the abortion
- 35% perceived visitation from the aborted child
- 54% had nightmares related to the abortion
- 69% experienced feelings of "craziness"
- 73% had flashbacks of abortion experience
- 81% had a preoccupation with the aborted child

Most Common Behavioral Problems After Abortion

- 61% increased their use of alcohol
- 65% had thoughts of suicide
- 69% were sexually inhibited
- 73% had flashbacks of the abortion
- 77% experienced an inability to communicate
- 81% experienced frequent crying

Problems ... after an abortion?

MEDICAL • LEGAL • EMOTIONAL HELP

CALL 1-800-634-2224 AMERICAN RIGHTS COALITION
or 1-800-962-2319 LEGAL ACTION FOR WOMEN
Additional Resources listed on Page 5

I've been there too!

"Tim, I think I'm pregnant." It was New Year's Eve, 1973. My boyfriend sighed deeply, his gaze remaining fixed on the TV. "Just have your period, all right?" he muttered. I felt a sour lump in the back of my throat. My breasts were tender. Yes, I was pregnant, and I was scared!

I knew from first hand experience how tough it is raising a child as a single mother. I already had a 2-year old daughter, Jennifer, from an earlier unsuccessful marriage. We lived in the inner city and could barely make ends meet. When my pregnancy was confirmed, Tim's non-committal response to my distress and his move to Chicago, 400 miles away, left me despondent and leaning more and more toward abortion as the "easy way out." I was already struggling financially with one child. How could I raise two?

I drove to Chicago to try to convince Tim to marry me. He was deaf to my pleas and unmoved by my tears. Believing I had no viable alternative, I convinced him to give me money for an abortion.

As I sat in the abortion clinic waiting my turn, everything around me seemed like a nightmare. Women lounged on garishly printed couches as rock music played on the intercom. Everything seemed so casual, and there I was, feeling like I wanted to die.

When the nurse called my name, I changed

my mind, broke into tears, and left.

I felt desperately alone. Back at the university, I often cried myself to sleep.

I decided to confide in a couple of college professors. They collected money to fly me back to Chicago to have an abortion. Now I was determined, even obligated, to go through with it. Still, I agonized!

Ironically, that semester, I was taking a class in fetal development. I knew there was a baby in my womb with her heart beating and her own circulatory system. Those pictures flashed in my mind as I sat there, clad in a paper gown and paper slippers.

I was summoned to the room where the abortions are performed. I could hear a woman sobbing hysterically in the recovery room. It reminded me of someone who had witnessed the death of a loved one in a fatal accident. I'll never forget it.

As the doctor was examining me, prior to performing the abortion, he suddenly stopped and said to the nurse, "Get her out of here! She's too far along!" Relief instantly washed over me! How odd! I had thought I wanted an abortion but now felt instantly relieved to know I was still pregnant.

I decided to use every ounce of courage I could muster to deal with my pregnancy. My ambivalence turned into love for my unborn child. When my beautiful daughter

was born, I named her Melanie.

It took energy and creativity to support the three of us. My two daughters inspired me to do great things. They never stood in the way of my career. They have only enhanced it. I finished my degree; then I went on to get my Master's and Ph.D. Besides being a proud mother, I am happily married, a published author, a motivational speaker for one of the largest seminar companies in the U.S. and a part-time musician.

I have learned that life is really about developing character. When we endure something tough, our character and self-esteem are strengthened. Many women who have confessed to me that they've had abortions have discovered that the "easy way out" is just an illusion. Some of them are in abusive relationships. Some are on anti-depressants. Others just seem detached from life. Some sadly remember their aborted child's "would be" birthday each year.

If you are in a crisis pregnancy, I cannot promise that it will be easy. I can only promise that the anguish will pass and there are people who will help you through this trying time. (pg. 5) As someone who has "been there" I understand the anguish you are experiencing. One day you will look back on the birth of your child, and say, as I do, "I did the right thing. And I feel proud."



Sincerely, with love,
Dr. Angela Woodhull

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Glamour (2/94), the popular women's magazine, after receiving input from 3000 women reported, "Virtually all of those who'd had abortions in the past said that if they'd only known how much they'd regret having an abortion, they never would have agreed to the procedure...The births of subsequent children or some other exposure to the intricacies of child development were often listed as experiences that helped them see just how misguided they had been in deciding to abort." One woman said "Society told me it (abortion) was safe and legal. And the abortionist and her medical crew never counseled me on anything- the procedure itself, the risks, the alternatives, and what my choices were...I wondered why, if I had participated in this wonderful, self liberating experience, I did not feel a sense of deliverance, but a loss of self respect, and little by little a loss of myself."

How Developed Is Your Baby?



Baby at Approximately Six Weeks

This remarkable photograph of a tiny preborn baby in his unruptured amniotic sac was taken after surgery (for a tubal pregnancy) at the University of Minnesota by medical photographer, Robert Wolfe, in 1972. This picture demonstrates the remarkable early development of a preborn baby at only six weeks after conception.

Consider This Testimony

"Eleven years ago while giving an anesthetic for a ruptured ectopic pregnancy (at 8 weeks gestation). I was handed what I believe was the smallest living human ever seen. The embryonic sac was intact and transparent. Within the sac was a tiny human male swimming extremely vigorously in the amniotic fluid, while attached to the wall by the umbilical cord. This tiny human was perfectly developed, with long, tapering fingers, feet and toes. It was almost transparent, as regards the skin, and the delicate arteries and veins were prominent to the ends of the fingers.

"The baby was extremely alive and swam about the sac approximately one time per

second, with a natural swimmer's stroke. This tiny human did not look at all like the photos and drawings and models of 'embryos' which I had seen, nor did it look like a few embryos I have been able to observe since then, obviously because this one was alive!

"When the sac was opened, the tiny human immediately lost his life and took on the appearance of what is accepted as the appearance of an embryo at this stage of life (with blunt extremities etc.)."

Statement by Paul E. Rockwell, M.D., anesthesiologist, as quoted by Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke in *Handbook on Abortion*.

Feet of Baby at Ten Weeks

Dr. Russell Sacco of Oregon took this picture of the perfectly formed feet of a 10-week-old aborted baby waiting for disposal in a pathologist's laboratory. The feet in the picture are held between the doctor's thumb and forefinger.



Don't Make My Mistakes



Michelle C.

Some people say that abortion is "an informed decision between a woman and her physician." You hear that a lot. But the fact is that most women never meet the abortionist until they are on the table, as happened in my case.

I was 18 years old when I got pregnant. I wasn't serious about my boyfriend. It was a casual relationship. Since I had already enlisted in the Air Force, I thought I had to have an abortion in order to make something out of my life.

*My best friend drove me to the abortion clinic. I was there for about four hours. It was like an assembly line. When the ultrasound was being done I asked to see it. But this wasn't allowed (so much for "an informed decision"). Then I asked how far along I was. I was told I was **nine-and-a-half weeks pregnant**. That hit me hard. I knew then that my baby was further developed than I had thought. I started doubting, and wanted to talk to my friend. But I wasn't allowed to do that either.*

*When it was my turn the nurse told me that I was going to feel some discomfort, like strong menstrual cramps. **The truth is that the abortion was more pain than I've ever felt in my life. It felt like my insides were literally being sucked out of my body. Afterwards I went into shock!***

After the abortion, I tried to make up for the abortion by trying to get pregnant again. I wanted my baby back. I never got pregnant again. I don't know if I can ever have another baby. I named my baby. I found out later that this is part of the grieving process.

I ended up in the hospital with bulimia two-and-one-half years later. I felt that no one had punished me for what I had done so I was punishing myself. I became obsessed with women who were pregnant, with women who would talk about their pregnancy. My life was in shambles! I was suffering from post-abortion trauma.

When I was 21 years old God brought me help through a woman who was involved in pro-life activism. She helped me a lot. I went through a post-abortion counseling program called "Conquerors." God not only forgave me, He challenged me to help others. I answered the challenge!

I started picketing and sidewalk counseling. There is a healing process that comes from getting involved in the pro-life movement. I talk to youth groups and students about abstinence and I share my testimony. To them, and to you, I plead, "Please don't make the same mistakes I did."

Michelle

See pages 5 & 8 for alternatives to abortion!

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