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Report examines online degree program

By Jennifer Card
Contributor

The newly initiated Regent's Online Degree Program is heading for trouble.

That was the conclusion voiced by Lynn Nelson, a professor in MTSU's history department, at the Faculty Senate meeting last week. Nelson served on the committee that the Senate charged last September with investigating the program and its application for MTSU.

According to the report,

RODP was developed in "response to the entry into the Tennessee market of private Internet education companies."

In addition, the report cited pressure from the state legislature to improve the numbers of degree-holding Tennesseans while saving educational dollars.

For Nelson, trying to satisfy both goals is a recipe for disaster. He acknowledged that, while there is a compelling need for the program, he fears that the students and participating faculty members will be short-

changed in the long run.

Currently, faculty members who participate in the program receive a one-time payout of \$2,500. However, this does not factor favorably with the amount of time they must devote to the program.

The committee reports that online coursework requires significantly more time than classroom instruction. Finding new source material, creating new software and restructuring assignments are all cited as contributing to the additional workload.

"Online teaching takes a lot of time - 50 to 100 percent more," Nelson said.

He added that this is a big chunk that is not accounted for in the university's workload formula.

Because of the amount of time, many faculty members receive little or no compensation for their efforts. Nelson blamed this as a reason why faculty members do not take part in the program.

"I refused to teach online," Nelson said. "I'm untenured, and there's no incentive to do it

from the department of history."

There is also the added burden of continual e-mail support that is of concern to faculty. Because there is no face-to-face contact between student and teacher, there is, as the study stated, a feeling of isolation and confusion from the online student. Thus, online students typically need more attention and direction from their professors and instructors.

Some professors require passage of computer literacy tests before a student can add the

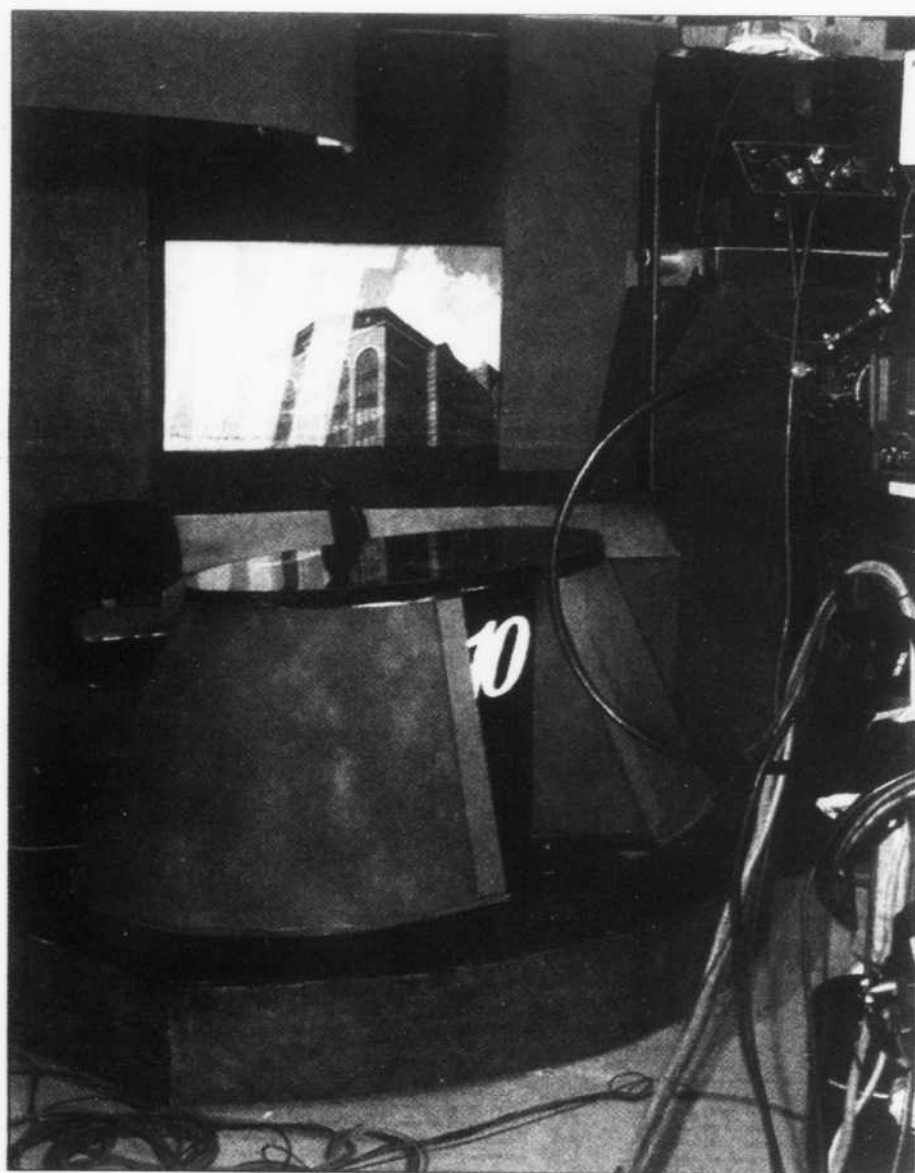
course. However, computer skills are often cited as a problem area for the target demographic or non-traditional students who the RODP is supposed to reach.

Also of concern is that a student who successfully completes an MTSU degree online may never see a professor.

Online courses are currently listed in the schedule books of all member schools of the Tennessee Board of Regents. It is possible for a student to use

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Channel 10 temporarily suspended



By Jason Cox
Staff Writer

Much of MTTV Channel 10's programming will remain off the air while station management corrects technical glitches and writes the station's first comprehensive manual for operation.

All of MTTV's shows, with the exception of the news broadcast and specials such as "Open Line With President Sidney McPhee," were pulled from the

channel late last month. According to a memo issued at the time from the station's adviser, Bob Pondillo, this occurred due to persistent technical problems as well as some objectionable content.

In discussing the technical difficulties, Pondillo said there was a tape deck that often froze on one frame for several minutes at a time. He said McPhee brought the technical matter to his attention and, after discussing the prob-



Photos by Steve Cross | Staff

The studios of Channel 10 sit empty in the Learning Resources Center. Programming for Channel 10 will not be re-established until MTTV creates a written program guideline. The only shows still on the air are the news broadcasts and the special series "Open Line with President Sidney McPhee."

lem with Electronic Media Communication Chair Robert Spires, decided to suspend programming.

"We want [the programming] to still have a student voice," Pondillo said. "[but] there are technical things that have to be there. Some things are just not up to broadcast quality."

Pondillo added that the station must reapply for the channel 10 spot before the Murfreesboro Cable Commission April 8 and must explain the technical problems and what they have done to remedy them.

Both Pondillo and Terra Grant, station manager, said there was no

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Honors Lecture Preview

Lecture looks at conflict between Palestine, Israel

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

The ongoing conflicts occurring in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine will be the subject presented today as part of the University Honors



Messier

College lecture series. Presenting the lecture, titled "Israel and Palestine: Survival Means Different Things to Different People," will be professor Ron Messier of the history department.

Messier plans to examine the conflict from a historical perspective and from a contemporary angle.

"As fast as things change in the Middle East, I'll be revising right up until the lecture," he said.

While recent world events have brought increased attention to the tensions and violence within the Middle East, conflicts in the region are not new.

Messier said his overview of the conflict's history will begin with an examination of the 1922 League of Nations Mandate for Palestine. The mandate granted temporary control of Palestine to Great Britain for the purpose of estab-

lishing a Jewish national home there.

Messier also will address legislation passed by the United Nations concerning Israel and Palestine, including the 1947 U.N. Partition Plan and the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

To show how attitudes and attempts at peace have evolved, Messier said he will compare the 1978, which produced a framework of peace between Israel and Egypt, with the Oslo Accords of 1993, agreements of mutual recognition between the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He will then consider the current state of affairs after the summit at Camp David in 2000 ended in a stalemate.

"Over the last 15 months, Israel has taken extraordinary measures to increase its security with the net result that Israel is less secure than it has been in a long time," he said.

Messier plans to conclude his lecture by addressing lessons learned from history about "the lack of security for both Israelis and Palestinians" and by presenting a solution that he describes as "pretty obvious, but very difficult to achieve."

Messier's lecture will be today at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A.

The lecture is free and open to the public. ♦

Joe Greene takes Mr. MTSU crown



Photo by Allison Grammer | Staff

Joe Greene was hoisted up after claiming the Mr. MTSU trophy Thursday night. Chi Omega sponsored the 33rd annual event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Afghan war casualties unmasked

By Shana Brogden
Contributor

The U.S. government's role in censoring the U.S. media from unveiling the devastating effects of the post-Sept. 11th bombing of Afghanistan and their ineffective efforts to liberate Afghanistan women was exposed during Medea Benjamin's speech Thursday.

Benjamin, a human rights activist, helped her audience understand the true circumstances of the Afghan people according to what she saw in Afghanistan after U.S. bombing campaigns with first-hand stories, pictures, a burka and compassion.

"The United States government told the media to downplay civilian casualties," Benjamin said. "We found dozens of places where the bombs were way off target and hit civilian areas."

Benjamin told of U.S. forces dropping bombs from increasingly higher altitudes to protect troops from harm, which decreases the accuracy of the bombs and increases the number of civilian casualties for Afghanistan.

Benjamin also addressed the issue of the U.S. military's use of cluster bombs, which are condemned by the United Nations. Cluster bombs have about 200 bomblets surrounded by a cas-

ing that splits open mid-air.

"The U.S. says that their testing shows that 97 percent explode on impact, even though Afghanistan reports that around 20 percent have not exploded," Benjamin said.

"There are over 50,000 [bomblets] left on the ground waiting for unknown children or farmers to pick them up, causing even more civilian deaths," Benjamin said.

The burka Benjamin wore on her trip also was shown to help explain the circumstances that women live in, although according to Benjamin, "The woman that gave me this plea for me not to get obsessed with the burka - get obsessed

with the poverty."

As an example of the stagnant efforts of the U.S. government in liberating the women of Afghanistan, Benjamin spoke of the abundance of widows and children begging in the streets. The situation had not altered between her two trips to the country.

Another example was that of the 30 individuals placed on the governmental staff in Afghanistan. Only two were women, and of those two, Benjamin shared the experiences of Dr. Sima Samar, who she met on one of her trips.

"She got the news of her

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Swann analyzes brain chemistry of sexes

By Jennifer Cathey
Contributor

As part of this year's theme of women in science for Women's History Month, Jennifer Swann came to MTSU to explain the science of chemical attraction.

Swann, an endocrinologist from Lehigh University, spoke in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building.

The material Swann presented included aspects of scientific research as well as gender differences.

Swann first explained why the human race has different genders.

"There is a very good reason for having two sexes," Swann said. "You get a variation of the genetic code."

Her lecture focused on the differences between the male and female brain chemical makeup and the characteristics of each sex.

"Secondary sex characteristics are usually the result of steroids on the brain," Swann told the audience.

These characteristics, such as a male peacock's feathers, have a very specific purpose, she said.

"Secondary sex characteristics are like broadcasts for males," she said. "Females usually don't have them."

Swann said the differences

between males and females are inherent.

"In children that are less than a year old, there are major sex differences," she said.

Swann continued her lecture with an anecdotal story about an experiment in which a boy was made into a "girl" after a botched circumcision procedure.

After the procedure, he was monitored closely. Eventually, he gave up trying to live as a woman and began living as the man he "felt" he was.

"Just treating someone as if they are female is not going to make them female," Swann said.

Swann explained the chemical evidence that backs the

validity of the story.

"If you've got the SRY gene, you've got a testes. If you've got a testes, you're male," she said.

Swann added that the removal of the testes itself did not remove the sex-determining region Y gene.

The male hormone testosterone also plays a part in determining gender.

"In the absence of testosterone, you are female," she said. "Female is the default gender."

However, the hormone testosterone can be a chameleon.

"Testosterone can become more than one hormone," Swann said.

One of the hormones testos-

terone can morph into is steroids, the possibly dangerous hormone that is illegally taken as a pill or injection by some athletes.

Swann affirmed the importance of steroids.

"Steroids are the most powerful hormones," Swann said.

From her research into the sexes, brain chemistry and other sex characteristics and behaviors, Swann is able to draw a conclusion.

"The brains of males and the brains of females are not the same," she said.

The Women's History Month Lecture Series will continue into the beginning of April. ♦

Regents: Degree leaves faculty cold

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MTSU as his or her home school for the program, yet take all classes through Austin Peay. There is no required contact with the institution granting the degree.

In addition, the money allocated for the administration of the RODP are split between the institutions that are involved in the degree.

The home school that is giving the degree receives 20 percent of the funds, while the institution where the student is actually registered for courses receives 80 percent.

While the delivering school gets the majority of the funds, it also bears all of the teaching costs.

This may, according to the report, create a situation where more schools desire to be the home institution and gain 20 percent of the funding for providing zero effort.

The Faculty Senate meets the second Monday of every month in the James Union Building, Room 100, at 4:30 p.m. ♦

Ten Commandments incites division in community

By Nick Fowler
Staff Writer

The Ten Commandments will be posted in the Rutherford County Courthouse, voted the Rutherford County Commission 16 to 5 Thursday night amid cheers and jeers from supporters and opponents.

Flyce Helford, director of Women's Studies at MTSU, spoke during the open comment period against the posting of the Commandments.

Helford said the posting was unconstitutional.

"There is no way to conceive

of the Ten Commandments as a non-religious document," she said prior to the meeting.

Helford said she hoped to stop the commission because one of the commissioners said he would like to post the Ten Commandments on other public buildings.

"This must be halted before it reaches MTSU and costs us time, money and lawsuits," she said.

Mathew Pauley, president of the Campus Freethought Alliance at MTSU, spoke at the meeting to tell the commission that posting the Commandments will hurt and alienate people. He

said there were many people at MTSU who should be considered.

"It's disappointing that the decision was made before they stepped into the courtroom," Pauley said after the vote. "People fail to see that this is dividing the community."

One of the commissioners who voted against the proposal was MTSU professor Bob Bullen. Bullen spoke before the vote, encouraging the commission to consider the effects of their actions. He said that before this was proposed, everything was fine and that the suggestion of posting the Ten

Commandments has only divided the community against itself.

Carrie Scoggins, an MTSU resident in favor of posting the Commandments, said that if the courts make the county take the Ten Commandments down, they also must remove pagan symbols from public property such as the statue of Athena at the Parthenon.

"It's religious bigotry if they don't," she said.

The County Commission voted last year to defend their right to post the Commandments in public buildings. County Attorney Lisa Ely said it could

cost \$25,000 to \$50,000 to defend a lawsuit. A similar case will be ruled on April 29 by the 6th Circuit Court.

Commissioners Jerry Baxter, Carol Cook, Faye Elam, James Evans Jr., Gary Farley, David Gammon, Trey Gooch, Joe Frank Jernigan, Paul Johnson, Tina Jones, Grant Kelly Jr., Allen McAdoo, Richard Sage, Steve Sandlin, Dwight Throneberry and Lindel Vaughn voted in favor of posting the Ten Commandments.

Bullen, Joyce Ealy, Anthony Johnson, Robert Peay Jr. and Jimmy Woods voted against the bill. ♦

Channel 10: MTTV must reapply to recover Channel 10

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specific show that caused the cancellation, but Grant mentioned that one or more shows may have violated the Establishment Clause of the Constitution, which prohibits

the government from declaring or financing a state-run religion.

Grant also said no shows have been permanently cancelled.

Grant said the suspension is an opportunity for the station

to establish guidelines for programming that had previously been largely arbitrary.

"We as a management team didn't really know guidelines on what can be shown," Grant said. "It had just been building up over the years, and it was time

to establish guidelines about it."

Bardale said the programming suspension would last only as long as it takes the MTTV student management staff to put the manual together. ♦

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Benjamin: Few women part of government

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position as head of ministry from CNN, and in her new position she had no office, no budget and no programs," Benjamin said. "All of the money given by the U.S. went into hands of men with guns, such as the Northern Alliance

which were in control 1992 through 1996 during which they were guilty of oppressing women."

Benjamin cited a recent Gallup poll that showed that the overall feeling of Muslim people is that the United States is not justified in bombing, and that they are ruthless, aggressive,

biased and uncaring about Muslim people.

The poll said, "If the U.S. wants to distinguish itself from terrorism, it is not by the superiority of weapons of mass destruction, but to go to all extents to value the sanctity of human life," Benjamin said. ♦

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Cheney confers with Saudis on Mideast peace amid reservations about Iraq

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney encountered more resistance Saturday to American action against Iraq even as he conveyed growing U.S. interest in a Saudi-sponsored Middle East peace initiative.

Cheney met with Saudi leaders who have expressed sharp reservations about any U.S. plan to move militarily against Iraq.

Saudi Arabia was the sixth stop on Cheney's 11-nation Middle East tour. Each of the six countries he has visited in the region so far has opposed a tougher stand on Iraq.

The Saudi rejection was expected and telegraphed well in advance. But it was significant because of the importance the United States places on the role of Saudi Arabia in the region.

It would be difficult for the United States to mount a successful military campaign against Iraq without the support — or at least acquiescence — of Saudi Arabia, many military analysts suggest.

Al-Qaida moving money, suggesting leadership may be planning attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network has stepped up its financial activity markedly in recent weeks, suggesting some leaders are reasserting control and may be seeking to finance more attacks against American interests, a U.S. official said.

The increased flow of money corresponds with a recent increase in communications between surviving al-Qaida members, the official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The communications, detected by U.S. intelligence, have occurred between small groups of al-Qaida fighters and some Taliban allies, officials said. Much of the activity is centered in northwestern Pakistan — near the Afghan border — although some money and communications are going elsewhere, one official said.

The activity suggests some known al-Qaida leaders are re-establishing control over surviving elements of the terrorist network, the official said, declining to name the leaders.

Four time Winston Cup Champion Jeff Gordon's wife files for divorce Saturday

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) — Jeff Gordon's wife filed for divorce after seven years of marriage as the four-time Winston Cup champion, The Palm Beach Post reported Saturday.

Brooke Gordon said the marriage is "irretrievably broken" in court papers filed Friday, the newspaper said. It did not specify the problems. She and her husband are considered the highest profile couple in NASCAR, appearing together in commercials and magazine articles.

Jeff Gordon, in Darlington, S.C., for the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, would not elaborate on the report Saturday.

"I hope you guys can respect me at this time," he said. "We're going to say something next week about it."

Disney opens Walt Disney Studios, a new theme park, in suburban Paris

MARNE-LA-VALLEE, France (AP) — Flanked by Mickey,

Minnie, Pluto and Goofy, executives of Walt Disney Co. opened the company's latest European theme park Saturday.

Walt Disney Studios, the newest addition to the Disneyland resort outside Paris, opened its doors to provide visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the world of movies, television and animation.

At a ceremony, Chairman Michael Eisner and Roy Disney, the nephew of the company's founder, welcomed about 150 youths from seven European countries who were given free admission to the park for the inaugural day.

Walt Disney Studios offers shows of daredevil auto racers, simulations of natural disasters like earthquakes and floods and a thrilling upside-down roller coaster ride, among other things.

The opening coincided with the 10th anniversary of Disneyland Paris, which after a rocky start has become one of the top tourist attractions in Europe, with about 12 million visitors per year.

Afghan commanders say Operation Anaconda was not a rousing success

KARDEZ, Afghanistan (AP) — To some veteran Afghan commanders, the recent U.S. offensive against al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan failed because most of them got away.

Moreover, they said, this month's Operation Anaconda, the biggest U.S.-led offensive of the Afghan war, should serve as a warning of what lies ahead if the United States wants to crush al-Qaida and Taliban forces still in Afghanistan.

According to the Afghans, themselves veterans of the brutal 1980s war against the Soviets, the Americans must be prepared for a protracted series of battles, in which an elusive opponent seemingly suffers a terrible pounding, only to disappear into the formidable terrain — perhaps to return and fight another day.

The U.S. military has declared Operation Anaconda, which began winding down last week, a success. The U.S.-led coalition seized control of the Shah-e-Kot valley after two weeks of punishing airstrikes and ground combat.

Four baseball players suspended, three fined for spring training game brawl

NEW YORK (AP) — San Diego pitcher Bobby Jones, Anaheim infielder Scott Spiezio and Padres outfielder Ryan Klesko were penalized the most in Bob Watson's first decisions as baseball's disciplinarian. The Angels' Aaron Sele, who hit Klesko with a pitch that triggered the first of two fights during a spring training game March 9, was fined but not suspended. Jones received a seven-game penalty, Spiezio six and Klesko five. Angels third baseman Troy Glaus was suspended for two games.

All penalties, which angered San Diego more than Anaheim, are to be served during the regular season, and they could be delayed if the players appeal. The Angels play in the major league opener, at home March 31 against Cleveland.

San Diego outfielder Ron Gant and first baseman Phil Nevin also were fined. The amounts of the fines were not disclosed.

Allegations against deputy premier raise rift between Serb leaders, hard-liners

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The military said Saturday it

might charge Serbia's deputy prime minister with spying for the United States, fueling tensions between the Serbian leadership and army hard-liners left over from the era of Slobodan Milosevic.

The arrest of Momcilo Perisic on Thursday has angered Washington, which protested the treatment of an American diplomat in the case. The diplomat was detained along with Perisic and held for 15 hours, at one point reportedly with a hood over his head.

The diplomat was released Friday, and Perisic was freed Saturday. But controversy boiled over the detentions, which highlighted a rift between hard-line generals, backed by the Yugoslav president and Serb leaders trying to impose civilian control on the military.

Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic said his deputy had been "set up" and that military intelligence was "out of control."

U.N. human rights watchdog meets for first session since terrorist attacks

GENEVA (AP) — For the first time, the United States is being confined to the sidelines as a mere observer as 53 other countries — including Sudan, Cuba and Syria — take their seats in the U.N. human rights watchdog for the annual examination of human rights worldwide.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission, which opens its six-week session Monday, will hear hundreds of speeches from ministers and activists on issues ranging from executions to toxic waste.

Advocacy groups said it's vital that the commission assert its moral clout as human rights come under extra pressure because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their repercussions.

Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, headquartered in London, both criticized the United States for taking sweeping and secretive anti-terrorist measures, including the detention without charge of hundreds of men from Middle Eastern countries who were deemed potential suspects.

Investigation of phony drug cases put Dallas police, prosecutors on hot seat

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI is examining the role of Dallas police and prosecutors in about 70 drug cases — involving more than 40 defendants — dismissed in recent months after lab tests revealed fake drugs or tiny amounts of the real thing mixed with large amounts of gypsum.

The cases unfolded — and unraveled — one by one. In drug bust after drug bust investigators later found little or no drugs in the evidence that was seized.

Whether it's a case of corruption or a massive system failure remains to be seen.

But the botched cases have spilled over into the race for district attorney and angered the newly elected mayor. Some victims have threatened civil rights lawsuits, and Hispanic advocacy groups are calling for the resignations of the district attorney, city manager and police chief.

"It's the worst law enforcement scandal I've heard of in the Northern District of Texas in the 20 years I've practiced here," said Paul Coggins, a former U.S. attorney. ♦



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Editorial

Give students the creative freedom that they deserve

Student media are an integral part of the higher educational setting. MTSU boasts a student newspaper, a student radio and a student TV station and more, but one of those media programs recently was yanked from the public eye to fix "technical glitches" and policy misunderstandings.

Student television station MTTV-10 no longer will broadcast shows other than the news and specials such as the recent "Open Line with President Sidney McPhee," according to the station's adviser Bob Pondillo. Pondillo cited persistent technical problems as the main reason for the decision to cancel programming – problems such as a problematic tape deck and certain shows "not up to broadcast quality."

If the major problem is failing equipment, the solution is simple: fix things. But if the problem is students not having what it takes to produce a good-looking show, the situation becomes a little stickier.

Pondillo also said some of the shows weren't broadcast-worthy. This is no surprise considering the vast majority of students producing TV shows are amateurs just learning the basics. So should those students, who might be learning the ropes, be punished for non-perfect, boring or controversial shows?

Since when are professors or administrators allowed to decide a student medium is not up to par, therefore not worthy of air time? It smacks of censorship – something positively evil but all-too-present on college campuses.

Station Manager Terra Grant said one or more shows may have violated constitutional guidelines involving religion.

Regardless of the content of any one show, all students producing shows should not be punished for the actions of others. It seems a little juvenile to strip away all student shows instead of just the problematic ones.

When dealing with quality, if the shows consistently don't cut it, get rid of them and showcase ones that do. But don't completely strip students the right to create television shows and gain valuable experience by not allowing anyone to do anything for an extended period of time.

Though no shows have been permanently canceled, it is unclear when programming will resume. Hopefully, Channel 10 will get their bearings back, come back strong and represent what MTSU's students are really capable of, without the hindrance of those who would rather not let students learn the business of television through direct experience. ♦

Nuclear posture review doesn't make Bush a Strangelove

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff
Columnist

Recently, *The Los Angeles Times* reported that a classified Pentagon document called a "nuclear posture review" leaked to them mentioned potential nuclear targets in nations such as China, Russia, Libya, Syria, North Korea and, of course, our old friends Iraq and Iran.

It took hardly no time for the whispers to say that George "Dr. Strangelove" Bush and the trigger-finger Department of Defense were staking out strike zones in friendly countries and developing smaller nuclear weapons for con-

centrated destruction.

The review, which is required every six years by Congress, mentioned targets in the nations listed previously and said nukes could be used against targets that would withstand non-nuclear bombardment, as a retaliation to nuclear, biological or chemical attacks, or "in the event of surprising military developments."

The latter condition, which is broad by any stretch of the imagination, has been touted by some as a loophole for President Bush to use nuclear weapons more or less at his discretion. A columnist for the *Iowa State Daily* called it a "clause so elastic it could double as the Bush bungee cord."

While the idea of President Bush cheering wildly while riding the

bomb that starts the end of civilization has comedic and romantic appeal, it appears that the truth is much less controversial than the hyperbole.

The document that was found proves little more than a tendency to plan ahead for the worst. It is quite unrealistic to think that the Pentagon plans to use unprovoked nuclear attacks against any of our enemies. Humanitarian issues aside, it would be too much of a blow to international diplomacy and trade partnerships, particularly our dependence on foreign oil. Using nuclear weapons anywhere would almost certainly worsen our standing in the world.

It is an unfortunate tendency of the American public to buy into whatever it is being fed. In this

case, it is being fed the notion that Bush and his army of advisers have ignored the history lessons taught by Hiroshima, Nagasaki, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the India-Pakistan arms race. Despite the policy missteps that Bush has taken so far in his administration, he is not dense enough to believe that he can justify a first strike on any nation with nuclear weapons.

Since the final days of World War II, nuclear weapons have played as large a role as any fighter jet, aircraft carrier or submarine, despite that they have only been used twice in combat. As shown in the Cold War, the mere threat of nuclear warfare has shaped a considerable amount of international policy.

What the Pentagon has

done is what any nation with top standing in the world would do: plan for all possible scenarios such as not to find themselves unprepared. Some sort of final contingency plan is natural and should be encouraged.

By developing what amounts into a last-ditch effort, the president and his advisers are following in the footsteps in those that came before them by being at least somewhat ready for the worst possible scenario. To portray Bush as a vindictive, Dr. Strangelove-type character with only one piece of supporting evidence is premature. ♦

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Peace for the sake of all innocent children

By Zaid Brifkani

Guest Columnist

I am writing in response to the column in the *Sidelines* issue dated March 11, 2002, by staff columnist Michael Schulz. The title of the column was: "Eliminate Palestinian threat for sake of Israeli children." Considering the columnist's astounding political science background I was anticipating a more rounded and unbiased portrayal of his knowledge.

Alas! To my disappointment, Schulz had spoken for one side, totally ignoring the views and issues of the other. First of all, I was unsure about what the title of the column really means. The very first glance at the column revealed the intentions of the writer, "elimination of Palestinian threat."

Schulz began the column by mentioning that Israel has been in a state of war for more than 18 months. Luckily he mentioned the case being "over land that was taken in military actions more than 30 years ago by Israelis." What really disappointed me was that Schulz went further to blame the Palestinians for this bloody conflict and for all the violence. He had earlier established that the cause of war was the forceful abduction of land by Israel from Palestinians.

If we agree that both sides are responsible for the terrors of war then is it rational to judge for one side while ignoring the rights of the other? Schulz definitely wants one side obliterated, but who are we to pick which side should it be? The writer seemed to be very concerned with the lives of the Israeli children and women, but interestingly, his heart doesn't seem to ache for the Palestinian children, women and elders.

Is it because Schulz is biased? Why can't he differentiate and separate the rock throwers from the machine gun-toting soldiers and the oppressive tanks.

This is a "true war" where one side has nothing to defend themselves with and the other side has the whole world's support, including Schulz's, but, wait, he does have a solution to the conflict: "the use of brute force." Is this how Schulz suggests the elimination of Palestinian threat for the sake of Israeli children? What about the Palestinian children? Who would protect them, and how would they alleviate their pain and sufferings? Is this political science major suggesting the killing of all Palestinians so there is no one to resist Israel's occupation of Palestine?

If we all agree that Israel is in a state of war with the Palestinians (not 'Palestine', the nation that used to exist on maps less than a century ago), then everyone living there is under a continuous threat, including children. Furthermore, the writer mentioned the suicidal bombing of a Jewish synagogue that left five children dead but never mentioned the hundreds of Palestinian children and infants whose lives were snatched in the past 18

months by Israeli soldiers. Schulz conveniently forgot to mention that more than 1,500 Palestinians, 70 percent of whom were under the age of 18, were killed, more than 5,000 injured and more than 2,500 males between the age of 13 and 60 had been arrested during the last few months.

Did he forget about the pregnant Palestinian lady who was stopped at a checkpoint by Israeli soldiers and was not allowed to be taken to the hospital for delivery? She gave birth to her baby on the street and, for the sake of Israeli children, the Palestinian newborn died hours after opening his eyes in this world.

Yes, dear columnist, I agree with you that the war should end soon, but the question is how? I hope Schulz has learned in his courses about the several United Nations resolutions that require Israel to return the occupied land to its rightful owners.

We are all against violence and the killing of innocent children, women and all lives. However, it is time for us to examine the facts as they are and not as depicted by the media or by some oblivious journalists determined to change the history. It is time for us to say eliminate violence and human suffering by respecting all lives on equal basis, at least for the sake of all the innocent children out there. ♦

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From the Opinions Editor

Religion nothing but divisive



As reported on page 2 of today's paper, the Rutherford County Commission voted 16-5 in favor of posting the Ten Commandments in the Rutherford County Courthouse.

Despite logical, eloquent and Constitutionally-based protests from the director of Women's Studies at MTSU, Elyce Helford, and MTSU student Mathew Pauley, the Commission voted to infuriate and alienate many members of the community by violating the Establishment Clause of the Constitution.

Why couldn't the commission have left well enough alone? Murfreesboro, once a peaceful model of midtown America, has now become bitterly divided over 10 simple statements.

Religion is the most divisive issue in world history. Look at today's headlines: "Islamic terrorists strike out," "Muslims persecuted throughout America," "Israel and Palestine prepare for war." Rewind 10 years: "Muslim countries at war over oil," "Muslim conflict in the Balkans," "Israel and Palestine prepare for war." There have been five Christian crusades, many jihads, and conflict between Muslims and Hindus in India has been going on for 700 years.

In terms of terrorists acts, America has been the most peaceful country in the world for the last 220 years. Why? Because of our religious tolerance and the separation of church and state. Americans just have no reason to kill for a higher calling because everyone has the right to worship as they please.

To prevent further division and possible community strife (I'm not condoning violent acts) the County Commission must practice Christian tolerance. ♦

Armed American citizens are safer American citizens

How I See It



Nick Teply
Staff
Columnist

Gun control is one of those subjects that draws many intense emotions among people. Critics of gun ownership cite increases in violent crime involving firearms as a strong argument for stricter gun control laws. Others view gun ownership as a constitutionally protected right. The entire debate has both sides up in arms.

One can hardly turn on the evening news these days without hearing about some crime involving a firearm. The shooting, robbery, rape or murder

was just a sad commentary on our violent society. It is just another statistic.

These problems are easy to ignore when they happen to a stranger. We pay more attention when crime is closer to home.

In 1996, an armed man in Scotland massacred 16 school children and their teacher before turning the gun on himself. Lawmakers in Britain responded by tightening the already stringent gun ownership laws. Britain now has some of the strictest gun control laws in the world.

Advocates of gun control argued that the harsh regulations would deter crime and reduce gun related fatalities. In Britain, only certified members of approved target-shooting clubs can own a gun. Even

then the weapon may not exceed .22-caliber and must be kept locked when not in use.

These laws must have prevented crime. Britons are now safer, right? Wrong. Criminal use of handguns increased by 40 percent in the years following the ban.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a British person is twice as likely to be robbed or assaulted as a person in the United States. While the United States still leads Britain in rates of murder and rape, the number of reported crimes in Britain is steadily rising.

Recent studies in the United States have shown that law-abiding armed citizens save lives, reduce property damage and reduce injuries of those whom they protect. One

University of Chicago study found that with concealed-carry laws, murder rates fell by 8 percent, rapes by 5 percent and aggravated assaults decreased by 7 percent.

Logically, a criminal doesn't want to attack or rob someone who the criminal thinks could potentially shoot him.

Gun control laws only protect the criminals in a society because criminals face little resistance from a disarmed society. They are free to victimize as they please.

Years ago, people didn't lock their doors or worry about being the victim of a violent crime or robbery. Even in those days, citizens were armed. Laws did not prevent citizens from policing themselves and defending their homes.

Times have changed,

and safety belongs to those that can defend themselves. For those of us who aren't as skilled as Jackie Chan at fending off an assailant, the freedom to own and carry a gun is essential to our safety.

Guns are the great equalizer of force. Even Chan is no match for a speeding bullet. Criminals know this. There are many cases in which the mere threat of force with a gun has stopped crime.

The Second Amendment clearly states, "...The right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." We are free. Let us protect our rights. ♦

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Thanks to the conference in New York, we've learned we can print anything we darn well please. Even words like "darn." God bless the First Amendment.

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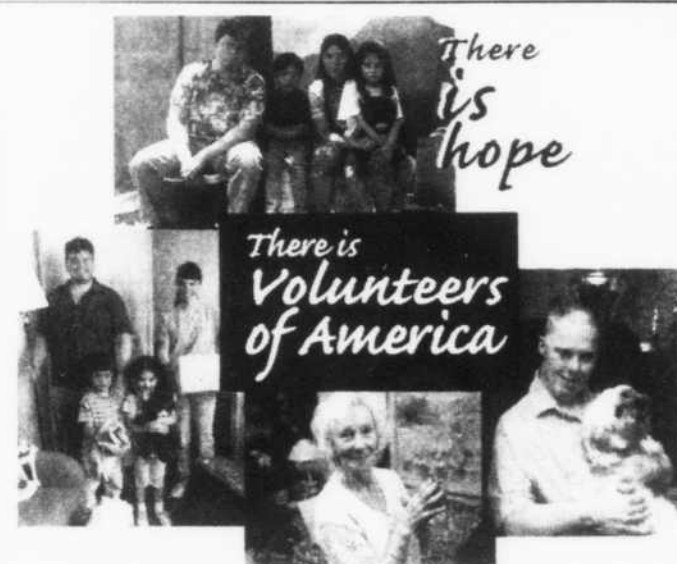
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Photo exhibit documents travels in India

By Christopher Magan
Staff Writer

New York-based photographer Jane Schreiber visited MTSU March 11 to give a slide presentation and discuss her most recent work, titled "Astral Allusions," on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center.

The exhibit, co-sponsored by National Women's History Month Committee, consists of 60 color prints focusing in part on women in India.

Tom Jimison, professor of photography and manager of the Baldwin Gallery, said the idea of an exhibit that coincides with Women's History Month was first suggested to him by Suma Clark, director of Publications and Graphics.

Clark, the co-chair of the NWHM Committee in 1995, said she thought combining events with other departments was a good opportunity because of the small budget the committee has.

She also said her interest in connecting the two grew out of seeing the exhibits in the gallery and wanting to involve more students in Women's History Month.

Jimison first met Schreiber in 2000 at a meeting of the Society for Photographic Education in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he

expressed interest in having her work exhibited at MTSU.

The "Astral Allusions" exhibit is composed of three different documentary travelogue projects in India — shrines, a lime foundry where the majority of the workers are women and a beach near Mumbai (formally known as Bombay).

Although the photos do not consist strictly of women, they do concentrate mainly on them. The images include pictures of women chained to shrines — an act they believe can cure them of ailments — and photos of pieces of the statue of a goddess washed up on the beaches of Mumbai.

The pictures depict the sharp contrast between the bright pastel saris, a religious gown worn by Hindu women and the bleak neutral environment of India. They provide a unique glimpse at the lives and beliefs of a foreign and mystic culture.

"It gives insight into the similarities and differences between our two cultures," said sophomore Amanda Nash.

"She has a great sense of composition. These beach scenes are amazing," said art major Chris Hileman. "Every exhibit in the gallery I have seen has been excellent."

Schreiber's curiosity in photography was sparked at the age of 15 when she attended a summer art program for high school students at the

University of Syracuse.

"I really fell in love with it," Schreiber said. "I couldn't imagine it was over when the summer school was finished, so when I went home, my father helped me set up a little dark room in our basement."

Schreiber went on to attend the San Francisco Art Institute but left a semester before graduating.

"I was eager to experience life," she said.

After leaving the Art Institute, Schreiber moved to Hell's Kitchen in New York City to begin her career, while working odd jobs such as driving a cab to support herself.

During the 1980s, while pursuing a career in fashion photography in Italy, she had an opportunity to travel to India with a friend. When she returned, she decided she didn't want to devote her work to fashion.

"After what I had seen in India, there was no way I could dedicate myself to fashion," Schreiber explained.

She said she has returned to India many times, extensively traveling the country, and that she really enjoys doing photography there.

"The reason I photograph in India is because I like to make order out of chaos in my images," she said. "I like to find myself in situations where there is a lot going on around me."

Schreiber describes her photography as a dance between herself, the camera and her surroundings, with a distinct interest in space and movement where she has to work quickly to capture the desired images.

She says that beaches like the Coney Island of her childhood have always been magical for her and that experience has carried over even more to the beaches of Mumbai, where there is never a lack of entertainment.

"It's a place where so many weird things are going on all the time," Schreiber said. "It's like constant theater."

Internationally published and nationally exhibited, Schreiber also enjoys writing.

Steve Osmond, editor of *World and I* magazine, was one of the first people to express interest in publishing her work, but he needed a story to tie in with the images. Once Schreiber wrote an article for the magazine, she found that writing led to more opportunities to publish her work.

The slides she presented depicted her evolution as a photographer, encompassing her work from exotic places around the world. She has traveled throughout the globe, including Cambodia, Nepal, India, Pakistan, the Republic of Georgia and Africa.

Her work includes land-



Photo provided

Jane Schreiber's exhibit, which includes the photo above, consists of pictures that concentrate on women.

scapes and self portraits but mostly consists of intimate character studies of people from immensely different societies. It covers a vast array of subjects, ranging from early photos of a young girl from her apartment building in New York to pre-Taliban Afghan refugees. Schreiber's work provides a personal look at the lives of people spanning many different cultures.

Allusions" exhibit runs through April 28. The Baldwin Gallery exhibits about five shows per year, featuring a wide range of photographers and subjects.

The final exhibit of this semester will consist of work done by MTSU photography students, which begins April 28. The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 to 11:45 a.m. Saturdays and between 6 and 9:45 p.m. Sundays. ♦

Artistic abilities used as teaching tool at MTSU

By Alicia Pickett
Staff Writer

Be prepared to be informed about how the arts and disabled persons are to be combined in the near future not only on the MTSU campus but throughout Middle Tennessee.

MTSU professor Lori Kissinger in the department of speech and theater has gotten the ball rolling by resurrecting a dead program whose main goal is to initiate creative learning tactics through the aid of the arts for those with disabilities.

Vision, Strength and Artistic Expression, the 22-year-old organization that bands together disabled persons with the aid of the arts, collapsed in the state of Tennessee five or so years ago and has not been heard from until Kissinger, an active musician and participant of the VSA, came to its aid.

Kissinger's passion for the VSA program, adapting artist's musical abilities into various classroom settings, was apparent.

Kissinger stated with much enthusiasm how the art of music can instill immeasurable education values. By using her concert harp in the classroom, she said that an autistic child she had formerly interacted with became attentive and perceptive due to the musical interaction between herself and the child.

The VSA, formerly known as Very Special Arts, was started in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith and has since been affiliated with more than 35 states and 60 countries from across the globe, serving a whopping 4.3 million people in the United States alone and another 1.3 million disabled persons outside its borders.

Kissinger, who worked as the Director of the Regional Arts Council in Indiana, which houses one of the top five VSA organizations in the United States, was stunned to find out that Tennessee's VSA chapter went defunct several years ago. Past successes with the Vision, Strength and Artistic Expression program urged Kissinger to bring the organization's triumph and creative abilities here to Tennessee.

"An artist works with the needs of the teacher (for a particular child)," Kissinger said.

By using musical instruments in the classroom, the actual artist does not play for the sake of fame or personal recognition but to creatively aid a disabled child to get motivated to learn.

For the Vision, Expression and Artistic Expression organization in Tennessee to not only flourish but to survive, however, a fiscal agent was needed, and that agent is MTSU, thanks to the university's president, Sidney McPhee.

"Dr. McPhee really likes partnerships in the communities," Smith said.

"I was interested (in VSA becoming known to the Middle Tennessee region) because it's (incorporating the arts) for those with disabilities," said John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services.

From developing a willingness to learn with the ease of dance, music and other artistic endeavors, VSA in Tennessee also will be beneficial to MTSU students in helping them get involved with local community projects, especially in what is now the initial stage of the Tennessee VSA chapter.

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Dear Annie Dealing with stepmothers

Dear Annie,

I can't stand my soon-to-be step-mother. I don't trust her. She's too nice, like she's trying too hard. She gets me all these gifts. I think she is trying to "buy me." In addition, she's one of those in-your-face kind of people. She's always quizzing me about my life, as if she really cares to be involved in my life. I can't stand it when my dad and I are talking about my life and he comes up with this advice that I know didn't come from him, but from her. I don't know how he doesn't see it.

I also don't get to spend much time with my dad. Now, whenever I go to see him, she's always there. They don't live together, yet, but she spends a lot of time at his house. The last time I was there, I wanted to talk to him alone. She ended up going and crying in the bedroom.

If she wasn't around, I would still be No. 1 in his heart. What should I do? I'm afraid I'm going to lose my dad.

— Daddy's Girl

Dear Daddy's Girl,

You could never lose your place in your dad's heart. There is a special relationship between a father and a daughter that could never be replaced. I know that you are hurting right now, but I think I have some ideas on how to help.

First of all, let me just say I understand how you feel. I've had to deal with step-parents. It's not easy, but sometimes things can work out. At least there seems to be some geographical distance between you and your dad. So it's not like you have to see her all the time.

In a perfect world, your step-mom would be wonderful, and you would just love her, but you don't. So let's figure out what to do next.

Oh my gosh, she is trying to be involved in your life! And she buys you presents! The nerve! The giving of gifts may not be for the right reasons, but it sounds like she's trying to be nice.

If you don't feel like sharing personal information, just say, (in the most polite way) "I really don't care to discuss it," or, "It's none of your business." Personally, I think that was extremely childish of her to run off and cry. That's her problem, and your dad can deal with it. Also, you can ask your dad for some one-on-one time. Try saying, "Dad, I miss us hanging out together, nothing against her. I just want some quality time alone with you." I don't think any dad could refuse that request.

OK, you don't trust her. Why? Maybe you should ask your dad why he trusts her. While we are on the subject, ask him why he loves her. Why does he want to be with her? It may make you feel sick at first, but try and see his point of view. Down the road you may want his support when you meet the guy you want to marry.

This all boils down to one main point (grit teeth here): this is his life. You can't control other people's lives. You love your dad, and you want the best for him, but you can't make his decisions.

Remember my saying, "There are things that you can control, and things you can't control." You can control how you react toward your dad and his soon-to-be bride. You can't control who that bride will be. However, I can tell you that you will always be your daddy's girl.

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com.

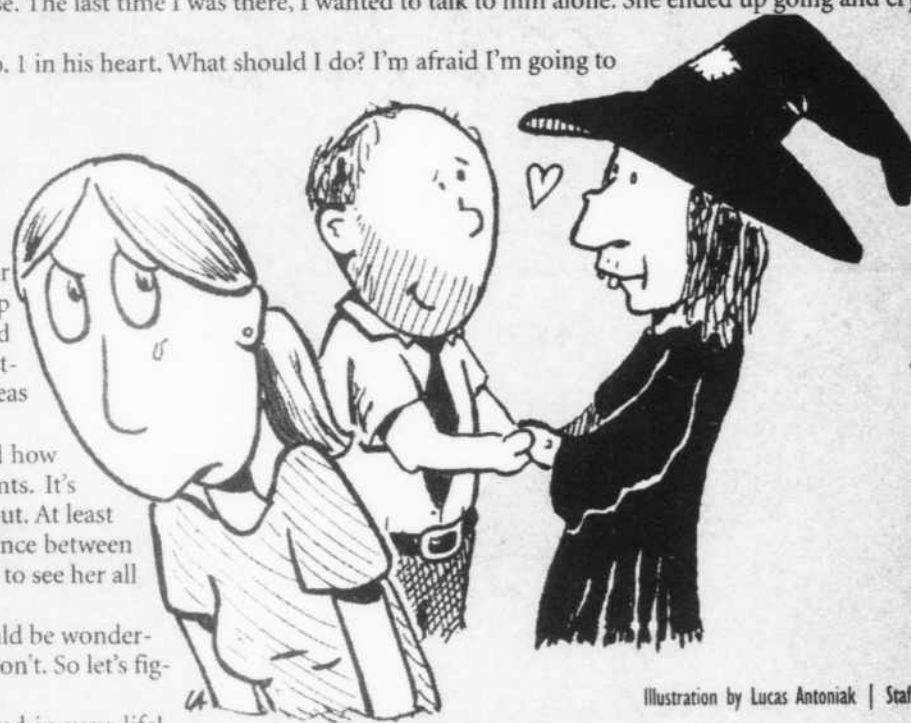


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Local band creates controversy with poster

By Veronica Kelly
Contributor

The last thing Lucky Guns wanted to do was to offend or alienate people with their flyer, depicting an African boy pointing a gun at the camera.

"Come to our show. We're not racist," said Corey McAfee, Lucy Guns guitarist. "Our shows are about everyone coming together, having fun and lis-

tening to some wholesome Rock 'n' Roll."

Professor Jennifer B. Woodard said ignorance is no excuse anymore in today's loaded society.

Race was not even an issue for us, said McAfee, clearly upset that anyone would be offended by the flyer. He said a friend of theirs had been showing them pictures from her trip to Ghana, Africa, where she

worked with kids.

"We thought it was a cool picture and a good eye catcher that worked well with our name," said Steve Hitron, the band's singer. "No one who knows our band would think it was racist."

"We weren't trying to make a statement. It wasn't a real gun. We weren't thinking of the color of his skin. It was just a flyer. If it offends, we are going to make

a new one," McAfee said quickly, almost in one breath.

"Racism is subtle in society now, and that makes it harder to fight," said Woodard, who teaches Race, Class, Gender and the Media.

"We have to be diligent in not overlooking those things that offend people of color or that leave them out of the big picture of society," she said.

"I am so glad that they are

being responsible and taking down the flyers," Woodard said. "I showed my husband the flyer, and he immediately cringed."

"The band's name was completely overshadowed by the bad feelings generated by the photo of the young black boy with a gun," Woodard said. "The use of Lucky Guns above the photo made it even worse from a racial perspective."

People do not like to talk

about racism, but we have to bring the issue out into the open and stop whispering about it, Woodard explained.

"Intent does not have to be a part of racism, sexism or any other ism," Woodard said.

In fact, she continued, it is not usually people's intent to offend, and yet they do so by being culturally insensitive. ♦

Big Fella reveals his biggest culinary secrets

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

Willie Sims is not just a Big Fella. A junior majoring in radio/television, Sims has his own cooking show on MTTV, he and his business partner, Mike Dillard, are about to release their first album and, above everything else, he's all about doing a "damn thing."

Sims, most commonly referred to as Big Fella, began running his show, *Cookin' With Big Fella (The Hustlin' Gourmet)*, in the fall of 2000, and the response was overwhelming from the start.

"I'm just a chef for the hood," Sims said. "Everybody can cook something that's real good. I just put it out there on TV."

It's not as though Sims always wanted to be a chef or even still aspires to be one. He was just at home one day with his friend and decided it would be fun. There were, however, some inspiring culinary shows in Sims' childhood that influence his show today.

"When I was little, I used to watch *Yan Can Cook*," Sims recalls. "It was Chinese cooking. That's my favorite cooking show."

After each episode, the young Sims would wander into the kitchen to begin a lesson of his own. It was here that he developed his niche.

"I'd go in the kitchen," he said, "and I'd be talking to myself like I do on TV, like, 'First you gotta get your eggs. Then you put your eggs in.'"

Like all great chefs, though, Sims has to keep an eye out for his competition. Although he claims he doesn't watch the Food Network that much, he kicks it up a notch sometimes.

"I like Emeril. Emeril's cool," Sims said, "and I love *Iron Chef*. The first time I saw that was probably about two months ago. I watch it all the time."

Where does a college student get recipes for a cooking show, though?

Sims claims his recipes aren't anything special and that he even makes a lot of stuff up. He does, however, have a few tricks up his sleeve as to their origin.

He got the idea for his specialty dish, Sticky Icky Chicken, from a dish from his childhood made with ribs. A neighbor from his hometown of Detroit used to make "really sticky ribs" for him.

"She fried those ribs and put sauce on them or something,"

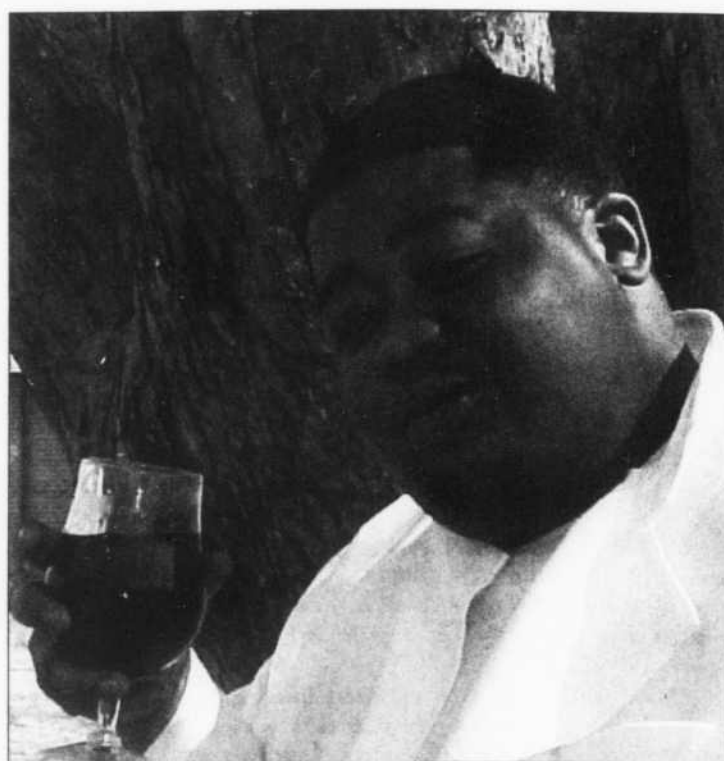


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A true chef indeed, Willie Sims, aka Big Fella, takes a break from his deep frier and next culinary creation to enjoy a cool sip of wine in the warm sunshine.

Sims described, "but it was real sticky and real sweet and real good."

"My Sticky Icky Ribs don't even compare. Matter of fact, that's what I'm gonna get when I go home."

And cook he will.

For Sims, cooking is more than just a recipe or ingredients. It's an art that, for him, removes the tension of a hard day.

"I always cook at the crib,"

he said. "I just like cooking."

"It's fun, and it relieves my stress. That's my getaway."

These days a getaway isn't always easy. Sims and Dillard are about to release their debut album *Broke But Still Livin'* out of their own entertainment company, CEO Enterprises.

The album has been in production for about a year and

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VSA: Program re-established by MT speech, theater professor

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"It gives the students a real organization," said Sharon Smith, associate professor for the department of speech and theater.

"In fact, I volunteered my Communications in Communities class [to establish a missions statement regarding VSA's educational benefits and programs offered.]"

By passing out surveys and questionnaires "with real questions" to both her Auditing/Consulting class and Communication in Communities class, Smith has started the process of getting possible future participants and patrons of VSA involved and in the organization on state and national levels.

Smith said organizational communication students could familiarize and get involved with VSA themselves and organize future chapters in

other states besides Tennessee.

"It's a personal program to connect the disabled with art, dance and music," she said.

The arts manifest themselves to make the not-so-obvious classroom studies seem more real and interesting.

"The artists have to learn about disabilities and adaptations," Kissinger said.

In order to become an artist who volunteers his or her talents for the benefit of helping the disabled in the community, one has to be willing to be trained by a VSA affiliate.

"Schools provide grants and funds to make the match happen - to bring together the artists and the schools," Kissinger said.

For those artists and art organizations that wish to share a piece of their artistic talents, or to make a creative classroom reality available to all, contact Kissinger at 826-5252. ♦

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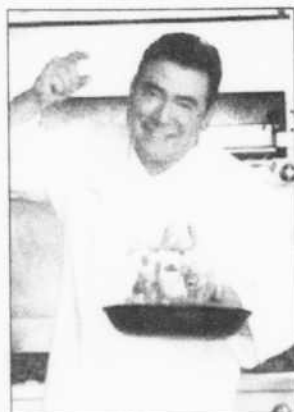
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If you thought Big Fella was good ...

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

Although *Cooking Wit' Big Fella, The Hustlin' Gourmet* is on hiatus temporarily due to programming changes at MTTV Channel 10, you can check out some of the chefs who inspired Big Fella by tuning in for these staple food shows.

Emeril Live
Food Network
Monday-
Friday, 7 p.m.
and 10 p.m.
Saturday, 2 p.m.
and 7 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m.,
7 p.m. and
10 p.m.



Overly zealous, Emeril takes a live audience into the whirlpool of gourmet cooking. Though his recipes are complex, many are attainable for the everyday cook. My favorite recipe: the candy-coated apples he made at Halloween. He not only dipped the red delicious in caramel, but then proceeded to dip them in milk, white and dark chocolate. Bam! That's definitely kicking it up a notch.

Yan Can Cook
PBS
Schedule not
yet posted



On Yan's new series, *Asian Favorites*, viewers can watch the animated Chinese Master Chef Martin Yan brew up Eastern classics. Each segment contains an on-location piece, two special in-studio-prepared recipes, as well as, two cultural/historical segments. It's an educating cooking show to say the least. For more information about Yan, visit www.yancancook.com.

Iron Chef
Food Network
Friday, 9 p.m.
Saturday, 12 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Sunday, 12 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Though the English to Japanese over-dub may surprise some *Iron Chef* virgins, this show is beyond addictive. The premise: One of the elite Iron Chefs combat a typically weak challenger over a secret ingredient revealed by the



owner of the Iron Chef cooking school (the guy who's dressed like a Japanese version of Prince). They have one hour to prepare several gourmet dishes. Then, a panel of Japanese "experts" decide "which cuisine reigns supreme!"

The Naked Chef
Food Network
Tuesday, 9
p.m.
Wednesday, 12
a.m.
Saturday, 8:30
p.m. and 11:30
p.m.



British hottie Jamie Oliver gets down and dirty in this gourmet sweep. Though he's definitely not naked, he does scrimp on appliances – opting for his bare hands or the minimal whisk – thus, donning him as “naked” in the eyes of many of his chef peers.

Though Oliver's show may run too quickly to jot down the recipes, you can always go to www.foodnetwork.com and get more information on the things you missed.

From Martha's Kitchen
Food Network
Monday-Friday, 1 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 1 a.m. and 11 a.m.



Though Martha Stewart is the biggest Conservative on the block, new cooks can always learn a thing or two from her. She tends to have special shows specifically for beginners. There was even an episode that demonstrated the correct way to cook pasta. Though her sugary sweet personality may seem mundane, don't forget, she does live down the street from Puff Daddy. ♦

Big Fella: MTSU student explores the cooking world

Continued from 7

will be released during the first of April.

For being a chef, a person has to wonder, what does a guy like this claim as his favorite dessert? Butter pecan ice cream or warm peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream on top is the answer.

To try something a little less elaborate, Sims has a recipe idea for the sugar-craved college student on a budget.

"Go to the store and buy a honey-bun," Sims instructed. "Put it in the microwave for 15

seconds."

"Then put a big scoop of ice cream on top of it. Then, put that in the microwave for 7 to 8 seconds.

It's gonna be one of the best things you ever had," he exclaimed with a smile.

Though some of Sims' ideas seem simplistic, they really are extraordinary in taste. As for Sims, he has only a few final words.

"Do the damn thing. Because if you ain't doing a damn thing, then you ain't doing a damn thing." ♦

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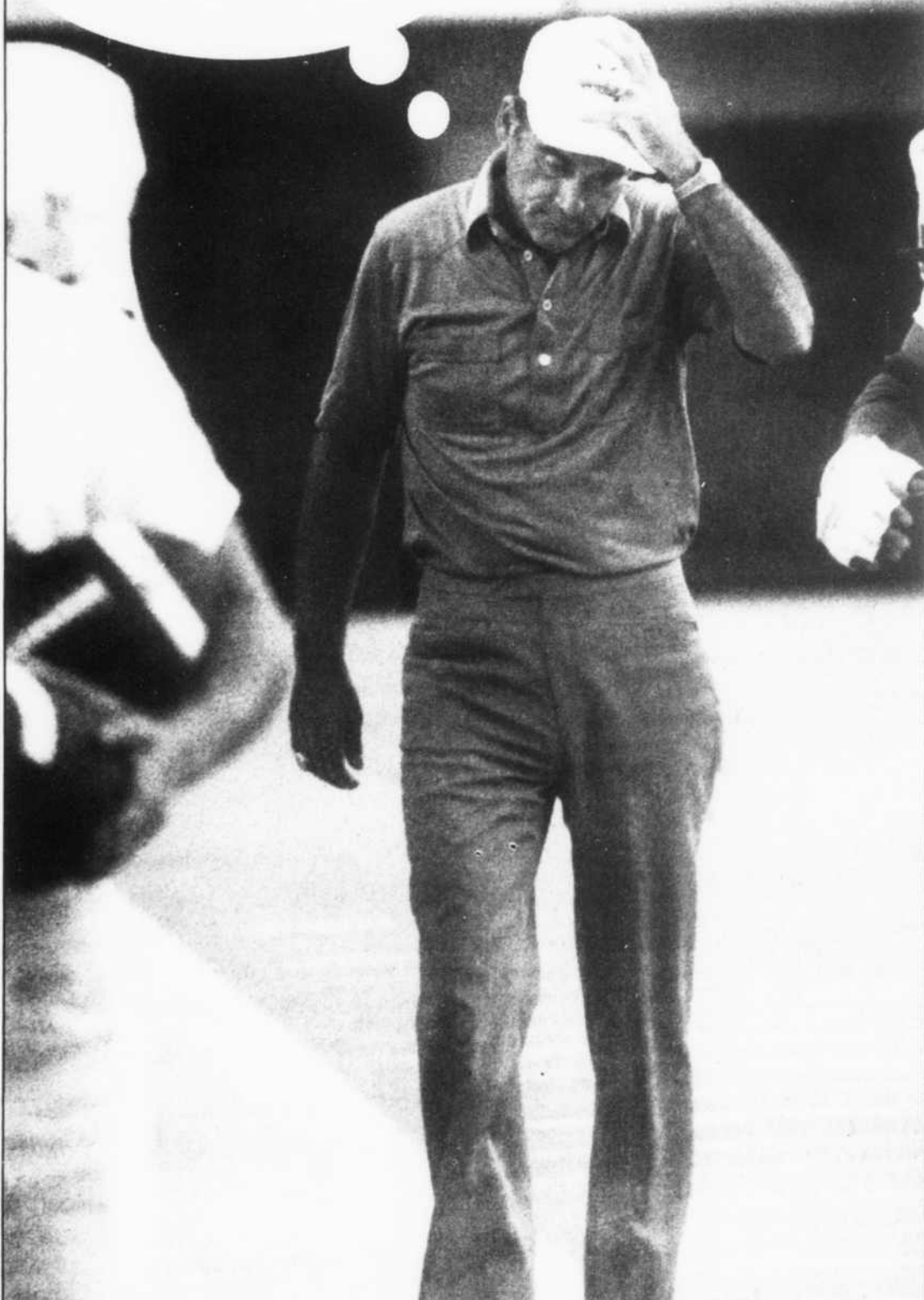


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CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike | Features Editor

Monday, March 18

The Learning Resources Center's Baldwin Photographic Gallery will be exhibiting "Astral Allusions," which features 60 16-by-20-inch chromagenic color prints by New York photographer Jane Schreibman, through April 24. The exhibit will be available for viewing between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, between 8 and 11:45 a.m. Saturdays and between 6 and 9:45 p.m. Sundays.

The Survival Honors Lecture Series presents "Israel and Palestine: Survival Means Different Things to Different People" with speaker Ron Messier in Peck Hall, Room 109A, from 3 to 3:50 p.m.

The MTSU Brass Ensembles perform at 6 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Lisa Jelle will perform her faculty flute recital at 8 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Tuesday, March 19

The Martial Arts Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday, from

8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center's aerobics room. Everyone is welcome to start or continue training in various martial arts throughout the semester.

There will be a Jazz Combo in the Wright Music Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Women's History Month Committee will sponsor a "Breakfast with Champions: High School Women in Science and Math" in the James Union Building's Hazelwood Dining Room at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20

The Victory Campus Ministries (Champion for Christ) will host a Bible study in Room 104 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 898-4281.

There will be an international student coffee hour in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room at 4 p.m.

The Popular Music Lecture Series presents a discussion on "Documenting Music in a West

Tennessee Community" in Room 241 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building at 12:30 p.m.

Women's History Month will sponsor an international poetry reading at the Alumni Center at 3:30 p.m.

There will be an Invention Convention through March 21 in the JUB Tennessee Room at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

There will be a senior recital performed by Jodi LeFevers at 8 p.m. and a junior recital by Deanna Wright. Both concerts will be at the Music Wright Hall.

The chemistry department will host a seminar on "The Maillard Reaction In Vitro and In Vivo" at 11 a.m. in Room 100 of the Davis Science Building.

Quinton Rayford will perform his senior voice recital at 6 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Veterans display war collectibles



Photo provided
TMCA member Shannon Zeigler, a captain in the U.S. Army reserves, proudly displays a few of his WWII rifles.

Staff Reports

MTSU students, as well as other residents of Murfreesboro and neighboring counties, attended the Tennessee Military Collectors Association's Spring Show, held at the Marriott Cool Springs, March 9 and 10.

With more than 100 TMCA members, more than 250 tables were set up to display military collectibles dating from the Civil War to Operation Enduring Freedom. Uniforms, flags, weapons, gear, medals, daggers and personal items brought home from America's wars were among the collectibles displayed.

Many of the items seen at the show were on sale, but some were just displayed by those who own the collections of

medals, edged weapons, uniforms and other items.

Veterans from as far back as World War II attended the show, and the Middle Tennessee Fighter Pilots Association, the Korean War Veterans Association and WWII nurses were among the groups that had tables set up and spoke to the public.

The TMCA Spring Show will take place again March 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$5. Children under the age of 12 get in free, as do veterans and active duty military personnel in uniform or with military ID. For more information, call 847-1210 or e-mail jraptor@juno.com.

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