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Upper division classes may dwindle in face of budget cuts

By Chad Gillis/ staff

Lack of availability of upper-division courses mext semester is a concern for some juniors and seniors on campus who said they might not be able to get into a class in order to graduate.

"It will probably cause me to spend a lot more money here and be in school a lot longer," said Robynne Gentry, a junior English major.

"The reason it is impossible to graduate in four years is because of the schedule structure," said Amy Conrad, a health major.

Conrad explained courses needed for graduation sometimes are offered only once a semester, and sometimes overlap with other required courses.

"We are paying for top-level and getting mediocre education," Conrad added.

Deryl Leaming, dean of the collage of mass communication, recommended that students work closely with their advisors and do a lot of planning in order to graduate in four years, adding it is possible to graduate in four years. He said a student could graduate in three years if they attend summer school.

Earl Keese, dean of basic and applied sciences, said that if any courses were not offered for a graduating senior a "reasonable substitution" might be offered on a per student basis

The average time it takes an MTSU student to graduate is 5.2 years, according to George Gillespie, dean of admissions and records, comparing it to the national average of peer institutions of 4.7 years—a half year's difference.

"I think part of that is that we can't offer upper-division classes in relation to (the number) of lower division classes," said David Lavery, chair of the English Department.

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If any of the upper-division English courses must be cut, those that are required by other departments for their majors will be cut first,

Lavery said.

"I think anytime you cut a class that is required you can affect someone's degree and education," said Ralph Fullerton, chair of the geography and geology department, adding he is not sure which classes will be cut (if any) from the geography and geology curriculum.

In fact, none of the faculty or administrators are sure which classes will be cut, although most said they are preparing for cuts to be made.

"In our department, because of apparent lack of adjunct funding, each faculty member in the department is being asked to drop one of their 200-, 300-, or 400-level classes (in order to teach an extra lower division course)," said journalism professor Glenn Himebaugh.

Adjunct funding previously funded adjunct faculty who taught the lower division, introduction courses. Adjunt faculty are paid per class, not salary, and do not have the same insurance benefits full-time faculty have.

"We would have added four or five new positions in the fall if not for the (proposed state budget) cut," said Dean Keese.

"We have some (full-time) positions that are completely vacant," said Barbara Haskew, vice president of academic affairs.

Diversify, Unify, Empower

SPORTS



Steve Purinton/ staff

Keynote speaker Bernice Resnick Sandler speaks to her audience in the JUB Friday.

Conference recognizes women's work

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

Several women were recognized for their outstanding lifetime achievements at the second annual Women's Leadership Conference at MTSU last Friday.

The all-woman conference, titled "Diversify Unify Empower," dealt with exploring cultural differences, creating networks and acquiring the skills needed to succeed in today's highly competitive world.

"Women's achievements regularly go unrecognized," said Rebekah Brown, the women of achievements director for the conference. "We are women of achievement and we are coming out of the box."

An award for outstanding student leader was presented to Patricia Moss of Dyersburg State Community College. She is a Justice Services major and will graduate with honors in May.

in May.

Last year, at the age of 55, she was chosen as DSCC's homecoming queen. She is involved in the student government association, PTK Honor Society, the PEER mentor program and

women's student support group.

In her acceptance speech, Moss described the many losses she has suffered in her life culminating in the loss of her oldest son and two grandchildren in a house fire in December

"It was my mother's wish that I get my GED," Moss said. "I took night classes at the vocational school so my family did not find out. This was something I wanted to accomplish for myself."

Instead of stopping with her high school equivalent Moss enrolled in the community college she currently attends.

"If you don't think it's hard to start back to college after 30 years of being out of school, it is," she added.

Outstanding Faculty/Administrative Leader was awarded to Dr. Joellen Edwards, dean of the college of nursing and interim vice president at East Tennessee State University.

Edwards has worked on rural women's health issues, was a staff nurse, a university administrator and a teenage mother. She served on the first TennCare Roundtable and led the task force that developed the Mast of Science in nursing at ETSU.

When she was first told she had been nominated for the award her response was, "Who me? I just go to work every day."

"Nobody does this kind of thing alone," she added. "People's commitment to common goals is what makes this happen."

Edwards described three characteristic common to most leaders. Leaders must have a vision, they must take risks and they must know when to "just get out of the way" and let other people live up to their potential, she said.

"There is no secret to success," Edwards said. "It is just plain hard work. You must be prepared and persistent and do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Mary Frances Lyle, an attorney and principal in the law firm Bruce, Weathers, Corley, Dughman and Lyle in Nashville, was awarded Outstanding Community Leader.

She serves as lobbyist for the Tennessee Women's Political Caucus, the Girl Scouts, and the American Association of University Professors. Lyle is past president of the League of Women Voters of Nashville, Planned Parenthood Association of Middle Tennessee and currently is chairperson for the Nashville Bar Association Family Law Section.

"It is so very important to reach out and get involved in community service and do the best you can wherever you are," Lyle said. "We

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Sandler addresses women's progress

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

"Women's work is never done. Discrimination is still a problem," said Bernice Resnick Sandler, keynote speaker at the Women's Leadership Conference held Friday at MTSU.

"What women are talking about is changing the world," Sandler said. "This is a social revolution that will have as much or more impact than the industrial revolution. It is a task that will take more than our lifetimes to accomplish."

The keynote address, titled "You've Come a Long Way, But Not Quite Far Enough: Problems and Progress in Women's Education," explored the ways women are still discriminated against in administrative, faculty and student positions in the educational environment.

Sandler began by noting the 25th anniversary of Title 9: legislation that prohibits sexual discrimination in educational institutions. Sandler had an active part in efforts to get the legislation passed.

"After it was passed I said, 'Okay give us a couple of years and we will have all the problems taken care of," she

said. "Now I think it will take 500."

There have been numerous laws passed that prohibit discrimination in education, she said. Overt discrimination in education has virtually disappeared.

"Sports and athletics have gone from horrendous to very bad, but that's an improvement," she said.

According to Sandler there is now a general awareness of sexual discrimination in education there had not been previously. As well, women are now energized and organized to defeat discrimination on campuses, she said.

"Women are a campus constituency... holding on to what we have and pushing for what we don't," Sandler said.

Women's studies curriculum have increased, she said, adding there are more than 600 institutions offering a major, minor or certificate in women's studies.

"There is recognition; the problems of women as women are not as large as groups of minority women, such as women of color and women with disabilities," she said.

Yet, despite all these accomplishments, she said women are still being discriminated against.

"The higher the position, the higher the

"The higher the position, the higher the rank, the fewer the women. The more prestigious the institution, the fewer the women. The higher the degree, the fewer the women. The higher the salary, the fewer the women," Sandler continued. "Women are less likely to receive tenure. Most women still major in traditionally female fields, where they will make less than their brothers."

Issues like child care and pay equity are issues that have not been properly addressed, according to Sandler. Affirmative Action and sexual harassment policies still need work she says.

Of undergraduate women, 20 to 30 percent have been sexually harassed by a faculty member, she said. Thirty to 40 percent of women graduate students have been sexually harassed by a faculty member.

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Womack speaks



Sharra Sida - Wat of

State senator Andy Womack (right) discussed state budget cuts at an open forum held on campus Thursday afternoon. He asked for 'leadership in higher education on this issue.'

Man faces charges for striking cop

By Susan McMahan/ staff

A former MTSU student is recuperating at Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute after allegedly striking a public safety officer in the face last month.

Melvin Smith, 25, was reported to public safety on Saturday, Feb. 15, after he allegedly was talking out loud to himself in Wood Hall lobby while watching television. Officers arrived on scene shortly after 8 a.m.

Smith struck assistant chief John Wagoner in the face with his fist as Wagoner approached

"(I was) dazed, but not injured," Wagoner said.
Smith was subsequently taken into custody
and now faces charges for disorderly conduct and
assaulting an officer.

Disorderly conduct is "anytime actions are out of the norms of society," Wagoner explained.

Smith was transported to MTMHI, where he remains hospitalized.

The warrant for Smith's arrest will probably be issued before his release from MTMHI, Wagoner said, explaining a specific date for its

release is presently not known. A court date will not be set until after the warrant is issued

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time of publication.

Wagoner said that Smith has a recent history of mental illness and is normally not violent.

"I hate to say he was violent," Wagoner said.
"He wasn't violent, he was angry."

Wagoner said Smith was an MTSU student last fall and used to live in Wood Hall. Wagoner thinks that was why the incident occurred there.

Wagoner said that he spoke to Smith's doctor at MTMHI about a week ago and was told that Smith is doing much better.

Tavares Farr, 19, reported Smith to public safety after observing him talking out loud to himself in the Wood Hall lobby. Farr was working the front desk.

Farr said Smith was watching television by himself in Wood Hall and started talking out loud to himself.

Smith allegedly went over to the telephone, picked it up, and began talking to himself

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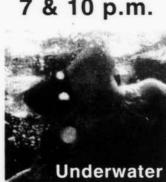
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have seen a revolution in the last 45 years in the way we think about a family.

We have learned to take risks. The greatest risk is not to take the risk to achieve your greatest potential."

The selections for the women of achievement awards were made by the panel of directors and advisors for the conference. Candace Rosovsky, director of the June Anderson Women's Center and Holly Lentz-Karstens. former Associate Dean of Student Life, were the co-advisors for the conference. •

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Of women faculty, 20 to 50 percent have been sexually harassed by other faculty. Sandler pointed out student-tostudent harassment was still an issue as well.

"[More institutions should] draft guidelines making themselves responsible for stopping sexual harassment between students," Sandler said.

The devaluation of women is another issue Sandler discussed. She described case studies in which a test group observed a group of boys and girls complete the same tasks.

When asked if the children had luck or skill in completing the tasks, both the men and women in the test group identified the boys as completing the tasks with skill and the girls as completing the same tasks with luck

"Subtle discrimination is one of the most important problems and difficult barriers," Sandler said. "It is hard to change these things.

"Women have less selfesteem than men. They are less likely to take risks. They have lowered ambitions, and when things go wrong they blame themselves."

Sandler described the progress made for women in education as the first step in the long process of hundreds of

"Women are learning the politics of change and the politics of power and the campus, nation and world will never be the same." •

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TUESDAY, March 11

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rose Coffee House. Emily Dickinson's life and work will be this evening's discussion topic. If you are an English major or minor with a GPA of 3.0 you are eligible to join. This is a real asset on your resume! Call Jacob Truax at 898-0657 for more information.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm. 103. Call Janelle Cox 867-3054 for more information.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across

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Lambda Association, an organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons, will meets at 7 p.m. in MC 104. For more information call 780-2293,email at mtlambda@ frank.mtsu.edu, or visit our web page www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/.

Society for Professional Journalists will be holding a short, general interest meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the JUB, Room 308A. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to come. For more information, contact Keith Russell at 898-2337.

Campus Crusade for Christ will host the Spring Ambush from 6 - 10 p.m. in the Rec Center. Call Jenelle Cox at 867-3054 for further information.

WEDNESDAY, March 12 Public Relations Student

Society of America will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm. Brian Howell will run for Vice President of Recruiting at the PRSSA

National Assembly in Miami March 14-16. William Becker will attend as an Assembly Delegate.

TUESDAY, March 25

Dr. Paula Arai of the Department of Religious Studies at Vanderbilt University will speak at 3:00 p.m. on Japanese Buddhist Nuns: Innovations and Contributions in the JUB, Room 100. For more information, contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

WEDNESDAY, March 26

SGA House of Representatives will meet at 5:00 p.m. on in KUC, Room 324. For more information, contact Susan Guin at 898-2464.

March-April 1997

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee needs volunteers to answer statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with parenting classes, or to assist with child care during the parenting classes. Training will be in March/April. For more information call Amy at 227-2273.

Off we go...



Steve Purinton / staff

Clockwise, MTSU students Carl Calloway, Jason Hamblen, Leroy Lewis III, Stephen Stewart, Grant Mayfield and David Travers took part in the United States Marine Corps's Flight Orientation program at Murfreesboro Municipal Airport on Friday. The students flew with U.S. Marine Corps pilots, who were in town recruiting prospective officer candidates.

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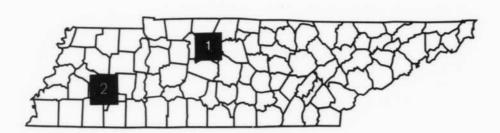
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Around the State



SI swimsuits under wraps?

Two East Tennessee legislators want to put the Sport's Illustrated swimsuit edition behind the counter with the rest of the adult magazines, the "Tennessean" reported last

Rep. Doug Gunnels, R-Lenoir City, and Sen. Jeff Miller, R-Cleveland, are sponsoring legislation to impose newsstand display restrictions that apply to Playboy and Hustler. Both of those magazines must be kept behind the store counter, or behind opaque covers, at least 5 feet, 6 inches off the floor.

Violators would face up to 30 days in jail and a \$50 fine.

A House subcommittee could vote on it as early as tomorrow.

Gunnels said his wife, Vicki, urged him to introduce the legislation.

"She gave me a copy of one of them and, Wow! These things are pretty revealing," Gunnels said of the magazine. "They are a lot like Playboy magazine was 25 years ago."

Miller said he didn't find the magazine personally offensive, but might if he had a teen-age son or daughter.

Dave Mingey, spokesman for Sports Illustrated, said no other state has enacted such legislation.

"We feel the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition is done in a very tasteful manner. In no way do we feel we should be viewed in the same context as those (adult) magazines."

Gore surveys flood damage in West TN

BOGOTA, Tenn. (AP) - Vice President Al Gore and Gov. Don Sundquist visited this

small West Tennessee town Saturday to get a first-hand look at floodwaters that have damaged hundreds of homes and businesses.

Sen. Bill Frist and Rep. John Tanner joined the tour.

Gore told the residents of Bogota that the federal and state governments will do whatever they can to provide loans and emergency assistance to help them rebuild their

"I want to tell you that the entire United States of America stands with you...to put you back on your feet," Gore said "We'll all pull together to

do the best we can."

President Clinton on Friday declared parts of Tennessee disaster areas so the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture can make disaster loans available. The assistance will be provided io Dyer, Obion, McNairy, Madison, Carroll. Cheatham and Montgomery counties.

Gore flew in aboard Air Force Two to the Dyersburg airport and then took a military helicopter for the short flight to Bogota. Meeting with residents at the scene of the flooding, Gore gave resident Jean Wright a hug, saying, "You're going to be okay."

Mrs. Wright, who lives in Dyersburg, said she has been staying with relatives since her family was forced out of its home by the floodwaters of the Obion River.

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Thompson to explain legal responsibilities

By Randy Ford/ staff

Wendy Thompson, legal assistant to President Walker, says people need to understand their responsibilities in relation to the legal system.

That will be the topic of her lecture "To Sue or Not to Sue." The lecture, part of the Honors Lecture Series, will be presented Monday, March 10 from 3:30-4:20 p.m. It will be in Peck Hall 107 and is free and open to the public.

Thompson says she will concentrate her lecture on whether the justice system should be used as a way to solve minor disputes.

lot of issues that arise, and some people immediately feel that the best way to solve them is to go to court," she says. "I want to talk about how society looks at that responsibility."

Thompson says when she has spoken to individual classes,

students tend to be split evenly on the issue. "Some say it's okay to sue

not," she adds.



Wendy Thompson

cases involving injury or loss of property, it's important decide if are you

students should

learn about legal

responsibilities,

especially as many

encouraging the

public to take their

"Particularly in

problems to court.

are

attorneys

responsible or if you should hold someone else responsible," Thompson believes people

should consider other ways to

Thompson says reach their desired outcome in a situation, such as through mediation and arbitration.

These two avenues say that the people involved sit down and work it out themselves," she says.

Thompson-who has been at MTSU for more than three years—explains that she hasn't encountered any "misuses" of the justice system in her nine years in practice.

"I wouldn't say there are too many of them, but I have heard a lot of stories about people misusing the justice

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Women's voices explored with songs, spoken words

By Chad Gillis/ staff

The words of women transcending two centuries in Tennessee history can be heard tonight in the Wright Music building.

Candace Anderson, a Native American artist, presents "Through a Woman's Voice: Ten Women from Tennessee," at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright Music Building.

Anderson said her songs are based on diaries and journals of women throughout Tennessee history.

When men have written (about times and conditions in the past), they were writing for future publication," said Anderson, adding the women were writing because "they couln't keep from it."

Accompanied by a 10-piece band, Anderson presents "a remarkable collection of Tennessee stories told from the feminine perspective," she said.

and some students think it's

The story begins with "Cherokee War Woman"—a song Anderson wrote from speeches made by Nanye'Hi Nancy Ward) in 1781 and 1785, and ends with a song about life in the 1940s.

"One (song) is a countryblues, one a spiritual swing, another song is Cherokee words and rattle," said Anderson.

Not only do the songs represent women in history, they also give an unbiased account of actual events, she said.

This is not the first historical art presentation Anderson has assembled; another project of hers was presented during prime time on a Chicago Public Broadcast station last week.

'Through a Woman's Voice' is funded by the Tennessee Humanities Council and sponsored by MTSU. •

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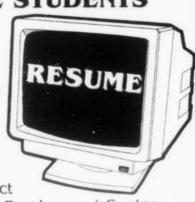
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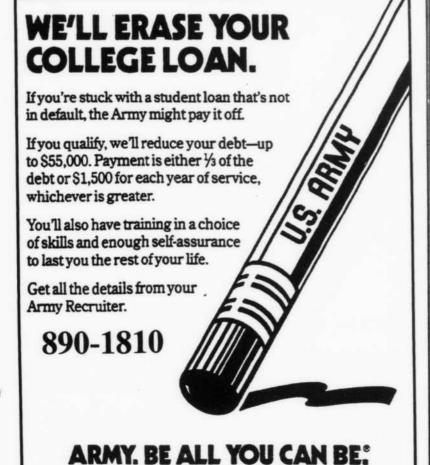
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In our view

Tennessee's great swimsuit debate

Two East Tennessee legislators are sponsoring legislation that would require state retail stores and newstands to place Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue under the same display restrictions adult magazines such as Playboy and Hustler must adhere to. If implemented, the bill would require store owners to cover up the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue with an opaque cover, and place it at least 5 feet, 6 inches above the floor, or make sure that the issue is kept out of sight under store counters.

No one could argue that Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit issue includes the type of top-notch journalistic fare normally

issue includes the type of top-notch journalistic fare normally found in the pages of one of this country's most popular sports publications. For one issue each year Sports Illustrated does seem to become an unapologetic showcase for scantily-clad models to do anything but make readers think about sports. And, for many people, as each year passes the swimsuit edition--still by far SI's bestselling issue--continues to push the limits between goodnatured fun in the sun and poor taste.

No matter how offensive SI's swimsuit issue may be perceived by certain people, however, it does not mean that the people of Tennessee need their legislature to answer that question for them. They are perfectly capable of determining the answer on their own.

In attempting to "cover up" the swimsuit issue, the bill's sponsors are supporting a type of censorship. They do so with the best of intentions--trying to hide material that may be too offensive for children. However, simply because some material "may" be offensive to some does not mean it is offensive to all.

The bill is also discriminatory against Sports Illustrated, since it ignores other magazines that may be deemed poor in taste. For example, hot rod magazines, fitness publications and other covers featuring bikini-clad women are not faced with the same scrutiny as Sports Illustrated's more noticeable effort. Perhaps the sponsors have singled out SI simply because of the national attention their effort is bound to draw. Whatever their reasons, the bill's merits stand on shaky ground.

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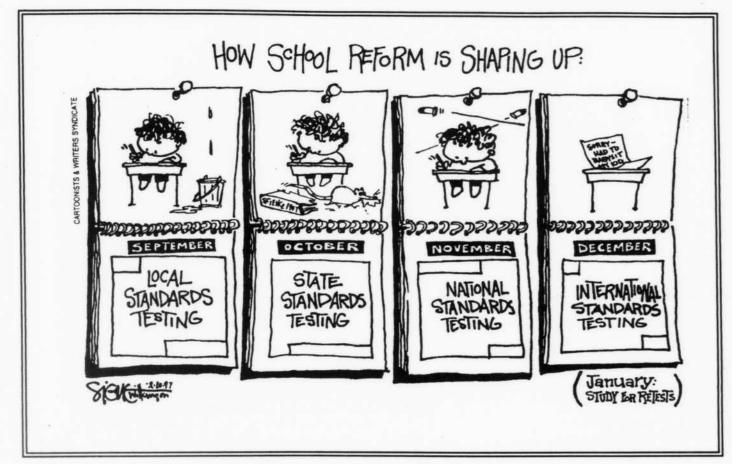
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Shame on newspaper for exposure story



From Where I Stand

> Scott Link

"Sidelines" and the MTSU community seems to have confused indecent exposure with pedophelia, and the news media with a court of law

The reaction to last weeks front page, lead story about the alleged indecent exposure of Michael Sorrells was swift. Everyone loves a scandal, and this one seems to have all the parts that make it juicy. Yet, there was a curious mix of fact, opinion, and seeming implication from the sensationalist way the article was written.

Let me say that I in no way approve of what Sorrells has allegedly done. That behavior is wrong, and he should be prosecuted as the law allows. Hopefully he will get some help. However, a Class B misdemeanor is light years away from a forcible sex offense.

Even so, if I had kids I would not be comfortable having him as a babysitter. I think his employer and parents of the children he works with should be told. It is my understanding that they have been.

It is ironic that I, a person who holds morality very high, would defend an alleged sex offender. To be clear, I am not defending what he allegedly did, but am criticizing the press and the university community

for their treatment of him.

A couple years ago, a rape was reported, and there was nowhere near this amount of public outrage. Sure, we were outraged by the rape on our campus, but by comparison, you would think we care more about indecent exposure than actual forcible sex

We are told that pictures of those charged are printed "for the sake of legal clarity." On March 6, "Sidelines"

ran a front page story about a crime on campus. This charge was a felony, yet where was the picture? If a picture had to be printed to show the world which Michael Sorrells was charged with indecent exposure, there should have been a picture of Coltraine. Sidelines neglected to insure "legal clarity" in this story about a felony crime. Of course, putting a face with the label "sex offender" makes the story even better, and scandal bigger.

What about the six instances of non forcible sex offenses in 1996? Not only was there no front page article about them, but there was no article at all. "Sidelines" does have a duty to report criminal behavior on campus, but they seemed to have ignored that duty in regard to non forcible sex offenses until now. I'll admit that working at a school makes it more newsworthy, but front page, top story? Even if it was newsworthy, there is no excuse for the sensationalist way it was written.

Some facts were left out. What time of day was it? There are certain times that children are more likely to be present. This occurred around 7 p.m. in a winter month. Did the adult magazines contain pictures of child or adult models? We are not told. If a child had seen him (which did not happen) would the charge still have been indecent exposure? Yes.

Not once, but three times the suggestion that he could be seen by children was made. They made a point to tell about his workplace. The headline leads me to believe he was actually seen by a child. Then there was the unattributed opinion as to what degree he was most likely pursuing.

How does "Sidelines" know he was pursuing a graduate degree in elementary education? Therer is no source listed. Is this the opinion of the writer or editor? He is officially undeclared. They admit to not being able to contact Sorrells, so how could they find out his intended major. It is an unsubstantiated statement that helps portray Sorrells as a danger to children. It is sensationalism at it best or rather worst.

best, or rather, worst.
"Sidelines" seems to have decided

that Sorrells is a pedophile, and took upon themselves the task of molding public opinion in regard to that. He is not. He has harmed no one but himself. He is charged with indecent exposure, not assault, rape, or pedophelia.

The campus has been eager to perpetuate the scandal. I saw the article taped up to the Raider Express bus stop. I understand that copies of the paper were handed out at the school at which Sorrells worked. People I have talked to seem to have bought into the frenzy of accusation and implication. This frenzy has been fed by print and broadcast news, and entertainment media on the MTSU campus.

Anyone in Journalism 171 knows that a writer, or editor, frames a story in a certain manner so that the facts can be understood by the readers and that the story will garner attention, thereby being more likely to be read. In this case, the story was framed with the emphasis on the danger to children. Any story with "sex offender" and "children" in the headline will get attention. Had the facts been reported without sensationalism, even with the emphasis on the danger to children, there would be no dispute with the paper. However, the manner in which the story was written led to a conclusion that Sorrells was more than a man who was charged with indecent exposure in family housing. The story implied that he was in family housing searching for a child to molest. That is opinion, and should be relegated to that section of the paper. News stories should be written in such a way as to present the facts in an understandable fashion, but should . not imply judgments or opinions of the writer or editor about these facts. Journalism should never create news.

Sorrells's life is ruined. This will haunt him everywhere he goes, no matter how much help he gets, no matter how much he changes. Long after he has paid his debt to society, he will still be paying for the way the paper and community have treated him.

Shame on Michael Sorrells. Shame on "Sidelines." Shame on MTSU. •

Dealing with intolerance in our lives



Foreign Perspective

Guy J. Engon Zibi

Of all the conflicts that currently tear nations apart, the Algerian (North Africa) civil war seems to be one of the bloodiest and least publicized. Yet, it has been claiming thousands of victims since it started in 1991, and as all religious wars, has its roots in one of man's most notable defaults: intolerance.

intolerance. Algeria, like most Arab countries, is a nation where religion (in this case, Islam) has always played a critical role. The political life was dominated by the military and the religious parties. In the late 1980s, the nation had to cope with high unemployment and acute economic and social problems. Islamic parties rapidly took advantage of those problems in their fight to realize their dream: establish an Iran-like Islamic state. In 1991, they won their first round of legislative elections. There never was a second round. Worried (with good reason) that the Islamists might actually rise to power, the Algerian military, with

the support of democratic forces, stepped in and stopped the electoral process. Ever since, the Islamists, also referred to as "Allah's Mad Men," launched a bloody crusade against not only the Algerian government, but also anybody else who dared be in their way. All that in the name of God.

How tolerant are we of other people's beliefs? How tolerant are we of their way of thinking, or even their culture? The Algerian war may now have different forces with different interests controlling it, and yet, it started with people's intolerance. It started with a group of people wanting to impose their beliefs and ways of thinking on others.

Today in Algeria, every man who doesn't pray five times a day or every woman who dares put western-style clothes on or does not wear the chador puts his or her life in danger. Last January, hundreds of inhabitants suspected not to be zealous enough in their support for the "holy war" were butchered and several heads were put on the sticks. Foreigners are unwanted. Even monks were massacred to make an example for all those who think differently than Islamist extremists.

The Algerian example is very extreme, but it is real. It is a sad illustration of how far our intolerance for anything that's different can go.

How tolerant are you?

I don't really like getting into this because religion, like all topics where feelings take precedence over our rationality, is a very touchy subject. But then again, maybe religion is not about rationality. How ready are we to accept that somebody has different beliefs? Many of the people who claim to believe in God usually try to get those who don't have different beliefs or just believe differently to think their way. And we tend to forget we can really become intolerant in doing so.

We are convinced we have the truth, and we want to impose it onto others. What do we do in the name of God? We criticize, we insult, we kill...What about those of us who cannot accept homosexuality? "I don't understand how somebody can be gay" we say...What about other races, smokers, left-handed people?

The purpose of this article is not to teach a lesson, far from it. It is just to make you realize that past certain limits, our non-acceptance of people's differences can prove deadly. It has in the past. And it still does in Algeria. So where does tolerance begin and where does it stop? I don't know. But I do know that if we don't control our natural envy to want everybody else to thing and be like us, we might create some kind of Algeria. We better keep that in mind. •

Poet confesses her crimes at Women's History event

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Jo Carson will be confessing all she has learned from her eavesdropping crimes in her dramatic work "Liars, Thieves and Other Sinners on the Bench," to be performed on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, located in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

The piece is based on Tennessee themes and women. Carson was invited to perform it as part of Middle Tennessee State University's National Women's History Month celebration.

"I have one of her books," said Claudia Barnett, an assistant professor of English and coordinator of the event. "And a student of mine saw one of her shows and recommended · her."

Barnett described her writing by saying it was "the kind of things you smile at. You see people you know."

"The pieces all come from people." said Carson in the preface to her book, "Stories I Ain't Nobody Yet." "I never sat at my desk and made them up. I heard the heart of each of them somewhere... I am an eavesdropper

and I practiced being invisible to get them. My aunt introduced me for a while saying, 'Be careful what you say; she writes things down.' I asked her not to say it. Blew my cover."

Carson. a native of Johnson City, has been a moderator on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." Her play, "Daytrips," has been widely produced. She is a short story and children's book author and poet, as well as a playwright. She has toured internationally with her series of original monologues. "Stories I Ain't Nobody Yet," two copies of which are available in Todd Library. Three works of her fiction, "The Great Shaking: an account of the earthquake of 1811 and 1812 by a bear who was a witness," "Pulling my Leg" and "You Hold Me and I'll Hold You," can also be checked out.

In addition to the nightly performance, Carson will be speaking in Barnett's Play Writing class on Tuesday March 11 at 10:50 a.m. Barnett welcomes anyone interested. A reception and possibly a book signing/question-and-answer session will follow her 7 p.m. performance. •

Go ahead, quiz me!

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The team from the Gamma lota Sigma insurance fraternity, pictured above, won the eighth annual MTSU Quiz Bowl last Tuesday, winning \$80 for first prize. Channel 8 will broadcast the event all of this month Monday through Friday at 3 p.m. Left to right: Glenda Hawkins, Martha Stroud, Marcus Pipkin and Anthony Petrochko.

Symphony 'lucky to have' violin soloist

By Chad Gillis/ staff

If you happen to be a Romanian national police officer and are looking to capture your defected prodigy violinist, you can pick him up at Tucker Theater this evening at 7:30

The Middle Tennessee Symphony presents "Scandinavian Moods"—an international event including Mats Liljefors—the artistic director of the Royal Swedish Chamber Orchestra, and Stefan Petrescu, the worldrenowned Romanian violinist.

Petrescu graduated from the George Enescu University of Jassy in Romania with honors. He was a featured soloist with Romania's Constanza Orchestra before defecting, while on tour in 1991, to the United

"We are very lucky to have him as the concertmaster," said David Wilkes,



photo provided

Violinist Stefan Petrescu

Interim Executive Director of the MT Symphony.

Laurence Harvin, professor of music, is the usual MT Symphony conductor, but on this occasion Mats Liljefors will have the honors, or better said, give the honors.

"Scandinavian Moods" features works from Edvard Grieg, Christian Sinding, and Jean Sibelius.

Harvin is currently preparing for his third annual international master class for conductors is St. Petersburg, Russia. Harvin is a founding member of the workshop as well as the 'artistic

The workshop is scheduled for July 14-27 and will occur at the St. Petersburg Hermitage, palace of Peter the Great.

Since the demise of the iron curtain, Petrescu has returned to his native nation, but currently resides in Nashville, playing for the city orchestra as well as the MT Symphony. •

Television pilots pursue homes in network lineups

By Frazier Moore/ AP TV writer

NEW YORK (AP) - How would you like to be watching these shows next fall:

-"Gross National Product": A sitcom about a wildly successful radio shock-jock with a conventional family life in the suburbs.

—"Rap Squad": An action drama about undercover cops who pose as rap

-"Hotdog Man": A sitcom about a man who eats hotdogs.

Or maybe you'd rather not face the future just yet.

After all, you're probably reeling from a week when no fewer than eight series upped the ante on your viewing demands. Each wants you to watch it. Each wants your support to bring it back next season. Oh, the pressure!

So the last thing you need is the chore of assessing scads of series that don't even exist yet, and most likely

Networks and producers are currently consumed with that task. After all, television is war. This week's premieres could be next week's body count. New troops must be recruited and trained. And never more so than for the fall campaign.

Which means lots and lots of fall pilots. That's "pilot," from the Latin for if this went to series, you think anyone would watch?"

In the next few hectic weeks, each network's crop of pilots (some not even cast yet, much less filmed) will be poked and prodded and tweaked by programming bosses, in an unpitying grandly process termed "development."

Then, not long after May Day, each network will announce its fall schedule, containing, at most, only a handful of the series those pilots sought to be. The rest are toast.

This week, a couple of TV trade magazines published a list of those pilots. What's up next fall?

For starters, of the nearly 100 series concepts listed, the three I mentioned above weren't among them. I made those up.

So what? I'll pit my nutshell concepts against nutty-sounding ideas like a medieval comedy called "Knight Life." Or "Blade Squad," described as a futuristic skate-cop ensemble drama.



Or "The Travel Agency," a drama about a firm that lets people re-live their lives.

Not that I mean to prejudge.

A few years ago, it would have been easy to ridicule ideas like "six over-sexed twentysomethings drink

way too much coffee" "attractive male and female FBI agents paranormal activity, never so much as nibble another's

A series idea is only its fuse. Whether ignites into a blockbuster or just goes phffffft depends, pure and simple, on idea's the execution.

earlobes.'

With that in mind, here are some more fuses:

Sitcoms fighting for a place at the table next season center on a down-and-out golf pro, a young singer trying to make it in New York, a guy who works in the greeting-card business, and a quintet of commuters.

You might see dramas about a radical priest, Olympic hopefuls, NASCAR racing or DC Comics' Justice League of America.

In television, great minds often tread parallel paths - or at least cohabit a stepping-off point.

ABC has ordered a sitcom pilot called "Teen Angel," whose hero dies and returns to earth as his best friend's guardian angel. Meanwhile, CBS is considering "Forever Yours," a drama about a beautiful ghost who looks after a lonely man.

ABC has an untitled sitcom about two couples who share a house in Queens. Fox has "Between Brothers," a sitcom about two brothers who share a condo, as well as "Birthmarks," a sitcom about a lawyer whose parents move in with

The WB has "Housebroken," a sitcom where a married couple move in with the husband's two brothers: And NBC has an untitled sitcom about a married movie reviewer whose father moves into his basement apartment.

Clearly missing: sitcom pilots about Realtors, mortgage brokers or housing contractors. Maybe those are in development for season after next.

Campus Showcase



Strumming his way to recognition

MTSU Song Writing professor wins classical guitar competition, prepares for two more in future.

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

Chris Samson, an adjunct Song Writing professor in the Recording Industry, recently placed first in a classical guitar competition and received a \$300 reward.

1997 Beethoven Society's Young Artist Competition was held last week in Memphis, which was open to musicians statewide. Categories included guitar. piano, voice, and several others.

"There were only eight musicians in my category," said Samson, "but some like piano had about 30 or 40."

playing guitar for 12 years, finished his Bachelor of Arts and Masters in California and followed his wife to MTSU so she could go to graduate school. Considering his experience and talent, he was offered a job to

"Most musicians supplement themselves with teaching," Samson said.

Dr. Yelverton, director of guitar studies at MTSU, told Samson about the competition four months ago after listening to him play in the MTSU guitar quartet. As part of the reward, Samson was invited back to Memphis yesterday to play in a recital for the Beethoven Society.

Samson is now preparing for two upcoming musical competitions in Connecticut and San Diego.

"If I can play high up, then Samson, who has been my chances for exposure increase," he said.

> Samson plans to continue teaching, but would like to begin concert touring in the future. How soon touring starts depends on how well he



Professor and classical guitarist Chris Samson.

Lady Vols sweep Lady Raiders in home opener

By Lesli Bales/ staff

Despite the perfect weather and a reasonably large crowd, the Lady Raiders softball team dropped their home debut to the Lady Vols, who swept the Saturday doubleheader 5-0

Although the loss brought MTSU's record to 0-6 on the young season, Coach Karen Green focused on the improvement she saw in her team, which had dropped two games to the Lady Vols just last weekend at the Tennessee Tournament.

"We're getting better," Green told the Daily News-Journal after the "We showed a lot of improvement from last weekend. We didn't give in and fought until the

Hometown product Jaclyn Story, a former Smyrna standout, walked nine batters and gave up eight hits as she pitched the entire first game.

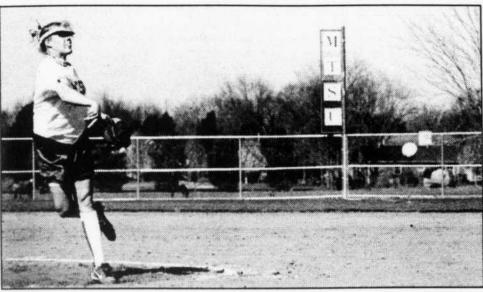
Returning players Allison Cheatham (centerfield) and Jamie Polsteen (rightfield) managed the only two hits for the Lady Raiders.

Jackie Beavers struck out three in earning the win for Tennessee.

Green started the same lineup in game two of the day. This time Story made it only through 1/3 of the first inning as the Lady Vols grabbed an early 4-0 lead. Story picked up the second loss also as she continued to struggle with her control. She gave up four runs, three hits and two walks being before

taken out for the rest of the afternoon.

"She's trying, but walks are hurting us," Green told the DNJ. "Five runs scored in the first game and



Brian G. Miller/ staff

Freshman Jaclyn Story gave up eight hits and five runs in the first game of Saturdays doubleheader with UT. This weekend's losses put the team at 0-6.

three were on walks.

'She's got a load on her shoulders. I don't like freshmen in the situations she's in, but she's getting better and believe in her and the team still believes in her."

better.

Reliever Shay Haskell replaced Story and gave up nine hits, six runs (three earned), and three walks in 6 2/3 innings.

Middle refused to go down without a fight, rallying in the bottom of the first with two outs. Cheatham singled center and advanced to second on third baseman Tamara Davis' infield hit to short. With runners on first and second,

returning player Charlotte Peay (first base) doubled to left to score Cheatham and advance Davis to third. Catcher Melanie Manley then smacked a two RBI

double to left-center, but was stranded when designated hitter Pierrecia Lyons pooped out to end the inning. Still, the Lady Raiders had cut the score down to 3-4 and the game looked promising.

However, the score remained at a standstill until the third inning when the Lady Vols scored three runs to increase the margin to 7-3. Tennessee added one in the fifth and two in the sixth to bring the final score to 10-3.

Six Lady Raiders had hits to help the effort in game two. Cheatham and Peay both had two hits apiece while shortstop Kandel Walker, leftfielder Audrey Peters, Davis and Manley each added one.

The Lady Raiders faced off against Southern Illinois in a doubleheader here at home yesterday (details will be in Thursday's issue). Middle will be in action over spring break, playing ten teams at the Rebel Games in Orlando March 15-20, before returning to conference home action with doubleheaders against Morehead State on March 22 and Eastern Kentucky on

Eating healthier, exercising more only truly effective 'fad' diet

By Jennie Treadway/ staff

In order to lose unwanted pounds, many dieters turn to commercial programs like Slim Fast and Weight-Watchers, or create their own plan, without researching the negative effects of an unhealthy diet.

While spending two hours in the gym every day and consuming as few calories and fat grams as possible, with an occasional pop of a diet pill may seem like the logical way to lose the weight, researchers are now saying that diets don't work.

"New research indicates that fad dieting, such as eating fewer than 1,500 calories and 30 grams of fat per day, or a high fat/protein and low carbohydrate diet, could decrease your attention span, dull your memory, lower your IQ, and rarely results in permanent weight loss," says Elizabeth Somer, M.A., R.D. of

SHAPE magazine.

Though men and women are overweight in equal percentages, according to The College Woman's Handbook, 95% of those who join weight loss programs are women. With numerous brands of diet pills and plans on the market, it is impossible to avoid the craze of the popular "get thin quick" routine. While millions of dollars are invested into the diet industry each year, motivating the product's producers further, the companies fail to advertise the harmful effects of an abnormal diet.

Although every body is structured differently and requires an individually defined diet and exercise plan, the basic rules for nutritional intake apply to everyone. For example, total daily fat intake should not exceed 30 percent of the total caloric intake, meaning that a

more than about 65 grams of fat in order to maintain a healthy body

In order to lose weight, however, the ratio changes, depending on body size, gender, amount of aerobic activity performed, and other factors. To lose weight effectively and permanently, eating a low-fat/lowercalorie diet and obtaining a regular workout plan is a healthy route to take; however, a drastic decrease in calories to 1,500 or less will deplete the body of needed energy to

According to The Wellness Encyclopedia of Food and Nutrition, balancing the calories dieters consume with the calories expended through exercise maintains a steady body weight. Therefore, lowering the amount of calorie/fat intake in a

permanent weight loss.

"If you drastically cut your caloric intake, your metabolism compensates by slowing down, making it even more of a struggle to lose weight," says Rachel Dobkin and Shana Sippy, authors of The College Women's Handbook. "You'll lose muscle, which is essential to burn fat, and you'll be more susceptible to

Another negative effect of a reduced calorie intake is that the brain's main fuel, carbohydrates, is cut off, according to the November 1996 issue of SHAPE magazine. With the reduction of carbohydrates, the body's nerve chemicals are disrupted and depression and irritability sets in.

"Hormones and nerve chemicals go totally bezerk during quick healthful way and taking part in a weight-loss diets," says Sarah regular workout plan allows for Leibowitz, Ph.D., professor of

neurobiology at Rockefeller University.

Diet pills, however magical they appear, have their own side effects, which vary from person to person. For example, many dieters experience hair loss, dizziness, headaches, high blood pressure, and anxiety. The primary consequence of using diet supplements is that while weight loss does occur it is not a permanent job.

"If you find that you are carrying more weight than you should be, cutting fat is more important than cutting calories, and eating healthfully and exercising are safer, more practical, and more effective alternatives to dieting," says Dobkin and Sippy. "Aim to lose one to two pounds a week at most. The more gradual your weight loss, the more likely you are to keep the pounds

Women's Tennis Results

Middle Tennessee 9, University of Memphis 0 results in order of position

Singles

Clare Sevier def. Staci Graham 6-2, 6-1

Jennifer Bryans def. Lori Stevens 5-7, 6-2, 7-5

Michelle North def. Kirsten Stewart 6-0, 6-0

Alex Toelle def. Angela Brannon 6-3, 6-2

Kim Glassman def. Lucy King

6-0, 6-0 Amy King def. Stephanie Long

Doubles

6-1, 6-1

Bryans/Toelle def. Graham/Long

North/Sevier def. Stevens/Stewart Glassman/King def. King/Brannon Right back atcha!



Michelle North won 6-0,6-0 in Saturday's sweep of the University of Memphis. MTSU won all matches in singles and doubles play.

Sports Shorts

Baseball **Next Games**

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Sunday, March 23 Eastern Kentucky @ MTSU, noon

Outdoor Track Next Meet

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