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Campus Briefs

Benefit concert planned

There will be a planned concert for kidney transplant recipient William Maupin, who is an MTSU student, August 25. The Maupin Benefit Jazz Ensemble will be one of the bands that will perform in the concert in the Wright Music Building at 5 p.m. The concert is to help Maupin reduce the cost of his medical expenses. There will be a blood drive awareness for organ donation in the Bragg Mass Communications Building the day of the concert from 12-4 p.m. Maupin said that there will be a celebrity autograph-signing and silent celebrity auction during the blood drive. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted.

Exhibit goes native

"Blurring the Lines: Indigenous Cultures of Latin America," a 50 piece show by photojournalist Jackie Bell, are on exhibit at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery. The works will be displayed from July 8 through August 30, including silver gelatin and black and white prints. Bell will present a free slide and lecture in honor of the exhibit August 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bragg Mass Communications Building. The exhibit will demonstrate how the number of isolated Indian communities in Latin America are decreasing due to the merging of the Indian and Latin-American cultures. Bell is currently the assistant professor of photojournalism at the University of Missouri. The Baldwin Photographic Gallery is open and free to the public during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 8 to 11:45 a.m. and Sundays from 6-9:45 p.m.

Learning from concrete

Students from MTSU's concrete industry program under the direction of Austin Cheney built an amphitheater that would provide educational opportunities for students. The amphitheater was funded through a Toyota Time grant from the National Science Foundation and Nashville Ready Mix of Murfreesboro provided the concrete. "The project will educate future generations through a collaborative curriculum called Ecology Future Global," said Marrie Lasater, campus school-teacher. Five of the classes from the Campus participated in the program.

Teachers learn from grant

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Grant funded \$35,372, for an MTSU sponsored six-week program to educate Rutherford County middle school science teachers. The workshop was held at State Farm Insurance's South Central regional office on Memorial Boulevard. Twenty-six Rutherford County teachers participated in the project. The teachers learned how to incorporate computers by making up Web pages and teaching journalism writing in the classroom to help students express themselves.

Officials clueless on pending tuition hikes

Board of Regents anxiously waiting on legislature

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

Life around the Tennessee Board of Regents' headquarters these days seems to revolve around unanswerable questions and varying speculation.

The Board of Regents, which governs six four-year universities in Tennessee including MTSU, has been trying for the last two months to set a meeting time where the board members can determine tuition rates at its universities for the upcoming fiscal year.

But with the Tennessee

General Assembly still mulling over how to fund the state's budget for the next year, the board members have no other choice than to sit on their hands.

That has left officials in MTSU's Business Office as clueless as everyone else. As it is now, they haven't been able to tell any new or returning students how much they're going to pay for the upcoming semester.

Mike Gower, associate vice president in the Business Office, said they are planning to send out bills for tuition and fees Friday, but only if the legislature reaches a conclusion. If not, then bills will be delayed, and students' know exactly how much

they will have to pay.

"We're waiting on the board (TBR) to set the rate," Gower said.

The earliest TBR is planning to meet is July 17, said Mary Morgan, director of communications for TBR. MTSU has to wait for the board to meet to determine how much of an increase will be needed, and if the meeting doesn't happen until July 17, then the Business Office will be past Gower's deadline to mail out bills.

Every summer - usually during late June or early July - the board meets to determine how much they will have to raise tuition for the next year. This meeting usually occurs after the legislature passes a budget. This year has been different, though,

because the legislature still hasn't adjourned for the season, and tuition rates for the school year - which begins in August - can't be determined yet.

In fact, the board hasn't even been able to release an estimate of how much the tuition raise might be. Some rumors have been floating around among faculty and administrators at MTSU claiming the increase could be as high as 15 percent or as low as 4 percent.

But Morgan said any talk about tuition rates are strictly speculation, because nothing is sure until the legislature approves a permanent budget.

"I think people are slinging a lot of numbers around, but no one really knows yet," she said. Last year tuition was raised

by an unprecedented 10 percent for the 2000-2001 school year. If the tuition is raised anywhere between 11 and 15 percent, it will be the largest single increase in the history of MTSU.

Originally, the board had planned to meet on the campus of Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville June 28-29. As a back-up plan, the board had another meeting scheduled for Monday July 9 at TBR headquarters in Nashville.

Both of those meetings have been cancelled. As of press time, Morgan said the board was considering July 17 for the meeting, but nothing was concrete until the legislature gets done. ♦

New medical director selected

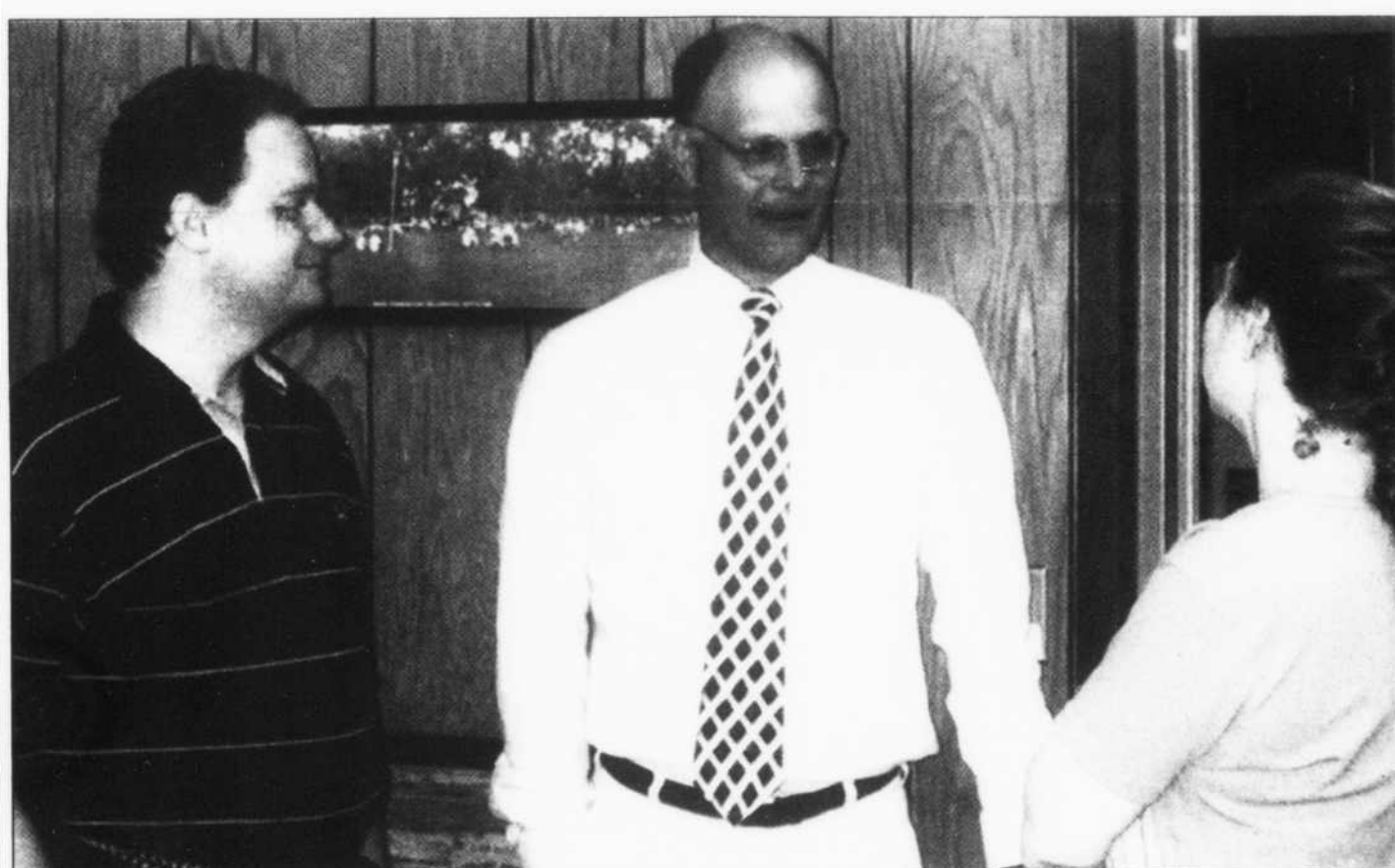


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Rick Chapman, director of Health Services, and Jeanne Hoechst-Ronner, Guidance Services counselor, welcome Pat Spangler (center), as the new medical director of Health Services.

Spangler hired in the aftermath of drug-abusing doctor

By Charlene Callier
News Editor

MTSU's faculty and staff welcomed Dr. Pat Spangler as the new medical director of Health Services with a reception held July 9 in room 210 of the Keathley University Center.

Spangler has been hired to replace Dr. Jerry Slay, who no longer works for the university

after misconduct surrounding substance abuse. Slay was arrested April 16 after he was found wandering around Eagleville school disoriented and under the influence of prescription drugs.

Slay had been hired in March as the new medical director. After his arrest, he was placed on suspension with pay while the university decided what action to take.

Spangler isn't focusing on the Slay situation and has several initiatives planned to improve the quality of Health Services, which is available to all full- and part-time students who seek medical care for minor illness and injuries.

"We hope to expand more services to students," Spangler said.

Spangler said that the expansion would include pro-

viding services to faculty and other staff on campus and installing an X-ray machine along with other laboratory testing equipment.

There is no charge for any services provided by Health Services unless a student needs an X-ray, lab test or medications that are not kept in stock.

"I want to be able to provide

See **Director, 2**

Homecoming events geared to better serve more students

By Erin Edgemon
Staff Writer

Homecoming plans are already in the works for fall 2001 during the week of Oct. 28 through Nov. 3.

"We are trying to step-up homecoming this year," said Emily Buttrey, the chair of the Homecoming Committee.

The theme for homecoming will be "MTSU through the decades."

"MTSU is going to be 90 this year so everyday represents a different decade," Buttrey said.

Homecoming will consist of some traditional events along with new events with the hope of attracting more students.

"One of the most important goals of the committee this year is to take the events we have done before and help make them into events that are easier for other organizations to participate in," said Maggie Prugh, coordinator of Student Organizations.

Prugh serves as adviser to the Homecoming Committee.

The committee is making an effort to organize events that will appeal to more than just the Greek community.

"All students are allowed to participate in homecoming events," Buttrey said.

Homecoming will kick off with a kickball tournament Oct. 28.

There will be a carnival Oct. 29 held on the Keathley University Center knoll and a drum circle.

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White House frustrated with Satcher

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - David Satcher sparked a storm of protest when he was nominated as surgeon general, but he had largely steered clear of the controversies that have marked others' tenures.

That changed with a frank report on sexuality that is ranking the White House and its conservative allies. Like surgeons general who preceded him, Satcher says he's simply

reporting the science - in this case, that there's no evidence that teaching abstinence from sex works or that a gay person can become straight.

His report, issued Thursday June 28, called on schools to encourage abstinence but also teach birth control. That put Satcher on the liberal side of the debate over the best way to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

The White House signaled President Bush's frustration, distancing him from the report

and from Satcher.

"The president understands the report was issued by a surgeon general that he did not appoint, a surgeon general who was appointed by the previous administration," Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said Friday. "The president continues to believe that abstinence and abstinence education is the most effective way to prevent AIDS, to prevent unwanted pregnancy."

Satcher's "call to action" was the latest in a long history of

reports on sensitive subjects. In 1935, the issue was syphilis; in 1964, the link between smoking and cancer. In 1988, President Reagan wouldn't even talk about AIDS, but Surgeon General C. Everett Koop sent a pamphlet encouraging condom use to every American mailbox.

"Only do-nothing surgeon generals are not controlling," said former surgeon general Joycelyn Elders, who was forced to resign in 1994 after saying it makes sense to talk about masturbation in schools. ♦



Last week, *Sidelines* asked students if Surgeon General David Satcher's findings that abstinence-only education is unsuccessful at preventing pregnancy and STDs.

73 percent said yes
27 percent said no

* This poll is not scientific

Kemba R. Drew | News Designer

Director: Spangler seeks expansion

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a better quality of care for students," Spangler said.

He said that Health Services would like to provide things for students to keep them from going to the hospital for X-rays or other procedures that could be provided on campus.

"His background in family medicine is genuine, and he has an interest in college health and students," said Rick Chapman, director of Health Services.

Spangler graduated from University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts and West Virginia School of Osteopathic

Medicine.

He has worked with the Coffee County Hospital in Manchester, Tenn., and Harton Regional Hospital in Tullahoma, Tenn., since 1981.

Spangler is presently a member of the Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association.

"We are really looking forward to being involved with the students," said his wife, Margie Spangler. "Our youngest son is going to college, and instead of being lonely, we'll have a lot of young people to embrace."

"He is very excited about

working with college students because their enthusiasm for life and excitement for the future are very refreshing to him."

"I know that students need someone on campus to talk with and keep it confidential," Pat Spangler said. "I want to be like a surrogate parent to them."

The Spanglers have two sons: Lee, who has recently graduated from Princeton University and is working for the National Institute of Health in Washington, and Nicholas, who will attend Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., in the fall. ♦

Homecoming: More events scheduled

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"The drum circle will be a good way to attract different students that may not otherwise get involved with homecoming," Buttrey said.

Oct. 30, a unity party, a new event, will be located in the KUC courtyard.

"It is a party where different people can meet each other and celebrate MTSU," Prugh said.

There will be a Woodstock type concert featuring different

styles of 60s and 70s music Oct. 31.

"It's a two-hour concert that is going to have cover songs from Motown, classic rock, disco and folk music," said David Scott, a committee member.

"It is going to be a celebration where everyone can get together and have fun without being a competition."

The floats for the parade will be due the morning of Nov. 2, and the fight song pep rally will be held that night.

The homecoming parade will be Nov. 3 at 9 a.m., and the library dedication with former President James E. Walker will be at 11 a.m.

There will be a cook-off and tailgate party at 12 p.m., before the football game at 2 p.m.

The Homecoming Committee is sponsored by the SGA.

Funding for the events come from the student activity fee. For more information on the events, contact Buttrey at 907-8819. ♦



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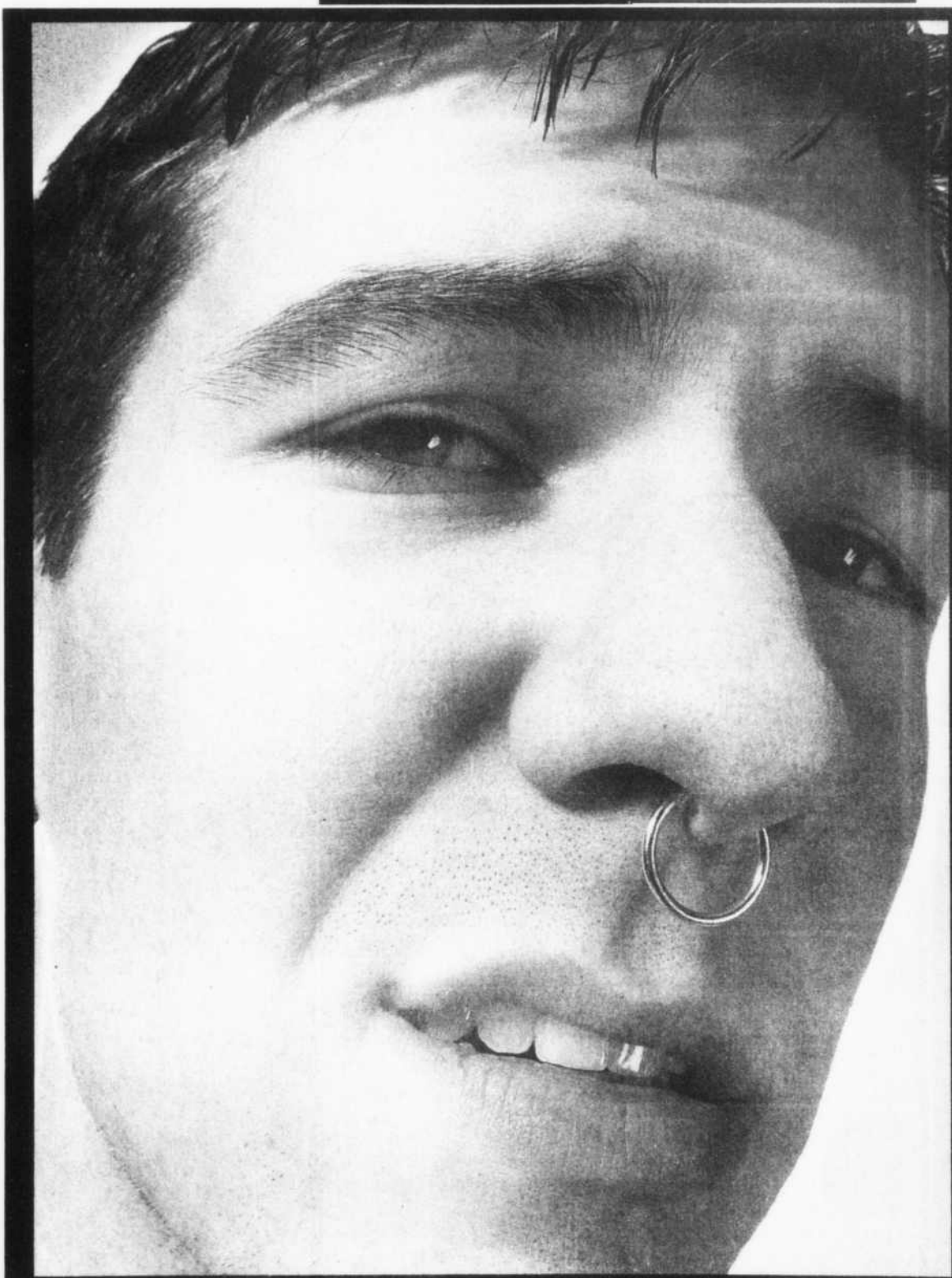
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From the staff

We can't handle additional jobs

Some area opponents of tax increases or a new income tax are saying that college students should suck it up and pay the potential 15 percent increase in tuition.

One resident quoted in the local media even had the gall to say that this increase would be easy for college students to absorb. All they would have to do is get a part-time job.

Well, for all those who hold this attitude and apparently think college students are only lounging around between classes and getting drunk on the weekends, let us be the first to set the record straight.

Most of the staff of this newspaper, for example, hold two or more jobs just to pay the bills.

But that's OK, we can just get another job (that's a total of three or four for all you keeping count) and take a full load of classes. See, the college experience is a contradiction in many respects.

In the classroom, professors tell us we should study three hours for every hour of class credit we take. So, a student taking 13 hours of credit should spend 45 hours studying outside of the classroom - a total of 60 hours a week when you add in the classroom time.

But lawmakers sing a different tune.

They tell us we should pay for the increase, because apparently the education of Tennessee's residents isn't a high priority.

They tell us we should get additional jobs or work more hours during the week to pay for this education. So outside the 60 hours of school work per week, we're expected to work another 20-40 hours at a "part-time" job.

Factor in sleep and down time, and something's going to give. That something is usually our grades, and so we have to spend five to six years to get a four-year degree.

We're not saying that students shouldn't shoulder a majority of the financial responsibility to pay for their educations. All we're saying is that the state should help us with a portion of it. After all, every dollar spent toward higher education is an investment into this state's future.

Sensible patients' rights bill should pass

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Staff Columnist

Did you know that many students can't use Middle Tennessee Medical Center's emergency room and be covered by their insurance policy?

Insurance companies have formed partnerships with select doctors and hospitals to thin the herd of medical choices and rape the consumer of sensible medical care. These are strong words, but that's

exactly what they are doing.

With this being the case, it's only natural that some form of a patients' bill of rights must pass. However, we must be careful, for the ambulance chasers must be drooling with the prospect of untold thousands of lawsuits.

While we live in a society of thoughtless conglomerates, we also live in an age of hedonism and a lawsuit-happy public. We've all heard the horror tales of frivolous lawsuits, but they would only skyrocket if there were not limitations on punitive damages and some sort of

guidelines on which to base coverage.

If a truly open patients' bill of rights is passed, it is easy to dream up scenarios that would cost HMOs (and, therefore, you and I) dearly. For example: (I made this one up myself) a woman sues her HMO because they will not pay for breast implants on the basis that her small breasts cause her to have low self-esteem. (I'm not meaning to single out the female sex, but this was the first scenario I could think of.)

Then again, if Bush has his way, the legislation could become almost ineffective. Can't you just see Bush declining a heart

transplant to a little boy because "that little zipper thingy-doo by his bed might start his heart back."

Of course, I'm only joking. Our president would NEVER do something heartless and greedy for the sake of corporate America (sarcasm does not translate as well to the written word.)

A patient who has health coverage, regardless of whether it's provided by their employer, the government or self-provided, should have access to any emergency room in the country, to see any doctor about non-cosmetic issues and the right to participate in experimental treatments

if their affliction is incurable by standard medical practices.

They should also be able to see doctors about cosmetic issues if their condition is related to a medical condition or accident.

At the same time, there must be limits on punitive damages.

Getting rich off of a lawsuit isn't fair to millions of Americans who will be paying for the damages through rate increases. HMOs may be ruthless corporations who don't give a damn if you live or die, but it doesn't make stealing from them right. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Tennesseans need to keep their money

To the Editor:

Maybe the greatest tax increase that should be in order is to tax the memories of some members of the Tennessee media...that of the *Sidelines* staff not withstanding.

I refer to the July 4 editorial, "Taxes worth the benefits," in which you lamented several specious points:

Within the editorial you wrote, "The legislature is elected by the people to represent the people. Still, everyone knows that people don't always want what's best for them."

Why not? For that matter, why should one presume that some dentist from Bucksport, who managed to put enough yard signs around the neighborhood, has a clue about what's best for anyone else or that of the finances of the state?

Furthermore, the article stated, "We all know that we need more money to fix the problems in our state. Common sense insists that in order to get this money, we have to raise money through either higher or additional taxes."

Merely a decade ago, Tennessee was hailed by several national publications as having "one of the best managed state governments in the country." According to several studies, the budget has grown more than twice the rate of inflation plus population growth over the last decade. When Sundquist took office, the budget was a mere 13 billion ... in the year 2001 ... almost 21 billion. He has presided over one of the fastest growing state governments in America.

Finally, you bemoaned, "The disheartening thing is that lawmakers know we need more taxes too, but they are too scared of losing

their office than to do the right thing."

It seems to me that lawmakers should have little fear of losing their jobs. In the last election, over 50 percent of legislative seats went unopposed.

Furthermore, last year they voted to increase so-called Communication Spending (or glorified taxpayer-funded direct mail for incumbents) by a whopping 500 percent in one year...that's roughly \$8,000 a challenger won't have.

As for "doing the right thing," I would suggest it should be defined as letting Tennesseans keep what is rightfully theirs.

Sincerely,

Rob Smith

Press Secretary

Libertarian Party of Tennessee

Reader appreciates '35 things to do'

To the Editor:

I liked your story about the 35 things to do. As a 25-year-old transfer student with one degree down, my urge to do stuff is high, but desire to make the effort to find them is low.

You should follow up that article with info or URLs for the events. Thanks for the info.

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Society ignores consequences of sex

By Adrian Haymond
Daily Bruin
(U. California-Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES - It would seem somewhat cruel to prevent a woman from having some say over what to do with whatever goes on in her body.

On the other hand, the optimal time to decide whether to have an abortion is not when a rapidly growing embryo has established a form of life. The decision to create a life should be made prior to that point. Unfortunately, this decision is treated in an all-too-cavalier manner by young and old alike.

The sex urge is arguably one of the strongest human desires -- and it should be. Without it, humanity would not be able to procreate effectively, especially with all the activities that constantly vie for our attention.

Many reject the conservative advocacy of abstinence and embrace the gratification that comes with sexual liberation.

The media push these exploits on various levels in commercials, mainstream films, music videos,

men's and women's magazines, TV shows and -- of course -- adult entertainment in its many manifestations.

All of these emphasize the pleasure of sex. But what has not followed is a serious discussion of its possible consequences, leaving people at a definite disadvantage if the "unspeakable" occurs: pregnancy.

In some cases, such discussions are not actively encouraged, prompting young people to experiment for themselves. Those who enter college are expected to be sexually astute, if not already sexually active.

The pleasures of sex are communicated to others through parties, discussions among friends, personal relationships and even the bathroom stalls. Until the fateful moment, many do not think of the consequences. And by then, it's often too late.

Added to this is the advent of effective condoms, which have substantially reduced the "risk" of unwanted pregnancy. With this protection also comes feelings that encourage

reckless actions and promiscuity.

Many students think that they must "try it out," "be a man," "feel like a woman," "show that I love this person," "keep my reputation."

With this impunity comes a feeling that abortion is yet another option to prevent unwanted children. Our sexual freedoms increase, but our sense of responsibility over our own bodies decreases substantially. Therein lies the disturbing reality of freely exploring the limits of sexual pleasures.

In the past, the thought of having a baby scared many people into being extremely cautious about having intimate relations. Those who were not so cautious were looked upon, justly or not, as irresponsible hedonists.

Today, we have the "morning-after" pill, the latex condom, the early-period abortion, the late-period abortion, and if carried to full term, the help of relatives in raising a child.

All kinds of excuses can be made for not taking care of pregnancies and

children. Some are quite valid, such as forced intercourse. But the validity of other reasons is a little more doubtful.

While it is true that the attitude toward sex used to be highly oppressive and extremely uninformed, it seems that today's attitude has swung to the opposite direction, toward a loss of accountability and responsibility.

Today, relationships have become vehicles for people to go from one conquest to another. Now the challenge is trying to find the biggest sexual organ, the most outrageous orgasm and the longest high. Many people even take "test drives" to see if someone is fit to spend their lives with; if the experience does not suit the person, then another person is sought.

The college freshman, who was at least somewhat controlled by the pressure of parents in high school, suddenly receives uninhibited freedom upon entrance into college.

While many have been ingrained with values that erode somewhat slowly, others act as though they

couldn't wait to "bust out of morality jail" and fling themselves into enjoying sexual liberty.

Mind you, this is not saying that sex is wrong in itself. Sex is important for two reasons: procreation and the binding of two lives into one. If students follow these reasons for having sex, they can ensure responsible relationships and loving families.

However, if students are not ready to start a family and/or enter into an intimate, lasting relationship, then sex is merely for the sake of pleasure.

Rather than waiting until conception to decide one's future, the discussion and choice should be made prior to committing the act that can conceivably decide our destiny.

Before sex, choices exist; but after intercourse, the emotions at stake narrow the choice.

Better to make that choice voluntarily before being forced into it by the presence of a growing life that -- regardless of whether it lives or is aborted -- will always contain a part of both creators. ♦

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Murfreesboro, TN

Dave Days Grant Turner

By Shawn Whitsell
Features Editor

The 24th Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days festival is scheduled to kick off Friday in Cannonsburgh Village in Murfreesboro.

The three-day event was established in 1977 to honor the memory of Uncle Dave Macon, a master banjo player, who is considered one of the first Grand Ole Opry superstars. Macon died in 1952 and was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1966.

The festival is a family-oriented event that draws more than 40,000 people.

There will be a music and dance competition, Friday and Saturday with a purse for more than \$6,100 at stake.

The Uncle Dave Macon Days Festival directors have chosen the late Grant Turner, *Voice of the Grand Ole Opry*, to receive the inaugural posthumous Heritage Award. The award will be presented to his widow, Lorene Turner, Saturday.

Texas native Jesse Granderson Turner, a 50-year radio veteran, came to Nashville's WSM in 1944 after jobs on several widely scattered stations. It wasn't long before the Opry master of ceremonies, George D. Hay, asked him to work as an announcer on the program, both on network and non-network segments.

Turner's easygoing yet efficient style helped convey the show's warm folksy atmosphere to millions of fans. His colorful commercials for Opry sponsors became as famous as his introductions of the cast.

Turner was chosen because of the role he played in the starting the company.

"He was very instrumental in helping the festival," said Wendy Bryant, publicist for the festival.

According to Bryant, Turner's widow was "ecstatic" about the award, which is the first posthumous award that has ever been given in the festival's 24 years.

"She couldn't believe it," Bryant said.

Friend to WSM performers young and old, Turner was known as the *Voice of the Grand Ole Opry*. He joined his mentor, Hay, as a Country Music Hall of Fame member in 1981. Turner died of heart failure October 19, 1991, just a few hours after finishing an Opry broadcast.

Also, there will be a Memorial Service Saturday. Led by Lorene Turner, the parade will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. The parade originated from a goal that the late 1940s Macon and the late Forrest Pascal had, which was to provide Macon's mule transportation service that was put out of business by gas-powered engines.

The festival will close Sunday with a spirit-filled gospel showcase. This is the eleventh year the show, which has been sponsored and will include such acts as The Tipton Family, along with Mickey



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Cody Coker dances on stage at last year's Uncle Dave Macon Days Festival.

Harris, Southern Express Gospel and Jerry Messick, brother of Uncle Dave Macon Days founder, Jesse Messick.

In 1986, the United States House of Representatives officially declared the competitions the National Champions in Old-Time Banjo, Old-Time Clogging and Old-Time Buckdancing.

Bryant said that it is important to participate in this event because it's a dying art form that needs to be reserved.

"It is something that is near and dear to this area because we have a lot of Appalachian influence," she added.

According to Bryant, the festival has another unique not often found at festivals - free admission.

"The first thing people will notice is the absence of a ticket booth," she said. ♦

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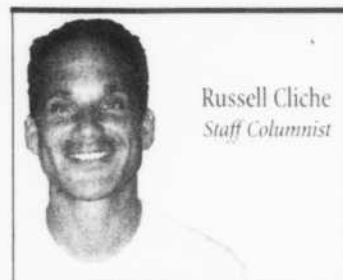
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Flexibility important to balance daily routine



Russell Cliche
Staff Columnist

Last week we talked about four areas that are important for a lifetime of health and fitness. We covered cardio-respiratory (working your heart and lungs) and muscular strength and endurance (toning your muscles). Today we explore flexibility and nutrition.

Flexibility (stretching) is probably the most overlooked aspect of fitness. Flexibility allows your body to go through its full range of motion. So often we are nagged by little pains and soreness directly related to a lack of stretching — whether it's your shoulder when reaching for something or your back when bending down to pick something up. A little tip — When trying to pick something off the ground — a paper clip or a knuder — always bend both knees and always make sure your rear end is lower than your shoulders. Try to maintain a straight back.

So often I'll ask friends to do some sort of activity, and almost always, there is no time spent to stretch. Oh yeah, they may arch their back or rotate their shoulders, but basically there is no stretching. Take a second to think of the elite athlete. People who make their living directly from physical performance will stretch throughout the day and seriously stretch up to a half hour before and after competition or training. Of course, the common person does not need that long to stretch, but the importance is still there. Think of stretching as the oil in your car — IT IS NECESSARY TO PROPERLY AND MORE EFFICIENTLY. Before stretching, take a minute or two to increase your body temperature. Walk around in your house while doing tasks, or walk around outside. Remember, it'll take just three to five minutes to heat up. If you're planning on exercising, spend about five to seven minutes to stretch from head to toe. To avoid injury and increase performance in all areas, follow this exercise routine for life — warm-up, stretch, exercise, cooldown (identical to warm-up) and stretch again. Tip — Never bounce during stretching. It can cause tiny tears in your muscle fibers, which in turn can cause pain or discomfort. Avoid the "hurdle stretch." It can cause damage to the knee joint. If you need input on a safe and effective stretch routine, ask for help at the Recreation Center. They are there to assist you. If that doesn't work, write me. I've got some great handouts.

Stretching should be and is a great way to relieve stress and tension. Yoga is becoming more popular and is attracting many who are trying to find an aspect of fitness they can do or enjoy. If the stretch routine is your main focus, spend 30-45 minutes improving your flexibility. Put some soothing music on, heat your body up and escape into a world of relaxation and improving your body and mind.

Thanks to all who wrote in. Your questions and candor are greatly appreciated. Please write to rjc2e@mtsu.edu if you have questions or responses.

Your friend in fitness,
Russell

Arizona slugger captures crown

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Luis Gonzalez was the unknown basher. "Don't know him at all, to tell you the truth," Thomas Knapp said.

Gonzalez had just won Monday night's All-Star Home Run Derby, earning Knapp, a fan from Potters Mills, Pa., \$250,000 toward a new house as part of a promotion.

Gonzalez won esteem for himself.

"You are out here among your peers," he said after outslugging Sammy Sosa 6-2 in the final round. "The whole world is watching, and this is actually where you get recognition for doing something like this."

With 35 home runs before the All-Star Break, Gonzalez shot up to the top rank of stars. But it was Gonzalez who was stary-eyed when he walked toward the plate at Safeco Field.

"I was kind of in a fog, especially considering the guys I was going against the last couple of rounds," Gonzalez said. "I was so nervous in my first Home

Run Derby. I just wanted to get past the first round, then the second round."

Barry Bonds was knocked out in the semifinals, and Alex Rodriguez didn't even make it out of the first round at Safeco Field, known for pitching than bashing.

Bonds, whose 39 homers for San Francisco set a record at the All-Star Break, hit the longest drive of the day — a 476-foot drive that a fan dropped out of the first row of the right-field upper deck. He also had a 472-foot shot among his seven in the first round.

Oakland's Jason Giambi put on the best show, hitting a Home Run Derby record 14 in the first round before he was knocked out 8-6 by Sosa in the semifinals.

"I was honored to be in it," Giambi said.

Gonzalez, who brought along Arizona bullpen catcher Jeff Motuzas to hit against, watched Giambi and concluded he had no shot.

"I was thinking that guy had his name on it," Gonzalez said.

But Gonzalez showed that steady can succeed, too, hitting five homers in the first round, then beating Bonds 5-3 in the semifinals.

Bonds played down the competition to reach the season record set in 1998, when Mark McGwire outhomered Sosa 70-66 as they both topped Roger Maris' previous mark of 61, set in 1961.

"Mark had Sammy pushing him," Bonds said. "Me and Gonzo — what the hell are we doing? There's no fight."

And Gonzalez said there's no pressure on him. Arizona leads the NL West by 3.5 games, while Bonds' Giants are

5.5 games back.

"It has not been a distraction to our ballclub, what I've been doing in the first half," Gonzalez said. "I'd just as soon keep it that way. Hopefully, the thing it won't do is hinder our ballclub."

The Derby was somewhat lacking in drama. Unlike Baltimore's Camden Yards, which had the right-field warehouse, and Boston's Fenway Park, with its left-field Green Monster, Safeco has no internal landmarks, and no one came close to putting one out of the 2-year-old ballpark.

And unlike Denver's Coors Field, where McGwire hit one 510 feet three years ago in the thin mountain air, no one came close to the 500-foot mark.

On a cloudless afternoon, with 46,733 in the stands, Rodriguez saw a lot more dollar bills than home runs. Rodriguez, wearing large sunglasses that rested on the bill of his cap, was given a large ovation when he walked to the plate.

Fans repeatedly threw confetti of phony dollars, a taunt for the record \$252 million, 10-year contract he got when he left Seattle to sign with Texas last December.

Using the bat of former Seattle teammate Edgar Martinez, he connected just twice, at 415 and 364 feet.

Rodriguez took some solace from the cheers that were mixed in with some boos.

"I couldn't believe the ovation I got. It was very nice. I'm flattered. You obviously want to put up a big showing," he said. "I was at ease coming in. I didn't

want booing to be part of this beautiful event.

"I was expecting the worst. That was very nice. It means a lot. I spent a long time here. It was a big slice of my life, six or seven years." ♦



Finals Results

Luis Gonzalez 6
Sammy Sosa 2

Injured All-Stars

AL
Mariano Rivera, p, Yankees
Greg Vaughn, of, Devil Rays

NL
Rick Reed, p, Mets

American League Starters

Pos.	Name	Team	App.
C	Ivan Rodriguez	Rangers	10th
1B	John Olerud	Mariners	2nd
2B	Brett Boone	Mariners	2nd
3B	Cal Ripken Jr.	Orioles	19th
SS	Alex Rodriguez	Rangers	5th
OF	Ichiro Suzuki	Mariners	1st
OF	Juan Gonzalez	Indians	3rd
OF	Manny Ramirez	Red Sox	5th
DH	Edgar Martinez	Mariners	6th

American League Reserves

Pos.	Name	Team	App.
2B	Roberto Alomar	Indians	12th
OF	Mike Cameron	Mariners	1st
1B	Tony Clark	Tigers	1st
1B	Jason Giambi	Athletics	2nd
3B	Troy Glaus	Angels	2nd
SS	Cristian Guzman	Twins	1st
SS	Derek Jeter	Yankees	4th
OF	Magglio Ordonez	White Sox	3rd
C	Jorge Posada	Yankees	2nd
1B	Mike Sweeney	Royals	2nd
OF	Bernie Williams	Yankees	5th

American League Pitchers

Pos.	Name	Team	App.
SP	Roger Clemens	Yankees	8th
SP	Freddy Garcia	Mariners	1st
SP	Joe Mays	Twins	1st
SP	Eric Milton	Twins	1st
SP	Jeff Nelson	Mariners	1st
SP	Andy Pettitte	Yankees	2nd
RP	Troy Percival	Angels	4th
RP	Paul Quantrill	Blue Jays	1st
RP	Kazuhiro Sasaki	Mariners	1st
RP	Mike Stanton	Yankees	1st

National League Starters

Pos.	Name	Team	App.
C	Mike Piazza	Mets	9th
1B	Todd Helton	Rockies	2nd
2B	Jeff Kent	Giants	3rd
3B	Chipper Jones	Braves	5th
SS	Rich Aurilia	Giants	1st
OF	Barry Bonds	Giants	10th
OF	Sammy Sosa	Cubs	5th
OF	Luis Gonzalez	Diamondbacks	2nd

National League Reserves

Pos.	Name	Team	App.
OF	Moises Alou	Astros	4th
OF	Lance Berkman	Astros	1st
1B	Sean Casey	Reds	2nd
OF	Cliff Floyd	Marlins	1st
OF	Brian Giles	Pirates	2nd
OF	Vladimir Guerrero	Expos	3rd
C	Charles Johnson	Marlins	2nd
1B	Ryan Klesko	Padres	1st
3B	Phil Nevin	Padres	1st
3B	Albert Pujols	Cardinals	1st
SS	Jimmy Rollins	Phillies	1st
OF	Larry Walker	Rockies	5th

National League Pitchers

Pos.	Name	Team	App.
SP	John Burkett	Braves	2nd
SP	Mike Hampton	Rockies	2nd
SP	Randy Johnson	Diamondbacks	8th
SP	Jon Lieber	Cubs	1st
SP	Matt Morris	Cardinals	1st
SP	Chan Ho Park	Dodgers	1st
SP	Curt Schilling	Diamondbacks	4th
RP	Ben Sheets	Brewers	1st
RP	Jeff Shaw	Dodgers	2nd
RP	Billy Wagner	Astros	2nd

Lady Raiders announce schedule

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee Lady Raider basketball coach Stephany Smith announced the 2001-02 schedule Monday, which includes matchups with four NCAA tourney teams from a year ago and 16 home games at the Murphy Center.

Smith returns six players from last season's 17-13 squad that advanced to the Women's National Invitational Tournament before dropping a 66-63 decision at Indiana in the first round. Four of the six returnees were starters in 2000-01, including all-conference selection Jamie Thomatis, who was the only Lady Raider to start every game last season.

"This is by far the most difficult schedule this program has ever seen," Smith said.

"We play 10 teams that finished in the Top 100 in RPI rating last season, four that were in the NCAA Tournament and nine games versus squads who played in the WNIT with us."

"It is an extremely exciting time for Lady Raider basketball. We have a lot of good teams coming to the Murphy Center, and a solid core of players returning with those six accounting for 81 percent of our points, 68 percent of the rebounds and 83 percent of the assists last season."

"Plus we are adding one of

the Top 50 recruiting classes in the country. All of those factors combined will make for an extremely exciting year." ♦

2001-2002 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov 6	Life College (EX)	Home	6 p.m.
Nov 11	West Alabama (EX)	Home	2 p.m.
Nov 16	Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA
Nov 20	Georgia	Athens, Ga.	2 p.m.
Nov 24	Cincinnati	Home	2 p.m.
Nov 27	Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	TBA
Dec 1	Mississippi	Home	2 p.m.
Dec 5	UT-Martin	Home	7 p.m.
Dec 9	Tennessee Tech	Home	2 p.m.
Dec 14	Lipscomb	Home	TBA
Dec 17	Kansas State	Home	7 p.m.
Dec 20	Houston	Home	7 p.m.
Dec 23	Xavier	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
Dec 29	New Orleans (SB)	Home	2 p.m.
Jan 2	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA
Jan 5	Florida International (SB)	Home	2 p.m.
Jan 10	New Mexico State (SB)	Las Cruces, N.M.	TBA
Jan 12	Louisiana-Lafayette (SB)	Lafayette, La.	TBA
Jan 17	Western Kentucky (SB)	Home	5:45 p.m.
Jan 19	North Texas (SB)	Home	7 p.m.
Jan 24	Arkansas State (SB)	Jonesboro, Ark.	TBA
Jan 26	Arkansas-Little Rock (SB)	Little Rock, Ark.	TBA
Jan 29	Morris Brown	Home	6 p.m.
Feb 2	Florida International (SB)	Miami, Fla.	TBA
Feb 7	Arkansas State (SB)	Home	7 p.m.
Feb 9	Arkansas-Little Rock (SB)	Home	2 p.m.
Feb 14	South Alabama (SB)	Home	7 p.m.
Feb 16	Denver (SB)	Denver, Colo.	TBA
Feb 21	Western Kentucky (SB)	Bowling Green, Ky.	TBA

(SB) - Sun Belt Conference Game

(DH) - Doubleheader

(EX) - Exhibition Game

Lady Raider athlete represents volleyball program in Europe

Staff Reports

MT Lady Raider volleyball player Katie Thiesen played in the Sibillini Italian Tournament in Sibillini, Italy, June 29 through July 9.

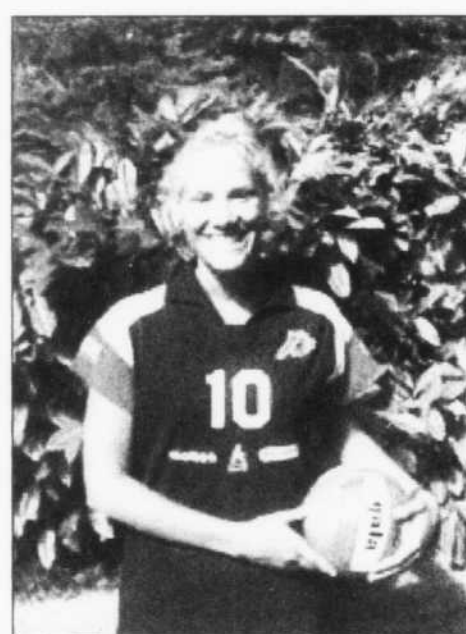
Thiesen, a junior from Rockford, Ill., competed in the tournament with Bring It Sports Promotions. Two groups of 11 players were chosen to play in the tournament, which lasted for two weeks.

The teams trained in Rome, Italy, June 29 and began match play July 1 ending July 7. The team was limited to players under the age of 20 with NCAA experience. The tournament featured teams from Russia, Yugoslavia and Italy.

"I think this will really prepare Katie for the fall season," said Middle Tennessee head volleyball coach Lisa Kisse. "I am really looking forward to seeing what Katie has learned when she returns for preseason in August."

Thiesen led the team in kills per game with 3.56 and total attacks with 1048 in 2000. She also averaged one block per game.

Thiesen's team, Volleyhut, placed second at the tournament. Volleyhut, who won the title last year, lost 3-1 to Poster Belgrade to place second. The team had to play its American teammates from About.com to advance to the finals. ♦



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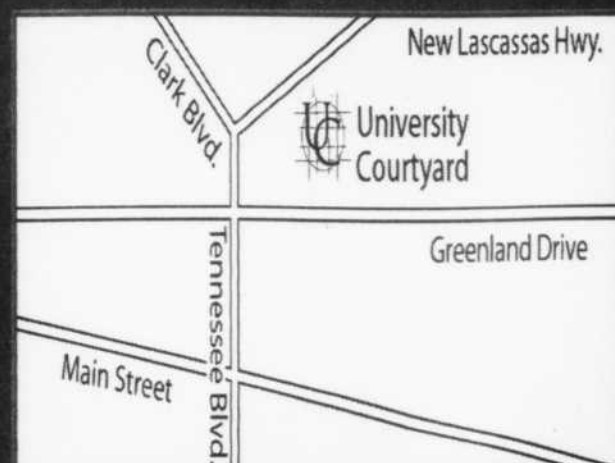


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