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Sidelines

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Mass Comm loses classes, adjunct profs to budget cuts

By Susan McMahan/ staff

The state-wide higher education budget cuts have resulted in fewer classes and less adjunct faculty for the 2,400 students in the College of Mass Communication at MTSU.

According to Jan Quarles, associate dean of the college, 18 classes scheduled for the fall semester of this year have been canceled since the university is losing \$2.8 million from state funding.

"We've tried hard to not cut sections," said Quarles. "We haven't got funds to staff all sections of courses we have."

Sixteen of the canceled classes are in the school of journalism, which encompasses the fields of news-editorial journalism, magazine journalism, advertising, public relations and graphics. Eight of the 16 classes were journalism sections, one was in graphics, two were in advertising and five were in public relations.

Journalism chair Larry Burriss said that many of the cuts resulted from the loss of the adjunct faculty budget. Adjuncts are hired on a semester to semester basis to teach classes.

"[The budget cut] has made us a lot more careful how we schedule classes," said Burriss. "Before, we were really flexible."

Adjuncts taught 14 classes—mostly introductory courses like media writing—this past semester, many of which will now have to be taught by senior faculty at the expense of upper division courses.

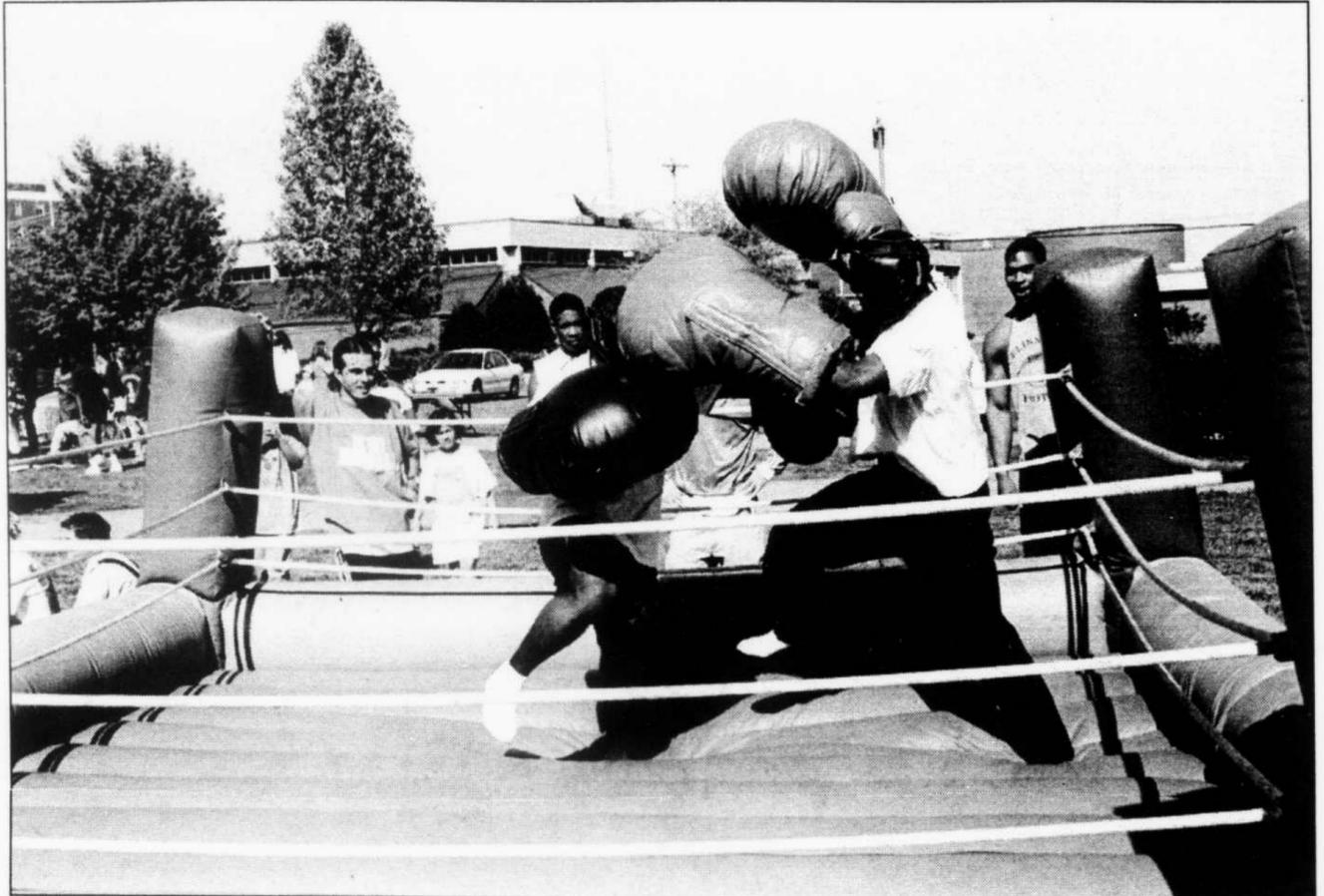
The department could not cut media writing sections, Burriss said, because it will create a large "backlog" of students who can't take any other mass communication courses until they take media writing. Some upper division courses cancelled include Feature Writing 353 and RPT Public Affairs 444.

Students who can't get into a required class are told to call their advisors and schedule a comparable substitute.

The department of radio, television and photography will cancel two production classes next semester and keep only one adjunct.

Mary Nichols, chair of the Radio-TV/Photography Department, said interviews are

Floatin' like a butterfly ...



Steve Purinton/ staff

Sedric Stegal and Johnny Baker took advantage of one of the various activities taking place on the Knoll Friday afternoon. Stegal and Baker put on the big gloves and took a few hefty swings at one another. There was also sumo wrestling and live music.

currently being conducted for an unfilled assistant professor position. Once the position is filled, the new professor will decide which two production classes will be cut.

In the recording industry program, Quarles said that originally four classes were cancelled, but they had to be reinstated due to high student demand.

Rich Barnet, the chair of the RIM department, said that MTSU's programs have been touted in national magazines as the largest and the best RIM program in the nation, attracting 1,200 RIM majors from 9 different

countries and 38 states. Barnet estimated the program will grow to 1,300 or 1,400 majors by next fall.

The RIM department consists of 17 faculty members and three recording studios, which must be shared by all RIM majors.

"I expected to hire two additional faculty members this year," said Barnet, explaining a temporary teacher will probably have to be hired for the fall.

"If you came from California to take classes in the recording industry, you don't want to take an elective," Barnet said. "If you let more students

into a program, you're going to have to hire additional faculty and build more studios. President Walker can do that math, but the governor apparently can't."

Students in the RIM program are on waiting lists for classes because only a certain amount of students can use the labs at one time and students must have time to use the studios to do production work outside of class. Barnet said he is not allowed to cap enrollment in the department.

"It boils down to hire or build or cap," he said. "They're trying to change the laws of physics." •

Committee applications still sought MTSU ranks second in DUIs

Staff Reports

Student applications for university standing committees must be turned in by this Friday in the SGA office.

SGA President Ryan Durham will review the applications next week and then recommend students to President James Walker to serve on the standing committees, which handle academic appeals, curriculum requirements, campus planning and various other responsibilities. Applications may be picked up at the SGA office.

"Students have a responsibility to make the university better," Durham said, explaining he wants to appoint students who will be able to "make a commitment" and "get involved."

There are 14 committees on which students can serve. Some of the committees have representatives from each college, others have only one or two students representing the entire student body.

Durham said some committees are more active than others and begin meeting in the summer—like the Academic Appeals, Curriculum, and Planning Committees—while most committees meet only once during the fall semester. The Library Committee, Durham said, should be busy this fall in preparation for the completion of the new library in front of the John Bragg Mass Communications building.

"It is an educational experience," Durham said. "You can learn what it takes to run a university."

If students have any questions regarding the application process for committee positions, call the SGA office at 898-2464. •

Committee Appointments

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 - 1 College of Mass Communication
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- **2 Institutional Review Board**
- **2 Instructional Evaluation and Development Committee**
- **2 Library Committee**
- **2 MTSU Planning Committee**
- **2 Public Service Committee**

By Jamie Evans/ staff

According to the 1996 crime on campus report, MTSU had the second highest number of D.U.I. offenses—14 incidents—this past year relative to other state universities.

Even though this number is small compared to University Of Tennessee at Knoxville—who reported 102 D.U.I.'s—it is still "far too many," according to Jack Drugmand, public safety director.

Drugmand explained a vast majority of the incidents are not university related persons.

Society of International Affairs competes in UVA crisis simulation

Staff Reports

Sitting at tables with the prestige of world leaders, students from MTSU competed against some of the nation's top universities in a United Nations simulation competition earlier this month.

From April 2-5, the Society of International Affairs (a group within the MTSU Model United Nations) participated in the 2nd annual Virginia International Crisis Simulation (VICS) at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The University of Pennsylvania won the competition and Duke received the honorable mention.

"We were very close to Duke," said Anne Sloan, faculty advisor for the Model United Nations.

Participants in the conference took part in various national and international simulations, such as: UN Security Council meetings; the European Union; the Supreme

He said that sometimes non-university citizens of Murfreesboro believe they can cut through the university roads to avoid the "real" police and not face any punishment. Offenders arrested on campus are sent to the Rutherford County Police Department.

"There's no excuse to drive drunk," he said.

In 1996, MTSU had 12 counts of public drunkenness, one of the lowest number of drug possession incidents in the state and had no counts of drug manufacturing.

"We've been very successful," Drugmand said. •

Court; the Indian Cabinet of 1984; the Chinese Cabinet; Middle East Summit; and the Third Crusade. For the entire time of the simulations, the students pretended to be delegates from different countries trying to solve crisis problems.

"The value [of the simulations] is that this is not scripted," Sloan said. "You have to react to everything that is going on."

Abby Cadle, a senior majoring in French at MTSU, won Best Delegate for the European Union.

"[Model United Nations] gives you a chance to learn how to present yourself," Cadle said. "It gives you a chance to learn how to deal with people."

Honorable mention awards went to Dub Duston, president, Ron Spears and Randy Barnby.

"Given the quality of the competition—against schools nationally recognized for their reputations—we can compete against these schools and do well," Sloan said. •

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Reception will honor those retiring

University employees who are retiring this year will be honored at a reception tomorrow at the Alumni Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Those retiring this year include: Wilma C. Barrett, History; George S. Beers, Mathematical Sciences; Myrtle G. Bogle, Printing Services; Rose M. Burdick, Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies; James D. Covington, Counseling and Testing Center; Dorothy L. Daniel, Alumni Relations; Harold D. Davenport, Educational Leadership; James C. Douthit, Management and Marketing; John R. Duke, Music; Joe S. Evans, Mathematical Sciences; Norman B. Ferris, History; Ralph O. Fullerton, Geography and Geology; Lee E. Jones, Murphy Center; Charlene B. Key, Developmental Studies; R. Norman Martin, Business Office; Betty B. Morris, HPERS; Dewey Patton, Jr., Aerospace; Marie A. Potts, Nursing; James O. Pratt, Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies; William H. Price, Mathematical Sciences; Doris D. Singleton, Computer Information Systems; A.H. Solomon, HPERS; John E. Stanford, Athletics; Patricia R. Turner, Development and University Relations; Charlie A. Walkoff, Media Services; Ralph L. White, Educational Leadership.

On Campus



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Now Until May 2
Student Art Show at Barn Gallery featuring work by Krishna Adams, Mary Beth Green, Dan Jordan, Allen Lowe and Sherry Teal. Gallery hours are **Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** For more information call 898-2455.

Now Until June 5
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MONDAY, April 28
Presbyterian Student Fellowship Prayer Luncheon will be at **noon** at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Please call Michael Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

TUESDAY, April 29
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 from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. \$2.50 a plate. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-1469.

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

WEDNESDAY, April 30
Christian Music Society will hold an organizational meeting at **9 p.m.** in Lyon Hall. CMS is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated Christians who have a desire to serve Christ through the Christian Music Industry. CMS officers needed. Contact Kim Mackey at 898-4474 for more information.

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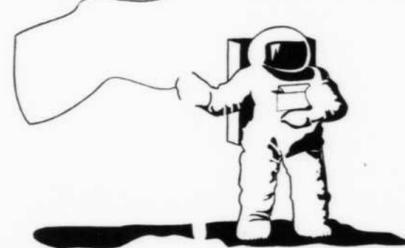
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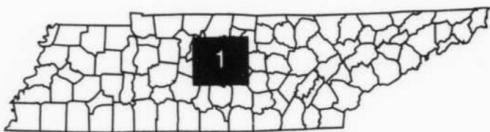
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Use of state jet raises questions

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by House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh in his hometown of Covington Thursday night, in one of the state's two twin-engine Beechcraft King Air planes. Gov. Don Sundquist, who flies in the other King Air, was already in Memphis and rode by car to Covington. Adams and Snodgrass were accompanied by state Reps. Bobby Sands, D-Columbia, and John White, D-Lawrenceburg, along with Steve Curry, director of the state

retirement system. "It's not a political event at all," Adams said Friday. The annual Coon Supper, founded 52 years ago by Naifeh's father, Oney J. Naifeh, attracts hundreds of state and local political figures, lobbyists and contributors. The Adams flight, billed to the treasurer's office, included 1.7 hours of flying time at a rate of \$550 an hour. That amounts to \$935. "I use [the plane] very little," Adams said.



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Opinions

In our view

Tennis teams exhibit excellence

This past week saw MTSU's tennis teams continue their domination of conference foes as each team won yet another OVC title.

For the men's team, their victory over Tennessee Tech in the OVC finals last Monday secured for them their seventh consecutive conference title and ninth overall since 1976. Furthermore, two Blue Raiders picked up the conference's two highest individual honors, with Fred Niemeyer being named Player of the Year and head coach Dale Short as Coach of the Year. The team is now poised to enter NCAA tournament play with a top 5 national ranking and a serious chance at winning MTSU's second ever team national championship in school history (the only other being the golf team's title in 1965).

The Lady Raiders, meanwhile, repeated as OVC champions with a victory over UT-Martin, and also earned considerable individual honors with Clair Sevnter named as OVC Player of the Year and head coach David Thornton named as OVC Coach of the Year.

For better or worse, sports such as football, basketball and baseball always seem to gather a greater share of attention than MTSU's other, less recognizable athletic programs, whether in the comparison to fan attendance and student awareness and, even in the amount of coverage afforded to them by their campus or local city newspapers. Nevertheless, while the spotlight might not shine on them as often as it should, it should not cast a shadow over the phenomenal accomplishments of the student athletes in these sports. Congratulations to the players, coaches and fans of MTSU tennis. And good luck in the NCAA tournaments.

A life ended in its prime

"Sidelines" offers its condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of MTSU student Johnny Warren, who passed away this past Wednesday after a fight with cancer. His life, while all too brief for those who loved and were touched by him, will nonetheless serve as an inspiration to us all, and will remind us to have the courage to dream, even in the face of adversity.



Link's last stand remembers how it began



From Where I Stand

Scott Link

This is the last one. I will never submit a column on social issues to Sidelines again. I know that will make some people happy, and others sad, but I am finally graduating. In a few short days I will walk across that platform, shake hands with President Walker, and step out into real life.

I have to admit, I am a bit nervous about graduation. It is not the prospect of being out of school that worries me. I spent a couple years out in the work force. No, it is the fact that I can never be an undergraduate again. No matter what happens, I have already graduated college. Along with a college degree comes great expectations. Graduates are expected to get the higher paying jobs, and "make" it in America.

These expectations are not without grounds, though. College graduates do normally get better jobs and higher pay. It is just the thought that it is possible that even with all this expensive education I might not be able to be successful in life. Of course, success is defined differently by different people. I will count myself as successful when I have achieved the goals I have set before myself.

These goals include, but are not limited to, having a family who loves me, being able to pay my bills one month without worrying about next

month's, and, most of all, following God's will in all situations. I know I won't be successful in everything, in every situation, but I will try. I know that God has a will for each of us, and he wants us to have the best life possible. And I know that best does not mean easiest.

As I look back on the past few semesters I marvel at what has happened. My time here at MTSU hasn't been the easiest, but I wouldn't trade the experiences and things I've learned for anything. Take this column.

When it all started I never thought it would last as long as this. I didn't expect the response, both positive and negative. I quickly developed a thick skin. I think the label I've been given which is my favorite is "religious moralist." Even though the tone of the letter meant it to be derogatory, I kind of like it.

At times it has been hard to come up with 700+ words every week in addition to my schoolwork. Some of you may have wondered why I kept doing it. Some of you may have wished I would stop. Sometimes I asked myself why I kept writing. I never cared about writing for the paper when I was here in the 1992-93 school year. What happened when I came back to school?

Well, besides getting some priorities straight in my life, when I got back to school I became increasingly aware of the one-sided view often presented by the media. It seemed that all media had a social agenda, and I found I didn't agree with very much of it. I was fed up with it. I was tired of reading the same drivel

day after day. I was tired of seeing supposedly objective reporters use news stories as the base for editorial comments which furthered their agenda.

I could no longer be silent. When, after taking a job as a staff writer for Sidelines, I saw an "In Our View" which was not even close to my view I knew that I had to stand up and speak for what I believed. The editor agreed to let me write, and a column was born.

It is important for people to stand up for what they believe in. I wished many times that I was not the lone voice of those I knew agreed with me. Don't think I didn't appreciate the kind words of encouragement I received from supporters over the past months, but I do wish that those who felt the way I did would have also expressed it publicly. As I leave, I hope that someone will step up and continue to present this viewpoint in a public forum. I pray that someone will see that silently disagreeing with a public view or social agenda has the same effect on those whom you might influence as silently agreeing.

What's next for me? I will continue writing, both recreationally and professionally. I recently took a position as a freelance writer for CCM Magazine, which is one of Christian music's most well-known publications. I plan to be married in August, and to begin work on a Masters of Arts in Communication at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in January.

After that? I don't know. I do know that no matter what, I will continue to seek God and serve Him.

Corrections

In the Thursday, April 24 issue of "Sidelines," the article titled "Alumni to be awarded for outstanding achievements," a number of errors were found after publication in regard to the biographical information of Scott Higdon, one of the alumni being honored on May 3.

The article incorrectly states that Mr. Higdon was "born with physical deficiencies which prevented use of all parts of his body except neck muscles ... " In fact, although Mr. Higdon has cerebellar palsy, he is not paralyzed. Furthermore, the article incorrectly stated that Mr. Higdon drove a voice-activated van and erroneously indicated that Mr. Higdon currently works with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His current place of

employment is with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. "Sidelines" regrets the errors.

In the Thursday, April 17 issue of "Sidelines," the article titled "Center for Pop Music acquires collections" erroneously reported that the new manuscripts acquired by the Center for Popular Music were being offered to MTSU's music department. According to David Jellema, archivist for the Center, copies of the manuscripts are available for music students to use. No manuscripts, however, will be handed over to the music department. "Sidelines" regrets the error.

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Dave Barry

Syndicated Columnist

I recently received some very exciting mail. And I'm not talking about a sleazy letter from some magazine-selling outfit claiming I won a sweepstakes. I'm talking about a sleazy letter from the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Trent Lott.

Trent informs me that I "have been nominated as one of Florida's 15 representatives on the Republican Presidential Roundtable." Trent explains that the Roundtable is "a unique group of only 400 Americans," and that "recently, a vacancy occurred;" he's hoping I will "consider stepping forward to fill it."

"It's not often in life that one is called upon to lead," notes Trent.

This is true. The last time I was called upon to lead was when I was a counselor at Camp Sharpshoon, and I led a cabin of 12-year-olds on a nature hike directly into the heart of what had to be North America's largest bee colony. That was in 1966, and the swelling is just now subsiding on some of those campers.

Of course the Republican Presidential Roundtable is not interested in a nature hike. It is interested, according to Trent's letter, in obtaining my "personal help and assistance in shaping and driving our Republican national agenda."

I do have some thoughts on that. I think that Item N. 1 on the Republican national agenda would be to introduce a bill that would enable the Senate Majority Leader to change his first name from "Trent" to something that

makes him more like the kind of strong legislative stud we want running our Senate, such as "Dirk," or "Buck," or—this would make me very proud to be an American—"Mojo."

My other suggestion for the national agenda occurred to me when I read about a plan by the federal government to pay hospitals NOT to train doctors. According to a New York Times article that I swear I am not making up, the federal government is going to pay 41 teaching hospitals in New York State \$400 million of your tax dollars to stop training so many doctors, thereby stemming "a growing surplus of doctors."

Perhaps your reaction to this program is: "Hey, if there's such a surplus of doctors, how come whenever I try to see one, I have to sit in the waiting room long enough to watch Rocky and all 14 sequels?" This shows why you are an ordinary dirtball taxpayer, as opposed to a health-care expert. Health-care experts greeted this plan as "brilliant." Bear in mind that, in their field, they spend a lot of time around drugs.

My own reaction to the plan is that it would be perfect with one minor modification: Instead of paying the \$400 million to teaching hospitals, we should pay it to law schools, on the condition that they promise to stop producing lawyers, which already outnumber humans in some cities.

So those are my feelings on the national agenda. Unfortunately, I may not be sharing them with Sen. Mojo Lott and the other members of the Republican Presidential Roundtable, because when you get to page two of Trent's letter it turns out that, in addition to my personal help and assistance in shaping and driving the national agenda, they want 5,000 of my personal dollars. And before I

spend that kind of money, I want to consider what kind of deal I can get from the Democrats.

As I understand it, the Democrats have a whole menu of options for contributors. If you pay so much, you get coffee with the president; and if you pay more, you get to stay overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom; if you pay still more, you get to use the Jefferson Bidet; and so on up the donor scale until you reach the level of your major supporters such as Indonesia or Barbra Streisand; at this level, you get the Executive Package, in which you get to appoint an ambassador, veto a bill and launch a nuclear attack against the city of your choice. Another plus with the Democrats is, it will probably turn out that your donation is illegal, which means they have to give it back.

The downside is, if you give money to the Democrats, you will eventually be linked to "Whitewater"—there is no activity on Earth, including erosion, that is not ultimately connected to "Whitewater"—and President Clinton will issue a statement about you making these points:

1. He doesn't know you.
2. Well, OK, he DOES know you, but he didn't promise you anything.
3. Well, OK, he DID promise you something, but it was not technically illegal.
4. But if it WAS illegal, the Republicans do the same thing all the time, and we need to put a stop to it.
5. It was Chelsea's idea.
6. I don't need that kind of hassle. So I'm frankly thinking that maybe I won't be donating to either political party. Bill and Dirk will just have to call on somebody more in tune with the ethical concepts involved in modern political fund raising. I hear O.J. is available. •

Trying to tackle the really **BIG** questions

A new biology class encourages students to explore the ethical and social dilemmas of genetic science

By Debbie McClanahan
special to Sidelines

If the young couple's unborn child is normal, they will abort it.

Should a genetic counselor, knowing the couple's intention, reveal the results of fetal testing? Should she perform the test in the first place?

The expectant parents, both dwarfs, want a dwarf child.

Deborah C. Clark, assistant professor of biology, presents this moral dilemma to her new Social Issues and Genetic Technology class. Against a backdrop of anatomy charts and the stench of formaldehyde, Clark explains the science behind genetic technology and challenges her students to explore the human effects of its application.

"I don't believe in abortion at all," dwarfs' dilemma. "I believe in God, and he can change anything. I would not do genetic testing and would tell them they would have to go elsewhere."

The three remaining members of the group facing this question have three separate opinions. One would refuse to conduct the test, because she couldn't live with herself if she

provided information that led to the abortion of a healthy fetus. And while the other two students would do the testing and report the results, one would strongly advise the couple to keep a normal child. The other feels the decision is the couple's alone, and she has not right to impose her beliefs on them.

Bingo. Clark's objective of teaching the complexity and diversity of genetic technology acceptance is realized. Even those who possess the basic knowledge of the science have widely varying beliefs.

In the fall of 1995, Clark, feeling strongly that science education should reach beyond basic facts, planted the seeds for a biology class that addresses the moral implications of modern genetics. It came to fruition this spring. The 23 students enrolled in this innovative class bring 23 strong, divergent opinions to the black-topped laboratory table.

"The wonderful part of the educational experience is that you are exposed to all of these different ideas," Clark says. "I hope students will develop different ways of understanding what a problem is and what other people's positions are."

Social Issues and Genetic Technology, open to all students,

stretches the boundaries of traditional biology education and confronts the headlines.

A drop of blood found near Nicole Brown Simpson's and Ron Goldman's bodies matched that of O.J. Simpson. The odds that this blood is anyone but O.J.'s are from 1 in 240,000 to 1 in 2.2 million. Did O.J. commit the murders?

The jurors in the criminal case didn't think so, but the jurors in the civil case found him liable. Did either jury consider the DNA evidence in reaching their verdicts?

Clark's students certainly do. She makes sure they understand the scientific techniques and principles behind DNA fingerprinting, along with its myriad applications and very real limitations. She specifically dispels the belief that crimes can be solved through genetic technology.

"What does DNA really show you?" Clark poses. "DNA shows, yes, that was Nicole's blood in O.J.'s truck. Yes, that was his blood at the crime scene. It doesn't show you how it got there. DNA doesn't have a history associated with it."

The forensic applications of genetic technology are only a small part of Clark's curriculum. She presents topics as varied as ancient DNA, (á lá

Jurassic Park) and privacy issues raised through genetic screenings and databanks (á lá *The X-Files*).

Clark also explains how medical genetics has made vast strides in locating the genes for inherited disorders, such as sickle-cell anemia and Huntington's Disease. How does medical genetics go about eliminating such disorders from the population? And if "bad" genes can be eliminated, what about genes that determine skin color or level of intelligence?

"As technology progresses to the point to where it is so much in the mainstream, you need classes where you start talking about the ethical consequences, as well," Clark says.

She encourages students to explore both sides of the genetic technology coin - the benefits versus the drawbacks of its application.

"The possibilities for determining the causes of and remedies for a lot of disorders are exciting," says Ben Skelton, a senior biology major, but having one's genetic material on a "mailing list" of insurance companies, health-care providers and employers could be very harmful."

Theron Bean, who is also a senior biology major, agrees that these scientific advancements can be

double-edged swords.

"Genetic technology has already proven that it is very beneficial, but like most everything science has created, there can and probably will be some things that are detrimental to mankind," Bean says.

Clark keeps the exchange of ideas flowing through her assignments. The students search the media for current genetic topics and record their thoughts in weekly journals. They explore the World Wide Web to answer specific questions and e-mail her the results. They will stage a debate on the "Genetic Improvement of the Human Race: Super Genes, Super Humans?" before a freshman honors biology class.

And daily discussions are a mainstay.

A 30-year-old woman is diagnosed with an inherited disorder that places her at an extremely high risk for developing colon cancer. This particular condition definitely runs in families and can kill at a very young age. The woman doesn't want to disclose the information to her siblings and children, all of whom are assumed to be at risk.

*Does a genetic counselor tell them anyway?**

Dancing, exotic food abound in May festival

By Chad Gillis/staff

The 19th annual International Street Festival will hit Murfreesboro Saturday, May 10, according to Lee Ann Walker, Rutherford County Arts and Humanities Council president.

"People should expect lots of good food to eat, great gifts and crafts, and lots of activities for the children," Walker said. Dancers from seven different countries will perform throughout the day on a stage in front of Central Middle School, located at 700 East Main St.

The 10 a.m. event, located between Maney Street and Central Middle, will feature some 146 booths of international foods and crafts and will continue until 5 p.m.

"There will be international food such as shaved ice, barbecue, a full menu of Greek food, Benni Chinese Cuisine, hand-

dipped ice cream, cappuccino, Laotian food, bratwurst, and hot dogs," Walker said.

For those last-minute Mother's Day shoppers, gifts will be available such as homemade jellies, handmade furniture, various dolls and toys for children, according to Walker.

The crafts on hand are all original ideas and patterns by artists ranging from candle makers to jewelers.

"All of the money that we raise goes back into the community through grants," Walker said.

Throughout the 19 years of the street festival, the Rutherford County Arts and Humanities Council has donated proceeds to Linebaugh Library, Children's Discovery House, the Orpheus Vocal Competition and the Tulip Poplar Press.

Although the International Dancers generally perform for a charge at an enclosed venue, this performance is



Photo provided

Dancers from around the world will be a part of the festivities for the International Street Festival May 10.

free and open to the public. Parking will be available at regular street parking and paid parking

areas. For more information contact Lee Ann Walker at 893-4373, or Ron Aday at 898-2300.*

MT Symphony welcomes 'young virtuoso' pianist

Staff Reports

Pianist Benedetto Lupo will perform with the Middle Tennessee Symphony for "Contrasts and Impressions," tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucker Theatre.

Lupo, who has been called a "young virtuoso on the brink of ... world-class achievement" by the *Los Angeles Times*, will perform selections from several composers of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The first selection is Suite No. 2 from *The Three Cornered Hat*, an enduring ballet by Manuel de Falla, one of the few Spanish composers of Spanish themes. The ballet, which premiered in London in 1919, is characterized by the lively rhythms and distinctive timbres of traditional Spanish music.

"Piano Concerto for the Left Hand in D Major," the second selection for tonight's concert, was written by Maurice Ravel through a commission from Austrian pianist Paul Wittgenstein, who lost his right arm during World War I. The concerto contains many jazz elements, which enhance its ominous tension. This tension is never really resolved, as in most concertos, but rather ended by an arbitrary gesture.

Following a brief intermission, Lupo will return with the symphony to perform Igor Stravinsky's "Bereuse" and "Finale" from the ballet, *The Firebird*. The ballet remains one of the favorite works of the standard orchestral program.

The fourth selection for the evening is Richard Wagner's "Prelude to Act I" and "Prelude to Act III" from *Lohengrin*, the well-known opera based on medieval legend from the poetry of Wolfram Eschenbach. The "Prelude to Act I" establishes the tonality of A Major, played whenever Lohengrin or the Holy Grail are mentioned in the score. By contrast, the "Prelude to Act III" portrays a lively wedding celebration.

Nikolai Rimski-Korsakov, Stravinsky's teacher, is the composer of the night's final selection, "Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34." Rimski-Korsakov used Spanish dance rhythms and trumpet fanfares to create an exotic travel piece.

Lupo has received numerous



Photo provided

Benedetto Lupo, an internationally-known pianist, will perform with the Middle Tennessee Symphony tonight at 7:30 in Tucker Theatre.

musical awards for his performances. He was awarded the Bronze Medal in the Eighth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1989. In 1992, he was named the winner of the biennial Terence Judd International Award for pianists at London's Royal Festival Hall.

He has performed with the Utah Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic and the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, as well as the symphony orchestras of cities across the United States. In Europe, he has played with the Sanremo Orchestra Sinfonica, Orchestra Sinfonia Siciliana, and the Palermo Symphony, and he has toured Poland and Italy. He earned critical acclaim when he replaced Alexis Weissenberg as soloist with Italy's Genoa Symphony.

Lupo's recording of Nino Rota's concerto "Soiree" with the Orchestra Sinfonica Siciliana was released by the NUOVA ERA label in 1992.

Tonight is the final performance of the Middle Tennessee Symphony's 1996-1997 season program. The Tucker Theatre Box Office will be open from 6:30 p.m. until curtain. Contact the Symphony Office for 898-1862 for ticket and other information.*



Mixed Reviews



A Giraffe Named Forrest blends punk, funk and jazz to create a unique local music flavor

By Christi Underdown/ staff

With a name inspired by a Christmas gift given to the guitarist's mother, a local band that was described by a band member as "Mahavishnu Orchestra meets The Ramones at P-Funk's house," is ascending the stages of East and Middle Tennessee, as well as Kentucky, through a raw combination of instrumentals and lyrics which stay in one's head for a long time.

Holly Denham, 23, Justin Gorun, 24, Matt Shawver, 23, and Justin Tryon, 23, are "A Giraffe Named Forrest." As the vocalist, guitarist, bassist and drummer, respectively, these four students of Middle Tennessee State University began playing together about a year ago. Last December, they performed

their first gig at Guido's Pizza in Nashville.

With songs like "Pressure" and "Deeper," they ease their own urgent tendencies in the tradition of Concrete Blonde. A seemingly calm verse soon leans to a wild, but not chaotic, anthem. Volume rises steadily just to turn back down the path to whisper in the listener's ears.

Denham's intense alto is balanced by the aggressive, but deep sounds of the others' guitars and drums. None of the musicians seem to overpower one another. The individual melodies given by each player are woven together to form the band's completely unique sound, demonstrated in the song "Dancing Naked in the Rain."

Influenced by the 1970s funk bands, modern jazz, groups such as

The Police and a little heavy music, the group has transformed a year's worth of jam sessions into good, solid material.

At present, "A Giraffe Named Forrest" is working with a busy schedule. They will be playing at Guido's on May 2, in Huntsville, Ala. on May 3, at Springwater in Nashville on May 7, at K.C.'s 909 in Nashville on May 8 and in Cleveland, Tenn. on May 9.*

The Sidelines features staff wishes everyone a safe and happy summer and encourages you to expand your mind and enjoy the summer by being a patron of the arts.

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Sports & Recreation

MT sweeps SEMO as Snellgrove shatters hits mark

By Doug Malan/ staff

With the help of Eastern Illinois, Middle Tennessee battled its way back toward the top of the OVC by sweeping Southeast Missouri 12-3 and 10-9 Saturday afternoon at Reese Smith Field.

EIU swept OVC leader Tennessee Tech on Saturday leaving the Golden Eagles with a 13-7 conference mark. The Blue Raiders are 11-6 in the OVC.

Middle (24-18) won another game in its last at-bat, scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh in the one-run victory.

Ryan Dillard hit a two-run double to win the game for Middle Tennessee. Dillard also added two sacrifice flies in the game.

Trailing 9-8 with one out in the last inning, Andrew Thompson walked and Wayne Chinapen doubled down the leftfield line.

SEMO head coach Mark Hogan then played his outfield at a shallow position, allowing Dillard line drive to zip over the rightfielder's head.

"I didn't even notice they brought the outfield in," the senior outfielder said. "I just got a slider and hit it."

"I'm happy as hell we won the game. We need to sweep them but we can only win one game at a time."

The Blue Raiders opened an 8-4 lead through five innings before the Indians took control with five runs in two innings against the Raider bullpen.

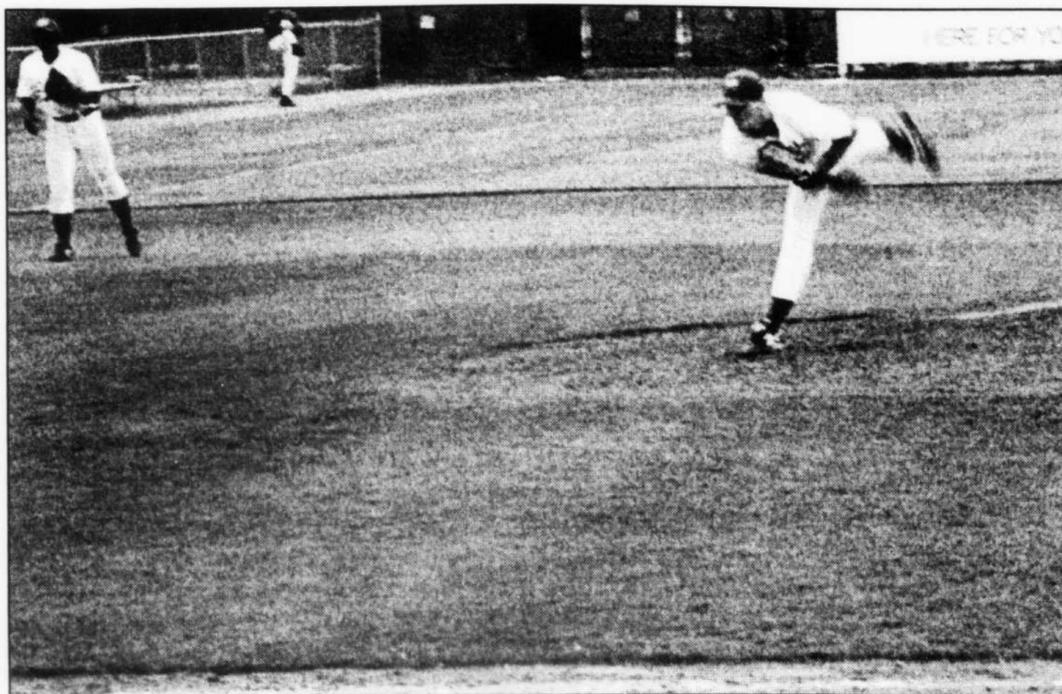
Ken Bedwell (2-3) earned the win in relief despite allowing two runs in 1.2 innings. It was the first action for Bedwell since April 9th, after undergoing surgery for an injured achilles tendon.

Chinapen finished 3-4 with two RBI and Clay Snellgrove added two hits to move within two, as of Saturday night, of tying the career mark.

Dan Huesgen (0-1) got the loss for SEMO.

Middle blasted its way to victory in the first game, scoring eight runs in the first innings. The first seven batters scored while Thompson and Jon Case both hit three-run homeruns.

Jordan Beedies added a solo shot in the inning and Ty Curley hit a two-



Shawn Sidwell/ staff

MTSU's Brad Howard pitched his third complete game of the year in Saturday's nightcap of a doubleheader against SEMO. The freshman standout is 7-1 on the season.

run bomb in the fourth inning.

Case finished 3-4 with four RBI while Will Fraley, in his first start of the season, went 3-3.

Brad Howard (7-1) pitched his third complete game of the year, scattering eight hits and allowing two earned runs.

SEMO starter David Michel (4-6) left the game after recording only one out, yielding eight runs on six hits.

MT ended with 16 hits on the afternoon.

Middle continued its dominance of SEMO with a 12-6 slaughter on Sunday. It was the first conference sweep of the season for MTSU.

Thompson finished went 3-for-4 with 2 homeruns and 5 RBIs. Meanwhile, Snellgrove went 2-for-5 to tie Mudcat Brewer for the school

record for career hits with 245. He had 2 RBIs and one homerun.

Designated hitter Fraley went 3-for-4 with one RBI, while Chinapen and Case both went 2-for-5 and had an RBI apiece.

Jamie Powers (4-2) earned the win giving up nine hits, six walks, and five earned runs while striking out two in five innings of work. Chad Kirby pitched the remaining four innings, giving up five hits, no walks, and one earned run while striking out four. He did not earn a save due to the huge lead the Blue Raiders carried.

The Blue Raiders will return home on May 6 and 7 for a two game series against the University of Alabama-Birmingham followed by a three game series with Murray State also here in Murfreesboro on May 10 and 11. •

Vols trample Raiders 13-3 in Chattanooga

It was another long night for Blue Raider pitching on Wednesday when number-8 Tennessee bombed Middle 13-3 at Engel Stadium in Chattanooga.

The Volunteers scored runs in every inning but one as they smacked 20 hits off five Blue Raider pitchers. UT hit two homeruns, giving them 67 round-trippers this year, to set the school record for homers in one

season. Andrew Thompson hit a two-run homer in fourth inning and Clay Snellgrove added an RBI single in the ninth to complete the Blue Raider scoring.

Snellgrove, who finished with two hits, is six hits away from tying Mudcat Brewer's school mark of 245 hits in a career.

Outside of Thompson's homer, UT pitching did not allow an extra-base hit Wednesday night.

Joe Abell (2-0) earned the win allowing two runs on five hits in 5.1 innings. Abell also got the start April 9th when the two teams hooked up.

Chad Kirby (3-8) got the loss yielding six runs on ten hits in 5.2 innings.

Baker Moore went 3-4 with three RBI for the Vols and opened the scoring with an RBI triple in the second inning. Ken Folkers went 4-5 with three runs scored plus his eighth homer of the year, a solo shot in the seventh. Jeff Pickler added a homerun in the third inning and ended 3-5 with two runs and two RBI.

Thompson's homer cut the Vols lead to 4-2, but Tennessee pitchers limited the Blue Raiders to two hits over the next four innings while the Big Orange bats ripped off five runs on nine hits in the same span.

Middle Tennessee (22-18) failed to stay in the game after striking out six times in the late innings.

In the first meeting between the teams, MT stayed within striking distance until the eighth inning before bowing 12-6.

Tennessee (36-10) improved its non-conference record to 23-2 and defeating Middle for the seventh consecutive time.

Prior to last weekend's series with SEMO, Middle was in second place in the OVC with series at Morehead State and Murray State looming. The Murray State series will be played at Reese Smith Field May 10-11.

The OVC tournament will be held May 15-17 at the site of the champion. The top six teams receive tournament bids with the top two seeds receiving first-round byes.

The tournament switches to a double-elimination format once two teams have been knocked out. •

Golfer Warren succumbs to cancer after brief battle

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee golfer Johnny Warren from Greenbriar, Tennessee, passed away Wednesday afternoon after a battle with cancer. Warren, 21, was a redshirt freshman on the golf team and a sophomore academically, majoring in Economics/Finance.

He earned his place on the team by winning the annual "walk-on" tournament. He quickly earned a spot on the travel squad with his steady play.

"Johnny was the true student-athlete," said Head Coach Johnny Moore. "He earned his position on the team and he will certainly be missed."

Warren played both golf and basketball at Greenbriar High School. He had a 15-0 match play record in



Johnny Warren

1995. He won one regional championship while finishing second twice, and he also competed in two state tournaments.

"He was really coming on when his real battle started," added Moore. "You could see the team bonding together and getting better. Johnny was as fine a young man as we have ever had at Middle."

Visitation was at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Greenbriar. The funeral was Friday.

Sympathy cards can be sent to John and Georgia Warren, 1013 Minnick Drive, Greenbriar, TN 37073. •

Eichholz uses volleyball to share faith

By Lesli Bales/ staff

Middle Tennessee volleyball player Tammy Eichholz will be using her skill on the court to reach people off the court as she embarks on a summer volleyball tour with Athletes in Action. Athletes in Action is the athletic ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ.

The tour will consist of matches in Paraguay and Peru, and will take place during the months of June and July. The players consist of athletes from various four-year and two-year institutions, including Duke and Stanford.

Eichholz, a middle-blocker for the Lady Raiders, was chosen through an application process that included reviews of both statistics and videotapes of play. She will report to the University of Colorado on June 8 for a week of training and will return from her journey on July 12.

"I'm just excited about getting the opportunity to share the message of



Tammy Eichholz

Jesus Christ with the people of these countries," Eichholz said. "Especially since I get to combine it with my love of volleyball."

Athletes in Action will be playing various numbers of matches a week followed by a time when the players will go out in the crowd and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the spectators.

When the athletes aren't playing volleyball, they will be using the time to grow in their personal walks with God. The athletes will also be focusing on evangelism, learning how to better share their faith with others despite the language barrier, and be involved in team Bible studies.

"I'm very excited that I get to focus on God all summer. I think it's going

to be a real time of spiritual growth for us all," Eichholz said. "God had really blessed me with an awesome opportunity."

Eichholz, a rising senior from Knoxville, is a three-year letterwinner for the Lady Raider volleyball team, and was also a member of MTSU's 1995 NCAA Tournament team.

She is president of MTSU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Bible study leader for Campus Crusade for Christ, and an active member of Alpha Omega, the collegiate ministry of Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

Eichholz is a broadcast journalism major with dreams of becoming a sportscaster, perhaps for ESPN. She is already a reporter for both the Randy Wiel and Boots Donnelly television shows, and has done some sideline reporting at basketball and baseball games for MTSU's Channel 8.

Eichholz says she has a heart for evangelism and hopes to one day share the Gospel as a motivational speaker. •

Middle loses golf title for first time in four years, finishes 3rd

Staff Reports

MTSU's golf team came in third at the OVC Championships this weekend in Nashville. Senior Maine Brock earned All-OVC honors.

Eastern Kentucky took first place for the first time since 1992 with a score of 860 (six-under-par). Morehead State shot an 862 to earn second place while three-time defending champ Middle Tennessee shot an 865.



Maine Brock

Brock came in third in the tournament shooting four-under-par. Meanwhile, freshman Richard Spangler finished strong at one-under while freshman Brett Alexander finished one-over. •

Sports Shorts

Baseball

Next Games

Tuesday, April 29
MTSU at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
MTSU at Morehead, 12 p.m. (DH)

Sunday, May 4
MTSU at Morehead, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6
UAB at MTSU, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7
UAB at MTSU, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 10
Murray St. at MTSU, 4 p.m. (DH)

Sunday, May 11
Murray St. at MTSU, 2 p.m.

May 15-17
OVC Tournament

May 22-25
NCAA Regionals

Softball

Next Games

Tuesday, April 29
Tennessee Tech at MTSU, 5 p.m.

May 3-4
OVC Tournament

Outdoor Track

Next Meets

May 4
Jesse Owens Meet in Columbus, Ohio

May 11
Middle American Classic in Bloomington, Indiana

May 17
Billy Hayes Invitational in Bloomington, Indiana

May 24
Georgia Tech Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia

June 4-7
NCAA Championships in Bloomington, Indiana

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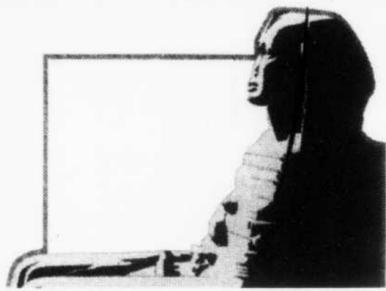
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