

Letter to the Editor Testimonial Photographs

Photos by Bill Robb



Tiny desks plague Livingston classrooms.



A student studies in a miniscule classroom.

College honors MLK contintued

the Da-Mi Praise Team performed black roots song and dance.

Following the Praise Team, Jarret Malone, the president of AASU, introduced Mr. Holmes as the speaker.

As Malone exited the stage, a woman's voice came over the speakers, singing a roots song and Holmes entered through the crowd. He was dressed in a suit common for wealthy American in the 1800s and a grey wig. During the speech, he would

reach over and crack a rawhide whip when he talked about his slave masters punishing him and fellow slaves.

At the end of his speech, Wright took a microphone through the crowd and allowed the audience to ask Holmes questions which he answered as Fredrick Douglas would.

When the audience left the auditorium, they found that there were refreshments in the hall. Five Star Foods catered the even with strawberries, grapes, cookies, fried chicken sticks and punch.

The show was performed twice; once at 12:15 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

William Helmick

William Helmick, President of College Democrats at Volunteer State Community College, died in his sleep Friday Morning. Helmick, 56, who recruited over 350 members to the College Democrats, was a chief assistant in Herman Lawson's primary campaign for state representative.

Will was a multi-talented man. He was a preacher, a musician, a humorist, a Bible scholar, a passionate intellectual, a man who suffered the worst from life but never gave up or gave in. He was a Sociology major and was due to graduate from Vol State this term.

Helmick's family had minimal financial means. He and his wife, Wanda, still had three children at home. If you wish to honor Will, contributions can be made to Will Helmick Family and Scholarship Fund. The Fund will first help with burial and family needs, and will eventually become a scholarship fund. Contributions to the Fund can be sent to:

Will Helmick Family and Scholarship Fund
c/o Herman Lawson
101 Knoll Lane
Hendersonville, TN. 37075

Fine Arts degree at Vol State

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Vol State has applied to the Tennessee Board of Regents in order to obtain an associate of fine arts degree program. If approved, the program will be in place fall 2005, but will not appear in the catalog until fall 2006.

The program will be available to any student planning to graduate in the spring of 2006 or later.

The degree is 60 credit hours but places more emphasis on studio courses.

It is designed for students who wish to seek a Bachelor of Fine Arts at a university or art school.

According to Sue Mulcahy, visual and performing arts department chair and Associate Professor of art, the program allows for a "better blend of art classes with general courses."

Claire Hampton, Associate Professor of art, says about the program, "It is important that all our students are fully prepared to either continue their education or

move into the workforce. Our art and design students, seeking a bachelor's degree and beyond, will have a solid foundation at Vol State with the AFA degree."

After the reduction of the requirements of the associate degree to 60 hours, visual arts students found themselves with only 19 hours beyond the general education core courses.

This left the students unprepared when they transferred to senior institutions. It was costing them more time and money at Vol State or a senior institution.

The associate of fine arts degree will help to solve this problem for future visual arts students by creating a course flow similar to that of a university's first 2 years.

This will be accomplished by postponing 10 hours of general education courses to the senior institution.

The degree program will also help to create a stronger arts department here at Vol State. Current art students only wished the program had been offered sooner.

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February 23, 2005

**12:30 in the Rochelle Center
(Library)**