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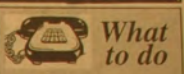


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Student arrested for sex calls



By ANDY SEGELKE

An Austin Peay student charged with making obscene phone calls from campus phones is free on \$750 bond after being arrested last week.

Brian Todd Foster, 30, a computer science major at APSU, was arrested by Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy Clifton Smith in Harned Hall while reportedly making one of the calls.

Foster allegedly made numerous calls over two months. Investigators said he reportedly made as many as 38 calls a day to a Clarksville resident not affiliated with the university.

Smith was assisted in the investigation by APSU Detective Steve Warren, Rodney Diggs, associate director of computer services and Director of Computer Services Charles Wall.

The school is equipped with 76 main lines that send and receive phone calls. When a call enters or exits the system, it is automatically transferred to the first open line.

- Notify the police immediately.
- Note background noise.
- Keep record of dates and times.
- Record comments and any other information that can be obtained.

Campus media win awards

By KELLY WILKERSON
news editor

Austin Peay student home ten weeks after attending the Southeastern Journalism Conference held last weekend at Vanderbilt University.

Capsule Magazine, The All State, and WAPX, Magic 91.7 FM, participated in the event. Awards were presented in several categories. Each group received either broadcasts or publications from 1996.

Austin Peay also participated in the On-Site competitions. Jim Kotter of the All State won second place in Copy Editing and Randy Strickland of Capsule Magazine won first in a Photojournalism Shootout.



Austin Peay's Bubba Wells (13) shoots a fadeaway jumper over Tennessee Tech defenders in the OVC-closing victory last Thursday. Austin Peay will face either Eastern Illinois or Tennessee Tech Friday at 3 p.m.

Search for new director narrowed to 4 prospects

By VENICELLON WILLIAMS
staff writer

Austin Peay's search for a new director of Multi-Ethnic Services has been pared down to four finalists.

Dr. Donald F. Joyce, chair of the search committee, said the committee selected the finalists from a field of 24. Joyce refused to identify any of the candidates.

The committee will make recommendations to President Sal Rineilla in March. Joyce said the committee is calling all the of the candidates' references. The committee began searching for a director in November 1996.

"All four finalists are strong candidates. Joyce said. The candidates are a very diverse pool."

Although no names were given, Joyce said the candidates consisted of a Chinese, an Ethiopian, a Hispanic and a Caucasian. Joyce did say a faculty member of Austin Peay applied for the position.

The university will be combining two offices that already exist, Multi-Ethnic Services and the Office of International Education, into one center.

"We are trying to involve a single director in activities that relate to Multi-Ethnic programs, international exchanges and study-abroad opportunities," said Dr. Joe Filipp, vice-president of Academic Affairs. "The position has been redefined."

This new office will help internationalize the campus, said Filipp. "It will help to create a better opportunity to serve the different ethnic groups we have on campus."

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The new director will be responsible for counseling students and planning and coordinating programs and activities. Qualifications include a master's degree, but a Ph.D. is preferred. The job also requires experience in education in counseling, psychology and experience in international education. Candidates must be able to work with African Americans, Hispanics and other ethnic racial groups on the campus.

Shirley Rainey, interim director of Multi-Ethnic Services, said she has enjoyed working with the students. Rainey will be leaving Austin Peay to pursue her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Knoxville. Rainey said she will definitely come back to Austin Peay and play a major role after she finishes her degree.

Due to the changes, the programs and activities of Multi-Ethnic Services such as Focus, MAAPS and MLK scholarships will be shifted into an advisement center that will be created.

Filippo said although these programs are not under his leadership, he is confident that they will continue. Filipp said he would like to see an intense English program for foreign students developed.

According to Joyce, the announcement of the new director will be made April 2. The director will begin the job July 1.

Joyce said a session for students will be set up with the final candidates. "The person will only be a success if he/she can relate with students and their needs," said Joyce.

Cross-campus march honors black history

By VENICELLON WILLIAMS
staff writer

The men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity sponsored a march in honor of Black History Month last Saturday.

The march began at the football stadium and ended at the University Center. The purpose of the march was to help to bring the Austin Peay campus and Clarksville community together in unity," said Terry Barlow, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. "This was a way to do some community service and honor Black Americans."

After the march, a program was held in the University Center, where many students read original poetry about Black History. The Austin Peay Voices of Triumph choral group sang Negro spirituals while other students sang solos.

Joyce Hargrove, assistant professor in the department of social work, was the speaker for the event. Hargrove spoke on the

importance of education and empowerment. Hargrove also helped with the planning and preparation of the event.

"This march is symbolic of the support for Black History. The students are setting positive examples. There is a lot of talent on campus and it says a lot about the students," said Hargrove.

Hargrove said she often talks about social activism in her classroom and she was proud to see her students take some initiative.

"We're trying to show others we can do other things beside party. We can help our community and honor Black History," said Bryce Prude, member of Phi Beta Sigma. "I think it is special to see African-American students come and work together to support our past history."

The fraternity said they would like to make the march an annual event and would like to see more participation from all students to make this bigger and better.

Students get free tickets

The Student Government Association and Athletics Department gave away a total of 500 tickets to the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament.

The organizations had the same idea, to give away tickets to students for the event.

Gregory, assistant athletic director of marketing and promotions for the Athletics Department, said he planned the giveaway to create enthusiasm and excitement among students for the event.

Women of history honored

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
editor-in-chief

Austin Peay will celebrate "Women of Courage"—remarkable women who defied social conventions or restrictions and achieved greatness as artists, film makers, musicians, writers and social activists.

According to Dr. Susan Calverley, director of the Women's Studies Program, Congress designated March as Women's History Month in 1987.

APSU will kick off the month by featuring works of its finest

junior and senior women art majors and minors. The Fourth Annual Women's Fine Arts Exhibit will be on display in the Felix G. Woodward Library from March 4-27.

On Monday, March 3, Sinking Creek Films will present independent films by and about women. The film festival is sponsored by the Center for Creative Arts, the department of art and the Women's Studies Program.

On Thursday, March 6, at 11:45 a.m., Women's Studies will host a "Issues Facing Women" brown

bag lunch.

It will be held in the Gov's Room in the University Center.

On Thursday, March 20, there will be a reading and a lecture titled "Women of Courage" by Carolyn Forché, holder of the Agell Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts. The reading and lecture will be held in the Executive Dining Room of Harvill Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information about any of the above events, all of which are open to the public, telephone the Women's Studies Program at 648-6314.

AP student a finalist for Truman

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
editor-in-chief

For the second year in a row, an Austin Peay State University student has been named a finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Award.

Angela Neal, a junior biology major, was nominated by Dr. David Kanervo, professor and chair of the department of political science and sociology. Neal will be interviewed in Nashville in March. "One of the neat things is that (Austin Peay alumna) Angel Smith was a role model to me, and she won last year," Neal said.



The Truman Foundation offers scholarships to between 75 and 85 students a year from around the country.

The scholarship, which pays up to \$30,000 for the last year of undergraduate education and for graduate or professional school, is awarded heavily on community service. Neal plans to attend medical school and is

interested in serving in a rural area. She eventually wants to become a hospital administrator. According to Kanervo, Neal has a strong interest in politics and public policy. She has interned in Washington where she lobbied for federal aid for college students.

Neal was going to intern in Washington for only a semester, but decided to stay for eight months. "I was lobbying for TRIO programs, and then a group paid me to stay over the summer," Neal said.

TRIO programs are federal grant programs that include Veterans' Upward Bound, High School Upward Bound and the

Educational Opportunity Center. Neal is a graduate of Austin Peay's High School Upward Bound program.

"This was a way for me to pay them back," she said. As a result of her work in Washington, Neal was asked to serve in a roundtable discussion with President Bill Clinton.

"I am very excited about Angela being named as a finalist in the Truman Scholarship competition. She is an outstanding student leader who has been able to combine her interest in medicine with her commitment to helping people through public service," Kanervo said.

Study Abroad Program adds Egypt, opportunities

By CARINDA BASSO
assistant news editor

The International Education Program at Austin Peay offers several study abroad programs for students. Students and faculty are able to attend these programs either for a year, a semester, over Christmas break or during the summer.

The programs offered include Spain, Mexico, Sweden, Quebec, Great Britain, Taiwan, Africa, Nigeria, Japan, Germany, Gambia and CCSA, Cooperative Center for Study Abroad which includes Ireland, England, Scotland, Australia and Hong Kong.

Egypt will be added to the program in April.

"We would like to encourage students who are interested in the program to spend one semester in another country. It is not necessary that they know the country's language," said Dr. Samuel Fung, Coordinator of International Education.

If students are interested in participating in any of these programs they first need to get in contact with the director of that specific program. They will then receive brochures and information about specifics.

Students will only pay Austin Peay tuition, because of a contract between the individual schools.

Financial assistance also is available for students along with scholarships. The International Experience Scholarship is one that is available through Austin Peay.

"We have more students applying but the scholarship is still the same amount," said Fung.

Each student will only have to pay for their plane ticket. While studying abroad, the classes will be conducted in English with the exception of language and culture classes.

Studying abroad will open student's eyes as well as their minds. It also will assist in establishing connections as well as opening up future opportunities.

"What's important for students and faculty here at the university is international relationships, so when they graduate it will open several markets for them," said Fung.

Students who have participated in these programs are pleased with their experiences and regret not attending earlier.

Dr. Fung has found that it is easier to get students to study abroad over the summer and during Christmas breaks than during the semester. A lot of students do not enjoy traveling, even within the United States.

"We cannot compete with them (international students) because they come over here to study. They know us. We don't know their culture or their language," said Fung.

The government is even encouraging students to learn another language or to study abroad in another country.

Studying abroad is not a completely new idea to students here at Austin Peay. There have been several international days where students can ask questions.

Students have been able to interact with other students and learn

more about their cultures and language through these international programs.

Some advice that Dr. Fung offers for students deciding on whether to study abroad is to keep an open mind about everything.

"I hope we can overcome this mentality because I want students to understand that there are differences in other countries," said Fung.

There will be an opportunity to arise for a student to take the position of vice-president or president in another country, and they won't be ready because they didn't take advantage of the programs that were offered, Fung said.

"I'm always hoping that our students can have more exposure so we can compete with graduates from other universities," said Fung.

There will be an opportunity to arise for a student to take the position of vice-president or president in another country, and they won't be ready because they didn't take advantage of the programs that were offered, Fung said.

The coordinator for each program will be available to answer questions as well as offer brochures about the programs.

Peay Briefs

College Republicans

The College Republicans will meet on Thursday during the Communion hour in Dr. Vernon Warren's office located in Archwood.

Guest Lecturer

Chris White, a 1994 Austin Peay graduate will be speaking on "The Writing Profession: Technically Speaking" at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 in Claxton room 103. For more information, contact Matt Adams at maq8051@apsu.edu or Cindy Bailey at cb0657@apsu.edu.

Mexico Study Abroad

Anyone interested in learning more or wishing to participate in study abroad in Mexico is invited to attend informational session on the first Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in Harned, room 108.

AmeriCorps seeks graduates

AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, is seeking college seniors to apply for a year of national service. AmeriCorps members must be age 18 or older and serve full-time for one or two years in community programs. Working with national and local nonprofit organizations, AmeriCorps members receive a monthly living allowance and an education award of \$4,725 for each year that they serve. Anyone interested in more information about serving in AmeriCorps may call 1-800-942-

2677.

Guest speaker

Alpha Kappa Psi, APSU's professional business fraternity, is sponsoring a guest speaker, Leroy Dixon, who is the Chairman and CEO of Day-Lear Systems in California. Dixon was awarded the NASA public service medal for 1996. He will be speaking on "Entrepreneurial Spirit and Its Impact on Government and Business" on today at 5 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium of the Kimbrough building.

Clarksville Museum

The Museum will be sponsoring Jazz Night on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. The Montgomery Central High School Jazz Band will be performing under the direction of Mr. Jim Treier. Admission is \$2. For more information call the museum at 648-5780.

History & Philosophy Forum

On Feb. 27, Richard Gildrie, professor of history, will speak on "Frederick Douglass as a Social Thinker" in Harned 331 during the common hour. On March 6, Peter Stoddard will be speaking on "Anthony Giddens and the Collapse of Marxist Thought" in Harned 331 during the common hour.

Biology Seminar

On Feb. 27, Dr. Carol Baskin, associate professor of biology at the University of Kentucky, will

be speaking on "Sweetgum and other familiar (and not so familiar) plants in the Sierra Madre Oriental of Northeastern Mexico" in the McCord Building, Room 102, at noon.

Endangered Species

Polly Rooker, Tennessee Endangered Species Coordinator, will present a free program on "How can you help protect wildlife?" on March 15 at 10 a.m. at the Visitor Center of the Dandridge State Natural Area. No reservations are required. For more information, call 648-5526.

Education Commissioner Speaks

Dr. Jane Walters, Tennessee's commissioner of education, will speak at Austin Peay State University on March 3, at 5:30 p.m., in the University Center ballroom.

Walters, who will speak on "Getting Teachers Ready for the 21st Century Kids," is the first female commissioner of education since the position was created in 1923. She is a lifelong educator with 39 years of experience in Memphis City Schools.

Walters challenges local school systems to redesign the delivery of instruction, and she encourages new and innovative techniques to improve education for all.

Walters is a graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis. She holds a master's degree in counseling from

the University of Memphis and a doctorate in school administration from Duke University. In 1980, Walters was the first recipient of the National Educator of the Year Award, established by the National Algor Association.

The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Austin Peay chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an International Education honor society. For more information, telephone Dr. Dolores Gore, professor of education and counselor for Kappa Delta Pi, at 648-7534, or Blaine Wilson, director of the Child Learning Center and chapter president, at 648-6234.

Anxiety Disorders Screening

The Student Development Center is sponsoring a "College Anxiety Disorders Screening Day" on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. The screenings will be held in Ellington 214.

Wellness Model Program

On Feb. 27, 1997 at 6 p.m. the Office of Housing/Residence Life will present a wellness model program "SEX: Kids say the damnest things." This program is an informal discussion moderated by a special guest speaker and will be held in Emerald Hill Apartments 3B. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information about the program or directions to Campus Housing, call Sky Vanessa King at 672-1056.

Crime Scene

compiled by Andy Segelko
staff writer

February 12

A theft of property was reported at Sevier hall. A purse was reportedly left in a hallway when the owner returned to retrieve it. It was gone. It was later found in a stairwell. *inurn-875*

February 15

An aggravated burglary was reported at 302 Castle Heights. This is off campus but it is Austin Peay property.

February 17

In the commuter parking lot next to University Terrace, a car was reported vandalized with spray paint.

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Peay wears OVC season crown

By SCOTT HOSKINS

Sports editor

Last night's Austin Peay-Morehead State tournament game was in progress at 10:00 p.m.

Austin Peay's Governors wrapped up their regular-season Ohio Valley Conference championship since the 1976-77 season by winning the 93-40 victory over Tennessee.

The squad had the opportunity to win the title outright on Sunday, however, with their 107-10 double overtime loss at Morehead State.

Coming to the 8th place OVC team handed Murray State a share of the regular-season crown.

APU's Bubba Wells had a career high 46 points, including the game-winning shot.

Yet it was a play with 1:40 remaining in regulation that was bigger than any previous play.

Wells was a warrior for his fifth and final foul and was determined to win the dramatic unfold from the bench.

At that point the Gobs were up 89-87 and looked well on their way to victory, but anything can happen in the OVC, and anything did.

Morehead's Doug Wycikalla, who scored 40 points, went to the charity strip and knotted the game at 89.

Wells was helped by four missed free throws down the stretch by Colby Pierce

and Mike Witherspoon.

Joe Sibbitt forced the first extra period with two free throws to tie the contest at 91.

In the first overtime, both APU and Morehead State scored only five points in five minutes.

The Eagles took control of the contest in the second overtime when Jeremy Prater and Lee Coomer nailed 3-pointers to give Morehead an insurmountable 102-96 lead.

Peay managed to score only four points in the extra session to wrap up the regular-season in 15-12 overall and 12-5 in the OVC.

"What it comes down to is that they made some pretty tough shots," APU coach Dave Loom said. "We missed some free throws and turned the ball over."

Besides Wells' 46 points, Sibbitt had 20 points on 4-of-12 3-point shooting.

Reggie Crenshaw had 14 points and 16 rebounds, including eight offensive swipes, and Jake Powers chipped in with 13 points and six rebounds.

Pierce had six assists to lead the Gobs in that category.

APU earned its share of the OVC title with the 93-80 triumph over the Golden Eagles from Tennessee Tech.

The Gobs jumped on Tech early and often, as Wells, Sibbitt, Crenshaw, Witherspoon, and freshman Willie Ivory all scored in double figures.

Tennessee Tech, led by 7-foot 1-inch Lorenzo Coleman, shot a decent 48 percent for the first

half, but Peay's blistering 56 percent shooting kept the visitors at bay the whole night.

The Gobs shooting allowed them to build a 48-37 halftime lead.

In the second half, both teams continued to shoot the ball well, with Tech shooting 53 percent, while Peay shot 56 percent.

What may have made the difference in the game, though, was the 3-point shooting.

Tennessee Tech's perimeter game could not match its "game in the paint, as the Golden Eagles converted on only 3-of-14 from beyond the arc.

The Governors, meanwhile, burned up the nets on 11-of-16 3-point shooting, 69 percent for the game.

Austin Peay led by 21 points with 2:29 remaining in the game, but Tech cut the lead to the final margin after Loom put in the mop-up squad.

Wells finished with 23 points and seven rebounds to pace the Gobs, while Sibbitt nailed four treys for 16 points.

Pierce dished out 12 assists, one more than the entire Golden Eagle squad.

Crenshaw had another solid game with 13 points and five rebounds, and Witherspoon added 12 points and seven rebounds.

With a Governors win over Morehead State last night, then they will face either Eastern Illinois or Tennessee Tech Friday at 3 p.m. at the Nashville Arena in Nashville, TN.

Tickets can be purchased at the Nashville Arena box office.

Schmitz to helm Governor football

By SCOTT HOSKINS

Sports editor

After a thorough search and on-campus interviews with five prospective candidates, Austin Peay named Bill Schmitz as the 15th head coach in school history at a press conference last Thursday.

Schmitz previously coached four years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he led the school to its league championship last season.

Before his stint at the Coast Guard Academy, he also coached at the U.S. Navy Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"My coaches are a real first," he said.

The heart in the coach's chest will start this week on campus and will be in excellent condition.

The goal of the team is to win the championship.

"If you are not a team of chemistry and great leadership, you are not going to win," Schmitz said. "And you have to put your head and soul together."

As for next season's season, Schmitz said that only Tennessee Tech University has asked for a release from its obligation to the university to accept a replacement for the coach.

Schmitz's long-term goal is to have a conference of football schools, such as Davidson, Evansville, Drake, and Morehead State.

Schmitz stressed the need to

Gobs sweep weekend series

By SCOTT HOSKINS

Sports editor

The Governors baseball squad swept two games at Arkansas State before returning to Raymond C. Hand Park last weekend to beat the Ohio Xavier Muskies.

At Anderson St., the Gobs swept a 9-0 decision to fall to 3-3 on the regular season.

The Gobs tried to score a run and the ninth inning, where the Muskies led the Indians 9-0.

Keith Brown Joe Lancaster, and the Phillips singled to start the inning for Gobs. Two fielders' errors allowed two Governor runs to chase the plate, but at the same time recording two outs in the final inning.

With Mother took the loss for the visiting Governors, after being shelved for eight runs. Only one of those runs were earned, as the Gobs committed four

errors.

The squad swept the Muskies during the weekend series at Hand Park to even its record at 3-3.

In the doubleheader played Saturday, Austin Peay took a 5-1 behind Craig Smith's (1-1) strong pitching, and Brown's and Brent Heubner's two singles.

Smith went seven innings, allowing only four hits and one earned run.

The nightcap saw the Gobs defeat Xavier again, 9-4. Zak Doan (1-0) earned the victory in relief for APU, while Brown and Lance Wampler hammered out three singles each.

Sunday's pitching duel turned into a slugfest as Peay outscored Xavier 17-13, including a nine run sixth inning and a six run seventh inning.

Jon Huffman took the victory, assisted by Wampler's home run.

Lady Gobs go into tourney on two-game skid

By SCOTT HOSKINS

Sports editor

Note: Last night's APU-MTSU game was still in progress at press time.

After winning seven games in a row in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Lady Governors suddenly find themselves mired in a two-game losing streak after dropping matches against Tennessee Tech and Morehead State.

Morehead defeated the Lady Gobs 86-75 in Morehead, Ky., to assume the victors' third seed in the OVC Tournament.

Austin Peay led 31-30 at the break, but fell behind after four Lady Gobs starters found themselves in foul trouble. With 1:20 to play in the game, the Lady Gobs were still in the game at 77-75.

The Lady Eagle's converted on six free throw attempts down the stretch to put the Lady Gobs away, however.

Amanda Behrenbraker paced the Lady Gobs with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Simone Caldwell added 17 points and six assists, while

Colleen Polzin chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

On Senior Night, the Lady Gobs found themselves embroiled in a battle to earn the number two spot in the OVC Tournament.

In the end, though, the Lady Eagles spoiled Andrea Miller's, Polzin's, and Caldwell's regular season farewell to the Dunn Center 68-63.

Austin Peay could never seem to get into the rhythm of the game, falling behind 37-26 at the half.

The squad shot only 33 percent for the first half, while Tech was almost unimpeachable, shooting 64 percent for the same half.

The Lady Gobs didn't get much better, shooting only 37 percent in the second half. Tech cooled down to 44 percent in the second half, but managed to keep the Lady Gobs in check throughout.

Caldwell left the Dunn Center in style on her final night, leading the team with 14 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Tracy Dreschel and Miller scored 11 points apiece, while Behrenbraker grabbed 11 rebounds for the Lady Governors.

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Austin Peay freshman Willie Ivory (23) jams on a Tennessee Tech defender in last week's 83-80 victory. (by Andy Segall)

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Student actors make orientation not so blah

By LYDIA MELTON
Features editor

Many freshmen would agree that their favorite parts of the APEX orientation program are the performances by the Blah...Blah...Blah... troupe. Their skits on social issues give the incoming freshmen their first taste of what college life is really like.

In the spring of 1993 a group of Austin Peay students spoke with the director of the Student Development Center, Diane Berty, about the comedy troupe they had formed.

Working as a part of the SDC, Blah...Blah...Blah... first performed at APEX in the fall of 1993. Their performance dealt with issues such as roommate conflicts, racism, date rape, homosexuality, HIV, alcohol abuse, suicide, abstinence, campus life, harassment, adjustment to college and safer sex.

Currently Blah...Blah...Blah... is a division of the Student Development Center's peer advocacy pro-

gram, the STEP Team (Students Trained to Educate Peers).

Due to the weight of the issues that Blah...Blah...Blah... addresses, the members no longer consider it to be a comedy troupe. However, humor is employed whenever possible in the skits to provide light-hearted entertainment as well as information.

All skits are written, directed and performed by the troupe members.

Blah...Blah...Blah... also has performed at area high schools, the University of Tennessee at the Chattanooga and Martin campuses, Middle Tennessee State University, the RA Drive-In and the Tennessee Governor's Drug-Free Conference.

Blah...Blah...Blah... Chairperson Re-Nasha Davis has been with the troupe for three years. She feels that Blah...Blah...Blah...'s strength is educating through entertainment.

"At events like APEX we get to teach the students some things that could be considered boring if they

were presented in a different way. We get to act it out and explain issues. It's not like teaching something in a classroom," Davis said.

Auditions for Blah...Blah...Blah... are held once a year during the fall semester. Auditions involve various acting games as well as script read-throughs and personal interviews. If an individual is chosen to become a member of the troupe, he or she must also become a member of the STEP Team by enrolling in and completing the Leadership 3000 course within one year of them joining the troupe.

Current members of Blah...Blah...Blah... are Re-Nasha Davis, Emily Shumate, Stephanie Davis, Addie Mair, Joseph Miller, Jonathan Thomas, Sheldrick Webster, Elaina Strelitz, Matt Guertin, Konisa Rhone, J. D. Louk and Michael Roland.

For more information about Blah...Blah...Blah... or the STEP Team, call the Student Development Center at 648-6242.



Addie Mair performs in a date rape skit at APEX.

Art Scene

Upcoming arts events for Feb. 26 - March 5

*Art Exhibit — Yves Paquette and Jean Koeller

The "Harboring Nature" exhibit featuring sculpture by Yves Paquette and paintings by Jean Koeller is now on display through March 7 in the Trabren Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 648-7333.

*Art Exhibit

A selection of works from the AFSU permanent collection is on display throughout the spring semester in the Harned Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 648-7333.

*Guest Artist Recital — L'Amitie

Guest artist L'Amitie will perform in recital featuring works for sopranos, pianos and viola Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. It is free and open to the public.

*Sinking Creek Film Festival

The Sinking Creek Film Festival will be presented March 3-4 at 7 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium of the Kimbrough Building. It is free and open to the public.

*Junior Recital — Jeanne Russell and Kelly Young

Jeanne Russell and Kelly Young will give their junior recital Wednesday March 5 at 6 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. It is free and open to the public.

For more information concerning any of the above events, contact Sheila Boone, events manager in the Center for the Creative Arts, at 648-7002.

Guest musicians to give unusual recital

Special guest artists L'Amitie will present the rarely heard combination of piano, soprano and viola in a recital performance Monday, March 3, in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building at Austin Peay.

Presented by the AFSU department of music and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, the 8 p.m. performance is free and open to the public.

The program will include works by Gabriel Faure, Richard Faub, Nicola de Giosa, Libby Larsen and Bright Sheng, along with a commissioned work, Four Irish Folk Songs, arranged by Alan Smith.

Friends since their studies together at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, the three women of L'Amitie have pursued diverse lives and musical careers, and once again are uniting to enjoy and create music together.

Henrietta Neeley, violinist, has been performing and teaching in Chicago since 1972. In

addition to her solo recitals and collaborations with L'Amitie, she is a member of the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and a free-lance musician.

Neeley also coordinates Musica da Camera, a non-profit foundation for the study and performance of chamber music, which she founded in 1988. A native of Greensboro, N.C., Neeley received a bachelor of music degree in violin performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a master of music degree in viola performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and has completed post-graduate studies in chamber music at Yale University. Neeley is a former member of the New Orleans and Cincinnati Symphony orchestras and the City Opera Orchestra of Augsburg, Germany.

Karen Peeler, lyric coloratura soprano, is a professor of voice and directs the graduate program in vocal pedagogy at Ohio State University in Columbus. She has performed numerous leading roles in opera and musical

theatre throughout the United States and has concertized widely in the United States, Australia and Italy. A native of Jonesboro, Ark., Peeler holds degrees from Tulane University, the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Florida State University.

Sylvia Pylar, active internationally as an accompanist and vocal coach, is an associate professor of accompanying at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Pylar served as a member of the coaching staff of the International Institute of Vocal Arts and the American Institute of Musical Studies, and from 1975-88 was vocal coach with the Cincinnati Opera. She continues to fulfill keyboard assignments with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. A native of Barnwell, S.C., Pylar received a bachelor of music degree in organ and piano pedagogy from Columbia College, and a master of music degree in organ performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

For more information, call 648-7818.

Sinking Creek film fest makes way back to AP

The Sinking Creek Film Celebration returns to AFSU March 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. each evening in the Gentry Auditorium of the Kimbrough Building. Mary Jane Coleman, founder of Sinking Creek, will bring the films.

Monday night's program will focus on short films by and about women in recognition of Women's History Month. The AFSU Woman's Studies Program will host a reception in the lobby of the Kimbrough Building directly following the films. Coleman will be available for discussion and questions at the reception.

Tuesday night's program will consist of a mixture of film genre (animation, experimental, documentary, narrative) by both men and women. Coleman will be presenting recent films as well as some favorites from past festivals.

Coleman also will make a presentation and lead a discussion in a Contemporary Art History class Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Trabren room 401. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Susan Bryant at 648-7348. All events are free and open to the public.



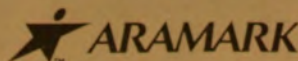
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