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Austin Peay refuses to show its 'Peayness'

Public relations says 'show your peayness' trademark will not be used, by APSU or others

By KATIE BELL
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University has recently trademarked the "Show Your Peayness" logo, which incites mixed reactions from the campus community. Students are accustomed to seeing others displaying the logo and it has become a controversial topic on campus. Many students tend to think the logo is an effective marketing tool.

"It is so cute and creative. Kids think it is something cool," said Miriah Jacobberger, a freshman pre-medical major. Last fall, APSU issued a "cease and desist" order for the use of the logo. By trademarking the logo in several different ways, the APSU Public Relations department has prevented any further unauthorized use of the logo. Some students are concerned with

the use of the logo because it does not accurately depict APSU's integrity as a university. "The use of the logo is unprofessional and doesn't reflect the school's character," said Darrin Wiseman, a senior business major. The logo has been trademarked by the university specifically so it will not be associated with APSU. The Public Relations Department confirmed the university has no intentions of using

the logo to publicize the university. Legal action was taken by the university because Studymaster Book and Supply Store had been using the logo, which the university considered negative publicity. According to Dennie B. Burke, executive director of the APSU Public Relations Department, "All of the logos and symbols used by the university are trademarked in order to ensure logos aren't used inaccurately

or in poor taste. As for this particular logo, it was trademarked so it would not be used at all," she said. "We just want the logos and images to represent who we are." Some students agree with the Public Relations Department that the logo should not be used because it reflects poorly on the university. "I don't think it's appropriate. It sends the wrong message about the university," said Misti Cline, a freshman nursing student. However, other students believe the university is making the wrong decision by choosing not to use the

logo. "I don't see why it is considered bad publicity. No one should have a problem with it unless you don't have a sense of humor. The trademark is a result of the university being narrow-minded and caring too much what people think," said Jeremy Crouse, a freshman history major. Studymaster had no comment to offer about the fact that APSU has trademarked the logo or about the preceding injunction which prevented the bookstore from distributing the logo. ♦

Identity theft danger

...nearly 10 million Americans were victims of some form of identity theft in 2002

By KATHY YUNG
Staff Writer

It was a Saturday morning in Los Angeles. Newlyweds Matt and Melissa, still in their pjs and cradling cups of Chai tea, got on-line to look at their bank account and make sure Melissa's paycheck had been automatically deposited into their checking account on Friday.

They sat and stared at the screen for a moment, neither saying a word. Matt clicked on their savings account, only to find the same thing - both accounts were empty. They looked at each other in stunned silence as an ugly realization slowly took shape. They were the victims of identity theft.

According to the FBI, identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the United States. CBSnews.com reports "every 79 seconds, a thief steals someone's identity, opens accounts in the victim's name, and goes on a buying spree."

"Results from a survey conducted in March and April, 2003 by Synovate for the Federal Trade Commission suggest that nearly 10 million Americans were victims of some form of identity theft in 2002."

Types of Identity Theft

Out of 4,057 survey participants, 1.5 percent reported they had been the victims of "new accounts and other frauds ID theft," in which they discovered their personal information had been misused to "open new credit accounts, take out new loans, or engage in other types of fraud, such as misuse of victim's name and identifying information when someone is charged with a crime, when renting an apartment, or when obtaining medical care."

This result suggests that almost 3.25 million Americans discovered that their personal information had been misused in this type of fraud in the past year. Others were victims of fraud

through the "misuse of existing non-credit card account or account number," such as a checking or savings account number and "misuse of existing credit card or credit card number."

Cost to victims

For "new accounts and other frauds," persons stealing the identity obtained an average of \$10,200 in money, goods, and services, which suggests a loss to businesses, including financial institutions, at \$33 billion. Victims spent an average of 60 hours and \$1,200 to resolve problems associated with the theft. For all forms of ID theft, victims reported an average of 30 hours and \$500 spent in resolving problems.

Methods of Theft

How does a person's identity get stolen? Nearly one-quarter of all victims reported theft or the loss of purses, wallets, checkbooks, social security cards, credit cards and mail.

Others reported their information was taken during a transaction - taking information from a credit card receipt of a purchase, or from purchases made by Internet, mail or phone. Victims also reported that information had been taken by family members and workplace associates who had access to it. In 26 percent of all cases, the victim knew who had used the information.

Most Common Forms of Theft

The most common form of identity theft is the misuse of an existing account. Eighty-five percent of participants said that one or more of their existing accounts had been misused. This was followed by misuse of checking or savings accounts, of which 19 percent said they had been victims.

Discovering the Theft

More than half of all victims said that they discovered the theft by monitoring their accounts, such as examining monthly statements from credit

card companies and financial institutions. Others said they were notified by companies, banks or vendors when suspicious activity on the account was noted. Victims also discovered theft when they tried to obtain credit, or they realized their wallet or purse had been stolen.

Other Problems

Identity theft causes an array of problems for the victim. These include credit card and banking problems, being harassed by collectors, loan and insurance rejections, having utilities cut off and being the subject of criminal investigation or a civil suit.

Theft Reported

Victims most commonly reported the theft to the company that held the account that was misused or issued a new account to the thief. One-quarter of victims contacted police. Other contacts included credit bureaus, DMV, state consumer agencies, lawyers, and the FTC.

Fraud Alert

Sixty-two percent of victims that contacted a credit bureau requested a "fraud alert" to be placed on their credit report at one or more bureau. Victims who had their information misused multiple times were more likely to request this action. Placing a fraud alert on a credit report greatly reduces the chances of continued misuse of personal information.

They are designed to help prevent instant credit accounts being opened. Persons requesting alerts will have their name removed from all pre-approved credit and insurance offers for two years, and will automatically receive a credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus.

Next week learn about the Federal Trade Commission's role in helping to prevent identity theft, how to protect yourself from theft and what to do if you are a victim. ♦



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Lottery starts CASH 3 game

By AMANDA COCHRANE
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The Tennessee Lottery took another step forward with the establishment of the CASH 3 game March 1.

This is the lottery's first computerized game in which the player chooses three numbers (0-9).

The players' chosen numbers have to match the numbers that are drawn out of three different machines. Each machine contains 10 balls that have the numbers zero to nine. Players can combine the numbers seven different ways to win.

"With so many ways to win, CASH 3 is almost a new game each time it's played," said Rebecca Paul, CEO and president of the Tennessee Lottery.

"You can try your luck with the same numbers every day or with new numbers each time."

Tickets for the CASH 3 game range from 50 cents to \$1 depending on how the players want to play. The prize amounts vary from \$40- \$500.

The drawings for CASH 3 will be broadcast nightly beginning March 1 on the following Tennessee stations: Memphis: WMC - NBC Channel 5, Jackson: WBBJ - ABC Channel 7, Chattanooga: WTVN - ABC Channel 9, Knoxville: WBIR - NBC Channel 10, Nashville: WKRN - ABC Channel 2, and Tri-cities area: WKPT - ABC Channel 19.

CASH 3 tickets can be redeemed just like the instant ticket games at local retailers that sell them or one of five Lottery District offices.

"We're excited to introduce yet another way people can have fun while generating dollars for the education programs of Tennessee," said Paul in a news release on the lottery website.

All profits of these lottery games will go to education programs. The Lottery is to raise at least \$88 million by July 1 to fund scholarships for about 65,000 students who are to attend Tennessee schools in the fall.

For more information, check out the website at www.tnlottery.com, pick up a brochure at any location that sells tickets, or call the hotline at 1.877.71TN.PLAY (877.786.7259). ♦

APSU forming Habitat chapter

By KATIE ALCOTT
Staff Writer

Robin Reed, assistant professor and chair of Chemistry, is helping to start the Austin Peay State University Chapter of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry.

It uses volunteer labor and donations to build houses for families in need. The organization's main objective is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness around the world.

Reed views this as an opportunity for the APSU community to give back to the Clarksville community.

"...I saw the need to start a campus chapter so that any student who wishes to make a difference in the housing situations of people in the Clarksville area could become involved," said Reed.

The Habitat campus chapter is a student-led and student-run organization, but faculty, administration, staff and alumni are all invited to participate.

"Our main focus will be to support the efforts of the local affiliate (Habitat for Humanity of Clarksville/Montgomery County), but there are also events that are designed specifically for college students," said Reed.

There have already been two meetings, which have generated interest, but the paper is still in the works to become an official APSU chapter.

"We have to identify a core group of students to serve as the nucleus, dedicated to making the application successful," said Reed.

"Anyone can give as much or as little time to the organization and still have a sense of accomplishment. Those who want to become very involved will become part of the core," Reed said.

Deanna Hensley, freshman Chemistry major, and a recent Habitat volunteer said that she participated in her high school and found it rewarding to see new communities that were built like a subdivision.

"I got interested because one of my peers got to move into a Habitat house," she said.

To become involved in Habitat, e-mail Reed at reedr@apsu.edu. He will add your name to his e-mail list for more information and meeting times. ♦

Career Services and others provide job help

By LAUREN MABON
Staff Writer

For a college student, searching for a flexible job can be a time-consuming, stressful and difficult experience. Austin Peay State University's Career Services and several local employment agencies want to make it much easier on students.

Career Services, located at the Morgan University Center, assists students with finding the job that suits their needs. The office offers career and resume consultation, workshops and two annual career fairs. A resource library for job searching is also provided.

According to Jennifer Ellis, secretary of Career Services, several local businesses collaborate with APSU Career Services to provide students with open positions.

"Convergys, Federal Express and Kennedy Law Firm are all major companies that hire college students.

Many child care jobs are available as well," said Ellis.

"Most positions require basic interpersonal skills, computer skills and good customer service skills. Usually to obtain a child care position CPR is recommended," she said.

According to Ellis, research is the key to finding a great career. She also recommends obtaining an internship to gain extra experience.

"To get a jump start on an entry-level job, students should investigate companies and the salary outlook for their major," said Ellis.

"It's important to explore the stability of the company, the salary, and the location."

Several students are undecided on a major, which makes it difficult to choose a career field. Career Services provides a Strong Interest Inventory test that determines, based on the student's interests, what field is best for them.

The computer administrated test is 30 minutes long and consists of about 300 questions. After the completion of the test, students sit down with a career counselor and discuss the results.

According to Ellis, many students need money because they are not able to receive financial aid to pay for tuition.

Aside from Career Services, local placement agencies such as Kelly Services, Manpower and Randstad provide services for college students.

According to Sheila Michaels, an agent at Randstad, the company focuses heavily on college recruiting for internal positions.

Randstad specializes primarily in industrial and administrative placement in the Clarksville area.

"None of our positions are exclusive to college students, but we do try to customize each placement to both the applicant's needs and client's needs," said Michaels.

"Some of our clients include The Robert Bosch Corporation, Bridgestone Metalpath and Hendrickson Trailer Suspension Systems," said Michaels.

"Qualification is based upon individual placement. However, Randstad requires all applicants to have reliable transportation, a minimum of two verifiable references and at least a year of work history," Michaels said.

"Some take out loans to pay fees and others need additional income to live and to support themselves," Ellis said.

Liz Walker, a sophomore, English major at APSU, just started hosting at Clarksville's Blackhorse Pub and Brewery last week.

With 17 hours of coursework, working nights during the week can be hectic but Walker says managers at the Blackhorse are flexible.

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Congrats OVC champs!



101st soldier speaks to campus

By ROBERT BUTLER
Staff Writer

Last Thursday morning Col. David Hodges spoke to the Clarksville Rotary group about the year he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

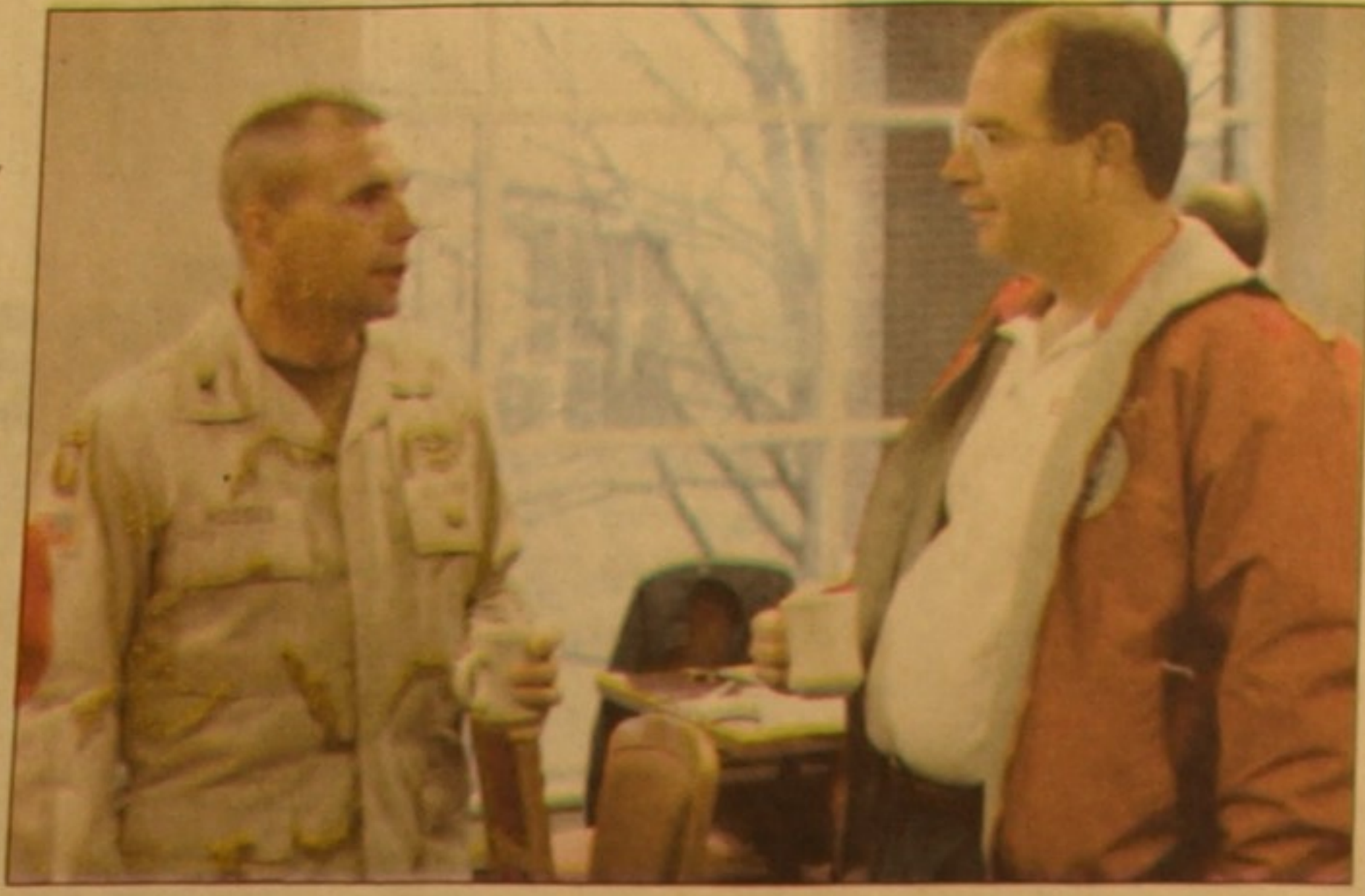
Hodges is a friend of Austin Peay State University's police Chief Eric Provost.

The two met while serving on Ft. Campbell about six years ago. Hodges is a 24-year veteran of the U.S. Army. His wife graduated from APSU.

Hodges talked about his experiences of Operation Iraqi Freedom, from when he was stationed in Iraq in February of last year until a few weeks ago when he arrived home.

He first showed a clip of an incident that happened on March 23 of last year in which a U.S. Army soldier at Camp Pennsylvania threw a hand grenade into a tent with other U.S. soldiers inside.

The incident happened two days before the military planned to invade Iraq. Two soldiers died in the incident and 14 others were wounded. Hodges said that the soldier that is accused of purposely throwing the grenade was



APSU Chief Provost talks with Colonel David Hodges, who spoke to the Clarksville Rotary Club last week about experience in Iraq and in the military.

court martial and is now being helped at Fort Knox, and will be tried in a capital case.

If found guilty, he could get the death

penalty. Hodges showed pictures of specific sites in Iraq that were not attacked, such as the Mosque and schools, but also explained that it was a

problem because the Saddam Loyalists used those places to hide military weapons.

He spent most of his time in area of Iraq just South of Mosul, where he help organize a rebuilding process that helped to reconstruct power plants, propane plants, and set up council meetings for the Iraqi people.

Hodges said between the ribbon cutting and trying to get a stabilized government in Iraq, he had to set up missions to raid on possible terrorist in the country.

He explained that the money used to fund these particular projects (rebuilding power plants and water plants) was funded by approximately \$5 million of Iraqi money. Hodges says while in Iraq he witnessed the first town hall mayoral debate. He said although he had to deal with problems such as putting out sulfur fires and lauding. He is very optimistic that the Iraqi people will have democracy in their country, from what he saw begin to happen in the country before he had departed. ♦

From the chief... returning next week

Campus Crime

Feb. 18 2:30 p.m. Music/Mass Comm
Theft from bldg.

Feb. 18 5:45 p.m. Univ. Center
Assault

Feb. 22 1:26 p.m. Henry Street
Burglary (auto)

Feb. 23 12:35 p.m. Music/Mass Comm
Theft from bldg.

Feb. 25 7:08 a.m. Cross Hall
Criminal Trespass

Feb. 26 8:37 a.m. Harned Hall
Theft from bldg.

Feb. 26 12:32 p.m. Music/mass
Comm Theft from bldg.

Radio station undergoes change

By AMANDA COHRANE
Staff Writer

Magic 91.7- The Voice of Austin Peay State University is going through some changes this year. David von Palko, general manager of WAPX-FM, said that the radio station will be changing frequencies to 91.9 sometime this summer.

The has been going on since 1997. The station was approached by Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, a religious broadcasting company that has a chain of programs that air in Tennessee. Moody wanted to extend their ministry into northern Tennessee and southern Kentucky but the only way they could do this was with the 91.7 frequency. Negotiations took place and both parties agreed to the switch.

The applications went to the FCC and it took almost five years to get the construction permits to start building for 91.9 and Moody Broadcasting for 91.7. The swap will not happen until WAPX has made all the changes and tested them.

The steel will hopefully be arriving by the end of March or the beginning of April. It will take two to three days to stack and have the lights placed on it to build the tower.

One new feature for the radio transmitter will be the upcoming placement of an emergency generator.

If there is a power outage, there can still be an emergency studio at the tower site with this new generator. Von Palko has advocated for emergency power for many years.

"I am one of the ones that strongly believes that regardless of what you do on the air, play music, whether you are in news, talk, sports talk, whatever, that when there are circumstances that pose a threat to health, welfare, and safety of your public, your number one job is to provide the coverage, provide the information that is going to help the people in your community," said Dr. von Palko.

For APSU's station, the coverage area will be increased from 916 square kilometers to 2600 kilometers. The signal is going to be much more prominent.

Streaming Audio will also be introduced into the APSU website so that students and alumni can listen online as well on the radio. Channel 99 is also getting an upgrade. Charter Communications has kept the signal in the community. Through a funding proposal, a multimedia server is being installed and it will be able to program 32 hours.

There will also be remote access so that any alerts can be put on the channel. Campus Police will also have remote access to the channel to alert students about weather, homeland security and anything else.

Ben Pratt, director of the APSU physical plant and Mitch Robinson, vice president of APSU's Business and Administration have played key roles in making the facilities upgrade a reality, Von Palko said.

Ben Pratt has the responsibility for getting the bid specs ready -- which also involved working with the state electrical architect and then doing all things necessary (with the help of his staff) to get the project bid, review and then recommend an award of the bid.

Mitch Robinson (also with his staff) as "VP for Money" has the responsibility to ensure that construction projects such as this are created within the guidelines of TBR policy and state law, that the projects stay within such guidelines and laws, and that any and all funding that is necessary is available. ♦

Raider's challenge



KALEN MCELHENY/STAFF

The honor guard came to Austin Peay State University this past Saturday, March 6 as part of the ROTC Governor's guard battalion Raider's challenge.

Above: A Northwest high school student competes in the rope ridge competition.

Left: The honor guard performed for students in the Dunn Center. The honor guard serves in Presidential funerals and guards tomb of the unknown soldier.

Crisis management requires united campus effort

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH
Editor in chief

Last week an Austin Peay State University student completed a suicide on campus. Although suicides are rare at APSU, there are emergency procedures in place to make sure that when crisis occurs it's handled appropriately.

"We respond to 100 percent of calls," Joe Mills, director of housing for APSU said.

If housing is notified of a potential suicide or any other type of threat to student safety, they will go directly to the student's room. He admits that sometimes this is frustrating to students because the call may have stemmed from a misunderstanding.

"We would rather respond and anger the student than not respond and have something bad happen," said Mills.

However, before responding to a gesture -- a suicide threat or threat of any other violent act -- housing notifies Campus Police.

"We have a split -- if a person lives in housing we automatically respond to the room after we call campus security, if it concerns a commuter then public safety follows up on that. Once on the scene, campus security becomes the lead team," said Mills.

If housing or counseling, after talking with the student, feels the student is a threat they will call for an ambulance and have the student taken to the hospital. Again, the idea is to err on the side of safety.

APSU Campus Police's first priority when responding to notifications is to protect life by providing any necessary medical assistance.

"We have a standing agreement with Clarksville Police Department and other emergency agencies such as the fire department or the emergency medical teams to provide other services," said APSU Police Chief Eric Provost.

"Part of the agreement with Clarksville police is that we will jointly investigate all serious and violent crimes," said Provost. In the case of death, Clarksville police are the lead team on the scene.

"Any death will be treated as a suspicious death," said Provost. "APSU does not determine cause. We don't make any assumptions -- even illness or a seemingly natural cause."

If necessary, Clarksville police provide next of kin notification because they have a chaplain who performs the function routinely.

"We support Clarksville police during

the investigation by holding potential crime scenes, providing lists of friends and class schedules," said Provost.

"Once the crime scene has been processed and the determination that all the evidence has been collected is made, we release the crime scene."

"Giving a case to local police does not eliminate the responsibility to file our own report. We can't distance ourselves from the immediate involvement," said Provost.

Student Affairs also performs many essential functions in times of crisis.

Depending on the situation, they will find accommodations for visiting family members, provide information on counseling options, notify professors or gather staff together to see how they can assist involved students, staff or faculty.

"[Student Affairs] is here to assist

students and their families with whatever coping issues they may have. This is true for many different types of crisis. One example is when the tornado hit campus. We focused on getting students the help they needed," APSU Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs Barbara Phillips said.

Phillips adds that this help is for all students, even if they live off campus or the incident itself occurs off campus.

"We will address the needs of people in the grieving process, whoever needs it," Phillips said. ♦

For more info

Look on page 4 for information on counseling and suicide prevention.

Jobs: Services offer help

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"It's a great fast-paced environment. Although working cuts down on some study time, managers generally understand how chaotic a college student's schedule can be," said Walker.

Christina Webb, senior, history education major at APSU, has been a student worker at the University Center information desk for three years.

"It's great having an on-campus job that works so well with my schedule," Webb said. For more information, contact Jennifer Ellis at APSU Career Services, visit www.apsu.edu/careers or contact Sheila Michaels at (931) 647-0773. ♦

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Good Morning APSU

Peay Community

Hip-Hop Artist "The Listener" coming to APSU

Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 pm, For more information contact Jim Alexander at 640-6940 or e-mail alexanderj@apsu.edu

Environmental Security Expo Speak March 10

Dr. Lassi Heinonen will lecture on "Northern Security: Issues and Challenges" 3 pm, Wednesday, March 10, in 303. Heinonen is an expert in environmental security and one of the lead actors of the Arctic Human Development Report. For more information contact Dr. Karen D. Sorenson at 221-6246 or e-mail: sorensonk@apsu.edu

Nominations Exemplary Faculty/Staff Awards

Has a faculty member gone above and beyond the call of duty? Students in the role at APSU? Nominate them for Exemplary Faculty/Staff Award for 2004. Deadline for nomination has been extended to Friday, March 12, 2004. Award determined by student selection committee. Please nominate a faculty/staff member who deserves recognition for more information contact Tami Bryant at 221-7888 or e-mail bryantt@apsu.edu

Scheduled for Webmail

On March 10, Webmail service will be completely disabled, finally the transition to the APmail system. If you have information about your Webmail account that you wish to retain, you must forward it to APmail prior to this date. Please be reminded to update your APmail account regularly as the University will primarily communicate with you through APmail account.

For more information contact Matt Bennett at 221-7888 or e-mail bernettm@apsu.edu

Form a Relay Life Team

The American Cancer Society is looking for teams of 10-15 to join this year's Relay Life. Volunteers walk from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. to raise money for the ACS. Grab a few friends and sign up by Monday, April 5. The walk will be held 4-5 at Bankside Elementary School, Clarksville.

For more information contact Rebecca Mackey at 221-7868 or e-mail mackeyr@apsu.edu

Congratulations the Lady God basketball team! OVC champs!

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OUR TAKE

Communication needed by all in a world too divided

People need to reach out to each other; and it should be something that people don't even have to try to do. Most students come to Austin Peay State University to learn more about what they love or to find out how to turn their passion into a career.

While on this journey, students encounter a unique blend of people. Sometimes though, people ignore those who are different in order to continue remaining comfortable. It is difficult for people to stand outside their normal surroundings and interact with those who are different. People don't have the same personalities, and as the opinion forum demonstrates, our opinions differ as well. Yet these differences shouldn't separate us.

These differences do, however, overshadow the bigger picture, meaning that we limit ourselves to interacting with only people who share our interests or similarities. This type of clustering can be intimidating to the student that is alone and earnestly trying to fit in during his or her freshman year.

There are a number of ways in which people cluster into groups, and no matter what subculture or tribe you choose to mingle with, be sure that it is not being all-inclusive by picking to your own. Separation that people exhibit in their daily lives can be seen most clearly in racial/ethnic persuasions, sexual orientation and yes, even in places of learning.

A typical immediate reaction would be to ask, "How could I possibly interact with everyone?" Indeed some Greeks would ask "What makes it our job to come speak to you?" Obviously, it is not reasonable to think that everyone could even attempt to do so. Greek isn't synonymous with out-going either, a lot of people are shy or self-conscious, it doesn't mean they are stuck up. Well, noticeably people sit with certain groups in places like the cafeteria. Of course you want to sit with your friends but every once in a while, try finding a new friend.

Generally people stick to the same activities as those that their friends engage in and bypass the opportunities in which they could have had a chance to try something different. So why couldn't a man take courses in women's studies? Why can't some person belong to a specific fraternity? Do they not drink enough beer or do they not fit within a certain standard of physical appearance? Maybe their parents didn't make enough money to put them into the often necessary social class.

There are a vast ocean of reasons that people will not get accepted into a group, even if those reasons aren't admitted to.

Those who are in a comfortable and

accepting group use that influence in a positive manner. It is naive to believe that some fraternities aren't very dedicated to the acceptance of others. It should be considered okay for people to break outside their normal range of activities; more than that it should be encouraged.

The type of behavior that discourages acceptance of others begins in high school, where students begin to become aware of their own identity. This feeling is ambiguous at first, but if given the opportunity, students can be taught to only associate and interact within a given clique. This is apparent with the presence of gangs.

We do recognize that non-inclusive treatment is only a part of what people find in the fraternities and sororities. The Greek organizations claim to be on the whole devoted to the noble concepts of philanthropy, brother/sisterhood, and other altruistic causes. This claim is well founded in the support of such beneficial organizations as the Children's Miracle Network, the Make-A-Wish, or the Dream Factory. So groups can contribute if they commit. Do not misunderstand this fact.

What may not be understood is how to be inclusive of other individuals outside of the organizations. The same goes for that loner out there who never talks to anyone. Groups and individuals alike need to break out of their comfort zones. It is painful and uncomfortable and not simple to achieve. But comfort is a luxury that we can no longer afford in a world so full of separation. This separation is prevalent in every aspect of our lives, politics, educational systems, etc and the list spirals downward from there.

Just simply breaking out of the normal every day routine of clustering is one way in which those inside the group can improve upon their own reputation.

It is damaging to those who are comfortable within a group to stay stuck there. It doesn't matter what group it is. Every organized division of society is based around the idea that you must be of a certain disposition, persuasion, or social class in order to maintain the social norms that we think are so important.

These social standards set the rules for the select few. This is embarrassing and it is unnecessary in a world, where we are either going to live and learn from each other, or die not understanding one another.

We need to reach out. This is necessary in a world where our separation can lead to isolation and loneliness; it is inexcusable and absurd not to reach out to those who need us.



By MARTY FOX

To the Editor:

"The All State would like to make it clear that we are not a fan of exclusive treatment of individual persons for the benefit of an exclusive group." Well All State, you have made it quite clear what you're for, or not for rather. Your article entitled "Greek community needs increased dialogue among fellow students" was a non-informed, off the handle, unneeded, false cry out for acceptance and a blatant attack on the Greek community. I think it is pathetic that you use your position as the school's "voice" to cry out against OUR need to communicate with you.

Have you participated in a Rush or Recruitment Week? We are more than informative about our organizations on a constant basis. Organizational Fairs, Incoming Freshman Transitions and Recruitment Weeks to list a few. Yes, I said weeks. We Greeks offer a week long period twice a year for you to find out all that your heart desires about our organizations. You even get to meet the members and join if you like!

You quote that some of the world's leading diplomats agree that a dialogue needs to take place to work out differences that are "crushing the masses." Are you serious? What differences are you talking about? My knowledge of a secret ritual that you have no business knowing without pledging? My ability to wear a different shirt than you on any given day? Please, let me know.

That aside, here are a few beneficial differences I could find: Nationally, Greeks provide the largest network of volunteers in the United States. Nationally, Greeks contributed 10 million hours of volunteer service each year; this year APSU's Greeks raised thousands of dollars for Make a Wish Foundation, The Dream Factory, The Ronald McDonald House and countless more philanthropies. All this courtesy of your non-communicating Greeks who throw their "graffiti" (Please see last week's anti-Greek ramblings) all over campus. Will you please let us chalk the walk for a good cause? Pretty please?

If you would like to help, instead of whine, Student Life and Leadership is located on the ground floor of the University Center right across from Career Services. Drop in. Communicate. Learn before you spit

your anti-Greek propaganda onto OUR school paper again. If you can not find us there look for the mass in the student section of the bleachers that is standing up during a basketball or football game. (Note: The chiefs painted red from the waist up. They are the baseball team. I have to give them props. KEEP IT UP REDMEN!!!!) Or if you are busy during the week, on Saturdays check behind left field fence of the Gov's baseball stadium. That's us too. I am confronting the entire All State with this letter because no one put their name on the article. Affectionately Yours,

Dale Krupla
Senior, Theatre Performance
Major

To the editor:

I was personally appalled at the article on Greek Communities which was printed in the March 3 issue of the *The All State*. First, the author of the article says much on how damaging Greek organizations are to individuals, but where is the evidence. It is all well and good that the author can quote psychiatrists and the Secretary General of the U.N. on unrelated subjects, but what about the opinions of those who are in a Greek Organization or those who the article is supposedly standing up for? Psychiatrist Carl Jung was quoted in the article as saying "The mass crushes out the insight and reflection that are still possible within the individual." In my opinion, this article did just as the quote remarked. The article dehumanized the individuals it wished to support by taking away their names, faces, and personal opinions on the issue.

An argument was made that if a student does not meet a Greek organization's standards they are not considered. Yes that's true, one must meet the group's standards academically and morally, but does one not also have to meet similar standards to join an honor society? For that matter what about our grand university? Austin Peay has standards which must be met to be accepted as a student here. Why is it then that Greeks are the only targets of such arguments?

Greek organizations have their flaws as do all groups. I will honestly admit that. However, they do not seek

to suppress the voices of each individual member of the group. Many Greeks I'm sure are able to find their own voice and their way to make a change or to do something good for the community through their membership in a Greek organization. The organizations supply the means and the motivation for people to become active members in the community. The individual is an integral piece to every Greek organization. Without each individual person and their individual personality, you would not have the groups on campus that we do.

When you think of Greek organizations you should think of how when this article was published the boys of Alpha Gamma Rho were sitting outside in the cold and rain one day and the heat the next, trying to raise money for their causes. They didn't say that only other Greeks could help them to raise funding for their charities, they called upon the goodness of each and every Austin Peay student who walked past them this week. Each and every Greek organization does that at least once during the school year. They make it a point to try to have everyone on campus join with their group to collect money, food, or other items for charity.

The author called for people to stop "shouting at the top of our lungs about what we hate," and to "start letting people know what we're for." Well, I'm all for that as well. So let me tell you what I am for, I am for the Greek organizations because their members strive for academic excellence and high moral standards. The Greeks try their best to allow everyone an equal opportunity to join their organization without compromising what the organization is about, and they work to better the community around them through their philanthropies.

These groups should be judged by the quality and morals of their members, by the good that they do for the community, and the opportunities they provide for each of their members. They should not be subjected to ridicule and harsh words for being fair in their acceptance and denial of potential members when so many other groups are not.

Kelly Muldoon - non Greek

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Bush is sure he is right; not assured of this vote

There are around eight months until the presidential election. This decision is not to be made lightly. The winner will be our leader for the next four years. In addition, it's not just the candidate you have to think about—it's also their administration.

It takes a lot of research to decipher how the candidates feel about different issues. You have to cut through all of the mud thrown from both sides. Right now, Bush is catching flack about his recent campaign commercials in which he is using images of the 9/11 attacks. To hear it from the Liberal side, one would think that all of the surviving family members are upset

about this. However, after researching a little further, it is clear that not all of the family members are appalled at the use of these images. Some are pleased and see it as a reminder of that day.

It is also a reminder of how well our president performed as our leader. As quoted on MSN.com by former New York Mayor Giuliani it is "central to [Bush's] record and his continued leadership is critical to our ultimate success against world terrorism." I must admit, I agree.

Nevertheless, is this enough for anyone to vote for Bush for another term? His recent proposal to amend the constitution in order to permanently ban gay marriage disappointed me greatly.

In recent columns, I have expressed my views for allowing gay marriages. John Kerry, President Bush's main opponent, has not expressed that he is for gay marriages, but he is for civil unions.

This is at least a step in the direction for granting homosexuals the same rights as every other American citizen. Therefore, on this issue, I am with Kerry.

I am a lover of our environment and want to

do all I can to protect it. According to MSN.com Bush thinks "the threat of global warming should be addressed through new economic growth and efficiency."

Bush wants to explore Alaska's Wildlife Refuge for oil, which truly bothers me. The point of having a wildlife refuge is to prevent the commercialization, deterioration and exploitation of these beautiful lands while ensuring the natural habitat of the animals that live there. Drilling for oil will disturb and perhaps, destroy these lands.

As found on MSN.com, Kerry wants to reduce oil consumption by 2 million barrels per day, which he intends to do by creating a renewable trust fund. He also wants stricter mileage standards for sport utility vehicles. His plan to fight global warming is for our country to participate in an international climate change program and he wants American plants and utilities to cut their mercury emissions. Looks like Kerry has my vote on this one too.

I agreed with Bush in sending our troops to Iraq to get rid of Saddam Hussein. He was a tyrant and needed to be taken down. Weapons of mass destruction have still not been found, but Hussein was given enough time to hide them.

There is a vast desert where these weapons could be buried or perhaps they are now sitting in another country shipped by a truck before the war even began. I still support Bush in what needed to be done to ensure the safety of this country. It is just a shame that we didn't take out Osama bin Laden when we had the chance.

Kerry also voted for the war against Iraq. However, he voted against the \$87 billion needed for our troops who are still over there. A little hypocritical, don't you think? I stand with Bush on this issue.

There are still many other issues that need to be researched such as: abortion, death penalty, economy, foreign policy, trade, and the list goes on. It may take until November to find all of the information needed to make an educated decision on electing the best leader for our nation.

I encourage you to take the time to research the candidates for yourselves before heading to the voting booths. May the most qualified candidate win.

From the President...

President Hoppe offers condolences, following last week's tragedy

I am writing this letter at the invitation of the *All State*; and, to be candid, I'm really not sure what to say. The recent death of a freshman student on campus, apparently a suicide, was a shock to our campus community. Words just do not seem adequate to deal with such a sudden, tragic loss of a life at such a young age.

Other recent events, including a suicide attempt on campus late last week (fortunately, the student survived and is receiving treatment) and the suicide of the 15-year-old son of a former employee just over a week ago, are painful reminders that the chasm between life and death is very short and can be leaped abruptly and unexpectedly.

What, then, can I say in response to what has happened on our campus and to what happens in communities around the world more often than we

like to admit? First, our hearts go out to those who have lost a dearly loved son.

Second, we must all educate ourselves on the warning signs of suicide so that we have the best possible chance of preventing future attempts among those with whom we associate.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people 15-24, and we do not always see warning signs. However, in many cases the signs are there but are ignored.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The All State* you will find information about the warning signs and how to respond to them. I encourage you to clip this information for future reference.

As our university community deals with this issue, it is important to remind ourselves that "Suicide is not chosen; it happens when pain exceeds

resources for coping with pain." I found this quote on a website that provides immediate help for those considering suicide: <http://www.metanoia.org/suicide/>. The web site emphasizes that suicide is not a defect of character—it is simply an imbalance of pain versus coping resources.

Thus, individuals can survive suicidal feelings if they can either find a way to reduce the pain or find a way to increase their coping resources. The web site offers specific suggestions on how to do both.

It also lists several good books—one of them has a powerful title: *Suicide: The Forever Decision*. "Forever" decisions are just that. Let us all commit ourselves to helping those around us choose NOT to make such a decision. Let's educate ourselves NOW.

Got Opinions?

We need them now more than ever!

Please send them in a Word attachment to allstate@apsu.edu

Please include your name, year and major.

Upcoming Events...

Now:

Potential Scholarships for minorities are listed at www.apsu.edu/aacc/min_scholarships.htm. Contact Kenneth Maddox at 221-7120 for more information.

Mar. 10:

A Strengthening Relationships workshop will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. in UC Rm. 312 with Dr. Lowell Roddy. For more information contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 221-6162.

Mar. 12:

Sigma Tau Delta is sponsoring a writing contest. The winners will receive a gift certificate, their names put in *The All State* and stories in the Sigma Tau Delta April newsletter. Entries must follow these guidelines: 250 words or less, short fiction story about a life lesson learned, typed, double spaced turned into Barry Kitterman's office.

Mar. 31:

Mel Chin will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center Auditorium as part of a Visiting Artist Lecture Series. For more information call (931) 648-5780.

Apr. 6, 7:

Money Matters Workshop will be held Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 12:45 p.m. with Emily Schmittou in UC Rm. 312. For more information contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 221-6162.

Apr. 15:

The deadline for the accepting of scholarships for the National Hispanic Explorers Scholarship Program. Contact Dr. Magrans at 221-7847.

Women's Studies Brown Bag Series

Mar. 5:

A discussion of *"Les Guerilleres"* by Monique Wittig, a novel that chronicles the metaphorical war between the sexes, will be held at noon in the African American Cultural Center.

Apr. 16:

A discussion of *"Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA"* by Brenda Maddox will be held in the Sundquist Science Complex Rm. E205 at 1 p.m.

'Twelfth Night' debuts at Roxy

Annual performance of Shakespearian play brings comedy to live theatre

By SHAUN COPELIN
Staff Writer

The Roxy Regional Theatre annually produces Shakespearian plays; the current production being performed is William Shakespeare's *"Twelfth Night"*.

"Twelfth Night" is a comedy filled with deception and mistaken identities.

A shipwrecked young girl named Viola, played by Ifemorna Sesiana Amobi, disguises herself as a man and goes to work for Duke Orsino. Orsino is played by John Arthur Lewis; this is his first time appearing on the Roxy's stage.

Duke Orsino is in love with Lady Olivia, who is played by Kim Boler, however Olivia does not return his love and is still in mourning for the death of her brother.

Lady Olivia ends up falling in love with Viola (who is disguised as a man) when Duke Orsino sends Viola to Lady Olivia to confess his love once again.

"Twelfth Night" has a few hilarious concurrent plots. At the same time of Orsino longing for Olivia, Olivia's maid Maria, played by Leslie Greene, and three fools convince Malvolio (Olivia's steward) played by Jay Doolittle to dress up in yellow stockings and smile constantly, because Lady Olivia is in love with him and loves when he smiles and wears yellow stockings.

Only Lady Olivia is not in love with him and only thinks he is insane when he wears the stockings and smiles nonstop.

Nathan Albert played Feste, the fool or jester of the play; his character stands out

quite a bit. Feste works for both Olivia's and Orsino's house, besides the normal songs and jokes that jesters perform. Feste also offers valuable information. It's odd that the fool of the play is the wisest character, but in *"Twelfth Night"* that is just the case.

The set for this production is simple, but effective, consisting of only a few pillars/flag poles. The space is utilized to its full potential as it's very easy for the audience to transcend the different locations for each scene.

Acting-wise Nathan Albert stood out the most; this is his first time performing at the Roxy Theatre and hopefully not the last. He used the language of Shakespeare in a manner that I did not even know I was watching Shakespeare. He was very natural and convincing in his role.

I had to read this play for my world literature class and I had no idea what was going on after seeing it performed I understand it.

So for anyone who had to read this and would like it better explained as well as anyone who likes Shakespeare, go see *"Twelfth Night"*.

There are only two more productions at the Roxy Regional Theatre; March 12 - 13 at 8 p.m., so go see this play while you still can. Tickets are \$7 for students and children, \$11 for seniors and \$13 for adults. ♦



GREG WILLIAMSON/THE LEAF-CHRONICLE

Jerry Post, left, John Walski, Nathan Albert, Leslie Greene and Try Purdom joke over a letter in the Roxy Regional Theatre's production of *"Twelfth Night"*.

Women's Studies program hosts Brown Bag series

Book series brings attention to important women's issues in literature, female authors

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Women's Studies department is sponsoring a program called the Brown Bag Series. This is a series in which a faculty and student team comes together to discuss a book connected to women/gender issues.

Department Chair of Languages and Literature Susan Calovini founded this program in 1993. Women's Studies Coordinator Jill Eichhorn took over the series in 1995 and has been over it ever since.

"Students get the opportunity to be part of an intellectual discussion that isn't attached to grade. These books are often related to feminism, but all aren't related to feminism. In fact, books about masculinity have been discussed. These talks relate to topics that might interest students," said Eichhorn.

The three books that are being discussed this semester are *"The End of Blackness"* by Debra Dickerson, *"Les Guerilleres"* by Monique Wittig, and *"Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA"*.

"The End of Blackness" can be described as a book that examines the idea of black consciousness and Afro-centrism, which grew out of the Civil Rights movement.

She then questions whether or not these strategies are still used in modern day society. Calley Carson-Greif from the department of languages of literature discussed *"Les Guerilleres."*

The novel is written in epic form and tells the story of a tribe of women warriors who band together to overthrow the patriarchy. This book is classified as a feminist novel, however it is not limited to a female audience.

"One must understand that feminism is a space to understand conditions for women's identity for all of us, meaning race, gender, class, and creed," said Eichhorn.

The final novel, *"Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA"* will be discussed on April 16. According to the Brown Bag series list, *"The Watson-Crick model of DNA"* was published in April 1953. Elucidation of this structure immediately revealed how such a relatively simple molecule could code for tremendous biological diversity and be open each generation with great fidelity.

Maddox details the events of Rosalind Franklin's entire life, providing a more complete picture of her formative years, her personality and her place in the history of science and the discovery of the Watson-Crick model.

Along with the Brown Bag Series the women's studies department is sponsoring a feminist film series. Movies featured are *"Imitation of Life," "Anne Frank Remembered,"* and *"Chocolat"* are being shown as a part of this series. *"Anne Frank Remembered"* will be shown on March 18 and it features vintage newsreels, photographs, and even a look beyond the pages of Anne's diary.

Along with this film showing, a Holocaust survivor will be speaking. All movies will be shown at 7 p.m. in Harned 240. If you want more information regarding both of these programs please call the Women's Studies department at 221-6314. ♦

Coping with suicide: life after loss

Students comment on recent tragedy, dealing with aftermath of emotionally charged incident

By NATALIE GILMORE
Staff Writer

After the shock of last week's suicide by an Austin Peay State University student, campus counselors are continuing to offer their counseling services to faculty, staff, students - even friends and family.

For many who are grieving, university counselors can provide a significant outlet in handling the grief, as well as talking with friends and family, Dr. Lowell Roddy, assistant director of APSU's Counseling and Testing Center, said.

"It's going to hurt and if you really care deeply about the person who died it's probably going to hurt you a lot more," Roddy said.

"In the case of a death in a family, probably being able to talk to other friends or other family member is a beginning point for recovery."

For Jennifer Watts, an APSU sophomore who has been touched by a suicide, the grieving process is helped by tears.

"The best thing to do is cry," Watts said, who is majoring in history.

Other students turn to friends and family and talk through the grief.

For APSU freshman Kim Munda, last week was a shock because, she said, this campus is more like one big family.

"There aren't thousands of people

here that you haven't seen before," she said.

"I think a lot of time it helps ... to talk about it. If you have no outlet it's absolutely not good."

Last Tuesday, APSU officials spoke with Hand Village residents about the suicide, telling students where they could receive counseling.

National Impact from KRT reports

Suicide is the second-leading killer of college students - with an estimated 7.5 deaths per 100,000 students per year, according to a study of Big 10 campuses from 1980 to 1990.

In a nationwide study, 9 percent of college students admitted to "seriously considering attempting suicide" between one and 10 times in the 2002-2003 school year, and just over 1 percent actually tried to kill themselves.

Suicide was also named the 11th leading cause of death in 2001, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Tennessee is ranked 15th in the nation.

Males and people between the ages of 20 and 24 committed the majority of those suicides.

According to Roddy, the suicide rate among 15 - 24-year-olds has tripled in the last 30 years. ♦

Counseling services available for students

For anyone on campus, counseling is available through the Counseling and Testing Center located in Ellington, room 202.

The Center provides confidential sessions to students who may be dealing with situational crises, adjustment problems and emotional difficulties.

Sessions are provided on an individual basis and often involve issues including: adjustment to college concerns, depression or anxiety, relationship issues, family of origin issues, study skills, sexuality, low self-esteem, military life issues, deployment stress and difficulties with significant others.

For more information contact the Center at 221-6162, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 221-4848 for after hours or for emergencies.

Online information:

Uline.org provides information and anonymous screening for many personal issues. www.tspn.org/ is hosted by the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network. www.metanola.org/suicide/ provides help for those who may be contemplating suicide.

Warning Signs

- Threats of suicide or statements revealing a desire to die.
- Previous suicide attempts or self harm.
- Depression (crying, changes in sleeping/eating patterns, hopelessness, loss of interest in hobbies/activities).
- Final arrangements (e.g. giving away prized possessions).
- Drastic changes in personality or behavior.

How to Help

- Keep calm and take it seriously. Do not minimize the threat or assume it is a joke or a way of getting attention.
- Discuss suicide openly and directly.
- Listen. Show your support and concern.
- If possible, remove objects such as guns or pills that could be used to inflict self harm.
- Get professional help.
- Call the Crisis Intervention Center at (615) 244-7444.

— KRT/staff

APSU ROTC Governor's Guard Battalion Raider Challenge Competition



KALEN MCELHENY/STAFF

Four high-school students participate in a relay race in which team members have to complete one leg carrying a field litter with a patient and the second leg is pictured above. This is one of several events that must be completed by every school to determine the overall winner of the APSU ROTC Governor's Guard Battalion Raider Challenge competition.

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DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

March 16 12:30-1:15 p.m.
March 17 Noon-12:45 p.m.

INTERVIEWING SKILLS

March 31 Noon-12:45 p.m.

MONEY MATTERS

April 6 12:30-1:15 p.m.
April 7 Noon-12:45 p.m.



Henna tattoos offer alternative to permanent ink

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Tourists visiting spring break destinations such as Panama City Beach, Florida and Cancun, Mexico constantly pass signs promoting henna tattoo application.

Henna is a temporary, natural skin dye applied topically to the body. It is similar to a tattoo, but it is not permanent.

Unlike tattoos, the application of henna involves no breaking of the skin that is both painless and safe. The dye will fade in one to four weeks depending on the person's body chemistry.

The color of the dye varies from red to brown, but once again the color that shows up on the skin depends on the

person's body chemistry.

This trend of henna tattoos became popular in Western culture with musicians such as Gwen Stefani and Madonna.

Henna comes from a small shrub known as *Lawsonia inermis*. The plant grows in tropical climates throughout Africa and Asia.

The leaves are dried and crushed to form a powder. A mixture of eucalyptus oil and lemon juice is mixed with the powder to form a paste, which is applied to the skin.

The history of henna goes back more than 5,000 years ago.

"Mehndi (what henna is called in India) originated in the Middle East, North Africa, and India," said Meredith Hale, Mehndi henna body artist.

"It's usually a woman's art, henna and henna patterns became the way women managed their vulnerability and expressed their hopes as well as enhancing their sexuality and beauty."

Centuries of migration and cultural interaction make it difficult to trace the origins of henna. However, it is commonly seen in Muslim and Hindu cultures.

Arabic henna uses large designs with flower-like patterns applied to the hands and feet.

"Mehndi is traditionally applied to the hands and feet, but can be applied anywhere," said Hale.

Indian Mehndi patterns are often thin lines creating lacy, floral and paisley patterns, covering the hands, feet, and shins.

But African henna can be characterized by geometric designs and patterns.

Similar designs have different meanings for each culture.

Among the many symbolic meanings drawn from henna designs are good health, spiritual enlightenment, fertility and wisdom.

For example, in Morocco everyday patterns are usually simple and more intricate designs are applied for special occasions.

Weddings, feast days, and the birth of a child call for more elaborate henna.

"For a dancer in this culture, Mehndi is the perfect way to enhance a costume, or just to elaborate the beauty and grace of the person wearing it," said Hale.

Translation of Symbols

(Not applicable to all cultures)

Fish-water - fertility, prosperity

Bird-messenger - between heaven and earth, destiny

Eagle - power

Lizard and salamander - seeker of the sun, the human soul seeking light

Snake - fertility, healing powers

Turtle - saints, protection against evil eye

Triangle - eye

Inverted triangle - eyebrow

Diamond - eye, protection against the evil eye

pretty in ink

Some students believe tattooing is addictive, experts say there is no way to tell

By NATALIE GILMORE
Staff Writer

Tattoos are a familiar part of society being one of the most popularized ways of self-expression and some people say that this type of body art can be addictive.

Kurt Nieser, a junior psychology major, has three tattoos and said there are more to come.

Nieser spontaneously decided to get his first tattoo on his 18th birthday in September 2001.

On his lower right leg he has a green, detailed, natural cannabis-leaf.

Behind his left shoulder can be best described as a red, circle of pitchforks stemming from a spiraled center, and the third one on his center lower back is a sexually explicit portrayal of a sadomasochistic (S&M) encounter.

"Of course tattoos are addictive," Nieser said.

"The majority of people who get a tattoo get more, or at least have a nympholepsy for more."

Brian Williams, tattoo artist at Tattoo Technique Studio Inc., a Downtown Clarksville tattoo and piercing shop, said that half of his customers come back for more tattoos.

"Tattoos are psychologically addictive, 50 percent of my customers come back to get more than one," Williams said.

Ernie Chavez, chair of the psychology department at Colorado State University, is skeptical about the notion of body-art addiction.

"I've never read or seen anything related to that," Chavez said.

"However, almost any behavior can become

addictive depending on the individual's personality. An assumption would be that the behavior is reinforced in the statement it makes. Things we feel positive about ups the likelihood to keep doing that behavior."

Amy Fleischman, a freshman art major, has two tattoos. She said the pain caused by the artwork can be addictive.

"I really enjoy how it feels. It relieves my emotions and stress. When I got my first tattoo, I wanted to know what it felt like. Then it made me want to feel what it would be like to get something bigger," she said.

Nieser agrees that some pain is addictive. "I keep on getting more tattoos because I love the aesthetic appeal."

"The beauty makes the pain well worth it. Also, I've become addicted to particular types of pain that come along with the process."

Chavez said the pain should not fuel addiction.

"Pain is not reinforcing, except for a few people," he said.

"Maybe it's the adrenaline rush."

Stephen Williams, a junior communications major, said, "I do believe that tattoos are addictive because after you get one, you want to get more to represent your personality."

Along with Chavez, Stephen Williams disagrees that pain can fuel addiction.

"People like to adorn themselves with what we call poor men's jewelry with personal significance of a tattoo," Williams said.

"Usually they consist of a lost love or a baby's name. I believe that people also come back to add to the natural beauty of themselves because tattoos stay with you forever."

Nieser said that he is satisfied with his decisions about getting tattoos.

"Each tattoo reminds me of specific areas of my life. I can never be dissatisfied with them, as they are on my flesh for the rest of my life."

Many students
share the allure of
tattoos, many agree
the trend is
addictive.



Wendi Juergens, sophomore

Ambera McGee, junior

Jessica Whitcomb, sophomore

Aubrey Harris, sophomore

Melvin Scot, senior

Shawn Kelley, sophomore

Tattoo artists encourage proper hygiene practices

By LAURIE BORSLEIN
U-Wire, Roanoke.com

The art of body modification has become more popular over the years. Tattoos are nearly permanent but can be removed through surgery.

Body piercings can be removed over time, but sometimes leave behind scar tissue. Here are some tips to lead you through the procedures.

Before

Pick a studio: visit several tattoo/piercing studios. Find one that makes you comfortable. The studio should look and smell clean. Tattoo and piercing areas should be well lit. The facility should have an autoclave to kill all germs and bacteria on reusable equipment.

Choose an artist. Look through their portfolios. Talk to them. Ask questions. Make an appointment or you'll be stuck waiting until an artist is available.

Don't drink alcohol. Take aspirin or any other drugs 24 hours beforehand.

During

Watch the artist set up. Equipment should be taken out of sterile bags or containers.

All needles should be taken out of single-use packages and then disposed of in a sharps container.

The artist should be wearing latex gloves at all times. He or she should change gloves any time there is a chance of cross-contamination.

After piercings

Read any aftercare material provided by your piercer. Ask questions. Follow his or her instructions.

Do not touch the jewelry unless you're cleaning it.

Clean the piercing twice per day until it heals. Wash your hands before touching the jewelry.

Use a mild, fragrance- and dye-free antibacterial soap to clean the piercing and jewelry. Rinse the area thoroughly.

Clean the jewelry every time you bathe for the life of your piercing.

For oral piercings, rinse your mouth out with alcohol-free mouthwash after eating, smoking or drinking anything other than bottled water.

After tattoos

Read any aftercare material provided by your tattoo artist. Ask questions. Follow his or her instructions.

Leave the bandage on for the length of time recommended by your tattooist. Wet it with room temperature water until it comes off easily.

Wash the area once or twice per day until the tattoo has fully healed.

Wet the area with hot water and use your fingertips to wash the area with mild, unscented soap.

Rinse with cold water to close the pores and pat dry.

Don't let the tattoo dry out. Apply a thin layer of Tattoo Goo, Vaseline Intensive Care or Lubriderm Hand Lotion after bathing and

throughout the day until the area has fully healed.

Make sure the lotions don't contain dyes, fragrances, lanolin or petroleum jelly.

Don't scratch or pick the tattoo or pick the scabs. Let scabs fall away naturally.

Wait two to three weeks before swimming, immersing the tattooed area in bathwater, a hot tub, sauna or tanning bed.

Don't expose the tattoo to direct sunlight for at least two weeks.

For the life of your tattoo, apply SPF 30 sunblock every time it is exposed to sunlight to prevent fading or blurring.

Return to the studio about a month after your tattoo or piercing so the artist can check his or her work and advise you further.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, contact the studio.

UP NEXT

Upcoming Gobs and Lady Gobs events:

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sunday, March 14:
NCAA tournament
selection show

MEN'S TENNIS

Sunday, March 14:
@ Western

Sat., March 20:
@ Morehead

Tues., March 23:
vs. Northwest
Missouri

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Mon., March 15:
vs. Northwest
Missouri

Thurs., March 18:
@ Evansville

Mon., March 22:
@ University of
Tenn.-Martin

Thurs., March 25:
@ Western Kentucky

BASEBALL

Friday, March 12-14:
@ Birmingham-Southern

Tues., March 16:
@ Georgia State

Mon., March 22:
vs. Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Tues., March 23:
@ Memphis

Wed., March 24:
vs. Lee

Sat., March 27-28:
vs. Morehead

SOFTBALL

Thurs., March 11:
@ MTSU

Tuesday, Mar. 16:
vs. Tenn. Tech

Friday, March 19-21:
Buzz Classic

Wed., March 24-26:
@ University of
Tenn.-Knoxville

MEN'S BASKETBALL: OVC SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
Adrian Henning, Austin Peay
Ricky Mirard, Morehead State
Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech
Josh Lewis, Austin Peay

SECOND TEAM
Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky
Jon Bonifay, Eastern Kentucky
Chris Shumate, Murray State
Bruce Price, Tennessee State

THIRD TEAM
Phillip Rameil, Samford
Anthony Davis, Austin Peay
Cameron Crisp, Tenn. Tech
Jared Newson, Tenn. Tech
Trent Eager, Jacksonville State

OVC PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Cuthbert Victor, Murray State
OVC NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR:
Willie Jenkins, Tenn. Tech
OVC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:
Bruce Price, Tenn. State
OVC COACH OF THE YEAR:
Dave Loos, Austin Peay

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: OVC SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM
Gerlonda Hardin, Austin Peay
Shanika Freeman, Jacksonville State
Emily Christian, Tennessee Tech
Katie Kelly, Eastern Kentucky
Ashley Haynes, Austin Peay

SECOND TEAM
Kandi Brown, Morehead State
Fern O'Connor, Eastern Illinois
Megan Pappas, Murray State
Suzie Jay, Eastern Illinois
Julie Young, UTM

ALL-FRESHMAN
Morgan Gearhart, Morehead State
Alex Munday, Samford
Kendall Cavin, Tennessee Tech
Courtney Saugher, Jacksonville State
Megan Casad, Eastern Illinois

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Andy Blackston, Austin Peay

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bringing it back

Lady Gobs win fourth consecutive OVC Tourney Championship

By KRISTIN CRANDALL
Sports Editor

They've done it again. For the fourth year in a row, Austin Peay State University's Lady Gobs have brought home the Ohio Valley Conference's tournament Championship title.

The Lady Gobs advanced to Saturday's championship game after beating Southeast Missouri early on Friday.

Led by senior forward Gerlonda Hardin, the Lady Gobs defeated the Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky with a score of 65-51.

The Eastern squad took an early lead of the game but weren't able to hold on for long as the Lady Gobs tied the score within a two-minute timeframe with an 8-2 run. Through the next seven minutes of the first half the score went through two more ties - until the 6:47 mark when sophomore guard Kera Bergeron hit a three-point shot that gave the Lady Gobs a 26-23 lead. Bergeron would hit three three-point baskets in the game, all in the first half, giving her a total of 99 threes on the season and a new OVC single-season record.

The Lady Gobs put the finishing touches on EKV early in the second half. Just inside the first minute of play, the Lady Gobs extended their lead to double-digits. The Lady Colonels wouldn't get within single-digits the rest of the game.

By the final buzzer Hardin grabbed her 13th double-double

of the season putting up 23 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Bergeron and senior forward Jessica Grayson finished with 11 points apiece.

Hardin, Bergeron and Grayson were named to the All-Tournament Team along with Tennessee Tech's Emily Christian and EKV's Katie Kelly. Hardin was also named the OVC Tournament's Most Valuable Player, an honor she received in the 2002 tournament as well.

"This time is different because a lot of people didn't expect us to be here, especially with the players we lost and having a new coach," said Hardin. "We knew we had some business to take care of when we go to the tournament and we did."

"I am so proud of this team," said Head Coach Andy Blackston. "These ladies have had to endure a new coach and a new system and they finish as champions for the fourth straight year. They have a ton of character and heart and it showed today. I am so happy to be a part of this program but all of the credit goes to the players. They have had to sacrifice and work hard to get back to the NCAA."

The victory over EKV on Saturday gave the Lady Gobs a 23-7 overall record and earned them an automatic bid into the NCAA Women's Basketball tournament - exactly who Hardin and her teammates will be facing won't be known until Sunday, March 14. ♦



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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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The Gobs were able to beat Eastern Kentucky on Friday to advance to the OVC Championship game on Saturday and faced Murray State University. Although the Gobs were able to defeat the Racers in their only meeting in the regular season, they weren't so fortunate for their second match-up.

Gobs drop ball in OVC championship

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's men's basketball team hit a wall and came to a screeching halt Saturday, March 6. After beating Eastern Kentucky Friday night, the Gobs looked ready to take on Murray, a team they had defeated just weeks before.

The previous games during the Ohio Valley Conference regular season had gone in the Gobs favor, but their hopes of ending their season

with their perfect OVC record intact ended as the Gobs lost 66-60 to the Racers at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium.

"We ran the table in the conference," said senior Adrian Henning. "But it came down to one game, and we just came up short."

Henning could not have put it better. In the game's remaining three minutes the Gobs had possession of the ball 12 times and with shot attempt after shot attempt they had

the ball going every which way but in. A technical foul on Murray's Kevin Brown gave the Gobs hope as Squeaky Hampton hit both free throws bringing the Gobs within three, 58-55.

A missed three point attempt would result in a defensive rebound for Murray in which they inched the lead further and further.

Murray took the possibility of a comeback away from the Gobs after they forced the a turnover with 31 seconds left. Gobs senior center Josh

Lewis and junior guard Anthony Davis were named to the all-tournament team.

"We didn't handle very well the situations at the end of the first half or the end of the game," said APSU Men's Head Coach Dave Loos.

A win in the OVC championship game would have given the Gobs the OVC's lone bid to the NCAA tourney. Now the Gobs will now await and see if the NIT selection committee will send them an invitation. ♦

BASKETBALL

With big seasons come big pay offs

APSU's players and coaches receive OVC top honors

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH

Editor in Chief

Austin Peay State University's Gerlonda Hardin was chosen as the 2003-04 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year, in voting by the league's head coaches and sports information directors. Along with being chosen as the 2003 Player of the Year, Hardin was also selected as the All-OVC first team along with teammate Ashley Haynes.

The senior averaged 18.2 points a game while leading the league and ranking nationally with a 60.2 field goal percentage. Hardin also established a new OVC career blocked shots record this season and currently has 221 on the books.

Lady Gobs head Coach Andy Blackston is the third women's coach in APSU history to record a 20-win season. Adding to the list of firsts, Blackston is the first to do so in his first year. He is the second coach to be OVC women's Coach of the Year in his first inaugural season.

APSU Men's Head Coach Dave Loos picks up his fourth OVC Coach of the Year honor after guiding his squad to an unprecedented 16-0 conference record en route to its sixth OVC regular-season title and second straight 20-win season (20-8).

Now in his 18th season at the helm of Governor basketball, Loos registered his 20th Austin Peay coaching victory last December. Loos is just the second person to earn four OVC Coach of the Year awards, and is the first to do so at one school. ♦

BASEBALL

Bat Gobs sweep Akron 2-0

Scoring in fifth inning gives team three-game series to improve record to 6-1

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH
Editor in Chief

Austin Peay State University's baseball team defeated Akron, 2-0, Sunday afternoon at Raymond C. Hand Park.

The Gobs have now completed a three-game series sweep of the visiting Zips, their fifth consecutive series win. Austin Peay improved to 6-1 overall while Akron fell to 3-4.

APSU's first good scoring opportunity was in the fourth when Chris Hyde reached a base after being walked. Tommy Smith then reached after being hit by a pitch and Jared Walker followed with a single to load the bases. The threat was over when Chris Key grounded to third and Walker was put out on the fielder's choice.

The Gobs broke the scoreless tie in their half of the fifth. Jake Peterson singled up the middle to start the rally. Hyde doubled down the right line, moving Peterson to third. However, Peterson was caught at home while

trying to advance on a wild pitch that hit the backstop and bounced back to the Zips catcher who threw to the pitcher covering for the out. Despite the misfortune, the Gobs got back-to-back singles from Smith and Walker, Smith's pushing across Hyde for the Gobs first run.

Four Governors pitchers combined for the seven-hit shutout. Adam Carrico (1-1) picked up the victory, allowing five hits while striking out five. Adam Muston picked up his first career save, tossing the ninth inning and working around a two-out triple.

Akron's Ross Liersemann (0-1) was tagged for the loss despite allowing one run on six hits while striking out three.

APSU's offense pounded out nine hits, with Walker going 3-for-4 and finishing the series 7-of-11 with four RBI.

Peterson went 2-for-4 and Jacob Schroeder went 2-for-3 while making the start at shortstop. Brady Steineck led Akron with a 2-for-4 effort. ♦

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