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SGA elections bring attention to governing body

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SGA elections will be held next Wednesday in University Center ballroom. As usual, some students will be running for office, some of us will be voting for those who run and the rest will be talking around thinking "why bother?"

Candidates put a lot of personal time and money mounting successful campaigns. And universities dedicate even greater sums to the management of government associations.

A recent article in Student Leader magazine compared the salaries of student government leaders on U.S. campuses. It found the highest-compensated campus leader is at the University of Miami in Florida. The SGA president there receives a \$140 annual tuition waiver.

According to the article, the highest-salaried student body member is at Washington State University.

There the Associated Students President receives \$15,463.

The report fueled an already-active debate over whether student office-holders should be compensated at all. According to Joe White, interim vice-president for student affairs and SGA adviser, the executive committee members receive either performance scholarships or monies that go toward their tuition. Every student pays a \$4 SGA fee.

"SGA administers the funds from these fees and allocates how grants are administered. Organizations request amounts and senators introduce bills to show justification," said White.

SGA president Angela Neal says her compensation is part of a financial aid packet which is credited to her account and deducted from the loan amount.

"Nobody hands you a check to go spend," she said, Neal is, however, responsible for the handling of even greater sums of money.

"We usually take in about \$36,000 in SGA fees and about \$2,500 in fund-raising."

The Senate actually allocates the funds, which are spent on everything from office supplies to media services. Most of Neal's time, when she isn't in class, is spent attending meetings and briefings. She briefs standing university committees, attends regularly scheduled meetings of the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee, the Coordination and Communication Committee and Food Services Committee.

Even when she is home she spends much of her time on the phone coordinating communications for different functions and meetings.

Neal thinks there shouldn't be a debate about compensation. She puts in 40-hours per week in her duties as SGA president and feels compensation is fair. In fact, she would like to see more positions made eligible for compensation.

"We have student relations and public relations

secretaries," Neal says. "They put in as much time as the vice president. We have a horribly high turnover rate. If committee chairs received \$15 a month that would help compensate them and encourage them to stay on."

As hectic and time consuming as the job is, Neal has developed a real sense of respect for it.

"I really enjoy it," she said. "You can't learn this by going to class everyday. It's real world stuff."

Neal suggests that people who run for office make sure they are sincere in their desire to serve the student body.

"Make sure your heart's in it," she said. "Make sure you really want to represent the student body. If you're just looking to do it for your resume and your heart's not in it, you're not gonna make it. The students are going to know."

For next week's elections, find somebody who's heart is in it... and vote for them.

APSU students battle credit card debt temptations

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This is the first of a two-part series on avoiding the pitfalls of credit debt.

Cherid Boiteau, freshmen philosophy major, has seen first-hand the temptation students can fall through and how simple it is to get sucked into a black hole of

debt. "It's so easy to get a credit card," Boiteau said. Her campus mailbox often is filled with credit card solicitations and admits it is tempting, but has learned to control herself. "I know a lot of 18-year-olds that get those credit cards, with some cards offering 18 percent interest or more, and I can see how totally

tempting they can get." Consumer debt is on the rise among college students and by no means immune. In fact, they are a prime target. Credit card companies are willing to offer low-earning and even non-earning students credit cards because research shows the first card obtained is the one that is kept the longest. Students today have easier access to credit than previous generations and carry a bigger debt load than the average graduating student, owing more than \$14,000.

A recent study conducted by the College Track states more than half of all college students have at least one credit card such as American Express, Visa or MasterCard. When added to stu-

dent loans, car payments and daily living expenses, those \$15-25 minimum payments can really add up and cause more stress to an already hectic lifestyle.

Joshua F. Dowlen, graduate student in sports administration and exercise science, says during his freshman year at Austin Peay he was offered a Citibank Visa card. "It was one of those cards that offer you low introductory rate and then jack-up the rate later on," said Dowlen. "When you're in college you're so broke you go for it." Dowlen added that having the credit helped him get through college and says at one point he had at least four credit cards but always made the payments on time.

Keeping up with rising tuition costs and the cost of living adds to the challenge of sound financial maintenance. Students can sink way below the safety net and deep into a debtors nightmare before they even graduate and find a job.

And having a high credit history also may create problems with obtaining or keeping a job. A person's credit rating is similar to his or her reputation. Once it's damaged, it's difficult to get it straight again.

Find out in next week's issue of The All State how you can avoid the pitfalls of debt by using free resources right here on campus and get back on the right track to your sound financial future.

roadcasting society hosts national convention

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The National Broadcasting Society (Alpha Epsilon Rho) was the host chapter for the national convention at the Music City Sheraton last week.

Sherry Bowen received a NBS scholarship, and Dr. David vonso, associate professor of speech, communication and theater, received an award in audio production. Bowen was excited and surprised, especially because I didn't think I was going to win it," said Bowen. She is the student representative to the NBS Advisory Council and the chapter's president-elect. The convention was a success, although there was a small amount of trouble with the sessions and the career fair. Bowen said.

Chapter members attending included Sherry Bowen, Evelyn

Hoffman, Brent Meredith, Tangee Reyes, Melissa Shephard and Heather Young.

"It's my third convention and it has been the best one," Young said.

The convention kicked off Wednesday night when chapters from around the country attended a mixer to acquaint them with other chapters.

Throughout the convention, sessions were held on topics such as the value of pre-production, copyright law, developing your on-air personality, web page design and interviewing skills. On Friday night there was a career focus, a job fair where students could meet with some professionals in the field, have their resumes evaluated, and discuss internships and job opportunities.

The convention culminated with an awards banquet on Saturday night which students from the Austin Peay chapter helped to produce.



Olivia Molinaro comforts Charlie Tuttle as the phlebotomist draws his blood on Monday. There were 114 donors participating in the Sigma Phi Epsilon and the National Broadcasting Society-sponsored blood drive, surpassing the record of 108. (Photo by Andy Segelke)

Visiting Scholars program opens doors

Learning about far-away places either by going there or learning from someone who has been there—that's one purpose of the Visiting Scholars Program at Austin Peay.

Dr. Yan Meng, an accounting professor from the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, China, is the latest in a line of visiting professors at APSU. And, it is a two-way street as several APSU faculty have shared their expertise by teaching at sister universities.

"We like to have a variety of people from different places," said Dr. Samuel Fung, director of the International Education Office. Fung said Meng can provide insight into how economics and finance work in his country and compare it with the Western world. Meng will hold workshops and lecture in some classes at APSU.

APSU has exchange programs with universities in Sweden, Taiwan, Nigeria and Japan. The university has a "Letter of Intent on Cooperation" with Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing. The uni-

versity also has several study-abroad programs in countries around the globe.

"We want to deepen and strengthen our relationships with all of our exchange and study-abroad programs," Fung said. "Our vision is to have strong programs. We have more faculty members expressing an interest and students participating now."

Dr. Roger Clark, assistant professor of accounting and finance, will visit and teach this summer at the Beijing school.

"The main thing I'm looking for is a more international perspective on financial planning and taxes," said Clark about his upcoming trip. "I will basically look at it from a financial cross-cultural standpoint."

Clark, who has reviewed and written articles for international journals, said he will share his experiences in China with his students.

Dr. Patricia Halbeck, associate professor of music, went to Taiwan last summer, where she spent a month at the national Changhua University of Education. She led seminars on

subjects ranging from teaching language to Shakespeare. At one point, she found herself teaching English to a group of Taiwanese children.

This summer, Dr. Garland Blair, chair of the department of psychology, will travel to the Taiwanese university to lecture to graduate students and present workshops. "Then, when he returns, he can share his experiences with us here," Fung said.

Students from those foreign schools also come to APSU to study and learn about American culture.

"I want this to be a learning process for both sides," Fung said. We can learn from each others' strengths and see what we can do better. International experience can enhance mutual understanding, respect and interaction."

For more information on the exchange program or any of the study abroad programs, contact Fung at 7175.

Nursing College forms

By HEATHER GUEST
staff writer

In December, the Tennessee Board of Regents voted to form the College of Human Services and Nursing from several programs that broke away from the college of Graduate and Professional Programs.

Until recently, that college had not been represented in SGA elections. The college will have a chance to elect senators for the next semester, in the upcoming elections.

"It was hard for SGA to do

anything because we didn't know; we didn't have the facts," said SGA president Angela Neal about why the college does not already have a seat on the senate.

"We're starting to work together as Health professionals," Dr. Joseph Maloney, interim dean, said about how the college could prepare the students for entering the job force.

There is a committee currently set up for a nationwide search for a dean of the college. Maloney said that, like all growing organizations, it will suffer some growing pains in the future.

Campus offices earn marketing awards

Austin Peay received two awards in the Admissions Advertising Awards competition.

Among colleges and universities with 5,000-9,999 students, APSU received 2nd place for "Austin Peay," the Fall 1997 magazine for alumni and friends, and the Bronze Award (3rd place) for a 30-second television spot produced in conjunction with Cummings Video & Film, Nashville.

The magazine is created by

APSU's Public Relations and Publications Office with assistance from the Alumni Relations and Development Office and the Sports Information Office.

In the 13th annual event, there were more than 1,800 entries from colleges and universities nationwide. The competition is sponsored by "Admissions Marketing," the national newspaper of admissions marketing.

Peay Briefs

Dominos tournament

The Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society will sponsor a dominos tournament April 4 at the Armory from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds from the tournament will create a scholarship to sponsor Hispanic students attending Austin Peay.

RHA holds pizza night

The Residence Hall Association, RHA, will sponsor a Papa John's pizza night on April 1. Call and say you support RHA and the proceeds will be used to support Austin Peay residents.

Internet Programming course

"Internet Programming," a course including lessons in HTML, Javascript, VBScript and ActiveX, will be offered by the Business and Community Solution Center through the Office of Extended Education on Saturdays, April 4-25.

The class will meet from 8 a.m.-noon in the Solution Center.

Students should have experience with personal computers, the Internet and basic Web page creation.

There is a course fee of \$75 and a supply fee of \$5.

The registration deadline is two working days prior to the class. Extended education courses are open to anyone over the age of 18.

For more information contact 7816.

Browsing the Internet course offered

Become familiar with the Internet through the course, "Browsing the Internet," Wednesdays, April 1 and 8.

The Business and Community Solution Center through the Office of Extended Education features this course taught by Dr. Don Luck, assistant professor of education.

The course includes an introduction to the web for those with no prior experience or exposure to the web; however, windows experience is necessary.

The class will meet from 5-7 p.m. in the Solution Center. There is a course fee of \$25 and a supply of \$5.

The registration deadline is two working days prior to the class. Extended education courses are open to anyone over the age of 18.

For more information contact 7816.

Microsoft Excel course offered

Learn basic spreadsheet concepts and problem solving using Microsoft Excel.

The course "Microsoft Excel 7.0 for Windows 95" will be offered by the Business and Community Solution Center through the Office of Extended Education.

Instructed by Dr. Bruce Myers, professor of computer science, the course requires students to have Windows 95 experience. There is a course fee of \$75, a textbook fee of \$32 and a supply fee of \$5.

The class will meet from 5-7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 31-April 16, in the Solution Center.

Participants must register at least two working days prior to the class. Extended education courses are open to anyone over the age of 18.

For more information call 7816.

Microsoft Power Point course

Learn to create impressive presentations using Power Point software.

"Microsoft Power Point 7.0 for Windows 95" will be offered by the Business and Community Solution Center through the Office of Extended Education.

The class will meet from 7:15-9:15 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 31-April 9, in the Solution Center.

Participants will be instructed in preparing charts and graphics using text, color, shapes and art. Those interested in the course should have Windows 95 experience.

There is a course fee of \$30, a textbook fee of \$24 and a supply fee of \$5.

The registration deadline is two working days prior to the class.

Extended education courses are open to anyone over

18. For more information call 7816.

National Library Week contest

Woodward Library will be celebrating Library Week April 19-25. A contest will be held for APSU students who are asked to write an essay, 100-250 words, on the theme of "change lives." The essay should describe how the Austin Peay library or any other library has changed their lives.

Essays should be submitted to the Woodward Library Information Desk on level two by April 6. Winners will be announced on April 9. The winning essays will be displayed in the library and prizes will be awarded for the entries.

Military Science offers scholarships

Several scholarships are available for students through the department of Military Science. The scholarships will pay full tuition and fees, provide \$450 for books per year. Students must receive \$150 each month for 10 months, and qualify for a housing scholarship.

Interested students must have a GPA 2.5 or better and come by the ROTC Armory to see if they qualify. Students can call 648-6149 or 648-6148 for more information. The deadline to apply is April 1.

Project Paycheck Job Expo

Project Paycheck is Middle Tennessee's largest job expo. It will be held April 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nashville Arena. Approximately 100 employers will be taking applications and viewing for all types of jobs.

Workshops also will be presented by employment experts on resume preparation, interviewing techniques and what employers are looking for and much more.

For more information contact Nashville Tech at 353-3503, Employment Security at 2885 or Nashville Career Advancement Center at 862-8890.

Military Science awards cadets

By TWILA JENKINS
guest writer

Each semester the department of Military Science conducts an awards ceremony to honor cadets who've displayed outstanding achievement during the previous semester.

On Jan. 22 the department of military science, hosted the award ceremony and listed below are the cadets and the awards they received: Cadet Daniel Roman and Cadet Leticia Walborg received an award for having a 4.0 GPA.

These following cadets received an award for being on the deans list for 3.5-4.0 GPA. Cadet Katherine Blaise, Cadet Achim Brunette, Cadet Johnny Dooley, Cadet Richard Floyd, Cadet Elizabeth Hosler, Cadet Roger Kilcoyne, Cadet Shane Owens, Cadet Jennifer Slaughter, Cadet Michael Warren and Cadet Thomas Wiktorek.

The cadet honors, GPA 3.2-3.49, award went to the following cadets: Cadet Travis Anderson, Cadet Paul Bushey, cadet Donny Hebel, Cadet Glenn Hees, Cadet Jennifer Lutz, Cadet Richard Maples, Cadet Jessica Ruthardt, and Cadet Kimberly White.

The awards for Ranger Challenge went to these cadets: Cadet Tedd Goth, Cadet Donny Hebel, Cadet Roger Kilcoyne, Cadet Wardell Cooke, Cadet Paul Bushey, Cadet Clifton Causey, Cadet Kevin Coleman, Cadet Shane Owens, Cadet Luwana Madison, Cadet James Earl Gee, Cadet Leticia Walborg, Cadet Thomas Wiktorek, Cadet Gabriel Padilla, Cadet David Stevens and Cadet Richard Maples.

The following cadets received the color guard award: Cadet Jackson Drumgoole, Cadet Luwana Madison, Cadet Charlie McKinney, Cadet James Earl Gee and Cadet Achim Brunette. The following cadets

received an award for participating in the Clarksville's 38th annual Christmas parade: Cadet Luwana Madison, Cadet James Earl Gee, Cadet Jessica Jones, Cadet Johnny Dooley, Cadet Achim Brunette and Cadet Jackson Drumgoole.

The cadet scholar (2.90-3.19) award went to: Cadet Walter Decker, Cadet James Earl Gee, cadet Natalie Gee, Cadet Rebecca Sellers and Cadet David Stevens. The following individuals are recognized for Physical Training (P.T.) achievement. Medal athletic award: Platinum (300): Cadet James Earl Gee, Cadet Gabriel Padilla, Cadet David Stevens, and Cadet Thomas Wiktorek. Silver (290-299): Cadet Wardell Cook, Cadet Edwin Cruz, Cadet Jackson Drumgoole, Cadet Richard Floyd, Cadet Jessica Ruthardt, Cadet Tedd Goth, Cadet Michael Holse and Cadet Natalie Job.

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Baseball: there's just something about it

By
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opinion writer

Don't look now, but it's that time of year again. You know what I'm talking about; that ritual which begins in late February and lasts until the Fall. Oh yes, baseball is back for another season.

When I lived in Atlanta last year, I went to 15 Braves games. I had never been to that many in one season. For a lot of people, this might have led to burnout. Yet I looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed every game. How could I go to all of these games and always have a good time? What is it about baseball that enralls me?

People who know me best would say that football is my favorite sport. I would have to agree, after all I was practically raised in Neyland Stadium. As much as I love football, though, there's something about baseball that gets me going unlike anything else. Why do I love this game?

Perhaps it's the players. There isn't another professional sport with a more likable bunch of people. Sure, I'll concede that there are a few with major attitude problems. People like that exist in every profession. For the most part, baseball players are good people, and they're good to their fans. I once met former Braves great Dale Murphy at a World Series game in 1996. He appeared to be in a hurry when I saw him, but he stopped and talked to me for a minute and he also signed my ticket stub. I can't imagine an NBA player doing that. Yeah, it must be the players.

Well, maybe it's the fans. Baseball fans are different from fans of other sports. They aren't obnoxious like, say, hockey fans. For the most part, they are pretty low-key. I think that the games are more for relaxation than anything else. Sure, they want to see their team win, but they mainly just want to have a good time. They don't approach going to games as business. They don't take life-or-death stances on the outcome. If their team wins, great. If not, maybe tomorrow. Yeah, it must be the fans.

Is it the game itself? Baseball is a very simple game. You have nine guys in the field, one guy at

the plate, the pitcher throws, and the batter hits. This is not complicated. It's a welcome relief from the strains of daily life, to see something so simple. It is truly art in motion. It's a beautiful game. Yeah, it must be the game.

The atmosphere. That's what it has to be. Think about it. The smell of fresh-cut grass, the sight of pristine brown dirt, the feel of the warm, summer weather, the sound of bats cracking, and a sense of security. This is home.

For the best baseball atmosphere, go to Wrigley Field in Chicago. I've seen two games there, and it is truly spectacular. You'd think you died and went to heaven. The place is so old, but you don't even notice. You're just awestruck and you take a step back to baseball of yesteryear. That is an atmosphere unlike any other. I've told people that you have never seen a game until you've seen one there. To see the old, hand-operated scoreboard, to sit in the outfield bleachers, and, until recently, to sing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" with Harry Caray is the experience of a lifetime. Wrigley Field, baseball at its finest. Yeah, it must be the atmosphere.

OK, I guess I really don't know what it is. I love baseball, plain and simple, and the examples I gave are potential reasons why. Yet, that isn't all of it. Maybe it's a combination of so much that it's impossible to pinpoint just one thing. Maybe it's something that I don't need to know the answer to. Life is funny in that sense. There are just some things better left unknown. Perhaps if I found out why I love baseball it would make me love it less. That's a risk I don't want to take.

Baseball is just a game, but to me it's more than that. It is a source of enjoyment, entertainment and fulfillment that I don't get from many other things in life. It's my way of escaping from the world. It's my outlet. It's what makes me happy.

The season is starting again, and I couldn't be more excited. Take me out to the ballgame. Pass me a scorecard, a dugout dog, and a \$4.50 beer. Mad-dux just finished his warm-up tosses. The umpire just gave the signal. The game is about to start.

If you're sitting with me in the stands and you notice that uncharacteristic smile on my face, don't ask me why it's there. I won't be able to tell you.

HERE-THAT'S ALL THE MONEY I HAVE... YOU MUST ATTEND A COLLEGE THAT IS BUILDING A NEW U.C.



Priorities reflect aristocracy

By
LANE CRAWLEY
opinion writer

The Mickey-Mouse priorities of the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee came disappointingly into light last week on the front page of "The All State." Through ranking the priorities of our university, salaries were of paramount

importance.

Those of you who read the column "SLRP ranks budget items" know what ranked number 7: recruitment and retention of students. Does anyone see anything wrong with this picture? Just what is the priority around here? Slowly but surely we are finding out.

Don't we pay money to be here? It has been posed to me that if this university dared to improve its facilities then maybe more students would want to come here—thus bringing in more money.

This gives us a window into the minds of those making the decisions. In a marketing class this is referred to as production-oriented—the type of management that thinks customers will always be there and regards their satisfaction as second tier.

Instead, recruitment and retention of students is a significance that went down with the Titanic. This is the one item on the list of priorities that makes money, and it's near the bottom. It's little wonder why this university can't seem to properly pay its staff.

Facilities are a large part of attracting

students/revenue to our campus. This did not even make the list of priorities as far as this opinion writer could find. Since we're comparing ourselves to UTM and UTC, take a look at their student facilities, which I hear are first class.

APSU could better her facilities in the dorms. When I lived in Killebrew, half the kitchen was malfunctioning. One of the main reasons I moved off campus was so I could cook my own food.

The Red Barn could use at least a fresh coat of paint. Two words: THE LIBRARY, which was third on the list. The library. Let's have some non-1970s apparel in the bookstore, start with Bubba jerseys with number 13 on them. Did I mention the library? Also, better e-mail and computer systems and accessories would be just peachy.

I can understand salaries being a legitimate and necessary priority. However, until we have the extra money we should put first things first. If the university needs money then there are plenty of ways to earn it. Why not prioritize some of those things? Around here students are often like an offensive line, essential to success but under appreciated.

It's hard for this student to understand why the logical items rank closer to the bottom of the SLRP list. I have studied foreign language for nearly half my life now, but I still don't understand universities, the language of officials and bureaucrats who sit high atop a clock tower, and forget why the state employed them to begin with.

And justice for all...

By
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staff writer

Some people had a real problem with the execution of convicted killer Karla Faye Tucker in Texas last month. To them, the thought of putting a woman to death was unconscionable.

Governor George W. Bush was besieged with pleas for mercy from around the country and the world. Even Pat Robertson, a staunch death penalty supporter, hopped the fence to lend Tucker his support. He said Tucker should be spared so she could continue teaching God's word in prison. Yes, a lot of people were in Tucker's corner. Isn't it astonishing that so many people could miss the same point at the same time?

The point is there was no way Karla Faye Tucker could have, or should have, been spared. She had to die when and where she did. Hers was a justifiable and necessary death.

It was justifiable because she participated in the pickax murder of two people in 1983. It was justifiable because she was found guilty in a court of law and sentenced to death. It was justifiable because she used all her avenues of appeal and her death sentence remained intact. She became one of the doomed, just like any other convicted killer.

It was necessary because she and her supporters were determined to make us believe that she was not just like any other convicted killer. Tucker's supporters said she deserved to live because she had embraced Christianity and was proving herself to be rehabilitated. The case increased debate over capital punishment. Pope John Paul put in his usual appeal. For a while people were acting like they believed Tucker would receive at least a 30-day stay of execution. But Bush could not have granted a stay or clemency even if he wanted to.

Fifty-nine men have been executed during Bush's three years in office. He did not grant one of them a reprieve. How could he have justified one for Tucker? Because she was a woman? I don't imagine

the families of any of those 59 men would have taken that very well. Because she was a born-again Christian? Nothing compelling about that. In an Associated Press article, David Dow, a professor of law at the University of Houston, says that "of the people who have been executed since 1982, half have found religion." Tucker spent 14 years on death row. In that amount of time she could have found religion, backslid and found it again any number of times. The fact that she found religion was to her credit, but it was still no reason enough to commute her sentence. You see rehabilitation is important to us only if the person is expected to rejoin society. A person with a death sentence is not expected to rejoin society. Therefore, any religious beliefs they acquire should be between themselves and God, not society.

So it really didn't matter how one felt about capital punishment, or equal rights or any of the other issues that revolved around this execution. All that mattered was that capital punishment is legal in the state of Texas; Karla Faye Tucker committed an act that was punishable by death and was sentenced to die; and neither the Texas parole board nor the United States Supreme Court saw just cause to say otherwise.

When I saw Karla Faye Tucker on television a couple of weeks before her execution, she seemed to be an intelligent young woman, full of positive potential. I thought about what she could have been if things had gone different for her. I also thought it could all be an act to gain sympathy. She certainly had enough motive.

My point is we'll never know what she could have been any more than we'll ever really know who it was she became. And that's why I don't think saving her would have made us feel any better. In this case the only sure measure of what was right was to carry out the sentence that we, as a society, agreed to impose for especially heinous crimes.

Governor Bush said "May God bless Karla Faye Tucker." I second the motion.

How clean are you?

Feeling a little morally unsure? Is your breath ever funky after a long night of shacking up? Don't worry, you're not alone. Take The All State's Purity Test and find out how warped you really are!

1. If you've ever kissed someone on the lips, give yourself one point.
2. If you've ever kissed Monica Lewinsky, give yourself two points.
3. If you've ever thought about kissing about Monica Lewinsky, seek professional help immediately.
4. If you think El Nino is Spanish for oral sex, give yourself three points.
5. If you saw "Showgirls," give yourself one point.
6. If you saw "Showgirls" and kept asking "Where's Screech?" give yourself two points.
7. If you've ever walked barefoot through your dorm's bathroom, give yourself five points and get a pair of flip flops.
8. If your admission requirements are easier than Austin Peay's, give yourself one point.
9. If you've had sex while thinking about Saved By the Bell, give yourself one point.
10. If you've thought about sex while watching Saved By the Bell, you're not alone.
11. If you refer to Rawlins Hall as "Inspiration Point," give yourself two points.
12. If you've ever had sex in the lobby of Rawlins, we know who you are!
13. If you've ever had sex in a library study room, give yourself ten points!
14. If you've ever fantasized about having sex with someone on the All State Staff, call 648-7376!
15. If the phrase "Big money, no whammy! Big money, no whammy!" left your lips when you weren't watching Press Your Luck, give yourself one point.
16. If you get more action than a Jean Claude Van Damme movie, give yourself one point.
17. Hell, if you've ever seen a Jean Claude Van Damme movie, give yourself one point.
18. If your friends refer to you as "PlayStation" and you're not made by Sony, give yourself two points.

19. If you watch LoveLine and your partner has called in, give yourself three points.
20. If latex is your favorite material, give yourself two points.
21. If you've been hit on at the Mix Factory, give yourself one point.
22. If you've ever said "Only users lose drugs," give yourself one point.
23. If you know what a dental dam is, give yourself one point.
24. If you're pierced in an area where rust is a common problem, give yourself two points.
25. If you've ever taken Glen Carter's Human Sexuality class, give yourself one point.
26. If you could teach human sexuality give yourself two points.
27. If your girlfriend goes "Mmmmm...Beefy" after you leave the room, give yourself two points.
28. If you actually think your girlfriend would say something like that, you'd better think again.
29. If you rent a two hour movie in order to watch 22 seconds of film when your favorite actor is nude, give yourself two points.
29. If you believe in the concept of self-gratification, give yourself a hand.

Now add up your score. If you've been keeping a running total, you're obviously a math nerd. Subtract two points.

If you scored 0-8 points, you might consider retiring from Campus Crusade.

If you scored 9-24 points, you're headed in the right direction. Keep hitting those frat parties!

If you scored 25-35 points, the Center for Disease Controls would like to speak to you.

If you scored 36-50 points and are a male, you are a stud and a pimp. If you are a female, then you're a slut. Sorry, that's how it goes in a patriarchal society.

Creative credit goes to Paul Robinson and Coleman Hutchison of Vanderbilt University-JSC

Letters to the Editor

Salary news story disputed

The lead article in the March 18 edition of The All State, "Salaries Top List of APSU Budget Priorities" contained inaccurate information. The article stated that a majority of APSU staff and faculty would receive a salary increase this year averaging 17 percent.

Actually, decisions about salary increases, which the campus hopes to begin next fiscal year, starting July 1, 1998, have not been made. The amounts will be determined based upon the final results from a

year-long study, the number of new dollars available to the campus for 98-99, and the results of the 98-99 budget planning process.

The salary equity program will not be done all at once. Rather, it will be phased in as soon as possible over the coming years, with amounts determined through the annual University budget planning process. The salary equity program also requires the Chancellor's approval before the campus can begin implementation.

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Tennis—

Friday—Morehead St., men and women, 3 p.m.

Govs win weekend series from Tech

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Austin Peay's baseball team took two-of-three contests against Tennessee Tech last weekend to raise their Ohio Valley Conference record to 5-4 on the season.

The Govs (12-14 overall) took Sunday's rubber match against the Golden Eagles by an 11-10 count after splitting a double-header on Saturday. APSU took the first game 4-1, but fell in the nightcap 4-2.

In Sunday's game, the Govs fell behind 8-2 before rallying for the win.

Gov reliever Seth Massey (3-2) picked up the victory after relieving starter Bill Tarajack, who was rocked for six runs in just two innings of play.

Massey gave up four more runs in the next two innings, but settled down and pitched five scoreless innings to seal the win. He finished with eight strikeouts.

Austin Peay head coach Gary McClure figured it was a must-win situation if the Govs are to be successful in the conference.

The win put the Govs a game behind the Golden Eagles and two games behind leader Eastern Illinois in the conference race.

Tennessee Tech scored four runs in the first inning and added six more runs over the next three innings to take a 10-6 lead into the fifth inning.

Peay's comeback started in the bottom of the fifth when Aaron Sledd scored on Aaron Hempel's single with two outs. APSU then exploded in the sixth for four

runs to take an 11-10 lead.

Sledd led the Govs with four hits, including three runs-batted-in. Mark Turken and Hempel added two hits each in the win. Turken, Sledd and Billy Mortimore each smacked home runs for the Govs.

APSU's 4-1 win on Saturday was highlighted by Governor starter Robert Anderson's four-hit complete game. Anderson (4-2) allowed just one run over seven innings, striking out two while walking three.

The Govs plated runs in the first four innings, while the Golden Eagles scored their lone run in the second.

Sledd went 3-for-3 on the day with a single home run blast and two runs scored. Greg Troy had two hits and two runs.

The nightcap featured a come-from-behind win by the visitors. With the game tied at two after seven innings, Tennessee Tech scored two runs in the top of the eighth to take a 4-2 lead, but the Govs couldn't match them in the bottom of that frame.

Governor starter George Sherrill pitched 7 2/3 innings, allowing 11 hits and striking out four batters, but was chased in the eighth after allowing the game-winning runs. Massey relieved Sherrill to finish the game.

Troy and Mark Frey had two hits each in the loss.

The Govs begin a five-game road trip today, traveling to the University of Kentucky for a single game and remaining in the Commonwealth for three against Eastern Kentucky this weekend.

Governor's leaders (through March 23)

Batting
Greg Troy
Aaron Hempel
Mark Turken

Home Runs
Mark Turken
Aaron Sledd
4 tied with

Runs-Batted-In
Mark Turken
Lance Wampler
Billy Mortimore
Aaron Hempel

Track and field team places fourth at Murray State

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Austin Peay had several good performances at the Murray State Invitational in Murray, Ky., last weekend.

As a whole, the Lady Govs finished fourth overall behind Lindenwood, Tennessee-Martin and Murray State.

Evette Edwards led the Lady Govs with a first-place finish in the Women's High Jump with a 4 feet 10 inch leap. Brie Almeida placed second in the same event with a jump of 4 feet 8 inches.

Tomoka Larron finished first in the Women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16:35.

Cheryl Wright's javelin throw of 97 feet 3 inches was good for second place in the Women's Javelin.

Ka-Trina Plunk finished second in the Women's Shot put with a toss of 40 feet 5.5 inches, while Becky Sowinski placed 11th with a throw of 22 feet 6.5 inches. Karen Jolly's throw of 19 feet 7 inches was good for 12th place.

Selena Lockridge finished fifth in the Women's Long Jump with a jump of 15 feet 8.5 inches, and Edwards placed sixth with a jump of 15 feet 4 inches.

Wright finished sixth in the Discus Throw with a toss of 101 feet and Plunk finished eighth with a throw of 96 feet.

Weiss to resign as tennis coach

Takes job at Pigeon Forge

Lou Weiss, tennis coach at APSU for the last nine years, has submitted his resignation, effective July 31.

Weiss and his wife, Sande, will be moving to Pigeon Forge this summer. Sande serves as Director of Marketing for Louise Mandrell Theater in Nashville and the Louise Mandrell Celebrity Shoot in Nashville. Mandrell recently moved her business operations to Pigeon Forge.

Weiss will also be working for Mandrell as director of the Louise Mandrell Smoky Mountain Run for Boy Scouts. In addition, he is planning to sell real estate, something he has done in Ashland City for the past few years.

"We agonized over this decision for the last three months," Weiss said. "We literally put it in God's hands. We went down there last week and said if the pieces to the puzzle fit then we would do it (make the move). Everything just fell into place."

"The hardest part is leaving Austin Peay,

especially right now. I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed working for (athletics director) Dave (Loos) this last year. His is not only my boss but someone I consider a good friend. This has been my best year at Austin Peay — just seeing the attitude and spirit around the community that is so much better than it has been in a long time. It has meant a lot to me to not only witness it but be a part of it as well."

"It goes without saying how much we hate to lose Lou," Loos said. "He has done a terrific job with our tennis program and the tennis center. He won't be easy to replace. But this is an excellent opportunity for Lou and Sande."

"He has been a valuable asset to our athletic department in addition to being a good friend."

Weiss played for the Govs from 1971-75 and was named the Joy Recipient as the most valuable senior athlete in 1975. He later became tennis coach at Vanderbilt and then

took over APSU's head coaching duties in 1989. He and George Fisher are the two APSU Award recipients to become APSU coaches.

"The one regret I have to this point is we haven't won that one (OVC) championship," Weiss said. "I think our challenge this season."

"One of the things I will really miss is coaching players. You coach them for so long and their eligibility ends you maintain a relationship."

Although the championship has been elusive for Weiss, he is proud of the program's other accomplishments. These include the eight courts built along Marion Street and the current updating of the Governor's Center.

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate everyone who has supported us at the Center and helped it grow," Weiss said. "I appreciate all the support."

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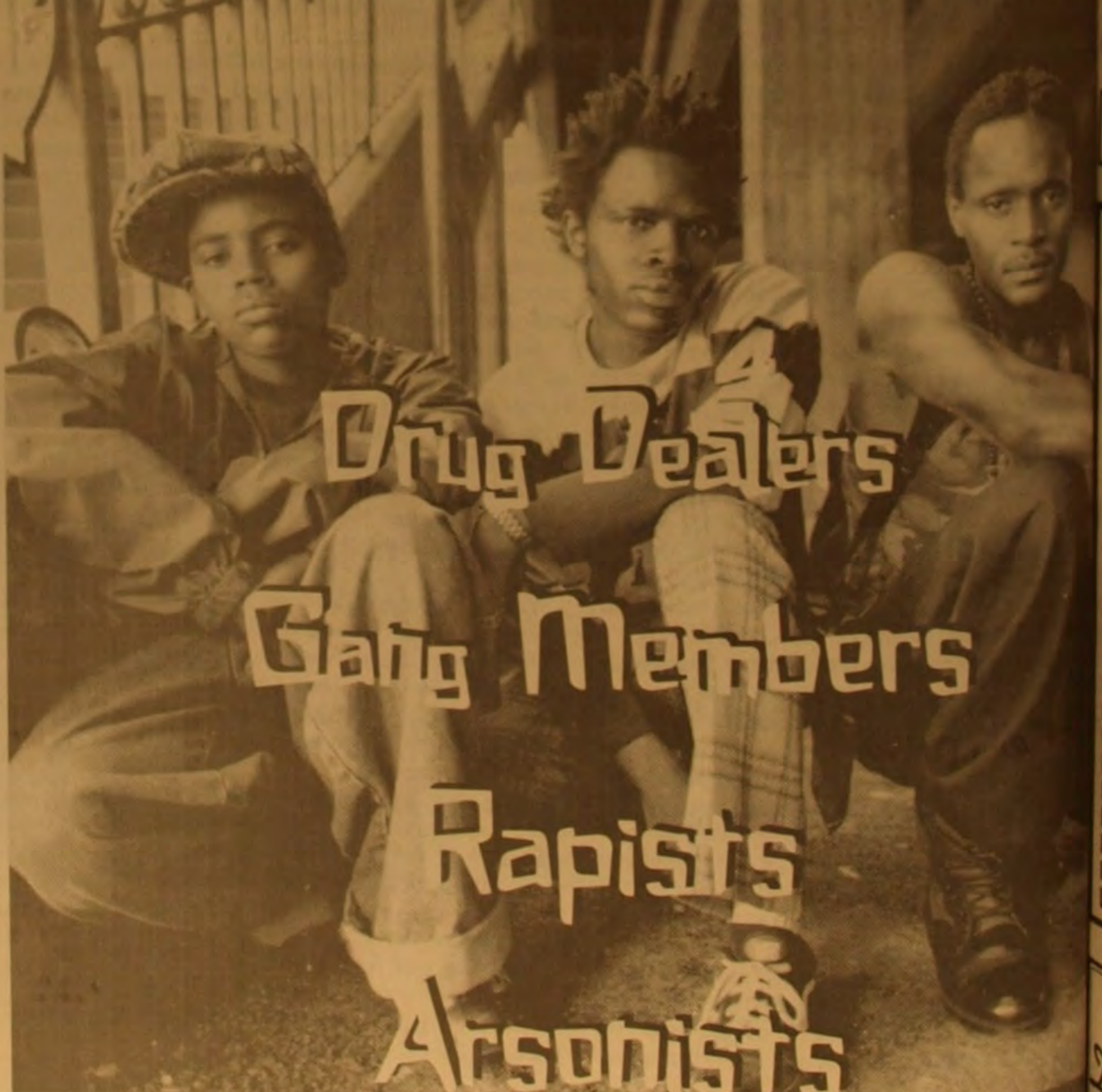
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Sports

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Lady Govs split four games over weekend

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

The Lady Govs softball squad took a pair of games on Sunday to salvage a split at the Evansville Tournament in Evansville, Ind.

The club defeated Belmont University 4-1 in the first game, then beat St. Louis 6-5 in the nightcap.

On Saturday the Lady Govs (12-13) lost to host Evansville 6-0 and North-

eastern Illinois 7-5.

Becky Faulk led APSU in the first game on Sunday with two doubles and a pair of runs-batted-in. Amanda Stout (7-4) scattered seven hits on the day in picking up the win.

In the nightcap the Lady Govs picked up a come-from-behind win to defeat St. Louis University. Trailing 3-1 in the fourth inning, the squad rallied for two runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth to get the victory. Laura Wehmeyer

(2-4) got the win in relief of starter Holly Brown.

The Lady Govs hit the road this week for a pair of games at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday, followed by a contest at Kentucky State in Frankfort, Ky., on Sunday.

The squad resumes Ohio Valley Conference play on Monday, hosting Tennessee State University for a doubleheader at Edith Pettus Park. The first pitch is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Lady Governors leaders (through March 23)

Batting			
Amanda Travis	.417	Shannon Johnson	3
Louranda Sanders	.368	Louranda Sanders	1
Tracey Dreschel	.362		
Home Runs			
Amanda Travis	3		
Runs-Batted-In			
Amanda Travis	18		
Shannon Johnson	15		
Tracey Dreschel	12		

APSU football clinic features famous coaches

Former Austin Peay head football coach Watson Brown and former University of Tennessee and University of Pittsburgh head coach Johnny Majors will be the featured speakers at the 1998 APSU Football Coaches Clinic, April 24-25.

"I am excited about the quality of coaches who have agreed to speak at our first clinic," APSU head coach Bill Schmitz said. "Our intention was to organize a weekend which would benefit the football coaches of our region and, at the same time, educate these coaches concerning the quality of our football program at Austin Peay."

The Friday portion of the coaches clinic will take place at Budweiser's Charles Hand Farm, beginning with 6 p.m. registration.

APSU assistant Pete Rekstis will discuss the 4-3 defensive package. Majors, currently the special assistant to the Chancellor and athletic director at the University of Pittsburgh, then will speak.

On Saturday, the clinic will move to the Gentry Auditorium

at the Kimbrough Building, beginning at 9 a.m. Schmitz will speak about the multiple offense.

Following will be Brentwood Academy head coach Carlton Platt, former APSU football star and Hall of Fame member. Michigan State strength coach Brian Wilt will speak prior to lunch.

After lunch, Brown, current Alabama-Birmingham and former Vanderbilt and APSU head coach will speak. Harold "Red" Roberts, another former APSU great and Hall of Fame member who is now head coach at Franklin County, will also speak.

Steve Brewer, former APSU quarterback and now head coach at Sevier County, will speak at 4 p.m.

Dinner will be held at Governor's Stadium at 5:30 p.m. with APSU's spring game slated for 6 p.m.

Cost of the clinic is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

For registration or more information about the clinic, telephone (931) 648-7905.

Kentucky, UNC to square off in championship

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

In three days the Final Four will begin in San Antonio, Texas, with Kentucky facing Stanford in one game and North Carolina playing Utah in the other.

It's my prediction that Kentucky will trounce Stanford and

North Carolina will beat Utah, but not by a large margin.

Kentucky is playing on pure emotion. After their great comeback against Duke on Sunday, the Wildcats will ride the wave into the championship.

Stanford hardly offers any competition for the Wildcats in the semifinals. After all, they had to cheat to get by Rhode Island

last weekend.

It was heartbreaking to see Jim Harrick at the press conference after the game. And equally frustrating to see Arthur Lee, Stanford's guard, gloating at the press conference. If teams won or lost on sportsmanship, Stanford would have a big fat zero.

North Carolina and Utah will be a good game, but I think

North Carolina has too much firepower for Utah. As much as Rick Majerus deserves a trip to the championship game, he won't get it this time.

Monday's game will feature two first-year coaches in Tubby Smith and Bill Guthridge. Unfortunately, only one will emerge the NCAA national champion. Kentucky 88 UNC 82.

Society seeing more violent athletes

By CHRISTINE TATUM
college press service

Two women who claim college football players sexually assaulted them say it's time for sports fans to stop letting athletes off the hook so easily for criminal and violent behavior.

Christy Brzonkala and Kathy Redmond announced recently the establishment of the National Coalition Against Violent Athletes, a group that intends to support victims of violent athletes and to educate sports fans about the transgressions of their favorite players.

"Society has become desensitized to the violence," said Redmond, who accused New York Giants lineman Christian Peter of rape in 1991 while they both were students at the University of Nebraska.

"They simply do not want to believe, nor admit, that this athlete with whom we live vicariously through and regard as maybe a member of our own family is capable of deviant behavior."

The controversy surrounding Golden State Warriors player Latrell Sprewell is a good example of star-power that has gotten out of

hand, she said. Redmond added that an arbitrator's decision to give Sprewell — who was banished from the National Basketball Association for attacking his coach — his job back is reason to support her organization.

"I think the sports world is finally getting a feeling of what it's like to be a victim and not be able to do anything," she said during a recent press conference. "They're feeling that outrage now that thousands of victims are feeling."

Redmond also noted that a 1996 study conducted by the Center for Sport and Society found that athletes made up only 3.3 percent of the campus population but committed between 20 percent and 30 percent of violent crimes against women.

"It is time that people alert themselves to the fact that some of their sports heroes do have a dark side," Redmond said. "They do have criminal tendencies and should be held accountable when they act on them."

Redmond was awarded \$50,000 from the University of Nebraska as part of a settlement of a civil lawsuit she filed in U.S. District Court. She claimed Peter twice raped her in a residence hall, and she blamed the university

for failing to provide a safe environment that might have protected her from the attack.

Brzonkala's \$8.3 million civil suit against Virginia Tech is still making its way through the federal court system. She claims two football players raped her in 1994 and school administrators appeared more interested in keeping them on the field than in pursuing justice.

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals allowed Brzonkala's case to continue in January. The court's majority opinion noted that Virginia Tech had never reported Brzonkala's allegations to police. The opinion also stated that there is reason to doubt the university "took prompt and adequate remedial action" once it knew about Brzonkala's complaint.

"Whether it be the police, owners, judges, coaches, managers or college presidents, action must be taken to set an example for the many young impressionable eyes wanting to follow in their heroes' footsteps," Redmond said. "If these areas of justice fail, you fail the future sports stars who play catch in the backyard as well."

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Interviewing checklist helpful for AP seniors

By BERNARD J. MILANO
College Press Service

Many seniors now in their final semester are still deep in the interviewing process. For them, it's helpful at this juncture to consider the following points and attack the job search with renewed vigor. These are all important aspects of a successful interviewing approach.

Visiting recruitment office regularly?
It's easy to get discouraged when you've been through a few interviews in the fall that unfortunately didn't lead to offers. Nonetheless, you've got to remain persistent -- countless success stories are examples of bouncing back from rejection.

Stay informed as to which companies will be coming to campus, and get your name on as many lists as you can, even if you only have a passing interest in working for them. It's easier to close down an option later than to open one up.

Company research still ongoing?
Are you still thoroughly and diligently researching the companies you're interviewing with? There's a danger in treating research lightly once you've been through a few interviews in which you weren't called upon to show your extensive knowledge of the company.

However, this is an area where you'll want to err on the side of excess -- knowing more than you might need to always beats the possibility of not knowing

something that you should. By far the worse of the two options is to leave an interview in which you made it clear you didn't know enough about the company.

Getting feedback from other students?
It's always good to find out from fellow job hunters what's happening in the interviews you're not taking. The process really does vary from company to company, and it's important to have an idea of the different things interviewers can throw at you.

Additionally, with the information that can come out of an interview, you might hear enough to change your mind about a company.

Keeping on top of follow-up letters?
It's important to send a letter thanking the interviewer for the opportunity they gave you. Be sure to make a specific reference to something that happened or was mentioned in the interview.

This gives the impression that you're not simply sending out form letters, but were paying close attention and took the interview very seriously.

Whether they lead to job offers or not, interviews are learning experiences that offer important exposure to the working world you're heading into. With two full months ahead, there's still plenty of time for you to find the position you're looking for. Just keep up your enthusiasm, and give it your best shot -- confidence can get you far!

Fiction writer lectures Thursday

Nashville writer Cathie Pelletier will read from her works of fiction at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in Gentry Auditorium. A book signing and reception will follow. She also will conduct a discussion session at 4:15 p.m., in Harned 117.

Born and raised in rural Allagash, Maine, Pelletier later moved to Nashville to become a songwriter.

Her first three novels, "The Funeral Makers," "Once Upon a Time on the Banks" and "The Weight of Winter," are set in the fictional town of Mattagash, Maine, and draw heavily on the author's own experiences growing up in a small New England town.

Critics have described Pelletier's characters as mean, undereducated, bored, gossipy and over-sexed and have remarked on a similarity between the author's low-class characters and those depicted in the southern gothic novels of Flannery O'Connor and Erskine Caldwell.

Many critics praised the humor with which the author saves her unpleasant characters from complete degradation. At the center of the trilogy is the McKinnon family.

With her 1993 novel "The Bubble Reputation," Pelletier leaves the McKinnon family behind to relate the story of Rosemary O'Neal, in a "bewitching novel that is as much life-

embracing comedy as real-life tragedy."

In "A Marriage Made at Woodstock," Pelletier again examines human life and expectations, this time through the eyes of a couple -- Chandra and Frederick -- who met at Woodstock in 1969, in a story of life choices and growing up at any age.

According to Tim Sandlin of the "New York Times Book Review," "Cathie Pelletier has a strong voice. She writes powerful scenes, creates people we ache for and a world we believe in."

Presented by the APSU Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, the events are free and open to the public. For more information, telephone 648-7031.

Art Scene

Upcoming events for March 25-31

Piano concert -- Max Morath, ragtime pianist, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The concert is part of the APSU/Clarksville Community Concert Artist Series. Admission is by series membership, or free for APSU students who pick up a ticket at the Music Ticket Office. Telephone 648-7876 for more information.

Fiction reading -- Cathie Pelletier will read from her work at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Gentry Auditorium, Kimbrough Building. A reception and book signing will follow. Pelletier also will conduct a discussion session at 4:15 p.m. in Harned 117. Both are free and open to the public. Telephone 648-7031 for more information.

Guest artist lecture -- Lawrence Weschler will lecture on his research related to his book, "Mr. Wilson's Cabinet of Wonder," at 7 p.m., Friday, in Trahern 401. The lecture is free and open to the public.

'Celebrating Women's Music' concert -- A concert of music by women composers will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The concert is free and open to the public, and will feature APSU music faculty and students. Guest artists, including the Dickson County High School Women's Ensemble, also will perform. Telephone 648-7818 for more information.

Graduate vocal recital -- M. Breckling will perform in a graduate vocal recital at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the concert theater of Music/Mass Communication Building. The recital is free and open to the public. Telephone 648-7818 for more information.

Dimensions New Music Series concert -- APSU faculty will perform works by American composers in the Dimensions New Music Series concert at 7:30 p.m., Monday, in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The concert is free and open to the public. Telephone 648-7818 for more information.

Student art exhibit -- Cherie Pilling's paintings will be on display in Trahern Gallery 108 through Friday. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Telephone 648-7333 for more information.

Annual student art exhibit -- The 30th annual mixed media exhibit featuring works by APSU art students will be on display in Trahern Gallery 108 through April 19. Opening reception will be from 7-9 p.m. Monday. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Concert celebrates Women's History Month

The celebration of Women's History Month continues Saturday with "A Concert of Music by Women Composers."

The 7:30 p.m. concert will be held in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building with a reception in the lobby immediately following. Presented by the APSU department of music, Women's Studies Program and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, the event is free and open to the public.

The program of vocal music, both choral and solo, will be performed by Austin Peay faculty members Sharon Mabry, Thomas King, Jeffrey Wood, Stanley Yates and Erica Gann, along with graduate students

Janelle Jerman, Laura Buhlig, Jean Ferraraccio, Beth DePaeppe. Guests Vicki King, David Vandenberg and Neal Ramsay will join King and Mabry in performing songs set by Persis Vohar and Chandra Kuzmych, which recently were released on Dimensions New Music Series compact disc.

Also on the program will be the premier performances of art songs by five new composers, whom have studied composition at APSU with professor of music Dr. Jeffrey Wood.

Special guest performers will be the Dickson County High School Women's Ensemble, conducted by APSU alumna Cindy Freeman.

For more information, telephone 648-7818.

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'Grease' is still the word

By IAN SPELLING
College Press Service

It's time for *deja vu* as "Grease" is the word again. On March 20, Paramount rolled the film back into the theaters for a 20th anniversary re-release. Could it really be 20 years? Sitting across from me on a couch at a Manhattan hotel, Olivia Newton-John looks more mature, but not 49 years old. She's still as lithe as can be, still has those pearly whites and sparkling blue eyes.

A lot happened to Australia's greatest export in the post-"Grease" years. Newton-John sold countless albums, recorded "Physical," song of the 1980s, and performed before millions of fans around the globe. She got married, had a daughter, divorced. She reunited with "Grease" man John Travolta in the misbegotten "Two of a Kind." A few years back she was diagnosed with breast cancer and endured a partial mastectomy.

Now, along with "Grease," Newton-John is back. And like "Grease," she was never really away. "When we did 'Grease,' we knew we were making something special and fun, but none of us could imagine that 20 years later we'd still be talking about it," she said.

"People ask if it's strange to be talking about the film 20 years later and the answer is no. I've never stopped talking about it. Every day, someone has asked me about 'Grease' or mentioned it. I've got kids coming up to me, grandparents, parents who were kids when the film came out, taxi drivers, everybody."

Does Newton-John ever get sick of it?
"Do you really want me to answer that?" she asked playfully, dissolving into laughter.

"I've had enough! I'm leaving! No, no. It

added a lot to my career, to my life, really."

I smile at her and the gaze she gives me back signals that she knows full well that a fan-boy question is on the way: Did people associate her more with cute, perky Sandy, or with sexy Sandy?

"People think of me as both, probably," she said instantly. "I think of myself as both. Sandy II (as she calls sexy Sandy) was the part of me that had been afraid to be out there even a little. After playing Sandy II, I was able to record songs that were more on the edge, for me at least. I did 'Physical' and the 'Totally Hot' album came out of that transition."

So, why "Grease?" How did the syrupy saga of Sandy, Danny (Travolta) and the gang from Rydell High sing and dance its way into movie history?

"It's just somehow timeless," Newton-John said. "It's energetic, colorful and almost cartoon-like. Also, and I just came to realize this, it probably has a lot to do with the fact the problems kids had in the 1950s are the ones kids have now. 'I like him; does he like me?' or 'I want to be her best friend; does she want to be mine?' The clothes may change, the music may change, but the school kid crushes the basic issues of love and friendship, and the pranks never change."

Newton-John's own life changed after she wed actor Matt Lattanzi and gave birth to daughter, Chloe, now 11. She retreated from the spotlight. Then, in 1992, as she geared up to tour behind a greatest hits/new song compilation, cancer struck.

"It was scary, for a few reasons," she said. "Beyond my fears for my life after I got the news, I worried about letting people down. I

had to realize people would cope if I didn't do a concert, that I needed to worry about myself. I'd never done that. It was a hard lesson to learn, and I try never to forget it because you can easily fall into old habits."

Today, the cancer is "gone," as she puts it, though doctors prefer the term "in remission." Newton-John considers it a responsibility to discuss her experience, believing that "it's important for people to hear that you can survive breast cancer and move on."

She also serves as spokesperson for the Colette Chuda Environmental Fund, which seeks to protect children and prevent environmental cancers and other illnesses.

On the professional front, Newton-John's first studio album in several years, "Back with a Heart," reaches stores in June. "It's a country-pop album," Newton-John said. "I co-wrote half the songs. The first single is a remake of 'I Honestly Love You' I did as a duet with Babyface. It's very different from the original."

As for movies, might Newton-John like to bump into Quentin Tarantino and have him, as he did for Travolta, whip up a career-resurrecting film? She smiles impishly. "I'm thrilled for John and he deserves it, but I'm opposed to violence," she said. "So if Quentin came up with a gentler story, that would be great. Some people are talking to me about a sitcom, but it's really my album, that's my passion right now."

"If this 'Grease' re-release gets things going for me again, great. If it doesn't, that's fine, too. I'm happy with my life just as it is," Newton-John said.

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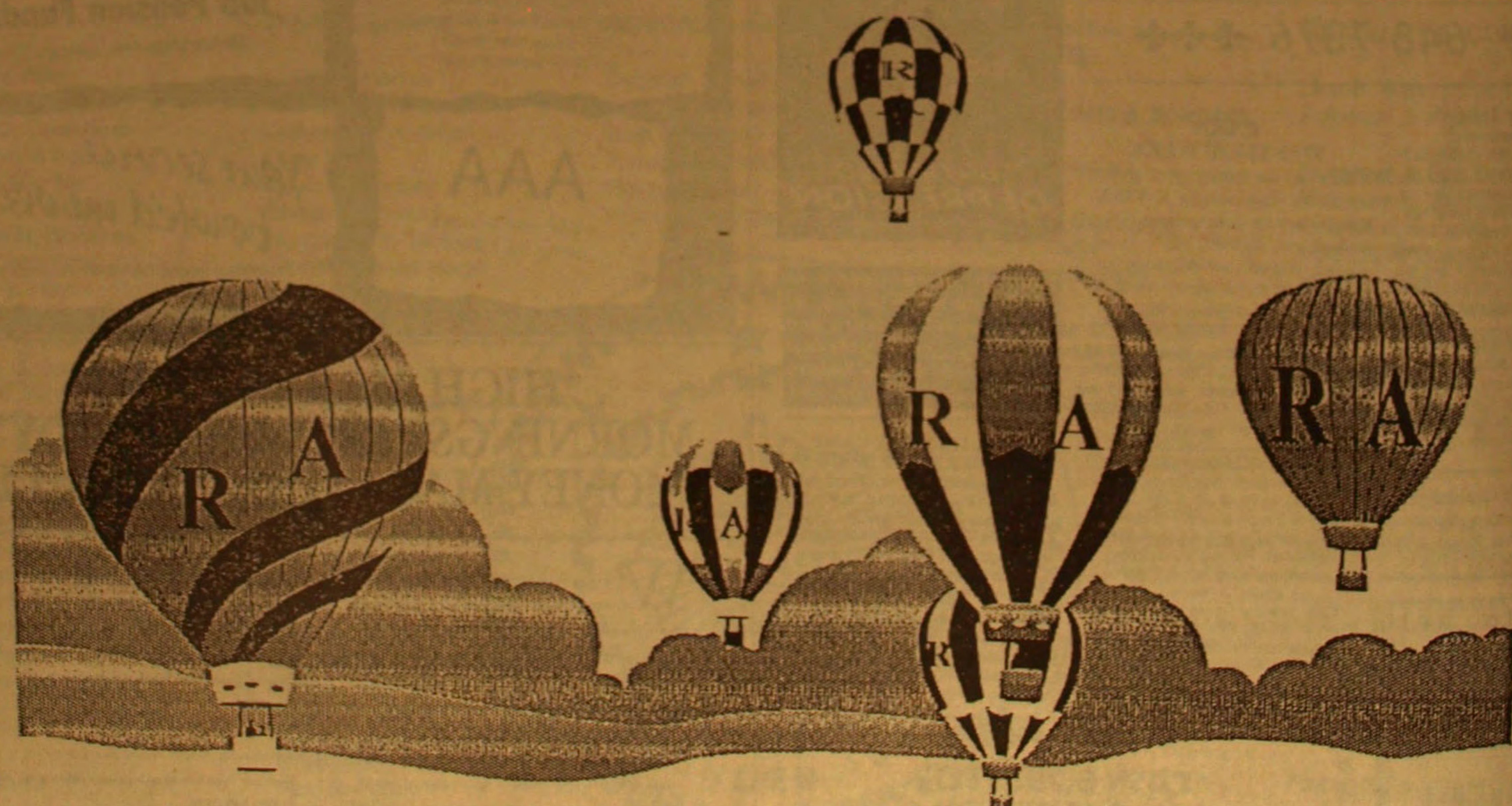
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