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APSU's department of social work and the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will co-host a forum on Nov. 30 titled "Is Pornography Harmful?" The forum is free and open to the public and is slated for 7-9 p.m. in the Clement Auditorium. Forum guests are George Barret, Nashville attorney; Dr. Jennings Bryant, professor of communication and holder of the Ronald Reagan Chair of Broadcasting at the University of Alabama; Vennie Evans, guidance counselor at Clarksville's Woodlawn Elementary School; Dr. Victor Pestrak, Hendersonville psychologist; State Sen. Carol Rice of Clarksville; and Terry Smith, owner of Southern Secrets, Clarksville.

APSU's Center for the Creative Arts and AP Playhouse present *The Servant of Two Masters* Nov. 30-Dec. 4 in the Trahern Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and will be on sale at the theatre box office beginning Nov. 21. Box office hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and 2-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. All seats are reserved.

Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish Honor Society is holding its first annual Fall Chili Cook-off. The event is scheduled for Dec. 7 in the UC Ball room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A donation of \$2 at the door will be appreciated. All entries must be in the ballroom by 10:30. The entry fee is \$10. For more information, contact David Fuller at 647-4000 or Amber Parker at 645-6332.

A "Domestic Violence" presentation will be given by Delcia Dillard, director of SafeHouse, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 7-8:30 p.m. in Gentry Auditorium. Kimbrough. Students and the general public are invited. A reception will follow. This event is sponsored by the Women's Exchange Student Organization, and a brief business meeting will follow the talk. For more information call 648-6314.

Students interested in applying for the Japanese Exchange Program can pick up an application from Dr. Alleta Christian, Clement 119, phone 648-7612 or Dr. Sam Fung, International Education Office, Harned 142, phone 648-7175. The deadline is January 25, 1995. APSU is eligible to send two students to Kansai Gaudi University in Osaka, Japan, one semester next year. Students need to have some experience with the Japanese language. Dr. Christian and Dr. Fung will be happy to talk with interested students.

A special two-day festival of music featuring one of America's best loved composers, Charles Ives, will be presented on the Dimensions New Music Series Nov. 28-29 at APSU. Both performances will be at 8 p.m. in the concert theatre of the music/mass communications building. Presented by the APSU department of music and the Center for Creative Arts, the concerts are free and open to the public.

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Rudolph honored at AP memorial service

By JASON GILLIAM
guest writer

Of all the battles that Wilma Rudolph fought and won, she lost the battle to cancer on Saturday, Nov. 12, 1994. Her lightning speed earned her three gold medals in the 1960 Olympic Games and the nickname, the "Black Gazelle."

Most people remember Rudolph as the woman who overcame many obstacles to reach her goals, but some remember her for her endless efforts and good deeds.

A memorial service for this Clarksville native was held on campus in the Clement Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. The title of the service was "Wilma Rudolph: A Celebration of Life."

Among those paying their respects were Mayor Don Trotter, Bob Thompson and Eugene Davis. Austin Peay's president, Dr. Sal D. Rinella, opened the memorial service.

Speaking of the attitude of Rudolph's life, Rinella said, "That perspective comes from joy."

The campus minister for the Baptist Student Center, Jim Alexander, said of the athlete, "Ms. Rudolph's life was all about overcoming."

He summed up her life by stating, "When there is no place to soar, and nowhere to run, there comes a strength in not to fail."

Other remarks on Rudolph's life came from APSU's track and field head coach, Elvis Forde; John Butler, vice president of Academic Affairs, and Robin

Griffith, a member of Austin Peay's Student Government Association.

Their statements on the life of Rudolph were followed by a choral presentation by the Austin Peay Chamber Singers, led by Dr. George Mabry.

Virginia Dowlen, a staff worker for custodial services and long-time friend of Rudolph, reminisced on their high school track days.

Dowlen was followed by A.J. Stovall, political science professor and director of the African-American Cultural Center. Stovall said, "a day should be a day to celebrate the life of Wilma Rudolph, because her good deeds, will and legacy will live eternally."

Stovall and other guests spoke of Rudolph's excellence by focusing on her

life outside of the Olympics. They each mentioned her endless efforts with hospitals, and scholarships, her work with children and her contributions to the inner city.

Stovall's comments were followed by APSU's Voices of Triumph, who sang two spirituals dedicated to Rudolph. Rinella made the closing remarks of the service, saying "Austin Peay's motto is 'Excellence by Choice'; Wilma Rudolph is the personification of 'Excellence by Choice'."

Wilma Rudolph was an inspiration to everyone that knew her. She showed people that perseverance and hard work really do pay off. Rudolph reached the final leg of her race on Nov. 12, 1994.

Taco Bell corporation settles with family of one employee murdered in January slaying

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
news editor

One employee killed in the Taco Bell robbery last January will leave her family with \$186,120 in worker's compensation benefits over the next 20 years.

The restaurant chain and its insurance company agreed last Thursday to pay Angela Wyatt's husband and children \$30,000 immediately and \$305 a month for the next 15 years.

Each of the children will also receive a total of \$50,000 when they turn 21 and \$50,000 when they turn 25.

Tennessee workers' compensation sets a 400 week limit on the time that benefits can be paid, but Taco Bell agreed to a longer period of payments for the victim's family.

Wyatt was one of four Taco

Bell employees who were murdered early one morning last January.

Courtney B. Matthews, a former Fort Campbell soldier and a Taco Bell part-time employee, was arrested on Jan. 20, and charged with the four murders.

Matthews is still awaiting trial for the murders, and many students at Austin Peay remember the incident vividly.

The students also have their opinions as to whether or not the \$186,120 is a fair amount to award to Wyatt's family.

Christy James, a sophomore, thinks that amount is too little. She recalls an incident where a woman burned her tongue on hot coffee at a fast food restaurant and received over a million dollars for the pain. "I can't believe that Taco Bell is only giving a \$186,120 for these people's lives. That's like saying life doesn't mean anything," she

said.

But Natalie Frierson, a freshman, disagrees. Frierson was not a student at Austin Peay at the time of the murders, but she remembers it. She thought the amount was a good one because "it's not like it's Taco Bell's fault completely," she said. "It might not make up for what happened, but at least it shows that Taco Bell is trying to do something for them," Frierson said.

Kacey Bowman, a junior, thinks that the family should not have settled out of court. "If I go to court and that is the monetary amount that the judge sets, then that is fine, but they are fighting for no purpose, really," Bowman said.

A common question among most students is what are they going to do for the other victims' family members?

Joe Valdez, a junior, thinks that the settlement was a good one.



but "If they are going to do it for one, then they need to do it for all of the victims' families," he said.

"No amount of money will replace your relatives, but Taco Bell has been very generous, because lots of people all over the country get shot every day and their families don't receive anything," Valdez said.

Eric Embry, also a junior, agrees with Valdez. "Giving the families money is not going to bring the victims back; it's not Taco Bell's fault that they died," he said.

Since the slayings, Taco Bell has installed security cameras and a guard was present in the store for a period of time after the murders.

Former quarterback faces assault charges

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
news editor

Austin Peay's former starting quarterback, Charles Anthony Lee, is facing charges of aggravated assault by APSU Campus Police after allegedly striking graduate assistant tight end coach Chris Keylon on the practice field Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Keylon was taken to Clarksville Memorial Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery for broken teeth and a fractured jaw.

According to police reports, Keylon and Lee had a verbal exchange on the field before the altercation, and The Leaf-Chronicle reported that Keylon questioned

Lee's use of profanity, which was apparently directed at quarterback coach David Armstrong.

The Leaf-Chronicle also reported that Keylon had told Lee to keep quiet and Lee questioned his authority and then hit Keylon in the jaw.

Armstrong stated in the warrant that that Keylon made "no offensive or aggressive actions toward the defendant."

APSU head coach Roy Gregory reportedly dismissed Keylon from the team immediately and had his staff clean out Lee's locker.

However, reports also indicate that a third party, not affiliated with the university, was responsible for reporting the assault to campus police hours after the event took place and Keylon had already been taken for

treatment.

Lee is originally from Oklahoma City, Okla., but transferred to APSU this fall as a junior from Shasta Community College in Redding, Calif. Lee's official residence is listed in Redding.

APSU Public Affairs Director Dennie Burke, in a statement released by the university last week, said, "We at the university regret the incident-- for both Assistant Coach Keylon and Anthony Lee. Our deepest concerns go to Keylon and his family. We will monitor his progress and are hopeful he will have a good recuperation and a quick recovery."

As of press time Tuesday, Lee had not been located. Campus Police Officer Steve Warren is heading the investigation. Lee's bail has been set at \$10,000.



Cast members of the new AP Playhouse production, "Servant of Two Masters" rehearse in preparation for next week's opening performance. From left to right, E.J. Jensen, Wendi Spanogians, Benny Jones and Eddie J. Nichols. Tickets for the show went on sale Monday and can be purchased at the Theatre Box Office. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Spring Semester Deadline for Registration

Regular registration and fee payment scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10!!

Registration is according to the following timetable:

10-10:30 a.m.	E-G
10:30- 11	H-J
11- 11:30	K-L
11:30- noon	M-O
noon- 12:30 p.m.	P-R
12:30- 1 p.m.	S
1- 1:30 p.m.	T-V
1:30- 2	W-Z
2- 2:30	A-B
2:30-3	C-D
3- 3:30	Open

Features

Flowers presents stories with mind, body and soul

By LEONA CHICK
guest writer

The most recent presentation in the Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by the APSU Center for Creative Arts, was held Nov. 15 in the Gentry Auditorium. Arthur Flowers used excerpts from his novels "Another Good Loving Blues" and "De Mojo Blues" for the reading, but seemed to need them only as proof to the audience that his smooth presentation was actually from printed material. He encouraged the audience not to forget this fact when it came to book buying and signing.

It is obvious after seeing Flowers read and perform—it was a performance of soul, body, and mind—that he enjoys telling his stories. His voice carries the flavor of Memphis and of proud ancient roots as he combines the African oral tradition of storytelling with modern "bluesman" stories.

Flowers' efforts at keeping traditions alive spun a magical web for the audience, who were delighted at how he wove instrumental music with word music. Throughout the reading his voice rose from levels of speaking into the resonance of song with

the aid of both traditional African instruments and a harmonica to accent his Memphis blues beat.

Chuck Emery of the Clarksville band The Funky Jazz Beavers played his dobro as Flowers read the story of a dying blues guitarist. This collaborative improvisation worked well, adding an enchanting sound to an already beautiful performance.

In his afternoon, lecture Flowers said when he was younger, he looked to "black power" organizations for his own personal sense of power. Later in life he turned to the use of words as his source of strength.

Flowers now lives in New York, and says that "those folks up there" appreciate his Southern drawl and love to hear him use it in stories. Southerners tend to take such things—accents and stories—for granted, and instead should take great pride in their storytelling heritage.

Flowers gave his stories life with both words and music on his visit to APSU, and is currently working on a new book to continue his own version of the oral tradition.



Writer Arthur Flowers performs excerpts from his novels, "Another Good Loving Blues," and "De Mojo Blues" in Gentry Auditorium Nov. 15. Flowers was sponsored by the Visiting Writers and Speakers Committee. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Sports Briefs

Basketball

The Austin Peay State University men's and women's basketball teams eye the 1994-95 campaign, as both squads wrapped up the exhibition season Saturday evening.

The Lady Governors will open at home Saturday night when Martin Methodist of Pulaski, Tenn., visits Clarksville for a 7 p.m. contest.

The Governors will face a stern test in their opener Saturday, as they travel to national powerhouse Cincinnati, which enters the season ranked No. 12 in the nation.

Both teams feel they have learned from the exhibition season.

"The exhibition season helped us out a lot," said Cole Casbon, one of the Govs' starting guards. "The

most important thing is that we learned how to win. You always want to win your exhibition games and get off on the right foot."

"The exhibition games showed us that we have some things to work on," said Georgie Vaughn, the Lady Governors' senior sharpshooter. "We have to get more physical, because we really got beat up on Saturday. But we're looking forward to the season. We think it's going to be a big turnaround from years past."

Volleyball

The Austin Peay State University volleyball team ended its season Friday with a five-set loss to Eastern Kentucky in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at the

Murphy Athletic Center in Murfreesboro.

The Lady Governors, swept by the Lady Colonels during the regular season, continued their habit of not playing a strong fifth set, as Eastern downed Austin Peay 12-15, 15-9, 15-11, 10-15, 2-15.

A bright spot for APSU was the play of sophomore setter Vann Austin, who recorded 50 assists.

Suzanne Parker tallied 20 kills for the squad, and Andrea Miller totaled 35 digs.

The Lady Governors finished the season with an overall record of 15-17.

Football

Austin Peay State University defeated UT-Martin 27-21, mercifully ending a torrid season Saturday in Martin.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak, but more importantly (or disappointingly), the Peay continued its trend of losing seasons.

The win was bittersweet for Coach Roy Gregory. Amid a week of total turmoil, when quarterback Anthony Lee slugged assistant coach Chris Keyton, the win ended the season on a positive note.

The Govs blocked three punts in the game, on a great day for their special teams unit.

"Our pride team (punt block team) did a tremendous job," said Coach Gregory. "We practice every day blocking punts. That was just a great job by our specialty teams."

Martin jumped on top first when Pacer quarterback Charles Gamble scampered in from 17 yards out in the first quarter.

APSU marched right back, scoring on fullback John McDuffie's 1-yard blast, as David Young tacked on the extra point.

The Govs added 17 more points to take a commanding 24-14 lead at halftime.

With the Govs leading 27-21 with a little over a minute left in the contest, Martin looked for it all

in one play as Gamble launched "Hail Mary," but cornerback Kirby Pointer intercepted the pass to preserve the win.

James Lloyd, playing in his final game as a Governor, had a blocked punt and a fumble recovery on the

day. He also received a lateral from teammate Dennis Friendly, after Friendly stripped the ball from

Martin receiver Jason Johnson. Jessie Smith and Jacob Dickson both had 57 yards to lead the Govs in rushing.

Quarterback Daniel Williams hooked up with running back Chris Horton for the Govs only score through the air.

The Governors ended the season with a record of 4-7.

Flag Football

Playing half of the tournament with the minimum seven players, Austin Peay finished fourth in the "King of the Bluegrass" flag football tournament on the campus of the University of Kentucky this weekend.

The team spent most of the weekend fighting its way out of the loser's bracket after a loss in the second round to the UK intramural champion Saturday afternoon. The team would get revenge on Sunday, though, with a 19-1 triumph.

The team played with only seven players on Saturday, but added an eighth for Sunday's action to finish the double elimination tournament with a record of 6-2.

Those participating were Scott Beasley, Ray Johnson, Robert Nash, John Palmer, James Rucker, Byron Shive, Rob Silvers and Jeff Wright.



Varsity cheerleaders Scott Chapin (bottom left), Brian Brown, Kristie Kelley (airborne left) and Tika Wilburn practice stunting in preparation for the upcoming men's basketball season. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

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African-American relationships lacking communication

By
CHAKA
FERGUSON
asst. sports
editor

There are many African-American women on college campuses who feel that they are being done a disservice by their male counterparts.

These women who feel this mounting anguish are starting to vindicate their anger in many ways, some which are not the most sensible.

However justified black women on college campuses around the country are, the old adage that black men are familiaris (dogs) family will not solve anything.

First of all, this is not true. All black men (or any other group of men) are not dogs. There are many who have not bought into these vicious stereotypes and are serious about relationships.

Though what many of these women are feeling are legitimate grievances, (that black men in college for these purposes are refusing to stand up and be men), both sexes need to communicate more productively if anything worthwhile is to take place.

Black women must ask themselves, "If black men are not successfully fulfilling their roles in relationships, then

why? Why are these men acting in such a manner? Is it something inherited or learned? And if it is learned, who taught them this behavior?"

A critical analysis of why black men and women treat others the way they do is needed.

These issues have not arisen in contemporary relationships, nonetheless. They have deeper roots coming out of 400 years of slavery and oppression. Societal constraints, which have purposely been put into effect for the sole reason of keeping black men at bay, play a role in this conflict also.

To mention these is to begin to construct a logical hypothesis, vis-a-vis black male/female relationships on the college campus.

Furthermore, it should be noted that these reasons are not to be used as excuses because at some point the individual must take responsibility for what he or she has done. Society at large does shoulder a large part of the burden when it comes to some of the misfortunes there are between black men and women; but black men have to stand and be accounted for and black women have to realize that some of the responsibility is theirs to shoulder also.

To be frank, true love and dedication no longer exist in

most African-American relationships. This is the fault of both men and women. Black men who fall into that stereotypical mind-set of player this and player that are no more than grown boys. This mind-set has been very destructive in the context of harmonious relationships.

Obviously, there are those who are not looking for those types of things—love, appreciation, dedication—and wish to continue in their childlike ways. But these people soon get what they deserve. "For if ye seeketh not...nothing shall ye find in return."

The way that African-American men on college campuses have ravaged their own sisters shows lack of maturity in that sector. Somewhere along the line these men have to realize that what they are doing is not helping to advance the race at all.

Those of this segment who feel that this is an attack on themselves are the ones who are primarily at fault. They must leave their foolish egos to the side and drop that westernized machoism which has been something learned to their own detriment.

Black women can't get off the hook that easy either. As previously mentioned, they have to burden some of this problem also.

Many of these women who have lost faith in men settle

for anything just for the sake of doing it. It is quite interesting that a lot of the behavior that these women find unattractive in males, they are taking up themselves. Many women have given up on true sincerity and are focusing on capitalization. In other words, what am I getting out of this?

The breakdown in communication has had an adverse effect on black male/female relationships at colleges and universities around the country. Undoubtedly, the women do have the power to at least start some kind of negotiation by simply withholding what these men want most. This of course, is left up to the reader to decide, but evidently it is the obvious.

However blunt this may sound in theory, or even more simplistic in practice, it can be highly effective. African-American women must no longer let their men run all over them. Black men must get a backbone and start having mature relationships with the opposite sex.

Everyone may not be ready to make a serious commitment at the age of 21 or even 41, but the little boy and girl games must be left out. That player, gangster mentality must be laid to rest as soon as possible. With domestic violence rising in this country, it is essential that the communication links be established.

Letters to the Editor

Student disturbed at quote in newspaper

Dear Editor,
When a journalist writes an article promoting an institution or a program of that institution and spends some time interviewing a knowledgeable source for a reassuring quote, it would seem appropriate to choose something significant and worthwhile from this conversation to report.

Who am I to say? I'm no journalist, but I am quite knowledgeable about the Study Abroad Program in Mexico. In the Nov. 16 issue of The All-State, I was quoted as saying, "All you do is sit on a bench or something and speak Spanish."

Now, I will be the first to admit that in any given 30-minute interval I am likely to say something that is or sounds pretty stupid. However, I will usually make three good comments for every bad one.

I must clarify some things for the sake of the program. Sitting on a bench or something? I assure you this is not all that you do for a month in Mexico.

The conversation classes are held outside in one of the school's beautiful courtyards where students get in groups of five or less and converse, in Spanish, about various topics like crime, pollution, technology, education, poverty, etc. These sessions are facilitated by Mexican students who are studying in local universities. They are truly nice people whom I made friends with. They go out on weekends together and are always happy to welcome others willing to go along with them.

The grammar you learn in class will only help you if you use it, and you won't do that by spending time with your buddies from APSU. A Study Abroad program in any country can be a beautiful experience if you make it. Sure, it will be different, not like home, and there will be inconveniences and frustrations, but hang in there and be sure to smile and laugh—it's only 30 days of your life.

If these things get too bad, just sit on the bench and talk to yourself in Spanish, someone will notice your

agony and ask if they can help.
David Fuller

Non-voter angered with recent election

Dear Editor,

This is my first election year and I am not voting. Oh, no, I am definitely not apathetic; it's just that I am very angry with the way this election business is done. I have a pretty good idea of who is running in the election, but what upsets me is most is that I have no idea what anyone stands for.

Most of what I see on television is nothing but mudslinging. In fact, I think that is the only thing I see. I could go to the library and read a newspaper to learn about the candidates, but the newspaper shelves are so disorganized: different sections and different dates are just stacked on top of each other, and today's or yesterday's papers are nowhere to be found.

I could go and listen to the candidates speak, but I get the lies and the political jargon confused with each other.

Political elections always discourage me. I really don't care who got into what kind of trouble. In fact, if a candidate does nothing but point his or her finger at their opponents and tells hardly anything about themselves and what they can do for us, then I do not think that person is worth voting for. Unfortunately, it seems that almost everyone fits into that category.

I know the consequences of not voting: it's like unknowingly choosing the worst person for the job. Also, it's like the old saying goes, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." However, with the bad reputation politicians have today, it all comes down to a blurry contest to choose the lesser of two evils and keeping the worse evils out. Voting no longer seems to be "our dearest privilege as Americans" (All-State 10/26/94). Today, it's more like a chore.

Julie Warick

Austin Peay alum wants new cheer

Dear Editor,

During my 38-year career as a manager with Bell South in various engineering departments throughout the southern and southeastern states, I was always extremely proud to announce at the many meetings I attended that I was a graduate of Austin Peay State University. Of course, I will always love and be loyal to APSU until I die.

In one meeting in Los Angeles, Calif., after proudly stating that I graduated from APSU, a top executive from Illinois Bell said, "Is that the school who does the cheer—The Fly is Open, Let's Go Peay." Needless to say, all the other congresses laughed so vigorously it embarrassed me beyond explanation.

Everywhere I go, the current cheer "Let's Go Peay" and the jersey logo "Let's Go Peay" bring a laugh and the comment, "Ed, your university can't be serious! Surely that's not your cheer at all the contests—football, basketball, volleyball, etc."

Unfortunately, this embarrassing yell is used, and, in my opinion, it is not only low class, but degrading to our great university. Sadly, it is also degrading to our great Governor from Clarksville, Austin Peay, not to mention the embarrassment this low class cheer brings to the prominent Peay family.

This is an appeal to our students and administration to use the following cheer: "Let's go—Austin Peay!"

Thank you for printing this letter, and I hope and pray an appropriate yell will be substituted for the low-class and embarrassing yell, "Let's Go Peay."

Coach Ed Kulakowski

P.S. Your article concerning football's Wishbone offense was very untimely and inappropriate. In my opinion, our university newspaper displayed a lack of support. It would have been wiser and showed more class if you printed your negative article after the football season ended—a wait of just two short weeks!

Reader says paper advocates gay life

Dear Editor,

I have perused several editions of the weekly APSU newspaper, "The All State," and note the prominence of certain ideas which need to be challenged, one of those is the advocacy of "gay" rights. As one considers lifestyles and sexual practices, I would like to make three points:

First, the human body is a masterpiece of consummate design. This can be illustrated by a multiphase screening test, frequently performed by industry to maintain health and wellness of employees. The test reflects 33 biochemical tolerances which maintain the health of the human body. This could not possibly be the product of random chance. Rather they reflect a supernaturally wise creator. As one contemplates gender, the human organism comes in two gender forms, male and female. When properly joined together in coitus, the result is offspring as well as pleasure. This design of gender differentiation is prima-facie or to put it simply, this is why we have been endowed with our specific sexes.

Secondly, from a sociological standpoint, the gay lifestyle is sterile. It makes no positive contribution to

society in perpetuating family life which is the ultimate goal and basis of solid social and community life. It has no lasting sociological value as a lifestyle.

Thirdly, the term "gay" is an euphemism for a sodomite. This sexual deviation is memorialized for all time in God's judgment upon the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah recorded in the Old Testament in Genesis, Chapter 19.

This lifestyle is abhorrent to the Judeo-Christian tradition. The law of God recorded in the Old Testament states: "No man is to have sexual relations with another man; God hates that." (Leviticus 18:22 TEV). This practice is also condemned in the New Testament.

The apostle Paul wrote, "...God has given them over to shameful passions. Even the women pervert the natural use of their sex by unnatural acts. In the same way the men give up natural sexual relations with women and burn with passion for each other, and as a result they bring upon themselves the punishment they deserve for their wrong doing." (Romans 1:26-27)

I personally believe that the terrible scourge of AIDS is essentially a divine judgment upon this deviant lifestyle which God hates. Sin against a Holy God has consequences, "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23). Our universe is a moral universe and governed by inexorable physical and moral laws. For example, if one flouts the law of gravity by jumping off a cliff, this law will meet him at the bottom.

God's design for mankind expressed at the creation is, "So God created human beings, making them to be like Himself. He created them male and female, blessed them and said, 'Have many children, so that

your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control.'" (Genesis 1:27-28 TEV) Heterosexual reproduction is the design of human sexuality.

This expressed biological design is frustrated by the gay lifestyle. If one accepts the evolutionary hypothesis, the argument still holds, because the gay lifestyle is sterile and therefore is unable to pass on acquired characteristics. The latest study on human sexuality reveals that gay rights advocates may have been guilty of fraud in seeking legitimization by affirming 10 percent of the nations population is gay, whereas the gay population may be nearer 1 percent. God designed human beings, male and female to relate to one another. Gay is simply not the way, shut the closet door.

Charles C. Currie

Movie fan disagrees with critic's opinion

Dear Editor,

About the movie review of "Interview With A Vampire." Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but here's mine, this movie was excellent. I pity the person who needs cheap laughs and explicit sexual content to be entertained.

About the review of "Frankenstein." Yes, it is the same old Frank story. It is supposed to be! This movie is the closest ever to the book, and yes it was a book. "It's alive! It's alive!" What else could be said than a direct quote from the book that strikes the perfect emotional response to the scene?

For some reason, "Look, it's not dead any more" just doesn't do a thing for me. Again, I say pity the person who needs cheap laughs and explicit sexual content to be entertained.

Kat Holloway

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