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-Martin L. King Jr.

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The exhibit titled "Material Transformations" opens tonight in the Trahern Gallery. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 5. The exhibit is free and open to the public. An opening reception will be held from 8-9:30 p.m. this evening. Trahern Gallery hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the APSU Art Department at 648-7333.

The Larson Drawing Collection continues on exhibit in Harned Gallery through Feb. 17. The exhibit is presented by the APSU department of art and Center for the Creative Arts and is free and open to the public. The exhibit is available for viewing from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays.

APSU will be a site for voter registration today and tomorrow. Tennessee residents who have not registered to vote may do so from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the UC Lobby. For more information, call Vickie Koelman at 648-5707.

Sculptor, painter and draughtsperson Robert Stackhouse will be part of the visiting artist lecture on Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in Gentry Auditorium.

Lynn Rice will give a piano recital on Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building. She will perform works by Scarlatti, Schubert, Ravel and Scriabin.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Middle Tennessee will be holding epilepsy support group meetings on Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27. The meetings will be held in the Governor's Square Mall Community Room from 5-7 p.m. Anyone with epilepsy along with their families are invited to attend. For more information, call 648-9675.

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African American leadership conference held

By JODI PATRICK
assistant news editor

"African people have suffered for too long under the leadership of outsiders and 'Negroes.' We must start choosing, protecting and supporting persons: leaders that have our (African people's) best interest at heart," said Dr. A.J. Stovall, director of the W.N. Daniel African American Culture Center.

The second annual National African American Student Leadership Conference was held last Friday and Saturday at Austin Peay. The theme for this year's conference was "New Leadership for the 21st Century: Let the Circle Be NOT Broken."

Stovall said the conference, which began in 1984, was established for the "expressed purpose of trying to introduce the students to leadership techniques and skills that would be articulated by scholars from around the country." He added that the conference gives students the opportunity to present papers and talk to other students from around the country about leadership in the African American community.

The Culture Center, the Office of Multi-Ethnic Services, the African American Student Association and the African American Studies Program sponsored the conference. Expenses totaling approximately \$5,000 were paid for by the Culture Center and Multi-Ethnic Services.

Judge John Whitfield, who introduced speaker Steve Cokely, said the students attending the conference should not only listen attentively to what the speakers had to say but also should "act on them because if you fail to do that, you're not only doing yourself a disservice, you're doing your community a disservice."

Cokely, former special assistant to the

mayor of Chicago, spoke on Saturday morning on how it was the African American's duty to overthrow America's government since it consists of a white supremacy. In reference to the American government he said, "It's been a white thing; it's still a white thing." Cokely added, "The top of the black leadership serves the top of the white leadership."

Cokely also spoke about secret societies in American government. "Brother Cokely says that some people in our community who have come forth to be our leaders have actually taken rituals or oaths to secret societies that compel or stop them from being black leaders," Cokely said. Some examples of these secret societies Cokely gave were a military man upholding the Constitution, a Christian Baptist defending the Bible, and a police officer defending the municipal court.

Dr. Leonard Jeffries, chair of the department of black studies at City University of New York, was the final speaker of the conference on Saturday evening. After giving thanks to the "god force of the universe" and his African ancestors, Jeffries speech concentrated on the "domination, destruction and death" of the black man by the Europeans.

Jeffries said, "My philosophy, based upon the study of history and not based upon a personal relationship with one or two white people, is that you cannot trust the white folk, even the good ones, especially the good Christian ones."

Although Jeffries placed much of the blame on the Jews for the domination of the black community, he also said, "We don't want to focus in on the Jewish community, we want to make this a multi-ethnic extravaganza." Jeffries' extravaganza of blame includes Christians, Italians, Spaniards, Catholics, French and others.

Other events highlighting the weekend were speeches by Dr. Julia Hare, executive director of The Black Think Tank in San Francisco, and by Dr. Linda Myers, an associate professor with the departments of black studies, psychology and psychiatry at Ohio State University. Seminars on African American Leadership were also held throughout the weekend. The conference closed with an "African Celebration" with the Jabulani Dancers, and African dance group from Nashville.

Overall, student reactions to the

conference were positive. John Thomas from Valdosta State University in Georgia said, "I think it was an opportunity to get a lot of different ideas of the leadership among the African American community."

Nancy Simone Childress, a political science major from APSU, said, "I think it should have been better advertised, but I think it was really good." She added that "It was a learning experience, but enough people didn't even come out to enjoy it and to pick something from it." Childress also said she wished it had lasted longer.



Dr. Leonard Jeffries, chair of the department of black studies at City University of New York, pours a libation prior to his speech Saturday night. This act, according to African belief, secures the approval and protection of the ancestors. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Jeffries, Cokely spread controversial message

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
news editor

The highlight of last weekend's second annual National African American Student Leadership Conference held at Austin Peay was two speakers whose remarks about the African race as well as other races have sparked great controversy around the country.

Dr. Leonard Jeffries, a black professor at the City University of New York who reportedly made anti-Semitic and anti-white remarks in his classes, and Steve Cokely, a former special assistant to the mayor of Chicago, who also speaks out against governmental white bureaucracy, were two of the featured speakers at the conference.

Jeffries is a tenured professor at CUNY, and he is the chairperson of its Black Studies Program. He was once removed from the chair by the board of trustees of CUNY on July 1, 1992, for his anti-Semitic remarks.

Jeffries has made his views about the

white man clear in his class. He has reportedly said, "If I had my way, I'd wipe them (the white man) off the face of the earth."

On Aug. 19, 1991, The New York Post reported that Jeffries told New Jersey students that he was "sick and tired of having the damn Jews shoving the Holocaust down our throats."

According to The Tennessean, Jeffries has also reportedly accused "rich Jews" of financing the slave trade and conspiring with the Mafia to produce Hollywood movies aimed at the "destruction of black people."

In a speech delivered at Newark's Robert Treat Center, Jeffries compared Jewish people to "skunks." Jeffries said that every white nationality can be represented by an animal. He said that English whites are related to elephants, whites from Holland are like squirrels, and the Jews, he said, are like skunks because they have "stunk up everything."

Jeffries said that he makes hundreds of

speeches and did not remember that one, but said if he did say it, it was all for a laugh.

While discussing the role of the Jews in the African slave trade, Jeffries said, "Let me clarify my views. If they say we are destroying Western civilization, with our proposals, then I say let it happen quickly because Western civilization is nothing more than an institutionalized, sophisticated form of barbarism. Wherever the white man has gone, he has left his three D's: domination, destruction and death. It is for these reasons that we must destroy white supremacy, in order to save the planet."

Cokely, a Louis Farrakan sympathizer and mayoral aid, has also made many anti-Semitic and anti-white remarks.

According to The Leaf-Chronicle, during a speech at the Final Call, the Chicago headquarters of the Nation of Islam, Cokely said the "AIDS epidemic is a result of doctors, especially Jewish doctors, who inject the AIDS virus in black babies." Cokely was fired in 1988 for these accusations.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times, Farrakan, the head of the Nation of Islam, supports Cokely because "Cokely spoke the truth."

Farrakan said, "I know this man Cokely. I know if he said it, he's got the stuff to back it up," and that Jewish leaders are offended because "the truth hurts."

In February 1988, The Minnesota Daily reported that Cokely, in a talk at the Humphrey Institute, stated that "a conspiracy by elites...many of them Jewish...to take over the world threatens black Americans..." Cokely said these elites would "destroy black people." He also suggested that students should "rape the University of Minnesota for information, rape it dry."

According to The Michigan Daily, "Cokely explained that his job is to bring the beast (the white man) out of the cave, because 'you can't fight what you can't see.'" He added that white people hate blacks because the latter are direct descendants of God."

History club sponsors national standards debate

By MELINDA BAYLESS
staff writer

A history debate will be held on campus involving several Austin Peay students on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium. The debate will consist of the argument over whether students should learn "politically correct" or "traditional" history. The proposed national standards were created under the Federal Government's Goals 2000 plan in collaboration with the National Council for History Standards.

"I think as professors we see National Standards as probably a worthwhile concept for us to pursue," said Dr. Dewey A. Browder, assistant professor of history and APSU adviser to the History Club. The problem is that there's "only so much time in any given student's career."

According to Browder, instructors have to make decisions on what they are going to teach and in that process, teachers have to be selective. The famous

German historian, Von Ranke, laid a basic principle for studying history. It is their task "to find out what really happened."

Dr. Richard P. Gildrie and Dr. Thomas P. Dixon, professors of history, are coaching the traditional standards side of the debate. The students debating on this side are Nick Tooley, Robert Kormelinic, David Stooksbury, Jan Thompson and Catherine Erickson.

According to Gildrie, these national standards are a part of a wide debate. "Unfortunately these standards, which are very serious proposals, are being exploited. We should be able to discuss them in an academic manner," Gildrie said.

According to Gildrie, "In any historical presentation or discussion there's so much that has to be left out." It is up to the professor to decide what needs to be taught.

"It is very important to present these different points of view on the teaching and study of history," Dixon said. "A debate by all

concerned on this very critical subject will promote understanding and appreciation for the diversity of this culture."

The coaches for the national standard are Dr. Betty Joe Wallace and Dr. C. Alvin Hughes, professors of history. The debaters will be Kiezha Smith, Robert Perry, Herman Diaz-Barriga and John T. Maher.

Wallace wants people to understand that this is a "current issue about education and it has broader ramifications than just teaching history."

This is an "issue that affects every school system in the United States," Wallace said.

It will cover a whole spectrum of curriculum and if implemented it may mean extended education for teachers.

Wallace wants people to "leave with as many new questions on the issue as we come in with." The debate should help people understand the new standard.

This debate is "basically designed to call new discussions of knowing and teaching history"

Hughes said. Today in society things are different and we should be "teaching it as it reflects current society" said Hughes.

Duane Finley, president of the History Club, and Erin Batty, vice president, will host the debate. The judges of the debate will be a panel of seven APSU professors. There will be a brief question-and-answer period for the audience following the debate.

Faculty debate coaches Dr. Richard Gildrie, left, and Dr. Alvin Hughes, right, work with two of the students debating on a proposed new method of teaching history in schools.

(Photo courtesy of Public Affairs)



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APSU student killed in accident over break

By JASON GILLIAM
guest writer

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1994, an Austin Peay State University student's life was taken in a car accident near Waverly. Melissa Dawn Wells of Memphis died when the car she was driving skidded off the road. Her death was the result of head injuries sustained after she was thrown from the vehicle.

Wells graduated with honors from Raleigh Egypt High School in Memphis in 1992. While there, she developed a love for music and the piano. After coming to APSU and declaring a major in music, she joined many campus organizations. Among these were: Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Sigma Alpha Iota women's music fraternity, Gamma Beta Phi, an honor society on campus, Foot Foxes, FOCUS, and the African American



Melissa Wells
April 11, 1974-December 27, 1994

Student Association.

A sacred ceremony was held for her and family in Memphis by the AKA sorority. A friend and sorority sister, Natalie Dennis, said of Wells, "She was a beautiful loving person. She was always smiling and had something nice to say to everyone."

Wells is survived by her mother, Brenda Duncan Wells; her father, Walter Wells; three brothers, Shon, Patrick, and Walter Jr.; one sister, Danelle Williams; her nephew, Christopher Williams; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Levera Duncan; and fraternal grandmother, Mrs. Magnolia Wells. She also leaves behind a host of other friends and family.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has set up a scholarship fund in Wells' name for African American women at Raleigh Egypt High School who wish to continue their education.

Second rape this year reported on campus

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
news editor

According to police reports, an Austin Peay student was arrested on charges of rape before Christmas break.

Clayton Shannon Sandlin, 18, was arrested on Dec. 11 after an 18-year-old woman, also an Austin Peay student, filed charges against him.

The woman told police she was raped when she went to his room about 8 p.m. to return a shirt she had borrowed. The woman was reportedly talking with Sandlin in his

College Briefs

from College Press Service

The University of Maryland's Scholarships for African American students are unconstitutional because the scholarship program does not remedy discrimination, a federal appeals panel ruled last week.

University officials argued that

keeping the Benjamin Benneker Scholarship available to only black students was essential to the school's reputation with and enrollment of African-American students. The school did not enroll black students until 1954.

The ruling stems from a 1990 lawsuit filed by Daniel Podberesky,

who sued the school after he said he was denied the Benneker Scholarship because of his race. Podberesky, who is Hispanic, said he had better grades and test scores than all other applicants except for two.

The federal appeals panel overturned a lower court's ruling in favor of the university and ordered

that the school reconsider Podberesky for the Benneker Scholarship.

Although Podberesky has since graduated and now attends the university's medical school, he is seeking money to reimburse himself for college costs after he was denied the scholarship.

This marks the second reported rape this academic year, the other rape occurring in the Sixth Street commuter lot last October.

In that incident, a commuter student left her class about 6:30 p.m., walked across College Street to the Sixth Street parking lot, and encountered a male assailant in the parking lot.

The man reportedly took her to a more secluded corner of the lot, where he sexually assaulted her.

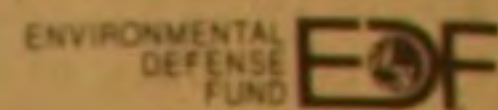
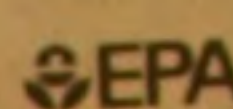
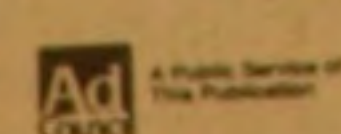
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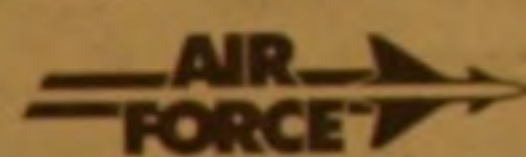
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Editorial

APSU sponsors weekend of civil rights and controversy

Civil rights is an important topic for most students—white, black or "other." But on the eve of the holiday that remembers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the university got an unusual look at the many facets of a very diverse civil rights movement.

The ideals that King represented are indeed worthy of remembrance and respect. But if we are going to try to create a "color-blind society" where a person is judged by the "content of his character" and not the "color of his skin," then The All State says: Let's get on with it.

But to be certain, Austin Peay is not getting on with it. We are stuck in a mindframe that is horrified at truth and realism.

The second annual National African American Student Leadership Conference proved this point quite well. The conference featured a clan of speakers that are not all that different than a Klan of another kind.

Steve Cokely, who addressed the conference Saturday morning, is a former Chicago mayoral aide and an activist. Cokely, who has been known for his assault on Jews, has said that there was an international conspiracy to take over the world and that Jewish doctors were deliberately injecting black children with the AIDS virus.

Leonard Jeffries has been much more outspoken throughout his career. Jeffries once told a crowd that every white nationality can be represented by an animal. He said that English whites were related to elephants, whites from Holland like squirrels, and Jewish people are like skunks because they have "stunk up everything."

And Jeffries lived up to his message Saturday evening when he addressed the conference.

Jeffries continually referred to what he called "the Jewish movie mogules," bashed both Jews and Catholics, and white people of every nationality. Jeffries said, "...you cannot trust the white folk, even the good ones, especially the good Christian ones."

What are we thinking when we pay men to speak on campus that persecute minorities not unlike themselves? Are we trying to shape young minds and mold them into tolerant citizens capable of respecting cultures other than their own?

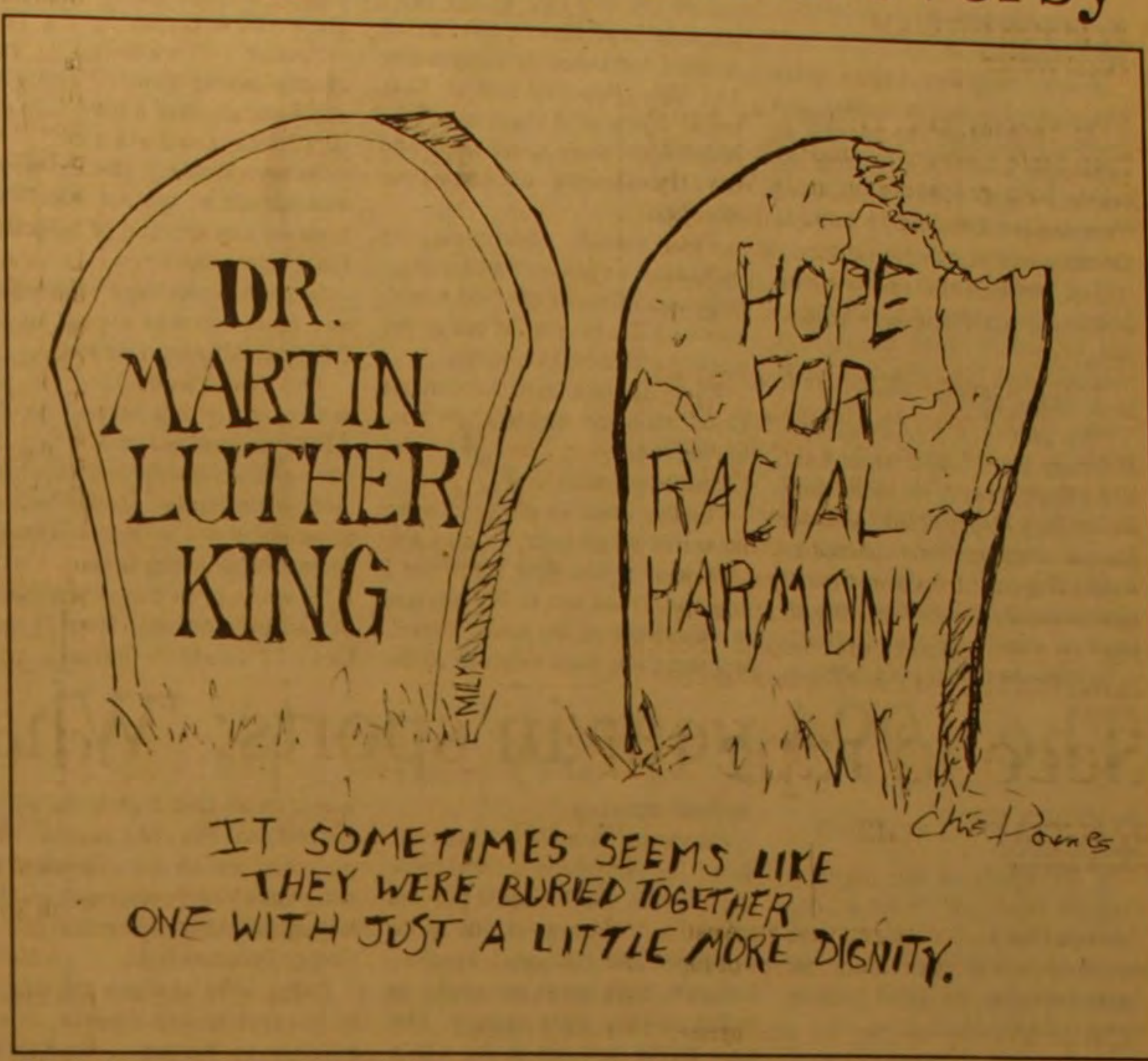
Simply, Austin Peay State University, with the use of tax dollars, subsidized keynote speakers who advertised hate and paranoia that benefited the university in no conceivable fashion.

For his night's work of anti-Semitic remarks, Catholic bashing, and white blame, Jeffries took home the \$2,000 that was doled out by Multi-Ethnic Services.

The All State believes that the university was not very observant during the planning of the conference and that some apologies are in order. A good start would be for the Administration, Multi-Ethnic Services, the African American Culture Center and the African American Student Association to apologize to the Jewish and Catholic communities for the state-funded assault on them.

Multi-Ethnic Services should also re-think its mission. If it was actually intended to be "multi-ethnic," then it would be a department that fought anti-Semitism as well as other forms of racism. But it seems as though ethnicity has been forgotten by this department. Multi-ethnic should mean just what it implies, representative of white, black, Christian, Jew, Muslim, and every nationality and ethnicity.

While we would not stop men like Jeffries and



Cokely from expressing their opinions, as they are rightfully protected under the First Amendment, the fact that we pay for our campus to be inundated with hate speech is more than embarrassing. Funding people like Jeffries so close to Dr. King's birthday is simply despicable, and indicates a complete lack of respect for the man who made the movement what it was.

Ethnicity often hard to label in today's campus melting pot

BY GABRIEL SEGOVIA staff writer

My education at Austin Peay State University has truly been a liberal one. I have seen sit-ins, contested SGA elections, homosexual bashing (and killing), the faculty trading public insults, Sister Souljah, crusading Christians, fraternity disputes and a Mexican election. And even some controversial issues.

But the one main lesson I have learned is that the most interesting topic of discussion at APSU is how people react to the differences of others. I have studied this process during my years here, and combined with my classroom education I believe that I am a better person for my experiences.

Last semester I put this education into action and ran for SGA Senate. My campaign manager (Lynn Fryer) and I came up with the slogan, "Be politically correct...vote for the Aztec-Cherokee-German-Mexican-Spanish-American." After all the attention given to various topics due solely to controversy, I figured people would at least remember my name.

They did, and I was elected. But even though I was being sarcastic about my heritage, it is a very serious matter. My father is the son of Mexican immigrants and my mother is German.

For me this is a good enough description of myself. But for others it is not so simple. Regularly I get asked, "What are you?" When I say that I'm American, they ask from where. After I tell them I've lived in Clarksville my whole life, I have to give them a complete background report of my heritage.

Amongst friends it doesn't really bother me, but when I have to fill out

official papers from APSU it becomes a concern, and sometimes confusing.

The best example of this came at the end of last semester when I took the ACT Comp test. Like other tests I've taken this one had a brief information section prior to the actual test. One of the questions was, "How do you describe yourself? (Mark only one response.)"

While most of the time a person only has to choose between four or five different answers, this test was much more detailed. The possible selections were African-American (Non-Hispanic), Native-American (Hawaiian, Alaskan, Indian), Asian-American/Pacific Islander, Caucasian-American/White (Non-Hispanic), Mexican-American/Latino, Puerto Rican/Cuban/Other Hispanic, Multi-racial, Other, and Prefer Not to Respond.

After reading this question I wasn't sure if they were trying to mess with my mind or not. Even after I read it for a second time I thought it was a trick question because of all the slash marks,

so I skipped it and went to the next one.

While I usually answer "Other" because I don't find any of the choices accurate, I didn't want to waste ten minutes debating on what should be a simple answer. However, this incident once again proved to me how important ethnicity is. In my opinion, it is probably the most controversial social issue facing APSU.

Some may say that it is just being politically correct, but it almost seems like a game to me; a power struggle. I'm just waiting for the time that "they" decide to change to question to read, "How do others describe you?" Now that would get interesting.

But it is possible that I am making to big a deal from an unimportant singular incident. I don't think so, especially considering how much attention APSU gets for inviting and paying a guest speaker to discuss his or her views of the world based on color and religion, but I will allow myself room for error.

One way that whoever is making out

these questions could check themselves is to put one additional selection on future tests. Simply add "American" to the current selections and see how many people choose it over a specific color or nationality.

I understand that for certain and understandable reasons this would probably be impossible, but it is interesting to consider the possibilities.

But before I start sounding too conservative, which I'm not, the reasons that the people at testing centers can not do this is due to programs such as Affirmative Action. They are designed to make sure that minorities are being hired, and the only way to do this is through specific questioning.

That is why I was glad to read the 1993-1994 APSU Fact Book. It has all sorts of statistics in it, and after studying it I found some of them to be quite revealing. In the next issue of The All State I will discuss my findings.

Letters to the Editor

Prisoner requests correspondence

Dear Editor

It is said that the court of last resort is to the people. I firmly believe that, and that is the reason why I'm writing this letter to you.

I'm imprisoned at the Wabash Valley Correctional Institution at Carlisle, Indiana. I have been incarcerated for six (6) years, for a mistake that I made when I was young and have forfeited years out of my life for it. Years that could have been devoted to finding my place in a society that I refuse to believe would turn away from me, when it can be seen that I'm taking a step in the right direction.

I have learned one hard lesson during my stay here, the loss of my freedom is the most devastating experience I have endured. When one has lost his/her freedom, one has lost everything. Loneliness is not a stranger here, it can become a constant companion or a state of depression, but I will not allow myself to become just another statistic filed away in some dusty file cabinet, which is my basic reason for writing this letter.

If you have ever felt the pain and emptiness of loneliness before in your life, then my plea for a friend you will surely understand. Hopefully someone will feel compelled enough to respond to my present situation.

I am indigent, without the funds to have an ad placed, but I hope you will find it in your heart to allow me this chance of finding a possible

friend.

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Student concerned at speakers' remarks

Dear Editor

I'd like to express concern regarding the African American Culture Center's choice of Dr. Leonard Jeffries, and Mr. Steve Cokely as two of four keynote speakers for their Student Leadership Conference.

The strong racist remarks previously made by both these men, as reported in the Sunday, January 8, 1995 issue of the Leaf-Chronicle, show them to be blatant promoters of further hatred and fear among the people of our country. The negativity that these two traits bear will only cause the downfall of a leadership NOT perpetuate its strength. I believe that to wantonly stand these men before our students as positive examples is to do a disservice to all of us at Austin Peay. To even welcome, not alone invite, anyone who bears such hatred for others would be a slap in the face to everyone connected with what is supposed to be an institution of HIGHER education.

For the future, I can only hope that our Administration will consider the well-being of all students and lend focus to their promising futures before giving its stamp of approval regarding such matters.

Cheryl Gamble

Organization thanks fraternity for service

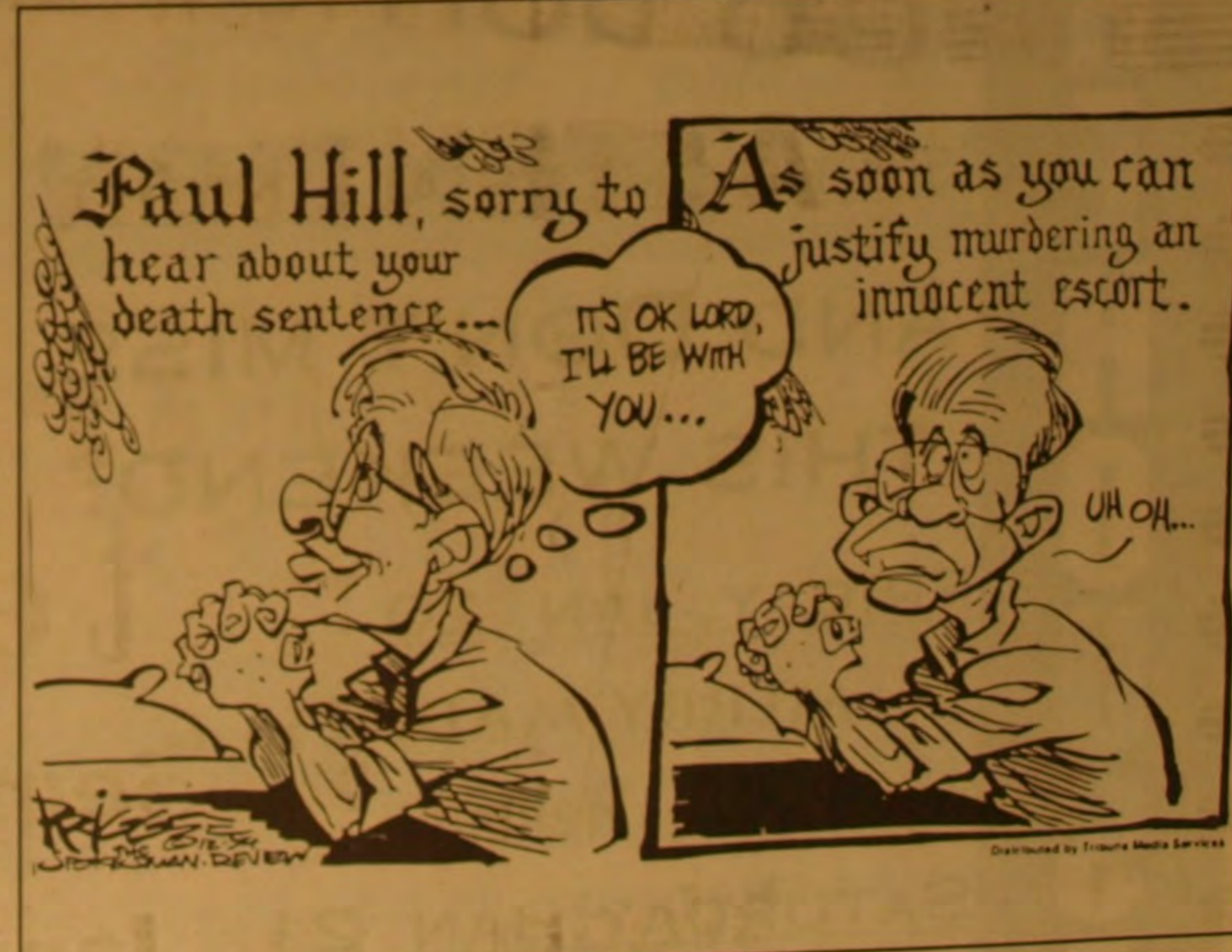
Dear Editor

Sometimes it gets difficult to see the sunshine through the fog of crime and unfortunate events we read in the newspaper and hear on the news. For Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Clarksville, our rays of flowing light came in the form of the Brothers of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Austin Peay State University. This fraternity volunteered its members and time to assist our staff in a Halloween Activity at Clarksville Gardens in October. They not only lead in the singing of "Halloween Carols" on the hayride but also interacted one-on-one with the children in the pumpkin patch.

We were not the only ones impressed with the Kappa Sigmas, a film crew shot footage of the brothers and children together to later be used in a documentary on living in the South. The fraternity continued to help out whenever asked. The most recent occasion was the agency Christmas party on Dec. 10. They not only led the games but brought Santa with them.

These Gentlemen need to be publicly recognized and congratulated for their outstanding efforts and community involvement. We can only hope for more young adults like these who are willing to extend a helping hand to better their community.

Sophia A. Viola
Project Coordinator



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Sandlot follows up state title with ninth-place national finish

By BYRON SHIVE
sports editor

After winning the state championship in November, the Sandlot Boys followed up with an impressive ninth-place finish at the National Flag Football Invitational Tournament Dec. 28-31 in New Orleans.

The squad came within one heartbreaking point of advancing to the heralded Final Eight, but succumbed to North Florida 21-20 in the Sweet 16.

"We feel it is a great success finishing ninth," said Brian Law, quarterback, "but at the same time, we are very disappointed. After we started winning, we expected to keep winning. I think we were disappointed in ourselves. We all know we could have gone farther."

In opening round pool play, in

which the top two of the three teams advance into the tournament, Sandlot dominated its competition. The 'Boys blanked Lamar 20-0, before laying a 33-0 whitewash on Mississippi State to advance into the tournament as the pool champion.

The squad continued its offensive explosion and stingy defensive effort in the first round, knocking Texas A & M out of the tourney with a 31-14 triumph.

Sandlot then sent Southeast Louisiana home with a 32-19 win, before bowing out of the tournament against UNF.

"Losing when we did gives us an incentive to go back," said Law. "We were a first-year team, but I know we could win it. We just had no experience on the national level, and that came back to get us at the

end in a close game. Now, we know what to expect.

"After watching the championship game, I know we could put together a team here and Austin Peay could win it all."

Receiver/safety Darius Willis was named to the All-American team—a feat unheard of by a non-Final Eight qualifier.

Jason Mikulecky, also a safety and receiver, was named to the 2nd-team All-American squad.

The team went 15-4 on the season, finishing second on the APSU campus, before winning the state championship and finishing ninth in the nation. Sandlot was an astonishing 8-1 in the postseason against stellar competition.

"It was a great experience for us to compete on that level," said Law. "I couldn't believe how

serious it (flag football) gets taken down there."

The team almost didn't get to make the trip due to financial problems.

However, Charles Hand, who owns Ideal Distributing in Clarksville, financed the team's trip by paying for lodging, meals, gas and other expenses. He also bought new jerseys, warm-up sweatshirts and shorts.



Members of the Sandlot Boys are: (front row/left to right) Troy Hayes, Anthony Birge, Cedric Armour, Keith Corley and Jimmy Carter. (back row/left to right) David Richardson, Darius Willis, Craig McKissack, Brian Law and Jason Mikulecky.

The 1994 year in sports: 'What a long strange trip it's been!'

By BYRON SHIVE
sports editor

In the spirit of the timeless Grateful Dead tune "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been," the sporting world can only be "grateful" that the 1994 year in sports is finally dead!

In what other year could three of the first five Associated Press Top 10 stories come from the sporting world, though none of them really had anything to do with sports.

Instead of game-winning homeruns or Olympic glory, the sporting world was relegated to talk of murder, greed and assault.

Leading the charge and the tabloid headlines was the story we all are sick of hearing about—O.J.—gate! The former NFL superstar is awaiting trial for the alleged murders of his ex-wife and a friend of hers. We have all had the benefit of the tabloids raking everyone involved in the case through the mud with their "investigative and

in-depth reporting."

Checking in at No. 3 was the good 'ol American past time—greed! Yes, the baseball players union, and then as if not to be outdone, the National Hockey League, both went on strike in order to gain more money. The only bright spot out of the whole scenario was that baseball fans' attention was once again turned to the grass roots of the game—the bush leagues.

And last, but certainly not least, the human soap opera of Nancy and Tanya at No. 5. It was stuff that B-movies were made of, as the conspiracy to knock figure skater Nancy Kerrigan out of the Olympics began to unfold. Alas, though, Kerrigan's rival Tanya Harding was found to be involved and was banned for life from the sport as Kerrigan captured the silver medal at the Olympics and went on to live happily ever after.

In other sporting action, fighting

was at an all-time high in the NBA, the National Brawling League. The playoffs, which are supposed to showcase the best teams in the league, provided more action than a George Foreman fight.

Sadly, 1994 also saw the deaths of several sports figures, most notably Wilma Rudolph, Clarksville's shining star; Neil Bonnett, the lone remaining member of NASCAR's "Alabama Gang;" and Ayrton Senna, Formula One's winningest driver ever; as well as many others. Their accomplishments on and off their fields of battle will never be forgotten.

After years of planning, and weeks of competition, the World Cup final sent sales of No-Doz through the roof, as Brazil and Italy cured insomnia with their scoreless regulation and overtime, before the Brazilians finally won a shootout and mercifully ended the game.

The greatest basketball player

ever to don a jersey was sent to the minors—yes, that Michael guy! If we all had a nickel for everytime we've seen a "Michael Watch" on TV or in the newspaper, we could help out our poor, out-of-work friends in pro baseball and hockey.

The saddest thing about the entire baseball strike is the assault on the record books by such young talents as Frank Thomas, Ken Griffey Jr., Matt Williams, Tony Gwynn and others. The hallowed names of Ruth, Maris, Gehrig and Williams could only smile that their

once-thought unsurpassable records will stand for at least another year.

Jennifer Capriati, once thought to be a bonafide superstar on the women's tennis circuit, succumbed to the pressures of tour play and was arrested on drug charges.

Columbian soccer player Andres Escobar was gunned down in his homeland after accidentally scoring a goal for the United States in the Americans' upset win.

Though played out on Jan. 2, the 1994 college football season finished with two dominating

unbeatens—Nebraska and Penn State. But with no playoff in sight, the Cornhuskers claimed a national championship and Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions once again became an unbeaten second-place squad.

There were bright spots in '94, but they were outshone by their negative counterparts.

It used to be that the world of sports was to be an escape from the dismal conditions of reality.

In keeping with 1994 tradition, that escape from reality went on strike!

Lady Govs heat up early OVC race

By R. SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

After upsetting perennial Ohio Valley Conference powerhouse Tennessee Tech by four points on Jan. 7, the Austin Peay Lady Govs had to face another tough foe in the Lady Raiders of Middle Tennessee State on Jan. 12 at the Dunn Center, before a sparse crowd of 400.

The Lady Raiders opened the scoring with three unanswered points, but freshman Bridgett Robbins answered with a 3-pointer to quickly tie the game at 3.

With the score knotted at 16 after the first 10 minutes of the half, the Lady Governors played sloppy basketball for the next seven minutes, committing costly turnovers (12 in the first half), that allowed the Lady Raiders to score

easy uncontested buckets.

The visitors went on a 21-7 run to make the score 37-23, before freshman Amanda Behrenbrinker scored the next six Lady Gov points to make the score 42-31 at the half.

In the second half, the Lady Govs played much smarter basketball, playing even with the Lady Raiders throughout, but Austin Peay could get no closer than six the rest of the way.

The guests made their free throws down the stretch to ice the game, making the final score 81-71 in favor of Middle Tennessee.

The Lady Govs' poor shooting doomed them throughout the game, shooting only 37 percent from the floor to 43 percent for MTSU. The Lady Govs were paced in scoring and rebounding by Behrenbrinker

with 19 and 17, respectively. Sonja Cox chipped in with 14 points off the bench.

The Lady Governors managed a split in the annual trip to "Death Valley."

Playing two games in two days on the road at perennially tough Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay defeated the Lady Eagles, before dropping a five-point decision to Eastern.

The weekend's results raised the team's OVC mark to an even 2-2 on the season.

The Lady Govs will be off until a Jan. 25 trip to UT-Chattanooga.

The Lady Governors will return home to face Tennessee-Martin Feb. 4, before playing host to defending OVC champion Tennessee State University two days later on the sixth.

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Clinton makes higher education more accessible to students

by MARCO BUSCAGLIA
from College Press Services

WASHINGTON—When President Clinton proposed tax breaks for middle-class families with college students in mid-December, it sounded like good news for the average student.

But while most higher education officials are praising the president for his educational commitment, there has been some recent rumbling about a hidden price that students may eventually pay for the cuts.

"In the last decade, as the cost of college skyrocketed, too many people are being priced out of a fair shot at a high quality education," Clinton said in a radio address on Dec. 17. "If we can't change that, we're at the risk of losing our great American middle class and becoming a two-tiered society with a few successful people at the top, and everyone else struggling below."

To help make higher education more accessible for middle-class Americans, Clinton's Middle Class Bill of Rights features a tax deduction for tuition. Families making less than \$120,000 will be able to deduct up to \$10,000 for money they pay for any post-secondary education, training or retraining.

The president also proposed flexible Individual Retirement Accounts, which would allow families with incomes under \$100,000 a year to put away as much as \$2,000 into an IRA and then withdraw that money tax-free to pay for educational costs.

"These bold ideas will help families gain control over their future and reap the benefits that go along with learning," said Secretary of Education Richard Riley. "We need to invest in our

future, and that future is our children."

Although the rate of increase of tuition and fees at both public and private colleges has slowed, students are still being asked to pay more than ever before for their education.

According to the College Board, the average cost of tuition at a four-year public university is \$2,686 while the average tuition cost at a private institution is \$11,709. As recently as 1987, tuition at public universities averaged approximately \$1,200 while tuition at private schools stood at about \$7,300.

David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said that while he applauds Clinton's efforts to help the middle class get more access to higher education, he is worried that those prospective students whose income falls below middle-class earnings may eventually pay the price.

"These new programs should work in addition to, and not at the expense of, current federal student aid programs—student loans, campus-based aid and Pell Grants—which help our neediest students," Warren said. "Undercutting these programs to fund the Middle Class Tax Bill of Rights would not be in the national interest, and would simply be robbing Peter to pay Paul."

Warren reminded Clinton and other public officials that the more students are able to afford college, the better the outlook for America's future. "Access to higher education not only would improve the lives of all Americans," he said, "but it also keeps our country competitive in the challenging global

economy."

Barmak Nassirian, a policy analyst for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, is also worried about the impact of the proposal on low-income students. "The thrust of the proposal sounds really good, but it could end up hurting the cause," Nassirian said. "The people who have the least opportunity to go to school are getting the least amount of help."

Nassirian also fears that the deduction proposal may actually cause some colleges to raise tuition. "College costs may adjust for deductibility," he said. "If that happens, the people with the highest income will essentially spend what they do now because of their tax rate, but those making the least will see their tuition rise since their rate is much lower. They'll be spending more and not getting as much back."

Brenda Stearns heads Ohio State University's financial aid department. She said she has heard concerns about a possible decrease in financial aid because of the new deductions, but doesn't think it will affect most students. "We take a family's income into consideration, and we use their income tax documents to do it," she said. "But the students who need the help the most should still get it because their family's deductions probably won't be affected that much."

Officials from both the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities say they also are

concerned about how the deductions will be paid for. White House officials say that the tuition deduction will cost \$20.6 billion over five years.

Susan Tanka, vice president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, said Clinton should outline exactly where the cuts will be made before the deductions take effect. "We really need to see details," she said. "Politicians may like to implement tax cuts because it makes them look good, but they need to address the spending cuts first. Otherwise, our problems will keep resurfacing in the future."

Families looking forward to an immediate tax break will have to wait a few years before the tax plan, if passed, fully takes effect. According to Alice Rivlin, Clinton's budget director, the \$10,000 maximum deduction would be in place by the year 2000. The deduction would be \$2,000 in 1996, \$4,000 in 1997, \$6,000 in 1998 and \$8,000 in 1999.

"We can't phase it in faster than we can phase in the spending cuts," Rivlin said.

While Republicans agree with the president on the IRA plan, they differ sharply on college aid. The GOP's Contract with America outlines \$12.4 billion in student aid cuts over five years, while Clinton's tuition deduction plan alone could cost more than \$20 billion.

Students' primary form of financial aid shifted from grants to loans in the 1980s. Because of need-based formulas that relied primarily on family income, lower-income

students were awarded the majority of educational grants while most middle-income students were forced to take out federally funded loans. Today, loans comprise 65 percent of financial aid; grants account for 35 percent. In 1975, those monetary allocations were just the opposite.

"The risk with college tuition is that as the balance shifts more and more towards loans and away from grants, the most disadvantaged students will increasingly look to options other than college," said Donald Stewart, president of the College Board.

Without providing specific details of offering to make more grants available, Republican leaders have targeted student loans for reform. They say they'll save taxpayers more than \$8 billion by eliminating government payments of interest on loans while the borrowing students are still in school.

Madeleine Kunin, U.S. deputy secretary of education, says students would be hurt by the Republican loan proposal.

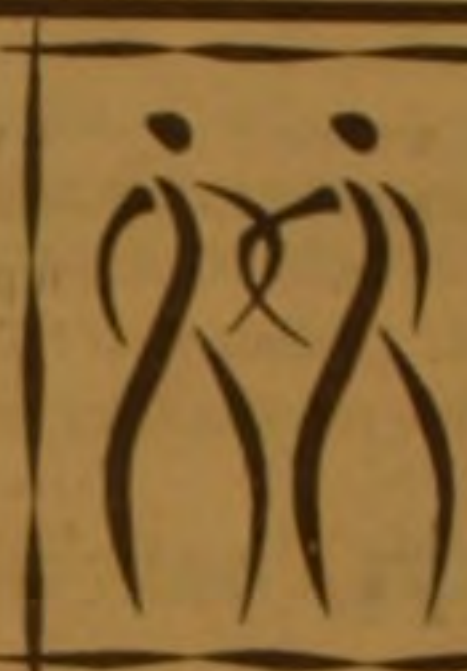
"It would have a significant impact on students," she said, adding that a typical \$5,000 loan would incur an additional \$350 per year if interest is not suspended while that student is in school. "It seems like it would discourage the very students that the loan program was designed to help."

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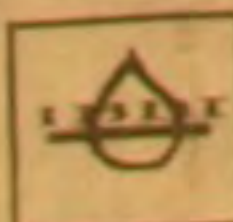
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Dr. MLK's birthday celebrated with speeches and march

By J. Daniel Cloud
features editor
Citizens of Clarksville crowded Mount Olive Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 16, prior to a march commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Several speakers addressed the crowd, speaking on several topics including King's values and quest for justice and matters of concern to local African Americans such as recent injustices.

Marvin Posey, a member of St. John's Baptist Church and one of the speakers, said, "It should not be necessary for an American citizen to have to demonstrate in order to be allowed to stay in a hotel. . . . to be served and respected at a furniture store. . . . or to be waited on while seated in a restaurant."

"We've come this far by faith," Posey said, quoting a popular hymn. "Dr. King realized that even in the bad there can be a good outcome, that through suffering and cross-bearing

African Americans could overcome."

Posey continued, saying that for African Americans to succeed today, "we need a vision. Vision to see above and beyond the majority. Because our parents were visionary we've been led by God to where we are today. Our parents didn't have much, but they did have the grace of God."

Later in his comments Posey decried the materialism that has replaced the quest for peace and purpose in people's lives. He said many people who were not joining the march Monday refused to march because they are seeking inner peace in material things. "If there's no purpose in your life, no peace, you've actually made no progress," said Posey.

Jerry Jerkins, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, said people in Clarksville need to work together when trying to eliminate the injustices directed at blacks.

"When there's a problem of morality in our community we need to work together," Jerkins said, commenting on the lack of white church leaders in the audience. There were quite a few Caucasian people in attendance, a

fact which was noticed and appreciated, but white ministers were conspicuous in their absence.

When asked why she was marching, other than for the obvious purpose of honoring King, APSU junior Anitra Everett said it was an outward demonstration of a decision she has made.

"Marching itself doesn't accomplish a lot," said Everett, "but this is my public announcement that while the march will not make a physical difference, staying in school, making good grades and public involvement do make a difference."

For most involved in the march, it was a chance to reflect on and remember the changes King was working toward before his death, and for many the march became a chance to protest against local, modern injustices.

A few, however, were displeased with this aspect of the march. Jonathan Johnson, an art alumnus of APSU, was not directly involved with the march, but accompanied the other marchers in celebration of the anniversary of King's birth.

Referring to negative



Participants in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration round a corner during a peaceful procession on Monday. The march was a commemoration of King's march on Washington. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

comments made about the Ramada Inn during the procession, Johnson said he didn't feel King would necessarily have supported some of what was said.

"I realize this is a peaceful march like King wanted, but it doesn't seem right to use a celebration of his birth to forward causes he might not have agreed

with, such as the defamation of local businesses."

The march went smoothly, probably due to the urging of the speakers prior to the march, and

was, as Johnson said, peaceful like King would have wanted it. One day, hopefully, King's other desires, for racial harmony and justice, will also be realized.



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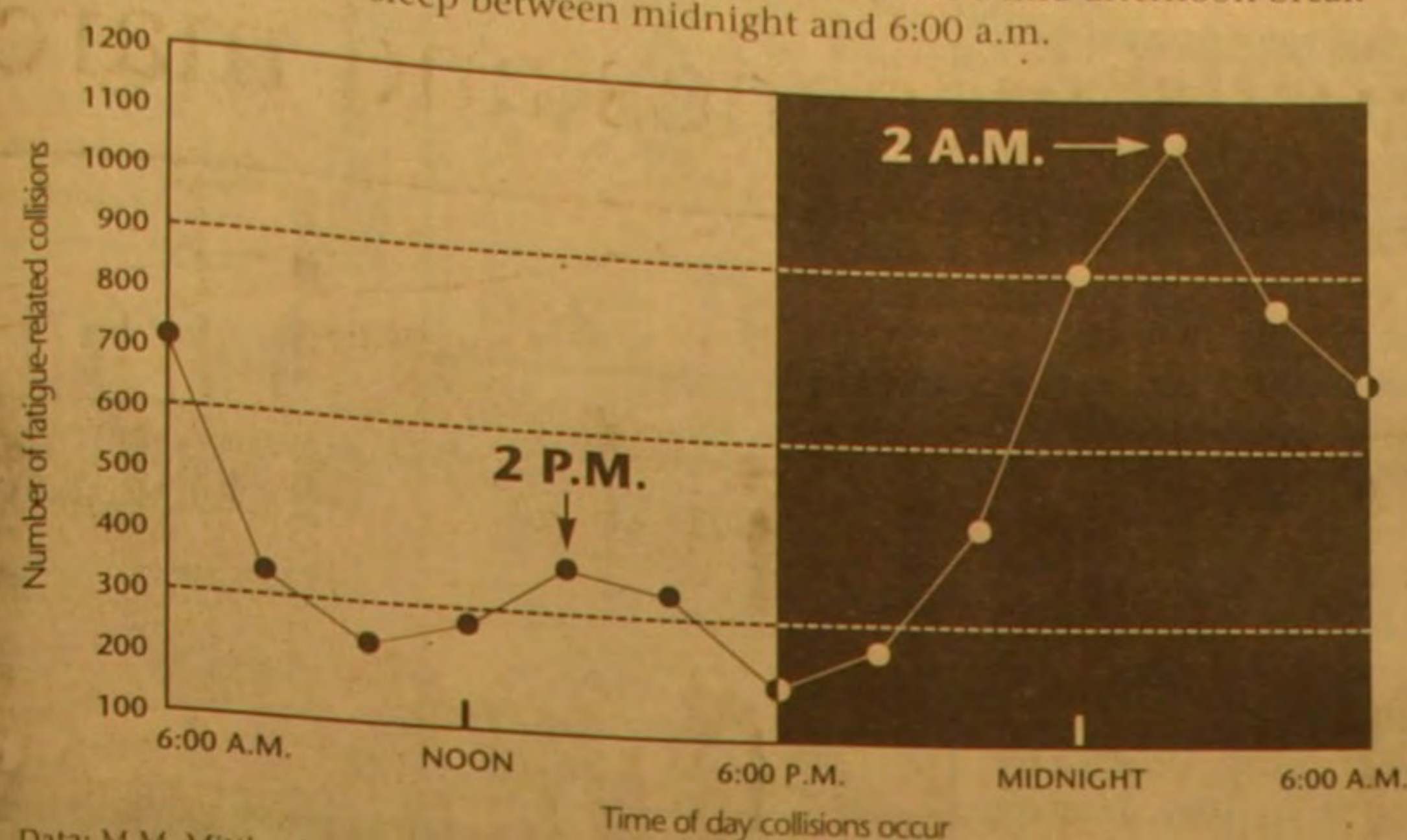
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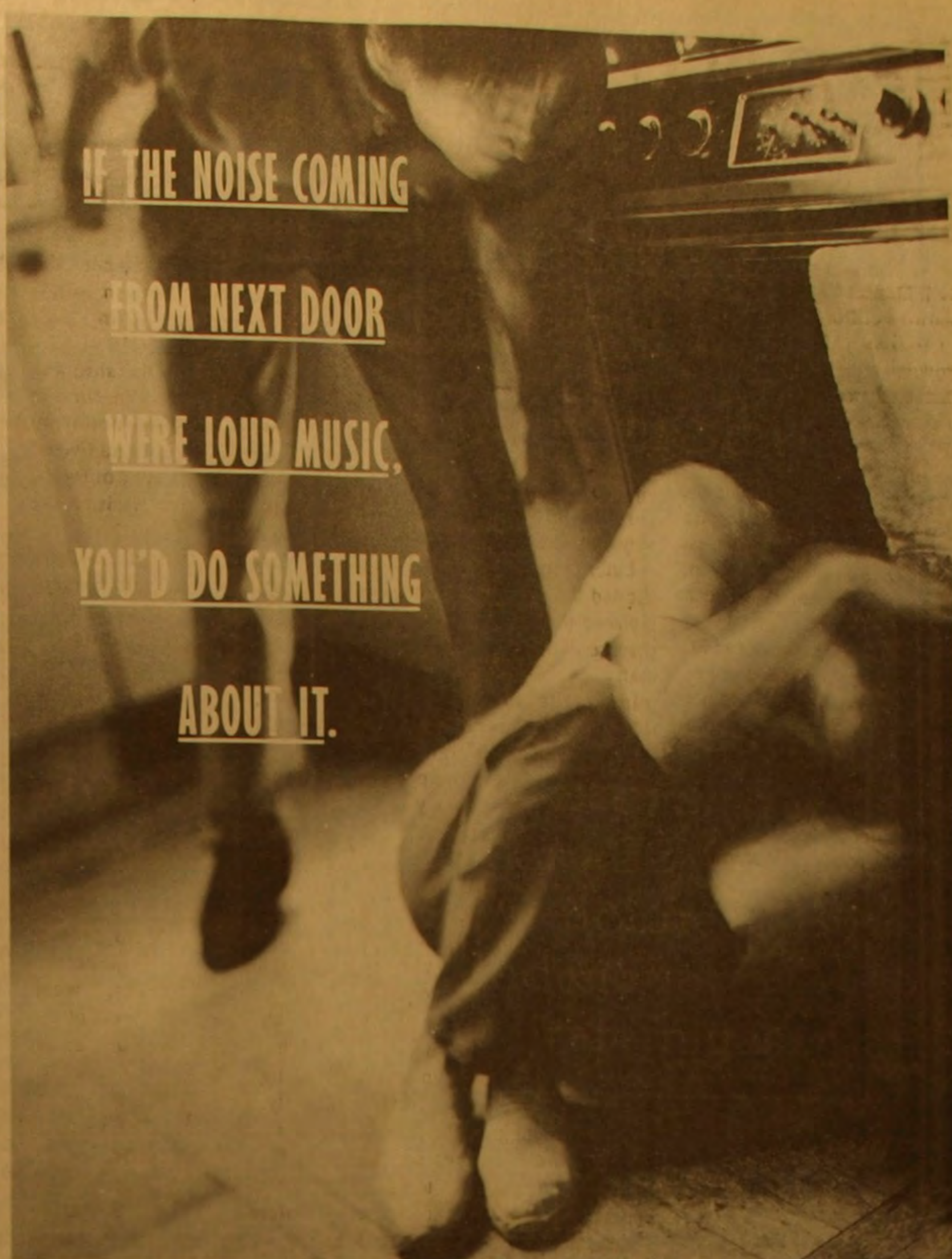
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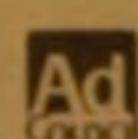
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