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Fire at Martin raises safety questions

By CARINDA BASSO
assistant news editor

"It was about two in the morning when I heard sirens outside my dorm. I looked outside and saw a fire engine rolling down the street. I assumed it was a drill that was being run by the Fire Department because nothing exciting ever happens in Martin," University of Tennessee at Martin sophomore Brian Pickler said.

The third floor of Ellington Hall, on the male end, was on fire. Resident assistants were busy rounding the halls, knocking on doors to wake everyone so they could evacuate on the residence hall.

"From what I understand there was a candle burning in Room F-306, and someone's candle, or someone, caught on fire. Before students knew it, the candle was a full-blown fire and the room was becoming engulfed by flames," Pickler said.

Another student heard that whoever was in the room with the candle had thought that they had put the candle out and had gone to bed, but it had smoldered back into a flame.

Students were rushed to the hospital while the hall was being doused with water in an attempt to distinguish the flames. Flames from Room F-306, in Room F-305, a student named Jong-do Ki, nicknamed Ben, was gasping for fresh air.

According to students, his roommate Nam-Hoon, nicknamed Marbles, had attempted to wake Jong-do Ki but, unsuccessful, he left the room.

Another student reported that Hoon was able to awaken Jong-do Ki. "They went into the bathroom to yell for help, and when no one came they decided to get out. Hoon made it out but Jong-do Ki got scared and turned around," said sophomore Kerri Furr.

Other accounts say that Jong-do Ki had tried to get rid of the smoke by opening the window. Since it was below freezing outside he covered himself to keep from freezing.

"During the investigation, he was found wrapped in his blanket, next to the window, dead and at age 23," Pickler said.

Officials have not released information about the cause of the fire, but the students at Martin believe it was a single candle. It is estimated that the fire caused building damages of \$60,000.

The residents of the third floor have been relocated to another dorm on campus until repairs can be made. Books are being replaced free of charge, and organizations are helping to replace items lost in the fire.

"Another thing that was really nice was the way they opened up the cafeteria and served food and hot drinks, because we had to evacuate the dorms until at least six that morning," Furr said.

A memorial service was held for Jong-do Ki on campus. The university and the community have provided support groups and replaced lost items.

Since the fire, many students have had a "wake up call." Some students have had sleep while others have questioned why an innocent person had to die.

"I just know that it was an experience that I will never forget. For two or three days after that I had problems falling to sleep at night. I can't imagine how it is for those that were in that wing," said a student at Martin.

At Martin there are fire alarms placed in the hallways and smoke detectors in each room. Many times, while sleeping, students are unable to hear the alarm and sleep through the incident.

At Austin Peay all of the fire alarms are tied into one central system. Fire drills allow students to hear what the system sounds like, so they will know in case of an actual fire.

"The biggest struggle that we have is trying to be safe, without trying to restrict what students want," said Joe Mills, director of housing at Austin Peay.

The few restrictions that housing places on students are for safety purposes. Items such as incense and lighted candles are prohibited due to the open flame which produces heat and if left unattended could cause a fire.

Because of the recent fire at Martin, the Residence Hall Association will be reviewing the policies of housing as well as student concerns, to see what changes need to be made.

Austin Peay provides several safety measures for students to ensure their safety, but in the end it is up to the students to determine how safe they will be.

"I feel we have a lot of things but we have to rely on the students to do what is asked of them," said Mills.

Be Safe!

The recent tragedy at Martin is a good example of why students, especially in those in residence halls, should follow rules that are set forth by the Office of Housing and Residence Life. According to Notes for Living, candles may not be burned in students' rooms, the burning of incense is not allowed in residence halls and general items which require the use of flammable liquids or an open flame to operate are not permitted, all because they are fire hazards.

Fire extinguishers are provided on each floor of the residence halls, in Meacham Apartments and in residence hall kitchen areas. They are for the use of fire safety and tampering with the fire safety equipment will result in suspension from university housing and other disciplinary action.

Fire drills are conducted each semester in each residence hall to acquaint residents with the proper evacuation procedures. If residents are being alerted by the fire alarm or the sensation of smoke or fire, they should:

- *** If there is smoke in the room, keep low to the floor.
- *** If you cannot leave the room, open the window.
- *** If you can leave a room, close all doors behind you as you exit.
- *** Go to the nearest exit or stairwell.
- *** If all exists are blocked, go back to your room, open the windows, wave something out of the window and shout for help.
- *** Follow the directions of fire, police and hall person nel.
- *** Remain Calm.

APSU ranked among best for Hispanic student opportunities

By KELLY WILKERSON
news editor

Austin Peay State University has been recognized in a national publication. "The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education" is one of more than 700 colleges and universities nationwide that offer the best opportunities for Hispanic students.

José Lopez-Iza, publisher of the journal, compiled a Hispanic Outlook Tops (HOT) list naming Austin Peay as one of the schools excelling in opportunities for Hispanic students.

According to Charles McCormick, director of admissions, this list was based on responses from surveys that were sent out to various individuals involved on the academic scene and examination of the vari-

ous literature and catalogs of more than 2,500 programs. A copy of the list as being sent out to over 6000 high school guidance counselors.

Inclusion in the list was based on Hispanic studies departments, Hispanic campus organizations, Hispanic faculty and administrators, English as a second language classes, tutoring, mentoring and other services offered to help Hispanic students succeed.

Austin Peay is among only three schools in Tennessee to receive the honor. Belmont College and Vanderbilt University were the other Tennessee schools listed.

"I think Austin Peay is 100 percent deserving of this honor," said Abigail Schultz, a graduate student from Puerto Rico. "We have great professors who are very talented, organized and very open-minded. They are great at guiding us

through our educational careers."

According to the office of Institutional Research, four percent of Austin Peay's enrollment are Hispanic students.

Among the opportunities offered Hispanic students is the PINU Spanish honor society, various cultural programs including the Flamenco dancers that visit APSU every spring, along with the study abroad trips offered during the Christmas break and continuing the summer semesters to Mexico.

"The study abroad trip, since I already knew the language, was a great cultural experience for me," Schultz said.

"The programs at Austin Peay offer an avenue for students to learn about the Hispanic culture. They are profound studies of the culture including the sufferings and the victories," said Schultz.

Campus organizations offer APSU students relief from cafeteria food

By DANNY PEPPERS
staff writer

Getting tired of the cafeteria food? Austin Peay students and faculty have other options for lunch.

Thanks to the Baptist Student Union, the Church of Christ Student Center and the Methodist Wesley Foundation, students and faculty can have a home-cooked meal on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for a donation of only \$2.

The Wesley Foundation, 510 College St., offers lunch every day from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Two dollars covers the meal, drink and dessert, and a smile in face serves it up. The Wesley Foundation also offers a meal ticket for \$25 that covers 15 meals over the semester.

According to Celena Spiva, the Wesley Foundation secretary, churches from a seven-county area are involved in preparing the meals and serving them to students.

"All of our food is donated by the churches, mostly United Methodist Women's Groups who plan their own menu," Spiva said. "All the money goes for our regular budget and to missions in the area."

On Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., the Baptist Student Union, 306 Drinnon Street, serves a hot, home-cooked meal with all the trimmings for the same price, \$2.

Jeanette Grace, vice president of the Baptist Student Union, said, "Baptist churches from all over Montgomery County decide what to bring; there is usually a smorgasbord to choose from and almost always enough for everyone."

The money collected from the lunches goes to the

Tennessee Baptist Convention. "Our goal for the school year is \$5,500. We have raised \$3,840 and majority of it comes from lunches," Grace said.

The Church of Christ Student Center, 524 College Street, offers student lunches every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for two dollars, and like the others, this includes drink, meal, dessert, and a friendly face in help serve.

The Wesley Foundation Class, from the Church of Christ, 523 Madison St., provides the food. "They divide into seven teams with five judges on each team which mean seven different menu items such as chicken pot pie, lasagna, ham and biscuits with casseroles on the side and ham-and-bean pie for dessert," Madison St. Church of Christ pastor, Karen Anderson said. "All the money goes into a fund to keep the lunches going and is strictly not for profit."

All three centers average about 40-60 people for lunch and usually have food left over. Any students or faculty member can enjoy home cooking for two dollars — tax, since it is a donation — and all of the centers would welcome a bigger turnout.

All have been involved with the lunch program for over ten years at Austin Peay and have made food easier on many students. "When I lived on campus, it was the only home-cooked meal I ever got," Holly Warrick, a junior at Austin Peay and a member of the Church of Christ Student Center, said.

If you would like to donate a meal or cause to help to save money, there are many ways to enjoy what the Wesley Foundation, the Baptist Student Union and the Church of Christ Student Center has to offer.



Austin Peay forward Bubba Wells, shown here shooting a free throw, became APSU's all-time leading scorer during the 82-74 victory over Middle Tennessee State. His 40 points on the night gave him 1,865 career points, surpassing the 38 year mark held by Tom Morgan. (photo by Damian Cromartie)

Wells breaks Austin Peay record

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

The Austin Peay record for most career points was shattered by Bubba Wells during Peay's 82-74 victory over Middle Tennessee State University last Thursday.

Wells' amazing 40 point effort will him with a total of 1,865, surpassing his career at APSU, the 38-year-old mark formerly held by Tom Morgan, who finished his career with 1,850.

The mark fell on a 3-point shot with 16:03 remaining in the second half.

After the shot the game was held by a brief ceremony while Morgan presented Wells with the ball that broke the record.

Joining Wells on the floor offering congratulations as well was APSU president Dr. Sal Rinella and athletic director Kaye Hart.

But the best moment of all came when Wells' mother Barbara gave the 6-foot-5 star from Russellville, Ky. a big hug.

Before play resumed, Wells turned to the crowd and blew kisses to all of the 4,240 fans who witnessed the record breaking effort.

"With a crowd like this, I had to show them how much I appreciate them," Wells said.

For his record performance, Wells was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, the second time that he has captured that honor since his return. He averaged 33.5 points per game in two games last week.

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Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation will be hosting a Hot Potato Discussion on Biogenetics on Feb. 3. Free, loaded baked potatoes and "stuff" will be served. The food will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the discussion will begin at 7 p.m. Dr. Bouyer, professor of Chemistry, will speak. Come with questions. Debate to follow. For more information, contact the Wesley Foundation at 647-6412.

Clarksville CARES

Does your classroom or civic group want to learn more about the AIDS crisis? Clarksville CARES is Montgomery County's sole HIV/AIDS service organization. In addition to providing services to those living with HIV/AIDS, Clarksville CARES provides free, up to date information about awareness and prevention. If your group would like more information about HIV/AIDS, give CARES a call at 553-8711, Monday-Friday.

Gibson lectures

The distinguished scholar Dr. Walter Gibson will give a lecture on the topic "Rustic Revels in Urban Spaces: Bruegel's Peasant Games," Monday, Feb. 3, in Room 401 of the Threinen Fine Arts Building at Austin Peay State University.

Presented by the APSU department of art and Center for the Creative Arts, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Gibson, professor of art history at Case Western Reserve University,

will be offered by the Office of Extended Education.

This two-session workshop is designed so participants can learn the East Coast Swing. While becoming a good social dancer, participants can have fun and get some exercise.

The course will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 and 15, from 2-6 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom at Austin Peay.

The course, which has a fee of \$16, will be instructed by Ron and Vernonna Iringer, the owners of R & V Dancing in Jelton.

For more information, telephone extended education at 648-7816.

City in Cleveland, Ohio, is a national lecturer on the 16th-century Flemish artist Pieter Bruegel. He has published numerous articles on Bruegel and 16th-century art, along with the book "Bruegel," which was published by Oxford University Press in 1977.

For more information, telephone 648-7333.

Extended Education

APSU is offering two Windows 95 computer application courses during the month of February.

"Computer Hardware Upgrade and Configuring" will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 4-13, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Business and Community Center.

Students will learn the basics of database creation and retrieval, as well as methods for mailing lists, forms and reports. Windows experience is necessary. Nancy Smithfield, assistant professor of computer science, is the instructor.

There is a cost fee of \$25 and a supply fee of \$5. Upon completion of the course, students will receive 1.2 continuing education units (CEUs).

For more information, telephone extended education at 648-7816.

The Office of Extended Education is offering a course designed to teach individuals how to browse the Information Superhighway. It is slated for Monday, Feb. 3, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Kimbrough 214.

The course is designed to provide an introduction to the Web for those with no prior experience. Beth Robinson, computer programmer and analyst, will teach the course. Topics include Web pages, including e-mail, Telnet and file transfer protocol. The class will place emphasis on using Netscape to access the Internet. Windows experience is necessary for the course.

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The Office of Extended Education will offer a course for Quattro Pro 6.0 on Saturdays, from 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 8-March 8 in the Marks Building, room 201.

The course is designed to teach students to use Quattro Pro 6.0 for calculating large amounts of data, building numeric graphs, printing professional reports and creating databases.

The course instructor is Dr. Wayne Stamper, professor of engineering technology at Austin Peay.

The course, which is \$30 and includes covers, vines, annuals, perennials and bulbs in the landscape.

Arrangement, planting and maintenance will be emphasized in the class, which will be held in the Zieg Building, Room 102, from 6-8 p.m.

The course fee is \$30 and Jim Matthews, associate professor of agriculture, will be the instructor.

For more information, telephone extended education at 648-7816.

The course will be held at APSU every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Room 111 of the Kimbrough Building.

Fees are \$46 for the course. For more information, telephone extended education at 648-7816.

The course will be offered by the Office of Extended Education on Wednesday evenings, Feb. 5-26.

These classes will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the computer lab of the Business and Community Center.

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The Office of Extended Education will offer an Introduction to Korean Language and Culture course Friday, Feb. 4 through April 29.

This course is designed for one who wants to learn about Korean language, both oral and written, and gain a glimpse of Korean culture. The course will be instructed by Yang Chin-In, a local pastor and Si-Hyeou Yu, who is certified in teaching Korean as a foreign language and English as a second language.

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The course Quicker 6 for Windows 95 will be offered by the Office of Extended Education on Wednesday evenings, Feb. 5-26.

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The course will offer an introduction to the Quicken 6 program which provides a way to organize money and manage expenses. The program tracks checking, savings, credit cards, investments and more.

There is a course fee of \$30 and a textbook fee of \$20 and supply fee of \$5. This course will be instructed by Karl Geringer, an instructor of extended education. For more information, telephone extended education at 648-7816.

Have you ever wished you could protect yourself in case of an attack? Now you can learn how.

The Office of Extended Education is offering a self-defense course on Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Dunn Center.

The class will help participants identify characteristics and predators that would classify as victims. Students also will learn how to defend themselves in case of an assault.

The course begins on Jan. 26 and runs through March 27.

There is a course fee of \$40, and an instructor is Billie Barnes, sergeant with the Clarksville Police Department.

News

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SGA Update

The Student Government Association at APSU has introduced a new way for students to voice their opinions about issues related to the APSU community.

The SGA Governor's Box is placed outside the Student Government office located in the lobby of the University Center.

This box is for APSU students to place any comments, suggestions, ideas, or complaints that they have about any issues related to Austin Peay. Students may remain anonymous, or if names are included, someone involved with the Student Government Association will contact the student and talk with them about whatever issue they feel is important.

SGA also recently held their first meeting of the spring semester. The SGA Senate passed SRO06, a student resolution to improve traveling safety on campus by providing a stoplight line on the female side of Killebrew parking lot and to place a stop line and pedestrian crosswalk at the gate line at the intersection of Home Avenue, West Avenue and the Cross parking lot.

Various SGA Committees also introduced other resolutions and acts that will be voted on by the Senate at the next meeting on Jan. 30.

The Senate will vote on SA015, an act to assist student trainers in attending the Southeastern Athletic Association Annual Symposium in Georgia on Feb. 20-23. That will give the student trainers \$1,000 to assist in attending this trip.

The Senate will also vote on SR007, a student resolution to encourage the Department of Languages and Literature to institute Writing Lab.

The Student Government Association meets regularly every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom. All students are encouraged to attend.

PEAY BRIEFS

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The Office of Extended Education is offering a Microsoft Access 2.0 for Windows 3.1 course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 4-13, in Kimbrough 214.

Students will learn the basics of database creation and retrieval, as well as methods for mailing lists, forms and reports. Windows experience is necessary. Nancy Smithfield, assistant professor of computer science, is the instructor.

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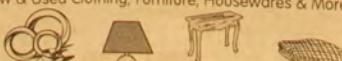
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Opinion

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Vet's day in danger

By
JONATHAN
TERRY
guest writer

You would think that with the numbers of veterans on this campus that they would get a certain measure of respect. The university administration is planning to cancel the bubble in a big way next fall. Nothing is final, but it looks like we will probably not be observing Veterans Day next fall. I do not think I am alone in believing this to be unacceptable.

The issue here is not just one less holiday. Veterans Day is symbolic of the debt of gratitude that this country owes to the men and women who have served and protected. The fact that many students will miss this symbolism is deplorable. Even they could not afford to miss a slap in the face.

I am not sure about the exact figures, but I know that many of our students are veterans. Are we trying to tell them that what they did means nothing?

Although we rarely interact with them, many of Austin Peay's students are active military attendees of the Fort Campbell Center. They are serving to be forgotten, important only as enrollment statistics? What about the people whose parents served?

I am sure you get the point. You would be hard pressed to find a person on this campus who does not have some sort of connection to the military. The university as a whole is indebted to the military. Fort Campbell is a big part of the growth and prosperity of our community. It would be unforgivable to say to our neighbors that their service goes unnoticed.

I have heard that until recently Austin Peay did not observe Veterans Day. It had fallen into disarray in the wake of Vietnam and had never been revived. Three years ago the administration decided to reintroduce it. After years of slow recovery the military had proven that it is once again the finest in the world. We were proud of our military and the school decided to recognize that fact. Did I miss something? Are we not

repeating that? Did I miss something? Are we not observing Veterans Day next fall. I do not think I am alone in believing this to be unacceptable.

Last Thursday, the Veteran's Student Organization met to discuss this issue. Only about fifteen people attended and that includes three from The All State and two faculty representatives. That is really pathetic. Did you not know or do you not care? Is it difficult to miss a slap in the face?

I know many veterans are non-traditional students so you are not attuned to campus life, wake up! The common hour, whether you voted for it or not, is a perfect opportunity to find out what is going on. Grab a chair and go to a meeting.

Since you already missed the first chance to do something, you will have to try to be heard in other ways. Bring up the issue in class. Tell people at your fraternity or sorority. E-mail the faculty to tell them what you think.

I remember a couple of years ago the city of New York had to cancel its Memorial Day celebration due to lack of interest. I remember how ashamed I was. This is the South where people are supposed to be proud. I can not believe we would let the same sort of thing happen here.

Take a stand.
Take a stand.

Meal-plan or cereal-plan, cafeteria leaves students cold

By
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features
editor

Cereals. It's not just for breakfast anymore. In fact, if you eat in the cafeteria, it's good for lunch and for dinner too.

I live on campus and, therefore, eat a meal-plan. I eat at least one meal in the cafeteria a day, and what do I eat? Cereal, cereal and, yes, more cereal. It's not that the cafeteria doesn't provide a wide variety of foods for the students to eat. It's the food itself that scares us into choosing what many feel is the only "safe" choice: cereal.

My roommate, Emily, has discovered another safe choice: a bowl of cereal.

Most of the items served by the cafeteria would be unidentifiable. If they didn't have signs telling what they were. Call me crazy but I like that I eat at least look like something fit for human consumption. It would be an added bonus if I could identify it without cues.

I admit I am a picky eater and I was the only one with a complaint. I'd shut up in the wake of pressure, but it's not just me. I usually everything on the menu is sampled by someone sitting at my table. They go through plate after plate, trying the different foods

I have been known to visit the salad bar, but there is only so much salad a person can eat. If the baked potatoes are cooked they are okay, but then we get back to the same problem: a person can eat only so many potatoes before going crazy.

I don't know who is really to blame for the situation at the cafeteria. Aramark? When Aramark first took over the cafeteria the students who ate there were more vocal about the things they didn't like at dinner. I used to put suggestions in their idea box every week. But over time, it seems that we have resigned ourselves to leaving dinner hungry. And while it is

true that Aramark did make some improvements, so much needs to be done. Quality control needs to be better. And it's not just the food. I am sick of having to dig through half a dozen forks to find one without dried food stuck to it or go through the cups to find one that seems lipstick.

So why do I eat at the cafeteria if I don't like the food? Simple, I'm a poor college student. I have a kitchen in my apartment but I don't have the money to buy enough groceries to cook every night. Plus, I don't have the time, especially on the days my roommate and I have to eat classes.

The other reason I go to the cafeteria is to see my friends. We have what amounts to a family dinner every night. It's the one time of the day we all get to be together and catch up on what's been going on during the day. If it wasn't for my friends, I wouldn't set foot inside the cafeteria at all.

The main problem I have with the cafeteria is that I always get my hopes up. Maybe the food will be better tonight. I am always disappointed. So everyday at 4:30 you can find me in the cafeteria with my bowl of cereal watching Emily eat her bowl of cereal and wondering why we put up with the lousy food and service in the cafeteria.

Residents too close for comfort

By
DAMIAN
CROMARTIE
staff writer

The friendly photographer is back again to give an another jaded opinion. This time I would like to express my feeling about Meacham, and new beds. Some of you Meachamites know what I'm talking about already.

Last week I was excited about the news of new beds in the dorms. Unfortunately my hopes and dreams were shattered almost immediately afterwards. Some brilliant

carpenters, prince o' measurement, or Bob Villa's school of design funkies botched the job. Many residents came home to beds that didn't fit. One bed against the wall and the other in the middle of the floor just doesn't sit well with me.

I did feel sorry for the resident assistants who were swamped with the same complaints over and over again. Eventually one of them had the anger inspired idea to do a Jedi mind trick on us. When confronted by a resident she simply said, "They do fit!"

I would like to thank Joe Mills and the rest of housing for

their well thought out approach to our problem. I'm sure my hopes were dashed.

Sawing the overlap on the desks was truly a inspiration that would make DaVinci roll over in his grave. I applaud your efforts to solve your um... uh... tracks.

I would like to warn the health services' employees to have extra bandages, peroxide, ice, and tweezers stocked. I think there will be a run on bruised shins and hand splinters.

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Spirit of learning declared MIA

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Y ou may have heard of the seven natural wonders of the world. Well, I'm here to tell you that there are actually eight. And miracle of miracles, that eighth natural wonder is readily observable right here at Austin Peay State University.

To win: Students are more than willing to shell out their hard-earned cash (or their parent's or Uncle Sam's) in order to obtain a higher education. Having done so, they valiantly struggle for the next four to five or six years in a never-ending quest for knowledge (the object). To do as little studying as possible and expend the least amount of effort in order to come away with a diploma (and preferably one with high marks).

I have seen it in practically every class I've been in. Many classes are less classrooms than they are courtyards. Students wheedle, cajole, and negotiate with their professors to slow down and cover less material (presumably so they will be able to learn more). When test time comes around, students want to know exactly what is going to be covered. If papers are required, students want to know exactly how many pages and words have to be written and would just as soon have the professor pick out the topic as well.

And don't think that this only happens at the lower levels; it happens everywhere. I have a friend, Jeff, that went through the Heritage program. This is a program for students who want a more integrated approach to their education. If anything, Jeff tells me, the whining is worse in those classes. What matters to many of those students is that they are learning something. They would seem that their grades are linked to their self-esteem. A 'B' is unthinkable for some, and god forbid if a teacher has the temerity to actually give out a 'C'.

Okay, how about the students in the college of education? Certainly these people care about learning don't they? Think again Einstein. I am currently enrolled in our

teacher education program. There are many wonderful people involved, but tell you the truth, it scares the hell out of me to know that some of these people might actually be teaching my child in a few years.

It is not necessarily what they know or don't know that bothers me (although I do wonder how some of them made it out of high school). It is their attitudes that concern me more. If our future teachers aren't concerned with learning and knowledge, how can we possibly expect the children they teach to value and cherish an education.

Of course I am generalizing when I am saying all of this, but that is what I see when I look at the students in my classroom today. The product (college diploma) has become more important than the process (learning). Nobody wants to learn anything, they simply want to get through school and go to a job at Company XYZ paying 35K a year. Is this bad? Well, I guess that is a value judgement. Maybe the question should be does learning really matter anymore?

Letters to the editor

Student defends 'social hour'

I am writing in response to Patricia J. Ritz's opinion letter concerning the common hour. I do agree with Miss Ritz that the common hour causes problems in class scheduling, but I disagree with her belief that the common hour is for nothing but socializing. In the myriad of articles written in the semester, it was clearly stated that the purpose of the common hour is to provide a time for groups and organizations to meet during the day. The idea behind the common hour was not to create a time to eat lunch with friends but to hopefully boost participation in campus activities and alleviate scheduling conflicts within existing organizations.

I do not understand how

Miss Ritz can say, "This is a place for getting an education, not socializing," when the Austin Peay's educational goals found in the university bulletin is to produce students who have, "an understanding of human behaviors and skills necessary for appropriate social interaction."

Since Austin Peay is a liberal arts university it would seem

appropriate for it to promote learning inside and outside of the classroom. But, according to Miss Ritz, we are here to only obtain an education. So, let's do away with clubs, organizations, sororities,

fraternities and athletic teams and simply attend class all of the time. That would be fun and definitely increase enrollment! Please excuse me for thinking that my college experience is supposed to be fun and exciting as well as educational!

In response to Miss Ritz's comment that non-traditional students are people with jobs, families and responsibilities, I am sorry, but we are paying for their education.

Contrary to the belief of the majority of non-traditional students that traditional students do not attend class, work or pay for their education, it seems that the majority of academic scholarships and campus jobs are held by traditional students.

I wish that some of the non-traditional students would realize that many of the contributions made to the university and community through organizations are provided by non-traditional students.

I don't mean to overlook the efforts or accomplishments of the non-traditional students. I just want them to understand that they are not the only ones who struggle to meet the demands of obtaining a college education.

Susan Aurich

Parking not a problem on campus

One of the things that make me proud of Austin Peay is that we

have a profoundly diverse student body. I knew of a young woman who took a history course here while she was still in high school! One of the oldest women to live in my dorm was her in sixties! We have many seniors here who are senior citizens, and I have made friends with quite a few of them.

Now I'm coming to my point. Everybody says out loud "parking." Last semester, I wrote a letter and somewhere in it I mentioned that there are many parking spaces in the armory and stadium lots. Last week in the "Space Jam" article, the All-State mentioned that there are plenty of spaces there too. It takes two minutes to get there from there to the U.C.

Students, I believe this is what we call a CLUE. Short and sweet: If you have two legs and are very able bodied, please be considerate, and park over there. There are many people here who are not actually handicapped, but walking there will be a little more difficult and tiring for them. Some who are senior citizens may fit that category. Again, there are many spaces available. Parking there will show respect to other students and help our parking problems.

Julie Warwick

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Features

January 29, 1997

Magic 91.7 alive again

By CARINDA BASSO
assistant news editor

On Monday, January 27, at 9 a.m., the radio's Sound Alternative, Magic 91.7, was back on air with a few surprises up their sleeves. They are now having five minute newscasts at 5 til every hour; these newscasts will be delivered by the jocks and air members of the news department. What makes this such a significant change is the addition of personalities, or soundbites, with the news. Instead of listening to someone read copy from the AP-wire, the story comes alive to the listener.

Promotion of the station is also a new feature with the addition of Matthew Vess, Pro-

motions Director. The purpose is to make the station more visible on campus by covering student athletics and other events around campus.

A web page is also under construction, which will be available in the near future. It will be interactive with requests, voice and music clips, segments on the jocks, stories, suggestions as well as links to other sites such as local radio stations, CMJ and the National Broadcasting Society.

"It's part of an ever growing process as far as the evolution of a college radio station," said Alton Go, Program Director.

Magic 91.7 has also added new specialty shows to their usual lineup. Two shows are making a comeback: Blues Review and Dead Air. The Flip Side is an import show of special cuts and outtakes, imported tracks and acoustic

versions of songs.

The Latin Show, which will be completely in Spanish, the Underground, with reggae, Air Raid, with hard core and punk, and the Christian Program, which will play contemporary Christian music, are new additions to the station.

"We wanted to cater to certain groups that had not been catered to before," Go said.

The staff for Magic 91.7 has grown tremendously in the past year. Go attributes the growth to advisors and staff recruiting as well as the station's reputation on campus.

"Unlike other college radio stations we emphasize learning more about the commercial aspect of radio and giving students hands on experience," said Go.

Magic 91.7 is "the sound alternative to what is being offered now."

Q&A with Cookie

By ANDY SEGEKLE and LYDIA MELTON



Cookie enjoys her job in the APSU Food Court (photo by Andy Segekla)

What were you doing 17 years ago? Many of us were just getting used to being outside of the womb. Regina Harris was working at the Grille.

One of the reasons Cookie has stayed around for so long (too long, she says) is because of the students. She enjoys talking to them because it keeps her young. But there is no bad part of the job, she says.

Outside of her job as cashier, Cookie spends most her time at church where her husband is the pastor.

Keep up the good work, Cookie.

Kidman stars in 'Portrait of a Lady'

college press services

Back when she was a school girl in Australia, actress Nicole Kidman read Henry James' novel, "The Portrait of a Lady." But she didn't appreciate it, she says.

"It was one of the things you could choose in the curriculum," recalls the actress during a conversation at a Manhattan hotel. "And I chose it. I was 17 years old. I found it confusing, and I didn't quite understand it at that age."

Still, that wasn't the last that Kidman would have to do with the classic American novel. All these years later, Kidman may very well earn an Oscar nomination for playing Isabel Archer in Jane Campion's film version of "Lady."

I read [the book] when I was 22," says Kidman. "I was in my dark period and thought, 'Now I have to read some Henry James. I must read some American material that's dark.' I read 'Portra' and absolutely fell in love with it and it changed me."

"It just spoke to me on a very profound level."

Kidman also re-read the book when she started shooting the film.

"I talked to Jane Campion about it. I have read it three times, cover to cover. I highlighted little sections of it. I feel like I could do it again if I had to."

The story focuses on Archer, a beautiful, young and independent American woman who unexpectedly inherits a fortune. Relocating to Europe in the 19th century, Archer finds off the advances of several decent and adoring men and proceeds to fall madly in love with the repugnant Dimond (John Malkovich), who in no way

seems to love her back. In fact, he makes her life a cold, emotionally barren and all-around miserable existence.

"Why people make the choices they do is a big question," notes the tall, thin and red-headed Kidman, who of course, is married in real life to megastar Tom Cruise. "Everybody I'm sure, at some point in their life, has been attracted to somebody who is destructive to them."

"It's the dark side of life. Some people have disciplined themselves or know when not to go there. Isabel is seeking it out. As she says, she wants the chances and the dangers of life. It's not her fate to give up. It's why she doesn't want to marry a lord and live in a big house and feel as though she's missing out on life, be it the dark side or the light side of life."

Kidman first made her mark as an actress in a number of Australian TV productions and movies. One of them, the sexy thriller "Dead Calm," caught on the States and set the stage for her arrival in Hollywood. She appeared in such films as "Billy Bathgate" before hooking up with Cruise in the deathly loud car racing duet "Days of Thunder," and Ron Howard's romantic flick drama, "Far and Away." Following "Far and Away," Kidman, who is now 28 years old, worked hard to create her own, separate identity as an actress.

She turned up in such films as "Malice" and "My Life," then went the art house route with Gus Van Sant's winning black comedy, "To Die For," in which Kidman played a deliciously ambitious would-be TV reporter. The actress, whom many felt deserved an Oscar nomination for "To Die For," next appeared in her first

blockbuster, "Batman forever," then began production on "Portrait" with Campion, the acclaimed director of "The Piano," whom she'd known since she was 14.

Kidman explains that she feels most at home in the smaller, more intimate films. "I come from a country that makes small-budget films," she says. "That's what I started in. I feel like I take more risks in that environment. Also, that's where the great roles for women are."

That doesn't preclude Kidman from seeking higher profile projects. She spent much of this past spring in Manhattan filming the thriller, "The Peacemaker," with E.R. star George Clooney. "It's a big action film," Kidman says. "George and I play polar opposites. He's an FBI agent, and I play a nuclear physicist who works in the White House."

Currently, Kidman, Cruise and their two adopted children are in London, where the actors are busy making "Eyes Wide Shut" for legendary filmmaker Stanley Kubrick, the director of such landmark films as "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "A Clockwork Orange."

The plot of "Shut" is top secret, but Kidman, as the co-star, is not up to a secret, offers this intriguing morsel: "It's about sexual obsession and jealousy, and that's straight from Mr. Kubrick's mouth," she says with a sly grin.

"That's basically it, all we're allowed to say about it. Kubrick has a belief that you don't define a film before it has been made and that, artistically, it will evolve."

She adds, "Tom and I weren't looking to work together again. That wasn't our aim. This is the only script we would have done."

Art Scene

Upcoming art events for the week of Jan. 29

Art Exhibit

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

Art Exhibit - Tennessee Suites

The "Tennessee Suites" art exhibit featuring suites of prints will be on display through Feb. 2 in the Trahern Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. It is free and open to the public.

Poetry Reading - Carolyn Forché

Acuff Chair Carolyn Forché will be reading her work Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium of the Kirkbride Building. A book signing and reception will follow the reading. It is free and open to the public. For more information, telephone 648-7031.

Lecture - Walter Gibson

Art Historian Walter Gibson, Distinguished Professor of Northern Renaissance Art History at Case Western Reserve University, will lecture on "Rustic Revels in Urban Spaces: Bruegel's Peasant Scenes" on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Trahern Room 401. It is free and open to the public.

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

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