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Just wanted to encourage you to stay determined in keeping those New Year resolutions, which are beneficial to both your physical and mental health.
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FYI

For Your Information
at Austin Peay

On Jan. 31, Dr. Ellen Kanervo will lead a discussion of the book "Talking From 9 to 5" by Deborah Tannen. The book discusses how conversation and gender affect one's position in the workplace. It will be held in Rooms 5 and 6 of Woodward library from 12:30-1:30 p.m. All students are invited. For more information, contact Dr. Susan Calovini, Women's Studies coordinator, at 648-6314.

The exhibit titled "Material Transformations" is open in the Trahern Gallery. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 5. The exhibit is free and open to the public. 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.

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. Epileptics and their families are invited to attend. For more information, call 648-9675.

The deadline for applying for the Japanese exchange program is Jan. 25. Students interested in applying can pick up an application from Dr. Aleeta Christian, Clement 119, phone 648-7612, or Dr. Sam Fung, International Education Office, Harned 142, phone 648-7175.

Due to the wholesale price increase effective Feb. 1, the price of canned soft drinks on campus will increase by \$0.05 to fifty cents.

The Writer's Support Group at APSU will hold its second meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Kimbrough Building, Room 216.

APSU hosts a support group for Survivors of Rape Trauma, Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Long, Counseling Center, 648-6162, or Connie Shelby, Harriet Cohn, 648-8126.

KAPLAN is offering a free practice test on Feb. 25 and 26, for students about to take the LSAT, MCAT, GMAT or GRE. The exams will be administered free of charge, under simulated test conditions. Those interested in participating can reserve a space by calling (615) 383-8638.

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Rudolph named commissioner of Human Services

By JODI PATRICK
assistant news editor

After an appointment to the Department of Human Services by Gov. Donald Sundquist, Austin Peay will be getting a new associate vice-president for planning and institutional effectiveness as Dr. Linda Rudolph leaves her position at APSU.

Linda B. Rudolph, former associate vice president for planning and effectiveness, has taken an undetermined leave of absence from her position here at APSU. Rudolph left Austin Peay to become the new commissioner of Human Services. She is one of six women who are serving in key positions in the Sundquist administration.

"I will work to have a Department of Human Services that is sensitive, professional and responsive," Rudolph said in *The Alumnus*.

Her final day at APSU was last Friday. She was sworn in on Saturday and began work with Human Services on Monday.

"I really hate to leave, but I look forward to the challenges that come with my new job," Rudolph said.

Sundquist appointed Rudolph as the commissioner of Human Services after speaking with her at the Southern Association of Accreditation of Colleges and Schools last year in San Antonio, Texas.

The Department of Human Services is a welfare and social service agency which oversees the food stamp program; Aid to Families With Dependent Children; Jobsworks, which provides education and employment training to AFDC recipients, and TennCare.

According to *The Alumnus*, Sundquist announced Rudolph as the new Commissioner of Human Services on Dec. 15 at a special news conference in Nashville. After Sundquist's announcement he said, "Mrs. Rudolph is a wonderful person and very qualified to do the job. I expect her to make great contributions to the team."

Rudolph's job as associate vice president for planning and institutional effectiveness included university planning. She helped set goals for the university, the colleges and the departments. After assessing the academic programs and the students, she would use the information to develop new ideas to improve the university.

Rudolph was also the director of the President's Emerging Leaders Program, a scholarship program designed to increase leadership skills in college students. The program hosts guest speakers as well as many other activities for the students involved in PELP.

One of Rudolph's primary concerns as the commissioner of Human Services is welfare reform. "Congress is very interested in welfare reform, and Governor Sundquist is very interested in welfare reform also. That (welfare reform) is going to come immediately, so I think I'll jump immediately into learning more about welfare."



Rudolph has not only worked for Austin Peay for 24 years, but was also a student here and began her teaching career here. "I think Austin Peay is about the best university I've ever seen. My heart is really with Austin Peay."

McCloud speaks at MLK's birthday celebration

By JASON GILLIAM
guest writer

"If we don't learn to live and work together as brothers and sisters, then we shall surely die together as fools."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last Wednesday, Patricia Russell-McCloud, an attorney and professional orator, visited Austin Peay in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. McCloud brought with her the idea of a brave new world. Her vision 2000.

McCloud graduated from Kentucky State University before going on to attend Harvard University and Howard University Law School. She is the president of Russell-McCloud Associates and holds over 150 keys to American cities.

Before her speech, The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority presented McCloud with a corsage. McCloud herself is an AKA.

The main focus of McCloud's speech was to address the problems that Americans face every day. She said, "You only go around once in life and this is not a trial run." She followed that by saying, "The only time success comes before work is in the dictionary."

She felt that we must all work hard to succeed. She said, "If you're not

on the way, you're in the way, so you have to get out of the way." McCloud believes if you are not doing anything worthwhile, don't bring anyone else down with you. She feels that we should help our fellow man. "You have an obligation and responsibility to take someone to the top with you."

McCloud also addressed another problem; one that is more widespread than the latter. McCloud pointed out that racial problems have long existed.

"Racism is like rain, it is either falling or somewhere gathering," she said. McCloud feels that education is the solution to gain racial harmony and unity. "We may not have come over on the same ship, but we're all in the same boat."

Another aspect of McCloud's speech was respect. She said, "We have to be those in the 90's that stop inspecting and start respecting."

Solutions to problems, however, are not as impossible as they sometimes seem. The most basic of solutions stem from respect. In order to respect others and ourselves, we must envision ourselves as "instruments," not only to measure change, but to cause it. "Diversity is getting to know you, and to like you," said McCloud.

She believes that we must all join together as brothers and sisters to

make our society embrace a vision of diversity. She feels we must start respecting our brethren before change of any kind can be accomplished.

McCloud said, "Martin Luther King, Jr.

marched so we could fly. You represent the best within our numbers. In life you have to be able to stand for something or you'll fall for anything."



Patricia McCloud, a lawyer and professional orator, gives personal advice to William Terry, a teacher at Fort Campbell Schools, after her speech at Austin Peay in celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

AP professors gain tenure after lengthy process

By JODI PATRICK
assistant news editor

The procedure of granting a professor tenure is a long and drawn-out process that takes about three months to complete. This year's tenure process began a few weeks ago and final decisions about tenure recipients will be made in April.

Most faculty members support the tenure process. D'Ann Campbell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said, "I really believe in the process, because what's important is that the department makes its best decision and the chair makes his or her best decision."

Before professors can be considered for tenure, he or she must first hold a terminal degree, the highest degree available in his or her area.

Tenure is usually considered during a professor's sixth year of service at Austin Peay. Although service to other universities may sometimes apply, usually no more than three years will apply toward

early tenure.

According to Dr. John Butler, vice president for Academic Affairs, when applying for tenure the professors present a dossier to the department and the chair in which they are professors. These dossiers must contain their academic assignments, scholarly assignments and service records.

The academic assignments describe their work in the classroom, like their class syllabi and their work as an adviser. The scholarly assignments describe research the professors have done in their field of study, grants supporting this research and any publications of this research. Professors' service records include services to their discipline and to the community.

These dossiers also contain student evaluations, copies of publications, and letters from the community and other faculty members concerning the professors. Each dossier may be compared with the dossiers of previous professors

applying for tenure.

The tenure process began a few weeks ago with the professors presenting their dossiers to the Tenure and Retention Committee of their department.

If the department is small, the committee consists of all tenured professors in that department. If it is a large department, the tenured professors elect about five professors to serve on the committee.

The department committee and the chair of that department separately review the dossiers and vote on whether a professor is granted tenure. If either the committee or the chair gives a positive recommendation, then the proposal moves on to the college level and the dean of that college. If neither gives a positive recommendation then the proposal dies at the department level.

At the college level, the college committees and the deans go through the same process the department committees and chairs go

through. Each separately reviews the dossier and votes on whether to grant the professor tenure. A positive recommendation from either the committee or the dean sends the proposal to the vice president of Academic Affairs, currently Dr. John Butler. The proposal dies at the college level if negative recommendations are returned by both the committee and dean.

A positive recommendation from the vice president of Academic Affairs sends the proposal to the president of the university, Dr. Sal Rinella. Negative recommendations from either of these people will prevent the professor from being granted tenure.

If a professor receives a negative recommendation during any step of the process and wishes to appeal the decision, the appeal moves to the next level of the process.

According to Butler, if the president returns a negative recommendation and the professor appeals, the appeal goes to the chancellor and the

Tennessee Board of Regents if the professor is in his or her sixth year here at Austin Peay and is not applying for early tenure. This is the final step in the tenure process, no more appeals may be made after the appeal to the TBR.

Professors who are granted tenure this year will not become tenured professors until a year after they are actually awarded tenure.

According to Butler, professors who are denied tenure can continue to teach at Austin Peay for one year.

Campbell said, "There's an accountability here and I think that's very important." She added that this process prevents any department or committee from not following the rules and gives the professors a fair chance at receiving their tenure.

Students interested in finding out which professors have received their tenure may call the chair of the department. The All State will publish all results of this year's tenure process decisions after all decisions have been made.

News

Austin Peay enrollment figures down, but rising overall

By RANDELL OVERSTREET
staff writer

Enrollment is down this semester 1.4 percent from last spring but is steadily rising from year to year. "Austin Peay is in a wonderful position with the size of the school and its continued growth," said Dr. Dennis Dulniak, director of Records and Registration.

The drop in enrollment is

typical and of no severe concern because of its minute nature. According to Dulniak, most institutions undergo a normal decline, and Austin Peay is no exception.

A decline from fall to spring is not unusual due to the December graduation. Austin Peay had an extraordinarily large number of fall graduates.

Enrollment remains stable and on the rise, even though the

economy is at a strong point. Normally, enrollment decreases as the economy stabilizes, but Austin Peay continues to grow despite the normal trend.

However, Fort Campbell enrollment is drastically dropping as a result of the new regulations regarding acceptance. Fort Campbell is now requiring an official transcript, assessment tests and application deadlines.

The Fort Campbell campus is affected by the new guidelines but also by the transitory population, consisting of military personnel and their families.

The military population consistently changes, causing the military enrollment at Fort Campbell to change as well.

Off-campus classes are offered in Dickson and Springfield, and the enrollment

for these classes remains relatively low, with an average of less than 100 students taking advantage of the program.

President Sal Rinella is currently establishing an Enrollment Management Task Force, including Charles McCorkle and Dr. John Butler as co-chairs. They will not address only the fall 1995 semester, but also long range objectives.

According to Dulniak, Austin Peay is currently at its ideal number of students without having to take the measures of adding instructor offices, resident housing, parking areas and a new dining hall.

As enrollment continues to increase, Austin Peay must face the possibility of expanding its facilities.

Some possible projections for the campus include a new science building, a fourth floor addition to the Woodward Library and renovation of the University Center.

The office of Institutional Research projects an increase averaging around 5,500 students over the next few years, whereas Austin Peay enrollment is currently at 5,040 students.

Gopher access offered to campus

From staff reports

The APSU Gopher is a new electronic service that will allow students, faculty and staff who have VAX accounts to access both local and world-wide information.

On Feb. 2, the university community is invited to a half-hour Gopher demonstration in the Library Instruction and Computer Room at noon and again at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is also invited to come to the Information Desk in the library throughout the day for some hands-on practice using the Gopher.

Gopher is a menu-based Internet tool that provides easy access to local information and to information on the Internet.

Because it can do these two things, the APSU Gopher serves two main functions. First, it is an easy-to-use interface to Internet resources which have been organized by DeAnne Luck, assistant professor and electronic resources librarian. By selecting menu items, users can connect to other libraries, read and download files, and access electronic conferences.

Second, the Gopher functions as a Campus-Wide Information System (CWIS). A CWIS is a computerized means of distributing all sorts of information to the whole campus. Information available on the Gopher now includes schedules of events on campus, the spring schedule of

classes, and information about campus construction projects.

"We want the Gopher to be truly "campus-wide," including everyone from academic departments to student organizations. If any student or their organization would like to become an electronic publisher on the Gopher, they can contact DeAnne Luck at 648-6166 or E-mail, LYNX::LUCKDL.

The information can consist of schedules, descriptions, announcements, or anything else the user wants disseminated.

Besides the APSU community, anyone else in the world that is connected to the Internet can also access the information (unless the

information provider wants to limit it to APSU only). As more K-12 schools become connected, the APSU Gopher has the potential to become a great recruiting tool for the University, individual departments and student organizations.

To access the APSU Gopher, log into a VAX account and type Gopher at the \$ prompt. If the VAX Menu is being used, select I-Internet Menu, then Gopher. At the Enter host name: prompt, press enter. Students who do not have a VAX account can stop by Computer Services in the basement of the Browning Building or call 648-7588.

Office of Extended Education offers seminars and classes

and EOC counselor.

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Guide," is \$2. All students are required to read the text prior to the class meeting. The course instructor is Robert Collins, EMT.

For more information about these and other upcoming events, contact the Office of Extended Education at 648-7816.

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University community in danger from Clarksville

Violence in relationship to the university community is a great concern. For its relatively small size, Clarksville has begun to see some of the serious problems that only larger cities generally witness -- and this recent outbreak of violent behavior will do a great deal to damage Austin Peay.

When parents choose a school for their children, they expect to send their loved ones to a place of higher learning -- an introduction to the real world, but then again a shelter from its outside dangers.

At Austin Peay, students are not quite as safe as the administration would lead their parents to believe. Since classes resumed last August, there have been two reported rapes on our campus and an assault on the intramural field.

But Austin Peay's administrators have a great deal more to worry about than what happens on their campus. They have to concern themselves with a city that seems to be falling apart at its moral seam and becoming well-known for its appetite for violence. In January alone, Clarksville has witnessed far more murders than

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it usually does in an entire year.

What can be done?

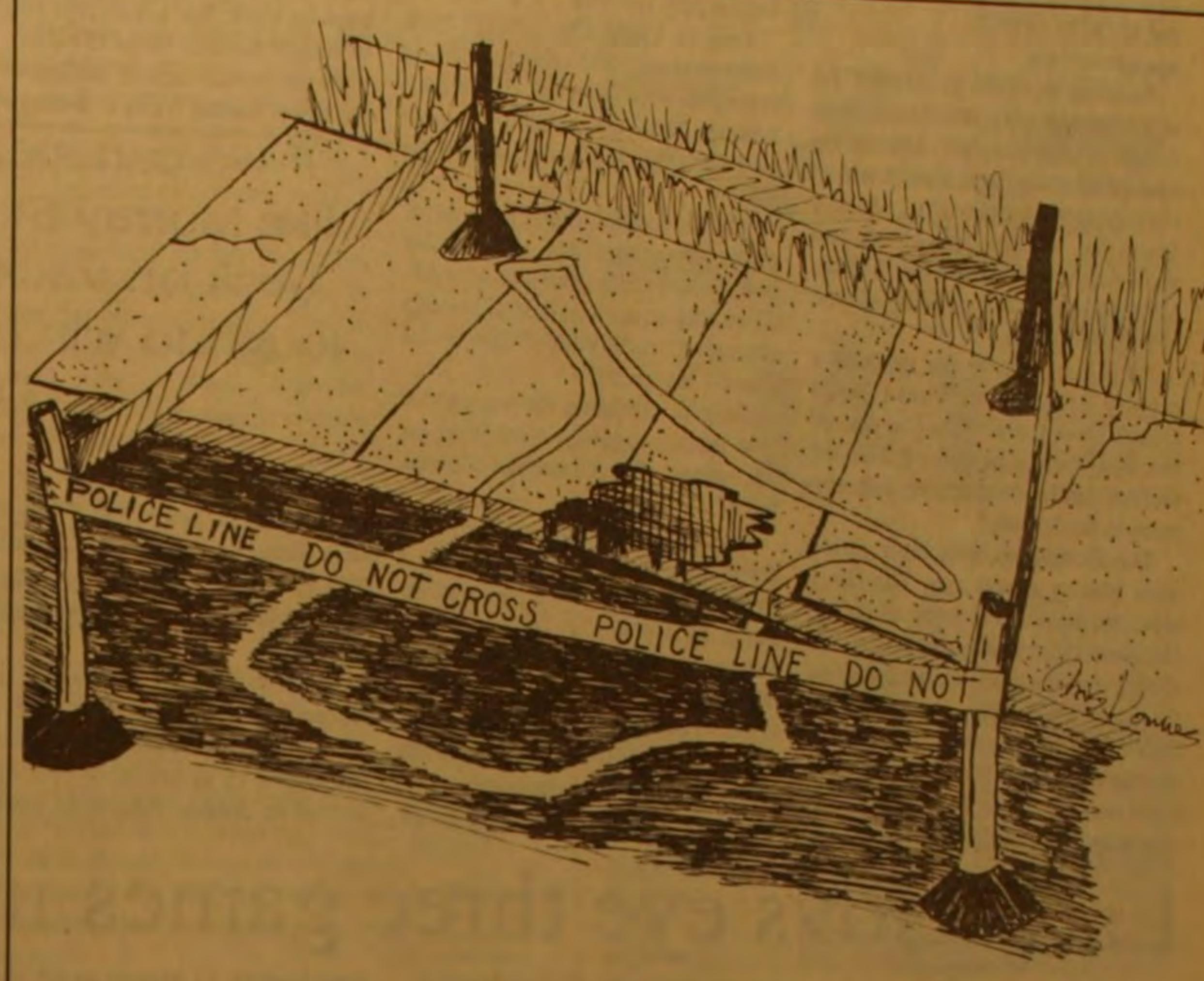
Austin Peay must first realize that it lives in an increasingly dangerous environment. We have to increase our internal security to protect ourselves against those who would rape, rob and kill. This means an increase in not only funds for public safety but also manpower.

The university should also work closely with the local police. Since Austin Peay's and Clarksville's police are both underfunded and understaffed, cooperation can help save valuable time and resources.

The All State believes that the recent increase in violent crime in the Clarksville area

should alarm us, but not side-track us by instilling paranoia. There are a great deal more good people in the community than there are bad.

We can pray that the criminals are caught and dealt swift punishment and prevented from further atrocities against society. After that, we can only live with more caution and common sense.



Debate necessary to uncover truth in Jeffries' comments

If George Orwell could see us now, he would weep.

Orwell would not fail to see the similarities between his novel "Animal Farm" and the affirmative action/political correctness charade that has almost choked the life out of this country.

Recall how the animals, led by the pigs, rebelled against oppressive humans and took over the farm? They swore to uphold seven commandments, the last of which was, "All animals are equal."

It wasn't long, however, before the pigs became as corrupt as the humans. They rewrote the commandments whenever they wanted to break them, revised history in their favor and perverted the animals' slogans of freedom into deceitful, self-serving dogma.

"All animals are equal" eventually

became "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."

Any time an animal got out of line, it was chanted into silence by a chorus of sheep, chased off the farm by a specially bred army of dogs or killed outright. Debate was banned; animals who questioned the pigs were asked, "Do you want the humans to come back?" This constant reminder of an old evil prevented the animals from recognizing the new one.

Eventually, the pigs wore the clothes, lived in the house and ate the food of their old oppressors. To the other animals, they appeared no different than the humans.

Well, sue me for trying, or better yet, maybe I'll try and sue. This campus needs a serious intellectual and administrative revolution. The affirmative action emperor is butt-naked.

Austin Peay State University has been forced, by federal law, to perpetuate the hoax that it doesn't discriminate on the

basis of race, color or sex. Which of course by law it must.

The most blatant forms of discrimination are the government-funded grants, scholarships and programs for which the majority of APSU students aren't eligible because their skin is white. ("All animals are equal").

Another is the bare fact that white fear of affirmative action fall-out gives minorities carte blanche to make outrageous claims with no proof and no consequence. "So prove me wrong," as APSU's Dr. A.J. Stovall says. But no professor with white skin would avoid censure for the inflammatory, bigoted and irresponsible comments and behavior of the philosophically and historically-challenged Stovall and Dr. James Mock.

This campus needs a serious intellectual and administrative revolution.

Last week, Mock told a Nashville Tennessean reporter that in fighting what he sees as racism in Clarksville, "If we have to go to heaven, then we go to heaven." ("but some animals").

I'd say Stovall and Mock are more certain to track down racism in Clarksville by looking in a mirror than anywhere else.

They make APSU look so good, too, at a time when the university is tying broken shoelaces together trying to provide mass communication

students with a four-year degree of any value. ("are more equal").

It gets worse. The National Council for History Standard's current goal is to rewrite history to include politically correct historical events and people, and minimize or delete the accomplishments of people like George Washington and Thomas

Edison ("than others."). This travesty is coming to a debate near you Jan. 25.

Encouragingly, however, like people groggily awakening from a coma after a nasty fall on the head, the nation is finally coming around to the fact that affirmative action laws are, by definition, racist and sexist. Far from ending discrimination, they perpetuate it, legalize it, enforce it and make it respectable.

I hope the shock and anger roused by the recent African American Student Leadership Conference (oh, was that what it was?) don't dribble away after a few letters to the editor or phone calls to Dr. Sal Rinella. Come on professors; some of you remember the '60s. This is a moment in history we may not see again for a long time, if ever. I challenge you to seize it. Organize. Discuss. Debate. Decide. And then do it. See if you can find a way to put the "equal" back in equality, and make future generations proud.

Stats say AP lacks classroom diversity

By Gabriel Segovia

"I want Austin Peay to be a model, a focal point for appreciating and embracing all aspects of culture--art, dance, music and also ethnic culture."

-President Rinella

This was one Q&A with President Rinella in the latest edition of the "Alumnus." Although only in his first year, I was pleased to read that he is in touch with our needs. In fact, part of the Statement of Mission for APSU is that, "(Student) cultural, racial, ethnic, and economic diversity enriches and furthers the institution's liberal education mission."

I fully agree with this statement. In teacher education classes I have been taught that ethnicity of the classroom teacher is important. This is because teachers are role models, and as such should reflect a positive example of and for the community.

However, according to the statistics provided by APSU in its 1993-1994 Fact Book, our university falls short of meeting this goal.

One reason I am forced to say this is due to the lack of Hispanic faculty. The Fact Book defines faculty as, "all full-time academic year and fiscal year faculty with 50 percent or more appointment with the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Instructor." It is based on the Oct. 31, 1993 revised personnel budget.

The total number of Hispanic faculty members is three (3) out of 260. In my opinion, having only 1.15 percent Hispanic members on the faculty is grossly unacceptable.

But some may claim that there aren't enough Hispanic students to justify a need for more Hispanic teachers, and thus role models as well. Let's look at the numbers.

Student ethnic status is voluntary information, and "Other" includes all U.S. citizens and resident aliens not classified in a minority category. According to the Fact Book, there were 171 Hispanic students enrolled at APSU in 1989. In 1993 there were 296, or a whopping 73.1 percent increase in the five-year span.

Pretty good by my standards. But I'm sure that still isn't enough to convince some people. Let's look at the "Other" category then.

In 1989, there were 4,896 enrolled students that fell under the "Other" category. There were 6,007 in 1993, or only a 22.7 percent increase in the same five-year span.

While some may claim that there are a lot more "Other" students to justify hiring practices, one particular statistic will prove that current trends necessitate a change.

The percent of total enrollment for Hispanic students from 1989 to 1993 has increased by 37 percent. For the "Other" category, it has decreased by 4.4 percent. What this basically means is that Hispanic students are becoming a larger portion of the entire student body while "Others" are becoming smaller.

But so what? That has nothing to do with faculty hiring, does it? Actually I think it does. Of the 260 faculty members I described earlier, 232 are classified as "Other." In case there is not a calculator handy, that comes to 89.2 percent of the faculty being mostly Caucasian.

But sometimes all the numbers get confusing. Let me make it simple: there are far too few Hispanic teachers to accommodate the rapidly increasing Hispanic students at APSU. In fact, there are NO Hispanic teachers in the College of Business, Education, Technical programs, or the library.

I will admit that the lack of Hispanics in the faculty has become a personal issue to me. I believe that the numbers speak for themselves, but I know that some people will try to use my last name to discredit my opinions.

That's fine as long as the APSU administration, with Rinella's leadership, is both receptive and responsive to the hiring inadequacies. If so, I'm sure that the educational goals of our university can be met.

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Professor upset with speakers

Dear Editor,

As a person who played admittedly minor roles in the civil rights and antiwar movements of the 1960s, I find it painfully ironic to read African American "Intellectuals, such as Leonard Jeffries and Steve Cokely, expressing many of the same vicious prejudices and arguments as those of the White Citizens' Councils and Ku Klux Klan of my youth. Most obvious of these is a crude paranoiac anti-semitism.

Some white supremacists of the 1960s used to claim that Jews, who reputedly controlled Hollywood, the media, Wall Street, and "Communist Russia," were the "real" leaders of the civil rights movement. Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were supposedly merely "dupes" of this international conspiracy. That sort of inane nastiness is essentially identical to Cokely's claim that the "AIDS epidemic is a result of doctors, especially Jewish doctors, who injected the AIDS virus in black babies."

It is doubly ironic to find Leonard Jeffries, who has made a career of denouncing Europeans for genocide on virtually every continent without benefit of coherent evidence or analysis, saying that he was "sick and tired of having the damn Jews shoving the Holocaust down our throats." One would think that he would be pleased to have one clearly documented case of European genocide to support his view that "western civilization is nothing more than an institutionalized, sophisticate form of barbarism."

but his own bigotry is too virulent for him to embrace the obvious.

In short, I am profoundly saddened by the fact that some African Americans, who, along with Jews, are among the historic victims of rampant prejudice and militant abuse, would seek to perpetuate these ancient evils by inflicting them on others. Also I am personally embarrassed that Austin Peay, an academic community I love and respect, would be induced to provide a forum for those who advocate religious and ethnic bigotry.

Richard P. Gildrie

2nd Amendment is not understood

Dear Editor,

The vast majority of Americans do not understand the meaning or application of the Second Amendment. The National Rifle Association (NRA) sedulously fosters misinterpretation of the amendment and one must conclude intentionally publishes such misinformation since its high-priced counsel surely knows better.

The full text of the Second Amendment reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged."

In *United States vs. Miller* (1939) 307 U.S. 174, the U.S. Supreme Court asserted that, "In interpreting and applying (the Second Amendment), the purpose of the amendment to assure continuation and render possible the effectiveness of the militia must be considered."

In *Lewis vs. U.S.* (1980) 445 U.S. 55, the U.S. Supreme Court restated this: "These legislative restrictions on the use of firearms

(convicted felon cannot lawfully possess firearms) do not trench upon any constitutionally protected liberties.

The amendment is to be read as an assurance that the national government will not interfere with a state's militia. Beyond this even Congress is not prohibited by the amendment from regulating firearms by the exercise of its interstate commerce powers. See *Commonwealth vs Davis* (1976) 369 Mass. 886 by a lower court.

All legislative measures and city ordinances limiting or banning firearms have been upheld including a Morton Grove, Ill. ordinance prohibiting possession of handguns within municipal boundaries.

The California law on assault weapons was upheld through the appeals court level and the NRA has abandoned plans to bring the measure before the Supreme Court.

A ban on assault weapons is not only constitutional but studies show it would also be effective. A study done by the Cox Newspaper group analyzed 43,000 gun traces of weapons used in criminal activity in 1988 and 1989. An assault gun was found to be 20 times more likely to be used in crime than a conventional firearm. The argument has been made that criminals get their guns illegally, so why target legal sales? In 1988 the Oakland California Police founded that only 12 percent of assault weapons seized in criminal activity were obtained illegally. Fully 88 percent of them were bought legally over the counter.

The point is we must dry up the supply as much as possible. Many weapons that begin as legal sales get into criminal hands.

Jim Senysyn

Sports

Jan. 25, 1995

The All State

Squad stands at 2-3 in conference following big win at Eastern Govs look to raise OVC mark to .500 with trip to Murray

By BYRON SHIVE
sports editor

Looking to climb to an even 3-3 in conference play, the Austin Peay State University Governor basketball team faces a stern test as they prepare to travel to Murray State for a Saturday afternoon showdown with the 1994-95 Ohio Valley Conference regular season champion Racers.

"It is a big game for us from a rivalry standpoint," said Head Coach Dave Loos. "They're one of the conference favorites, but we feel we can be competitive with any team in the league."

The Governors split their series with Murray a year ago. The Govs were the only OVC team to defeat the Racers in the regular season with a thrilling 83-81 decision in front of 5,300 screaming fans at Dave Aaron Arena. The Racers countered with a 95-85 victory, as both squads were the only OVC teams to go undefeated at home in

league play last year.

Despite losing four starters from last season, the Racers have reloaded with a senior-dominated line-up. They were slated to finish atop the OVC in a preseason media poll.

The Governors, slated for a third-place preseason finish, stand at 2-3 in the conference after a crucial 67-63 victory in the last half of the trip through "Death Valley" Jan. 16 at Eastern Kentucky.

Despite dropping the second of two games against Samford on Thursday, all eyes are on Murray State.

"Realistically, we're about one game behind where we should be," said Coach Loos. "We lost a close game at home (77-74 to Middle Tennessee State Jan. 7), which is not good in a conference like the OVC. Then we lost another close one at TSU (66-64 to Tennessee State) and they're undefeated."

"If we can steal one at a place

like Murray State, then we'll be back on track. But it's always tough to win on the road in the OVC."

In conference action, sophomore sensation Bubba Wells is averaging

game but the season opener.

Jermaine Savage goes into the Murray contest averaging 12.2 points in OVC games, while despite only starting three of the five

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—Head Coach Dave Loos

20.6 points per game and is pulling down rebounds at a 9.4 per game clip.

Wells hit for 31 points and 17 rebounds in the Govs' 95-80 loss at Morehead State Jan. 14. Leading the Govs in scoring, Wells has scored in double figures in every

games, Marcus Moore is scoring 10.6 points per game.

Though not leading any team category, APSU is in pretty much a dead-heat in the statistical book.

The Peay is averaging over 75 points per outing, but is surrendering 77.6 points. The

rebounding edge is a close one (38-36), as is the shooting percentage (38-34 percent).

"Our guys have had a good attitude," said Coach Loos, "in spite of losing some close games. We've had two real good practices already this week. We'll take Wednesday (today) off and then practice Thursday and Friday before we play on Saturday."

The Governors are a mere seven points from being 4-1 and in the thick of the race for the OVC championship, but lost at TSU to open conference play, before seeing their conference homecourt winning streak that carried over from last season (in which the Governors were undefeated in the friendly confines of Dave Aaron Arena in conference play) snapped in a 77-74 loss to the Blue Raiders from MTSU.

On Thursday, Samford exacted revenge for a crushing 87-74 overtime loss at Austin Peay Dec. 1.

However, the 'Dogs defeated the Governors 77-63 for their seventh-straight win in a non-conference game to drop Austin Peay's overall record to 5-10 on the year.

Despite making all of their free throws, The Governors could manage only nine trips to the line for the game, while the Bulldogs feasted on the Peay for 20 points from the charity stripe.

Wells led the team with 20 points and 12 rebounds, while Savage added 16 points.

After opening the season at 3-1, the squad snapped a seven-game losing skid with 93-87 win over Tennessee Tech to earn its first OVC win of the season Jan. 12.

The Governors shot 50 percent from the field, while hitting 10 3-pointers on the night.

Austin Peay placed four players in double figures, paced by Wells' 22 points. Savage added 17 points, Moore pitched in with 16 and Ous Key added 14.

Lady Govs eye three games in six days

By BYRON SHIVE
sports editor

After a layoff of 10 days, the Austin Peay Lady Governors basketball team will return to action tonight with a trip to Tennessee-Chattanooga to take on the Lady Moccasins.

"Hopefully, we'll go into this week feeling pretty good," said Head Coach LaDonna Wilson. "We've had nine days of rest, which we needed. Maybe it will work in our favor."

The Lady Mocs possess a losing record, but Coach Wilson sees a good team in the 5-10 squad.

"They are a good team. It's not reflective in their record, but they are well-balanced. Playing on the road is always tough no matter

where you're at. We outsize UT-Chattanooga, so we'll look to utilize our post game."

The Lady Governor post game has been dominant of late, with the emergence of sophomore center Colleen Polzin and freshman newcomer Amanda Behrenbrinker.

In the squad's trip through "Death Valley," Polzin averaged 21 points per game in a win over Morehead State and a loss to conference leader Eastern Kentucky, while pulling down 11 rebounds per contest, including 14 against the Lady Eagles.

Behrenbrinker, who shined early in the season enough to earn a starting slot, scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds against Morehead, while pulling down a

team-leading 11 boards to go with her eight points against the Lady Colonels.

"Our post game is playing really well right now," said Coach Wilson, "which is what we like to see. Amanda Behrenbrinker and Colleen Polzin are playing well for only a freshman and sophomore. And (freshman) Bridgett Robbins has been coming on lately at the guard spot."

Robbins knocked down 17 points and dished out 10 assists in the Lady Governors' win over Morehead State.

Austin Peay gave Eastern Kentucky, unbeaten in the Ohio Valley Conference at 5-0, a scare before bowing to the host Lady Colonels 74-69.

Following the trip to UT-Chattanooga, the squad will return home in preparation for Saturday's game at OVC cellar-dweller Murray State in a 1 p.m. contest in Racer Arena.

"Murray is only 0-5, but we can't afford to overlook them—especially on the road," said Coach Wilson. "It will be an important weekend for us. We've got to prove we can win on the road."

The nine-day layoff will be beneficial in the next week, as the Lady Governors will play three games in six days after a trip to Southeast Missouri State Monday night.

The squad will then return home for a four-game OVC homestand. The Lady Governors will sandwich a trip to St. Louis between home games with UT-Martin, Tennessee State, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.



Members of the 1994 Ohio Valley Conference championship baseball team receive their titlist rings during ceremonies at halftime of the Austin Peay basketball game Jan. 12. (photo courtesy Sports Information)



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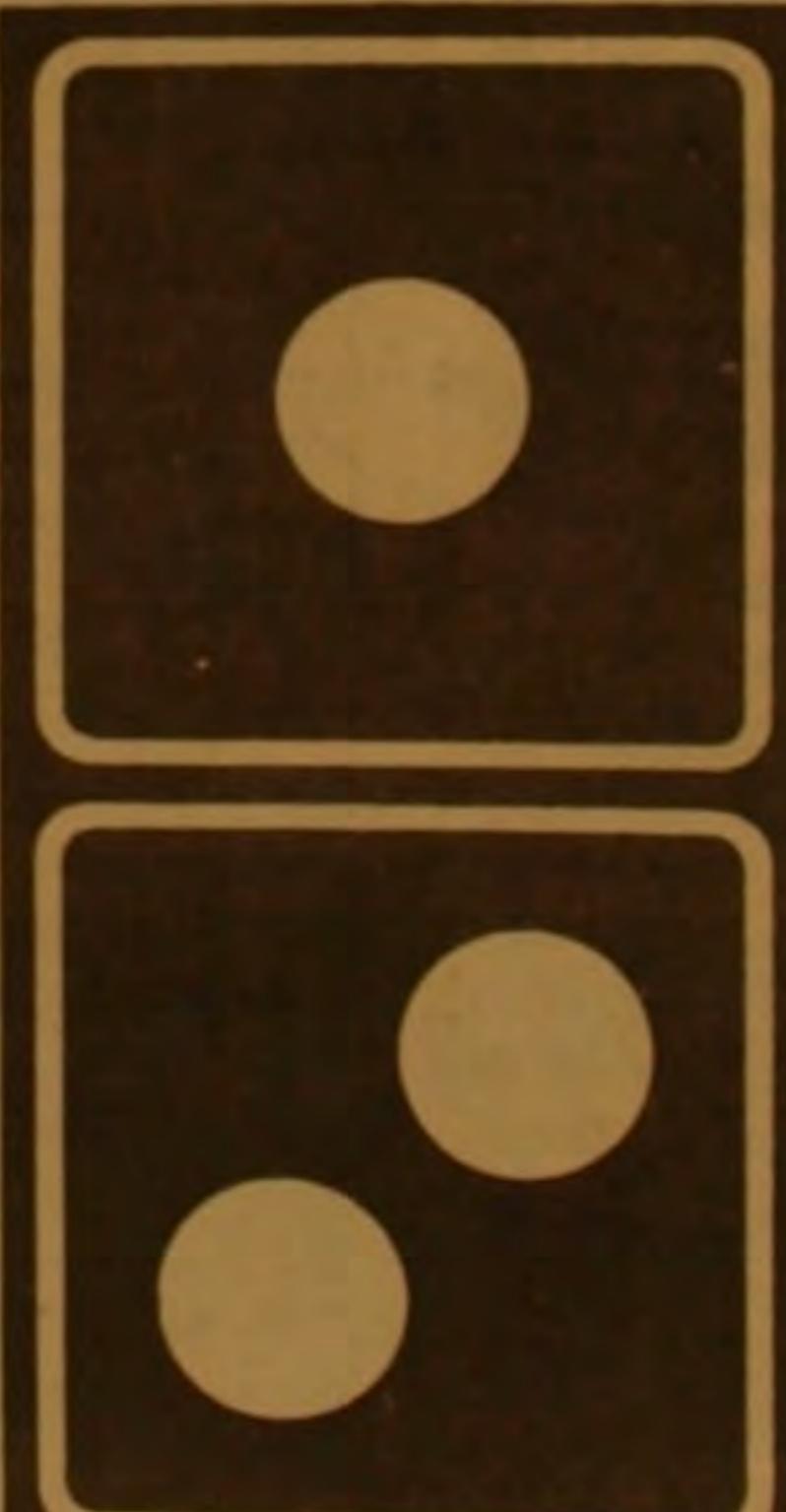
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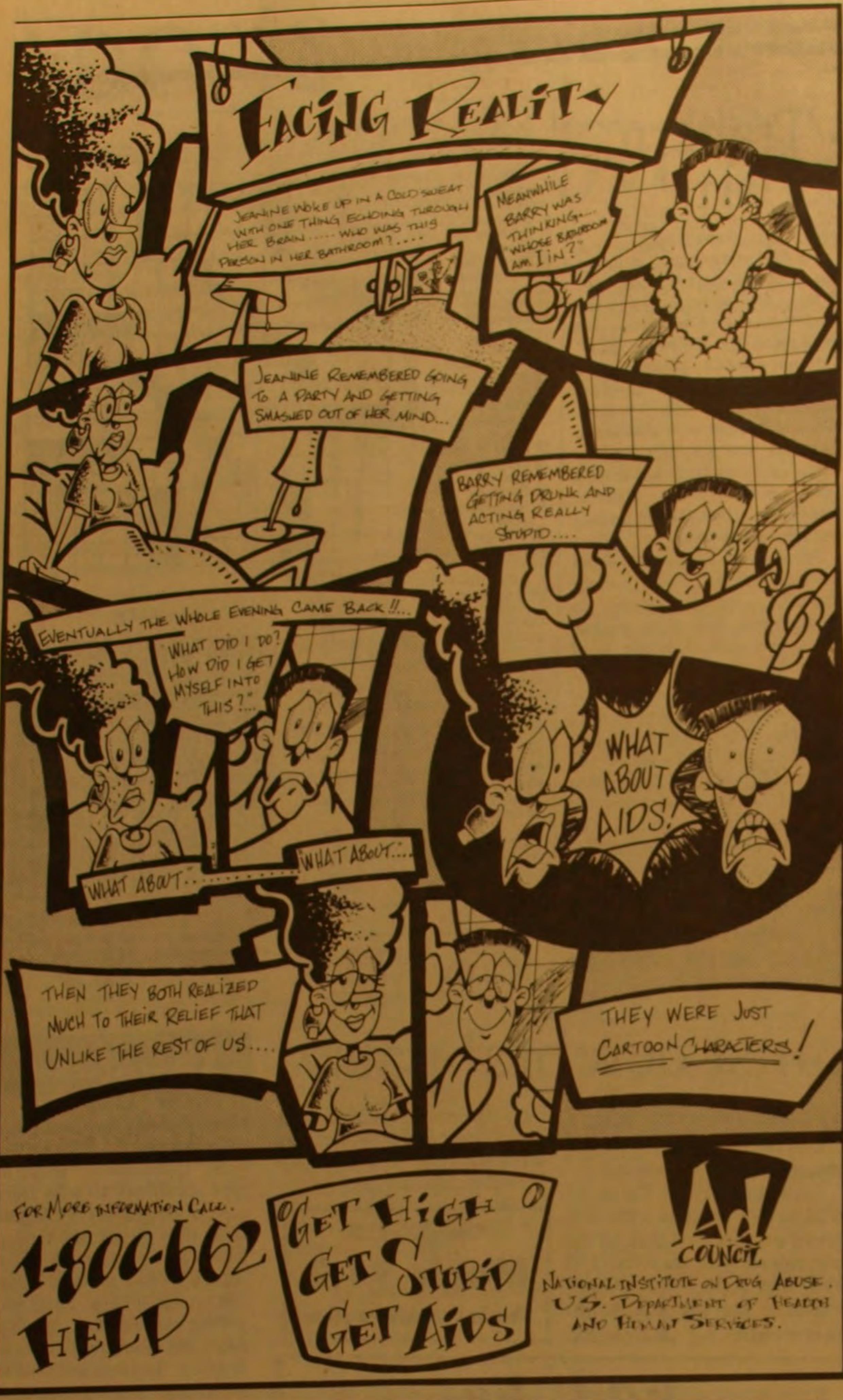
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