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New SGA election today in Ballroom

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By JEFF GRIMES
News editor

Take two of the Student Government Association general elections begins today at 9 a.m. with elections being held in the University Center Ballroom until 3 p.m.

The Student Tribunal ruled unanimously in favor of Latrice Westbrooks, president of the African American Student Association, who argued that election rules had been violated during the April 6 SGA general elections.

The tribunal ordered that new elections be held and the election rules would be rewritten to make it clearer what methods of campaigning are and are not permitted.

The election was contested by Westbrooks on the basis that election rules were violated by the Election Board for

failing to remove printed material within 50 feet of the polling area.

The new election rules, which were approved Thursday, April 21, have been amended to read, "No campaigning or campaign materials are permitted in the middle third floor of the Joe Morgan University Center Ballroom."

This rule change is expected to help remove some of the ambiguity and interpretation of the rules by clearly establishing where campaigning is not allowed, the middle third of the U.C. Ballroom.

The new rules also moved the polling area to the U.C. Ballroom.

Keri McInnis, SGA president, said the new electronic balloting system will be used again and there will be enough ballots

left over from the April 6 election to be used in today's election.

McInnis also said the rule changes should help ensure a fair election and should help make the rules better than any other college's election rules, "because we constantly improve them."

Even with the changes McInnis said, "I never can say there won't be any complaints."

Last year's SGA elections were separately contested by Robert Broome, vice-presidential candidate, and Latrice Westbrooks, AASA president, but the tribunal turned down the appeals.

Broome's appeal to the tribunal was to nullify the entire election on the grounds that illegal campaigning took place.

Westbrooks said Nicole Jackson should

be declared president of SGA without a run-off election because she had received the most votes in last year's initial election. The tribunal struck down that appeal because "Robert's Rules of Order" was the basis for the election rules which said a majority vote, one more than half of the total votes, must be cast for a candidate in order to be declared the winner for the seat.

During last year's election, Nicole Jackson received the most votes, but did not have a majority of votes, and a runoff election was held with Keri McInnis, the candidate with the second largest total of votes. McInnis won the runoff election 408-350.

The decision to allow the run-off prompted AASA to hold a sit-in in the Student Affairs Office and the library.



LISTEN TO THE MUSIC— Andy Robinson plays the flute and Todd Seay strums the guitar in the U.C. Bowl on a sunny day, as other students gather around for a peaceful afternoon. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Final Exams Schedule

Friday, May 6

8-10 a.m.— MWF classes which meet at 9 a.m.
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.— MWF classes which meet at 11 a.m.
1-3 p.m.— MWF classes which meet at 1 p.m.
3:30-5:30 p.m.— MWF classes which meet at 3 p.m.

Monday, May 9

7-9 a.m.— MWF classes which meet at 7 a.m.
9:30-11:30 a.m.— TR classes which meet at 9:30 a.m.
12-2 p.m.— TR classes which meet at 12:30 p.m.
2:30-4:30 p.m.— TR classes which meet at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

8-10 a.m.— MWF classes which meet at 8 a.m.
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.— MWF classes which meet at 10 a.m.
1-3 p.m.— MWF classes which meet at 12 p.m.
3:30-5:30 p.m.— MWF classes which meet at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

8-10 a.m.— TR classes which meet at 8 a.m.
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.— TR classes which meet at 11 a.m.
1-3 p.m.— TR classes which meet at 2 p.m.

Evening Undergraduate and Late Afternoon Graduate Classes

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News

Exit exams, choices part of senior experience

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
staff writer

With seniors taking exit exams last week, the dream of graduating is fast becoming a reality for many students.

Along with realizing a dream comes much hard work and many stressful hours. Several options are given to college graduates including going to a graduate or professional school, getting a job, going into the military and even taking a year off from everything.

Mark Reefer, a chemistry/biology double major, plans on going into the military when he graduates this spring.

"I'm going into the medical core; I will be doing everything from lab work to the initial diagnosing of the patients," Reefer said. But that is only for the next few years.

After his stint in the military, he might continue his education with a master's degree in cell molecular biology.

Graduating seniors are required to take several exams including the ACT Comp, as well as individual exit exams given by the department in which the student is majoring.

Students receiving financial aid also may be subjected to take an exit exam for a

Stafford Loan.

Reefer said that he experienced added stress because "they have all these things that they spring on you in your last semester."

"I advise graduating seniors to take some of the tests in their first semester as seniors to limit some of the stress that is due to added things you have to do in addition to graduating," he said.

Graduating seniors have to do a graduation audit, which lists the classes they have completed as well as what classes seniors need in order to graduate.

Some seniors have realized in their last semester, after completing a graduation audit, that they are several credits short of graduating.

Demetrius Jones, a graduating senior with a major in political science, discovered that she was nine hours short of graduation. Jones is currently taking 24 hours in order to graduate this spring.

"This school puts a lot of tension on graduating seniors; I average about four to five hours of straight studying a night, with more than that the night before a test," Jones said.

Other seniors think that Austin Peay has been handling the graduation process well.

Liz Gonzalez is graduating with a degree in business administration. She had to take a general exit exam, the ACT Comp test and a college of business exam that measured her ability.

Gonzalez said that she did not have any problems at all. "Everyone has been really helpful," she said.

Some students are leaving APSU, but all are not going through graduation exercises. Latoya Christopher, currently a sophomore, is going to pharmacy school at the University of Tennessee, Memphis. She did not have to complete a graduation audit or take any exit exams.

"All I did was send my transcripts and go through interviews," Christopher said.

Heather Eubanks, a senior who will not be participating in graduating exercises, is getting a degree in radiological technology.

"I'm not really walking this year, but I'll be done with the Peay. I go to Vanderbilt for an internship in nuclear medicine for a year," Eubanks said.

She had to complete a graduation audit and take the ACT Comp test, but she did not have to take an exit exam.

She had some advice for future graduates: Keep your grades up.

Annual awards program recognizes top students

APSU students who distinguished themselves academically were honored April 19 during the annual Academic Honors Day Program.

Held in the concert theatre, the program featured addresses by Becky Peeler, president of the Wreath Society, and Dr. Ellen K. chair of the department of communication and theatre, recipient of the 1993 Distinguished Professor Award. Dr. John L. vice president for academic affairs, presided.

Recognized during the ceremony were honors students with a cumulative GPA of 3.65 or better.

Several of the recognized students also are members of Phi Kappa Lambda, Wreath, Alpha Lambda Gamma, Beta Phi and Omicron Kappa.

Awarded the coveted Harvill-Citizenship Award for 1994-95 was Elizabeth Darcy Hartz.

This award is given annually to a graduating senior nominated by the faculty for distinguished citizenship.

Presenting the award to Hartz was Dr. Philip Weast, vice president of Student Affairs, Larry McCall, president of the Clarksville Citizens Association, and F. Evans Harvill.

Hartz is a mass communication major and a four-year member/scholarship recipient in the President's Emergency Leaders Program.

She also is a member of Chi Omega Women's Fraternity, a member of the All State staff and serves on numerous committees within the university.

Clark University offers fifth year of free tuition for master's

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Students who pursue four-year degrees at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., will be eligible for a fifth year of free tuition to complete a master's degree under a new program designed to combat the rising cost of education.

Essentially the program allows eligible students who maintain grade point averages of 3.25 or higher to receive a master's in business administration, health administration or a master's degree in other fields for the price of a bachelor's degree.

Clark University has offered the accelerated five-year degree programs for more than 20 years.

Students who opt for the programs are accepted into the master's degree programs in their junior years, begin meeting requirements

in their senior years and fulfill the master's degree requirements in the fifth year.

The waiving of the fifth-year tuition, believed to be the first program of its kind in the nation, recognizes student and parent concerns about the escalating costs of a bachelor's degree.

It also recognizes that a bachelor's degree doesn't necessarily ensure professional career opportunities anymore, the university said in a news release.

The cost savings are substantial, particularly for expensive programs such as MBA degrees. MBA students at Clark can expect to save about \$22,000 in tuition, room and board for the sixth year they won't need, plus the \$17,500 in tuition that the university will waive for the fifth year.

Nursing director compares U.S. health care reform to England

The director of Austin Peay State University's School of Nursing recently shared first-hand observations about health care in England during a presentation to members of District 13, Tennessee Nurses Association.

Dr. Mickey Badgett's observations also were published in the Spring 1994 issue of "Tennessee Nurse." Her article is titled "A Health Care Comparison of the United States and England."

Under Badgett, several nursing students, nurses and other health care providers studied in England from Dec. 26, 1993-Jan. 8, 1994. The health care course was offered through the Cooperative Center for Study in Britain Winter Break Program. APSU is one of several universities comprising the CCSB consortium, which offers study-abroad opportunities in England and Ireland.

Badgett said, "The focus of my course was the study of health care in England and a comparison of their health care system with the U.S. health care system."

According to Badgett, the system of health care in England has been national Health Services, in which all health care is free to the patient. The program is funded by taxes. In fact, 6 percent of the gross national product is spent on health care.

In her article, she tells of how the English must wait to be placed on a waiting list to see a government-assigned physician. She says, "Even after being placed on the waiting list, often there is a long wait to receive treatment."

Ironically, like the United States, England is in the throes of enacting health care reform — moving toward privatized health care. She says, "It is interesting that they are moving toward privatized health

care, while we are advocating national health insurance in this country."

According to Badgett, the most significant health care change in England has occurred in the area of nursing. She says, "In 1992...their training was completely hospital based. Within one year, the nursing preparation has moved to university based education."

"Professional nursing in England is moving in the direction of our university prepared nurses."

Overall, Badgett and her students concluded that England is at one end of the spectrum of health care with the United States at the other. She says, "Hopefully, we will meet a reasonable medium...as we both move toward health care reform."

In her article and presentation, Badgett stresses the increasing importance of the universal nurse. She says, "For some time

now, nursing has had an international perspective with the establishment of the International Council of Nurses and the International Sigma Theta Tau Organization.

"Perhaps nothing can enhance the cultural focus and better prepare students and nurses for the international community providing an international opportunity for learning."

"Through international experience, we have a better opportunity to be participants in influencing health care internationally," she says.

Badgett will offer this same course in England during December 1994-January 1995. Nursing students, nurses and health care providers with an interest in participating in this study-abroad opportunity may telephone Badgett at 7483.

Campus Briefs

Gamma Beta Phi inducts 102 new members

Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society recently inducted 102 members in the University Center Ballroom. Officers for the 1994-95 school year were also installed.

They include: Alayne Skinner, president; SyLinda Jones, vice-president; Janet DeLaughter, recording secretary; Kimberly Threath, corresponding secretary; Bryan West, treasurer; Jennifer Gibson, point secretary; Chad Williamson, reporter; and Catherine Spears, historian.

Psychology Club elects officers for next year

The Psychology Club held a luncheon on Saturday, April 23, where the new officers for the 1994-95 school year were announced.

The officers include: Heather Carmon, president; Starr Woodside, vice-president; Barbara Charriez, executive secretary; and Kim Allison, treasurer.

Extended Ed. seminar targets small businesses

A seminar offered through the Office of Extended Education is targeting small business owners and entrepreneurs

contemplating retail ventures.

"Retail Marketing Strategy for Small Businesses" is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 2, in Kimbrough, Room 215.

The seminar focuses on how to market products using the "seven Ps" of retail mix, sales forecasting, breakeven and profitability, inventory control, financing and failure avoidance.

Dr. Steven Anderson, marketing professor, will conduct the seminar. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

Pre-registration and fee payment of \$10 is due by April 28. For more information, telephone 648-7816.

College Democrats plan trip to campaign kick-off

The College Democrats will be sending a delegation from APSU to the campaign kick-off of Steve Hewlett for governor of Tennessee on Saturday, April 30.

The kick-off will be at the Hermitage in Nashville. Live entertainment will begin at noon with food and fun for all who attend.

Hewlett will announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination at 1 p.m. Taping for television, food and free tours of the Hermitage will follow all afternoon.

Interested students, staff and faculty

should call Robert Broome at 648-7797 or 1-800-ELECT-94 (the Hewlett for Governor Headquarters).

College Democrats set spring membership drive

The College Democrats will be holding their spring membership drive in the U.C. lobby on Wednesday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

All interested students, staff and faculty are invited to sign up.

At noon, Clarksville mayor and U.S. congressional candidate Don Trotter will make a special appearance to meet and talk to students.

Students will have an opportunity to volunteer for Mayor Trotter's campaign.

The College Democrats will also meet that afternoon in the Archwood Conference Room at 3 p.m. with Mayor Trotter.

Child Learning Center schedules summer hours

The Child Learning Center summer hours are 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. from May 16-Aug. 19.

The center will not be affected by the campus cooling situation since the building has its own cooling system.

The hours are being changed to accommodate students, staff and faculty.

For summer enrollment information, call 648-6234.

The last issue of The All State for the 1993-94 school year is May 4. Please consider this date in your Campus Briefs submissions.

The deadline for publication is 5 p.m. April 29. Please send all briefs to P.O. Box 8334.



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(WITH REVISIONS)

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION PROCEDURES
AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ELECTION BOARD

I. CANDIDACY

- Candidacy is determined by remittance of petitions to the Election Board. Those turned in for the first election will be used. Said petitions must bear the name of the position sought and must be approved by a member of the Election Board and its designate.
- Candidates for Executive offices will be required to obtain 100 signatures on their petitions. Senators are required to obtain 50 signatures of their petitions. Freshman are required to obtain 50 signatures on their petitions.

II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDACY

A. Qualifications for Executive Offices

No person shall be eligible for or serve as SGA President, Vice-President, or Executive Secretary, unless possessing the following qualifications:

- A cumulative grade point average of 2.25 as computed by and recorded in the Office of Records & Registration.
- Be a regularly enrolled day student, registered for a minimum of twelve semester hours.
- Must have completed at least 31 semester hours.

B. Qualifications for Legislative Branch

No person shall be eligible to be elected a college Senator or Senator at Large unless possessing the following qualifications:

- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 as computed by and recorded in the Office of Records & Registration.
- Be a regularly enrolled student registered for a minimum of twelve semester hours.
- A candidate must be a member of the college for which he/she is seeking office at least two semesters of the term he/she will be serving, excluding the semester of the election and summer semester.

- Sign a statement of intent saying he/she will be a member of the University of at least one semester following the election including the semester in which the elections are held.

III. CAMPAIGNING

- No SGA materials, equipment, or facilities may be used to further the campaign of any candidate.
- Violators of any University Regulations in the conducting of a campaign are subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct.

IV. BASES OF DETERMINING A VOTING RESULT

- EXECUTIVE BRANCH.** A majority vote is required for determining the voting result. The word "majority" means "more than half"; and when the term majority vote is used, it means more than half of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions.

- LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (AND FRESHMAN).** A plurality vote is required for determining the voting result. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes has a plurality.

- If any office remains unfilled after the first ballot, the balloting (should) be repeated for that office as many times as necessary to obtain a majority vote for a single candidate.

- When repeated balloting for an office is necessary, the names of all nominees are kept on the ballot.

- Runoff elections will be held in the event an office remains unfilled after the first ballot. The runoff election will be held in the same manner as the first ballot.

VI. BALLOTING

- Balloting will take place in the University Center Ballroom located on the third floor of the Joe Morgan University Center.

- No campaigning or campaign materials are permitted in the middle third floor of the Joe Morgan University Center Ballroom.

VII. COMPLAINTS

- An election can only be contested if upon notifying the designated election monitor of any irregularities in the voting procedure and if not addressed in a reasonable amount of time.
- The election board chairperson must be notified of any complaint concerning the election within 24 hours after the closing of the polls. The complaint must be in written statement.
- The complaint will be reviewed by the Election Board and they will make a ruling within 24 hours of the stated written complaint.
- Any appeals will be made within 24 hours of the Election Board ruling in writing to the Student Tribunal.

VIII. DISQUALIFICATION

The Election Board has the power to disqualify any candidate that fails to comply with any of the aforementioned regulations. All decisions of the Election Board are final.

IX. SENATE APPROVAL

The preceding procedures were approved by the Senate April 21, 1994.

SGA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V SECTION 2

All campus wide elections must follow the procedures which have been established by the Election Board and approved by the Senate.

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Opinion

Editorial

Study finds Tennessee dangerous for children

It's official: Tennessee is no place for children. While many Tennessee parents have chosen to raise their families in what they consider to be a safer community, statistics from the fifth annual Kids Count study describe a different scene.

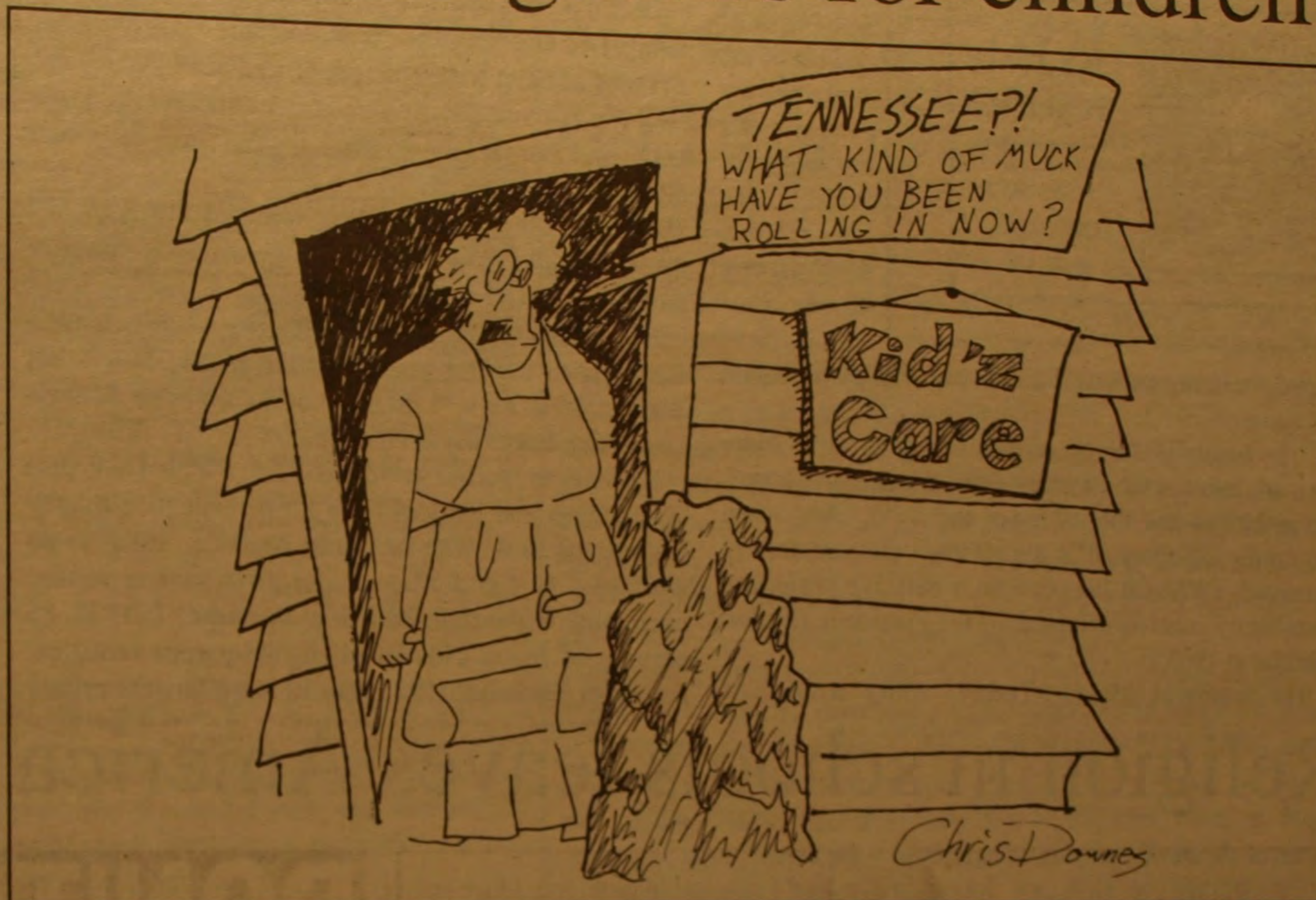
Kids Count is a national study that examines the welfare of children on a state-by-state basis, considering such issues as education, juvenile delinquency and violent death to minors.

Tennessee is second only to Mississippi for single-parent families, and was ranked 43rd nationally for the overall status of children.

Disturbingly, Tennessee has gone from a one in four single-family percentage in 1985, to a one in three in 1994.

State social service institutions are obviously disappointed with these negative trends, especially considering the strong ties between single-parent families and poverty. Nationally, 42 percent of the single-parent families in America live in poverty conditions, compared to only 8 percent of two-parent families.

The only good news from Kids Count was that Tennessee made gains in several of the emphasized areas, like infant mortality and lower child death rate. However, more children are living in homes where welfare is the only source of income and with high



family-head unemployment, which could be reasons for higher dropout rates. Tennessee desperately needs to find a way to combat these disturbing trends before it's too late. After all, it's not just the children we have to look out for, but the future of our region.

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Let's look for platform rather than party policy

Dear Editor,
I read an interesting quote from the current mayor of Nashville, Mr. Phil Bredesen. I discovered this quote in an article in a relatively recent issue of the Highland City Times. Mayor Bredesen was attending the Cheatham County Democratic Party's meeting at Cheatham County Central High School. The quote was as follows:

"I honestly believe working people, like I grew up around, are not well represented by government today and that the Democratic Party's values are what can help these people."

Now, I don't have any reservations with regards to anyone voting for or supporting a political candidate whom they believe is the best choice for whatever public office a candidate is seeking, whether he or she is a Democrat or a Republican, but, for heaven's sake, let's be honest. Our current government officials do not effectively represent the people whom they are elected to serve, I agree. However, to say that the Democratic Party is the party which can change the direction in which our nation is going is not an absolutely true statement.

Our forefathers despised party loyalty and factions. They believed that their devotion in any government would lead to the destruction of the institutionalizing of

proper laws and procedures. Thomas Jefferson, who, at the time of the founding of our country, was classified as a liberal, stated in 1787 that "if I could not go to Heaven but with a party, I would not choose to go there."

However, if the condition of our current state and federal government is to be attributed to our current government officials and a certain party deserves the responsibility of treating our country's ailments, we must first determine which party has the majority of the power before we can lay judgment as to which party that should be (if any particular party deserves such a right.)

Logically, the majority of the blame falls upon the Democratic Party for the ills which plague our country today, if we are to follow Mayor Bredesen's line of logic. I realize some people will say that 12 years of a Republican presidency is the cause for our problems, but the U.S. House of Representatives was controlled by the Democratic Party that entire time and the Republican Party held a majority in the U.S. Senate for only a short time early in the 1980s before the Democratic Party gained control once again.

If any president placed the power of the government back in the hands of the people, it was Ronald Reagan. His presidency, coupled with the short-lived Republican U.S. Senate control in the early '80s, was able to lower our nation's tax rates, which

allowed for the number of citizens classified as middle-class (individuals or couples who earn between \$18,000 and \$75,000 per year) to increase from 25 percent to over 50 percent between 1980 and 1990. This very fact discredits the assumption that the "rich" were the only ones who made more money during the 1980s. On the contrary, everyone who was willing to work succeeded, if only marginally. Unfortunately, even though our federal tax revenues doubled, our federal spending tripled during the mid '80s due to Congress indignantly spending more money than the amount our federal government possessed.

If anyone who reads this letter is still voting against Herbert Hoover and refuses to vote for anyone who is not a Democrat, please reevaluate yourself. The Democratic Party before Lyndon B. Johnson is not the same Democratic Party of today. Maybe instead of basing our allegiance on a party name, we should base it on a party platform and vote for the candidate who believes in the same platform as ourselves, even though that candidate might be a Republican.

Chris Atkins

Adult book store prompts fanaticism over nothing

Dear Editor:

Warning to all free thinking citizens and students of Clarksville! Violent sex crimes

are about to be unleashed upon you! Such is the implication of Gayle Gilpin's letter to the editor of April 19 in The Leaf-Chronicle.

The cause of this alarm is the pending opening of an "adult book store". Dread and woe! Crime-free Clarksville is under siege. Hysterics are once again employees to decry a change in the physical makeup of Clarksville. They won't be safe with all them perverts around!" is raised against the constitutional right of adults to chose to view for themselves various forms of expression. Children have been relatively safe until now. Parks have been safe places. People have been attacked and violent crimes committed before news of an adult book store was announced. Children have brought handguns to school here!

And regrettably, rape is no stranger here either. Don't forget that potential customers of this facility are the very residents of Clarksville and Montgomery County, people already here, not some unknown horde on Bosnia waiting to descend upon our innocent citizenry!

Rational, fair-minded discussion will better enable our city to deal with what is in reality, only a small event. Fanaticism and overbearing zealotry will only enhance the feebleness of an opposing viewpoint. Hopefully there's more to the opposition's argument than that.

Turner McCullough

Decline of the family crumbles national culture

This is the second article of a three-part series on American culture. The statistics in this series are taken in part from "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators," by Bill Bennett.

One key aspect of the decline of American culture is the subsequent decline of the American family. To be certain, they are inter-related. A strong family not only helps to support a strong national culture, but it helps to sustain it.



By
TIMOTHY PRATHER
assistant
opinion
editor

"The family is the cornerstone of our society. More than any other force, it shapes the attitude, the hopes, the ambitions and the values of the child. And when the family collapses, it is the children that are usually damaged. When it happens on a massive scale, the community itself is crippled," said President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

But that was 1965. Today, many American

communities are indeed "crippled." And it has a whole lot to do with the decline of family values. Here are some more of Bill Bennett's statistics:

- Since 1960, illegitimate birth rates have increased by more than 400 percent.
- In 1961 and 1991, approximately the same number of children were born, but in 1991, five times as many of them were born out of wedlock.
- In Cleveland, Atlanta, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., and Detroit, the illegitimacy rates are well over 60 percent.
- By 2000, according to some projections, 40 percent of all white births and 80 percent of minority births will occur out of wedlock.

But before the multi-culturalists are whipped into a frenzy with the last statistic, they should hear what Walter Williams, a professor at George Mason University, has to say on the topic.

He makes some good points: "The fact that Washington and Harlem have 80 percent illegitimacy has nothing to do with racism in America. It has to do with 13-, 14-, and 15-year-old girls having sexual intercourse without the benefit of marriage. In 1925, 85 percent of black kids lived in two-parent families. Surely in Harlem in 1925, blacks were far poorer and

there was more discrimination." Simply, Williams is talking about "owning up."

More statistics:

- Since 1960, the number of families headed by a single parent has more than tripled.
- The divorce rate has more than doubled since 1960.
- Since 1972, there have been more than 28 million abortions in the United States. Today, nearly four pregnancies end in abortion.
- The rate of births to unmarried teenagers increased almost 200 percent since 1960.
- Since 1960, the teenage suicide rates have more than tripled. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among adolescents.

So, the American family is on the decline, and it has a lot to do with what Rush Limbaugh calls the National Soul. Family values can't be maintained as a national goal when we divorce and abort at the rate we do. We can't have prosperous communities if our children are having children and the nuclear family is declining toward extinction.

To be certain, no government program can ever fully restore the American family. A pious people can't. More about that next week.

Religion in schools leaves America without a prayer

One of the most annoying things about human beings is that we have to continually re-learn some lessons. The mixing of church and state is one example.

But I think we've finally gotten it right. That pesky First Amendment of the United States Constitution says, in part, "Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This was interpreted in 1963, and reaffirmed in 1984, to mean a guarantee of freedom of religion and a ban against mixing church and state.

As a consequence, publicly funded schools were not allowed to encourage recitations of prayers or Bible verses. Children were allowed to recite whatever they wished at home, in religious institutions of their choice or in privately funded schools.

In 1994, however, legislators seem to be encouraging voluntary prayer in schools, and it is now spreading like a weed across

the land. And I say, just in time, too. More prayer is just what this sad, sick society needs. Our violence, immorality and intolerance are making us crazy with fear. We boycott Miami, we consider doing (so far) illegal searches of public housing, and we legalize concealed weapons.

We pay criminals megabucks to tell us why they did what they did, and cluck-cluck in shock in Pulitzer Prize-winning articles when others imitate them. Meanwhile, our children are beginning to behave like those brats in William Golding's "Lord of the Flies."

I say a quick, daily prayer will fix our society and bring morality back to our children, just as it always has.

Don't listen to people who would rather parents and teachers spend more time with children, teaching them about religion, ethics and morality as part of a curriculum. They'd rather children be taught to open their hearts and minds to all philosophies, to respect others and the law and to expect significant and consistent punishment when they don't.

They think children should be given the chance to question, think for themselves

and draw their own conclusions. I say, heck with that. That only breeds dissent, unhappiness and 40 bazillion different types of churches. Who can keep track? It's also expensive, time-consuming and requires thought and participation on our part. Who has time nowadays to talk with children?

A 30-second prayer can do it all faster and cheaper, and we don't even have to be there. And think of the lessons our kids will learn by praying in front of everybody and proving that they do it. It's such a warm, fuzzy feeling to be part of a crowd.

Besides, the prayers will be perfect showcases for religion's excellent record on tolerance. Look at Europe in the Middle Ages. No, don't do that. Look at ... hmm. Not early America. Certainly not 1930's Germany or today's. Not Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Israel ... Well. But I'm sure we're more mature.

I, for one, agree with our ever-vigilant vanguards of morality who have dared to take on the First Amendment and beat it into submission.

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And I know the one who don't want to will not be harassed by other kids or forced to participate. It would be like the kid who sat silent while others cheered.

Or like the one kid in a sea of white who was the one Jew in a crowd of Christians or the overweight kid who couldn't keep up in gym class. I'm sure one will be bothered. Don't give it any thought.

Prayer in school, that's the ticket. Amend the Constitution, too. They won't ever have to be bothered again. That stupid First Amendment that seems to understand anyway.

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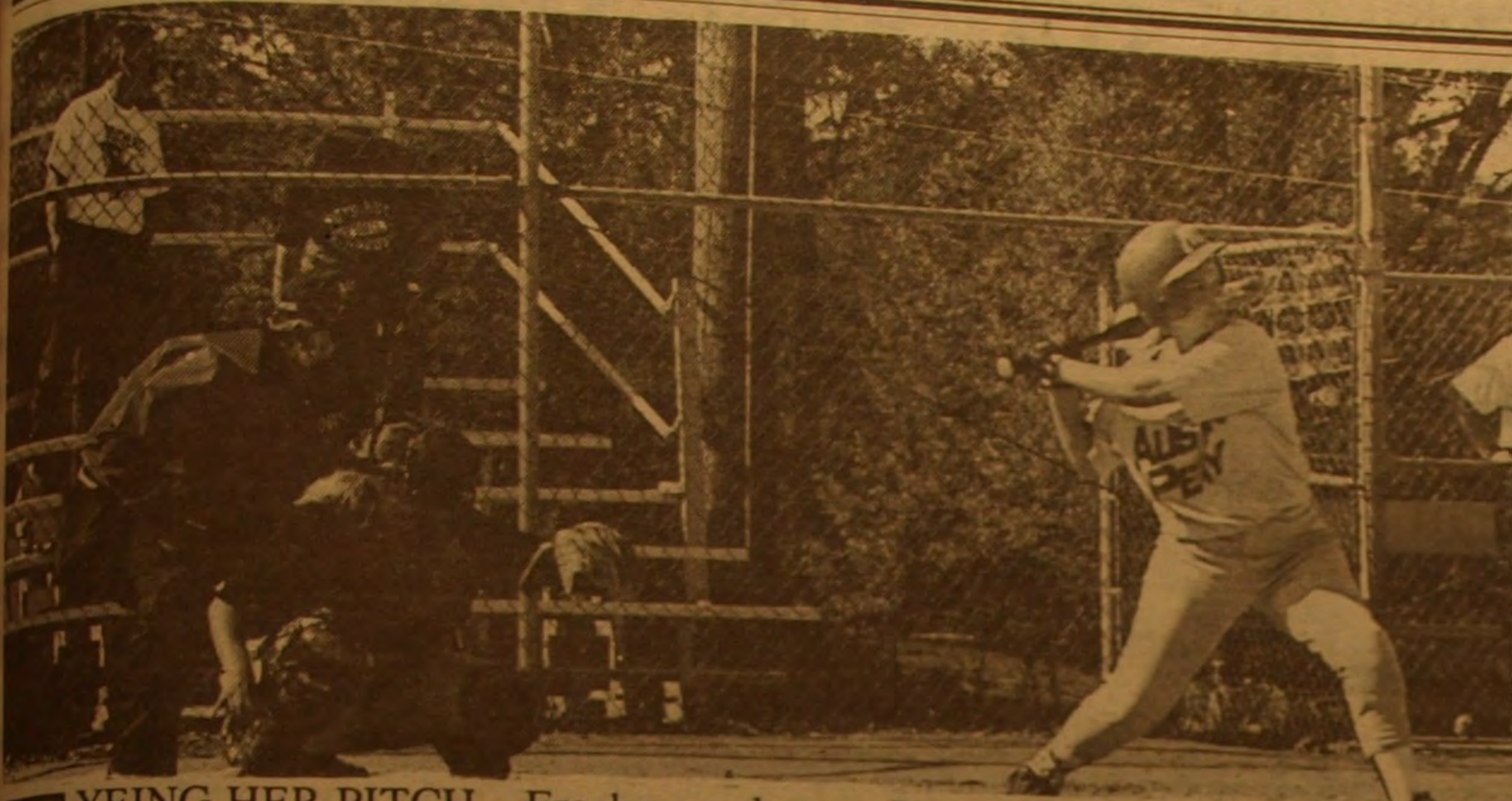
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Sports



Player-of-the-Year Sheather captures second OVC crown

By MIKE IRBY
assistant sports editor

Austin Peay's women's tennis team finished fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament last weekend in Nashville, as standout Susan Sheather won the No. 1 singles championship for the second time in three years.

The senior from Bathurst, Australia, finished her collegiate career undefeated in regular season OVC matches.

Sheather also was named the OVC Player-of-the-Year for the second time. She also won the award in 1992.

Sheather then combined with Andrea Hede to win the No. 1 doubles competition.

Watched by her parents, who had flown in from Australia to see her play for the first time, Sheather finished a season in which she was intent on recapturing the title after a knee injury caused her to be upset in last year's semifinals.

"Susan has really been focused all season," said Coach Lou Weiss. "She was just determined to win this season."

Tennessee-Martin won the team championship.

Austin Peay's men's team captured third place honors Monday with a 4-1 upset of third-seeded UT-Martin. The Governors received wins from every spot but No. 1 singles in disposing of the Pacers.

Rodney Way and Mattias Ericsson, who were named to the All-OVC team, teamed up for a 9-8 (11-9) win at No. 1 doubles.

In other doubles action, Cristian Duma and Rick Stoller won their No. 2 doubles match, 8-4, while David Boyd and Brian Coons won at No. 3 doubles, 9-8 (7-3).

Austin Peay also picked up singles wins at No. 2 (Duma), No. 3 (Boyd) and No. 4 (Ericsson).

The Governors lost to eventual team champion Middle Tennessee State, 4-0, in the semifinals Saturday, after an opening round win over Tennessee Tech (4-1) earlier in the day.

Entering the tournament seeded fifth, the Governors recorded upsets of fourth-seeded Tennessee Tech and third-seeded UT-Martin in finishing in third place.

EYEING HER PITCH—Freshman slugger Heather Jones waits for the next pitch in the Lady Governors' Ohio Valley Conference tournament opener against eventual champion Southeast Missouri State Friday afternoon. SEMO sent the Lady Govs to the loser's bracket with a 3-0 win. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Sputtering offense once again leads to defeat for Lady Govs

By BYRON SHIVE
sports editor

Plagued by a lack of offense all season long, Austin Peay's softball team suffered at the plate once again in bowing out of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in the first round of the loser's bracket, after an opening-round loss.

Following Friday's 3-0 loss to eventual tourney champion Southeast Missouri State, the Lady Governors were knocked out of the tournament with a 3-0 loss to tourney runner-up Middle Tennessee State Saturday morning.

"We didn't hit very well this weekend," said APSU coach Chris Austin. "We only had about four hits per game and you're not going to win very many games with that few hits."

APSU's Angela Thompson, Stacey Perkins, Andrea Miller and Telisha Neely were named first-team All-OVC for their season's efforts.

The two losses dropped the team's overall mark to 20-25, with a conference mark of 8-12.

"Overall, the season was a disappointment," said Austin. "It was a situation where we didn't

get the breaks and the timely hitting that we got last year. We're a better team than our 20-25 record indicates. Simply put, we didn't get the job done offensively."

Austin Peay had five players hit over the .300 plateau, three of which were named All-OVC.

Miller led the team with a .365 average, with team-highs in RBI's (36), doubles (8), home runs (5), slugging percentage (.625) and on-base percentage (.460), in playing only 37 games.

Perkins hit at a .323 clip, followed by Michelle Mullins (.322), Neely (.318) and Kristy Warren (.304).

Thompson was her usual dominating self, finishing the season with an ERA of 1.54. She led the league in strikeouts per inning with an average of 7.5, ranking her 15th in the nation.

Despite the disappointing season, the squad returns virtually intact next year.

"We have a large number of players returning next year," said Austin. "In fact, next year will be the first time since I've been here that we will be a senior/junior dominated team."

Governors rally once again to tie for first-place honors

By MIKE IRBY
assistant sports editor

Austin Peay's baseball team scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth on Sunday to defeat Southeast Missouri State, 6-5, at Raymond C. Hand Park to take two games in the three-game series.

The Governors (20-24 before yesterday's game at Western Kentucky; 8-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference) and the Indians (20-20/8-6) split Saturday's doubleheader 7-6 and 0-6.

On Sunday, the Governors scored one run in the eighth to cut the SEMO lead to 5-3.

Senior pitcher Gerry Albright (5-2) pitched a perfect ninth for

the Governors, setting the stage for the last-inning heroics.

Al Bolden, back in the line-up last weekend after missing four games with a sprained ankle, started the rally off with a single.

Chuck Abbott hit a single to left, which was misplayed by the SEMO leftfielder, allowing Bolden to score and advancing Abbott all the way to third.

Jason Mikulecky then smashed a double to the wall in left-center, tying the game at five, still with no outs.

Good execution led to more good luck for the Governors. Kelly Weathers, attempting to sacrifice Mikulecky to third, legged out a perfectly-placed

bunt, putting runners on the corners with no outs.

Nate Manning then lofted a fly ball to centerfield. Tagging on the

OVC Standings

Austin Peay	8-4
Morehead State	10-5
Murray State	7-5
SE Missouri	8-6
Eastern Kentucky	7-7
Middle Tennessee	6-7
UT-Martin	5-9
Tennessee Tech	2-10

play, Mikulecky slid safely under the tag at the plate for the winning run.

"When I saw the centerfielder go back on the ball, I had no

doubt," said head coach and third-base coach Gary McClure. "With Mikulecky's speed, I had to send him."

"It would be nice to get an early lead, but we'll take them any way we can get them. Our guys just don't give up."

The Governors had to come back from two three-run deficits in game one on Saturday.

Manning's two-run homer in the sixth inning cut the SEMO lead to one.

With the score tied in the seventh (doubleheader games last seven innings) and the winning run (Mikulecky) on third, Manning hit a ground ball that was booted by the second-

baseman, allowing the winning run to score.

The win on Saturday was the 179th of McClure's stint at Austin Peay, giving him the most wins in Austin Peay baseball history, surpassing Joe Ellenburg's old mark of 178. McClure is in his seventh season at APSU.

Austin Peay plays a 3 p.m., non-conference contest at Vanderbilt this afternoon.

The Governors return to OVC action this weekend when they host Tennessee Tech at Raymond C. Hand Park.

Saturday's doubleheader begins at 4 p.m., while Sunday's finale begins at 2 p.m.

Gridders flex defensive muscle as spring drills enter final week

Bryan Harvey and Willie Little each had two quarterback sacks, leading a strong defensive effort, as Austin Peay's football team began its final week of spring practice with a scrimmage Friday at Governors Stadium.

"I was pretty pleased," said APSU coach Roy Gregory. "I saw a lot of hitting and a lot of effort. We're short in numbers, so that limited how long we could go, but I saw a lot of good things that leads me to believe that we're getting better."

"We came off the ball better and ran to the ball better than we have in a while. We didn't catch and throw the ball as well as I would have liked, but we'll get better there, too."

James Simpson and Leon Hite each had an interception, as the Gobs' defense stiffened after the offense drove for a touchdown on the scrimmage's second series.

Chris Horton's two-yard run accounted for the afternoon's only score, capping a six-play series directed by Daniel Williams, one of three players vying for the starting quarterback nod.

Williams' 24-yard pass to James Upton on the second play of the drive put the ball on the 16-yard line. Three plays later, Horton ran right for the score.

Redshirt freshman Chris Wiggins was also impressive at quarterback, working the option well and recording runs of 13 and 14

yards. Wiggins was in for the most plays of the three quarterback candidates (23) and finished with 33 yards on five carries. His two pass attempts fell incomplete.

David Stooksbury, who started last year at quarterback before suffering a season-ending knee injury, took 14 snaps, completing both of his passes for 45 yards and rushing for another five yards.

Williams had 18 snaps, completing one of 10 passes for 24 yards and two interceptions.

However, after the offense racked up 112 yards in the first three series, the defense roared back with several big plays.

Linebacker Jeff Gooch forced a fumble on a Stooksbury keeper, Simpson and Hite each intercepted Williams passes and Little and Harvey kept pressure on the quarterbacks with four combined sacks, as the defense shut down the offense.

"(Harvey and Little) have played well all spring," said Gregory. "We've had a lot of great efforts. The backs ran hard today. They've all had their good days."

Austin Peay will complete its spring practice Saturday morning with the annual Red-White game, slated for 11 a.m. at Governors Stadium.

The Red-White game is free to students. However, a Food Fair sponsored by the athletic department will provide an array of food and refreshments for those attending the game for a \$3 charge.

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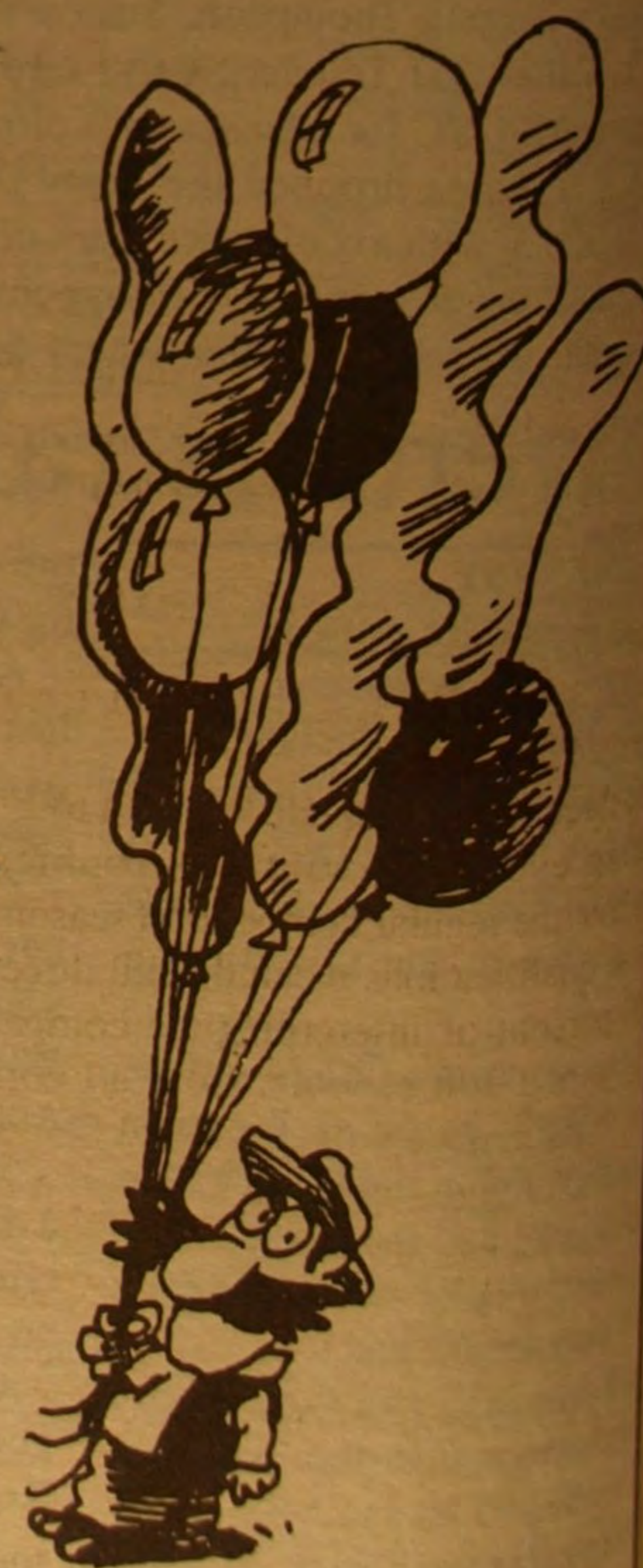
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Features

Austin Peay community turns out to support March of Dimes

by DARCY HARTZ
Features editor

Temperatures soared on Sunday, but that didn't stop APSU students, faculty and staff from getting out and supporting the March of Dimes Walk America.

At least 30 students participated in the community-wide event and raised funds for the March of Dimes and its work to prevent birth defects.

The APSU team, made up of students, staff and faculty, donated \$2,400 to the cause, the largest amount of money raised by a single team. Students raised approximately \$380 of that sum.

Beverly Smith served as chair of the APSU student Walk America through Project Serve.

"We walked to support both APSU and the March of Dimes," she said. "It is a good cause."

Betty Leimer of the math department agreed. She was first to cross the finish line in the two-mile walk and participated because of the worthy cause and the exercise. She said she is "into fitness" and has walked in the event for the past seven years.

Several contests were held on campus to promote fundraising and participation. Joy Blankenship came up with the winning T-shirt design that all APSU team members sported during the walk.

The Non-Traditional Student Organization was out in full force. With 16 members participating, the group had the largest amount of members walking.

NTSO also raised the most money for a student organization, \$120, and won first place in the banner competition.

Other groups participating included Veterans Service Organization, Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Beta Phi Honor



A SUNDAY STROLL — Students Crysti Houston and Alan West participate in Walk America with Dr. Gregory Zieren. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Society, Football America and several individual students.

Participants walked through APSU's campus and downtown Clarksville. An estimated \$10,000 was raised during the campaign.

At least 400 people pre-registered for the event, but nearly 700 actually turned out to support the March of Dimes.

Greek Scene

Kappa Sigma South Seas: another success story

Tuesday began a week of sun, fun and sand for sorority members during Kappa Sigma South Sea Island Week.

Chi Omega Women's Fraternity finished first in overall competition and Tara Mosley of Alpha Delta Pi was named Island Girl. A portion of the proceeds go to the United Way.

Teams gathered signatures from brothers on Tuesday and showed their spirit.

Field events began Wednesday afternoon with Kappa Delta finishing first in the tug-of-war competition. Alpha Delta Pi placed first in the balloon toss, and Kappa Delta took top honors in the sand castle competition. A scavenger hunt was held later that evening, and team members gathered everything from couches to Elvis portraits. Chi Omega placed first.

The Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett and En Vogue turned out for Thursday's lip sync contest and All-Greek Mixer. Chi Omega placed first with their En Vogue medley.

A Toga party Friday night rounded out the week's events. Winners were announced at midnight and Chi Omega placed first, Alpha Delta Pi finished second and Kappa Delta took third.

□ The Greek Awards program will begin tonight at 7 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom. Outstanding Greek Relations, Outstanding Community Service, the All Sports Award and Awards of Excellence will be presented. Outstanding NPC, IFC and NP-HC groups will also be named. Awards for Outstanding Greek Man and Woman also will be given.

APSU Speech and Debate Team weathers storm at national competition

Three members of the APSU Speech and Debate Team weathered the storm well at last week's National Forensic Association's Annual Championships — literally weathered the storm.

On the first day of competition at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, a tornado swept through town, leaving injuries and lots of damaged property behind. While other schools sustained broken van windows, the APSU team was able to enter the national finals unscathed.

Team Captain Jeff Greene, junior, and novice team members Paul Butts, junior, and Lisa McCray, junior, represented APSU.

The three speakers qualified for a total of eight individual speaking events by winning trophies in those events throughout the regular competition season.

These qualifications mean that all three speakers are in the top 10 percent of intercollegiate competitors nation-wide. APSU joined 108 schools, from all corners of the United States, to participate in the National Championships.

Green and Butts competed in Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. Green and McCray were both entered in Prose Interpretation and Greene also competed in Poetry Interpretation.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the NFA Annual Championships, and the Austin Peay team has proved that it is so committed to speaking competitions that they don't let anything get in their way, even a little tornado.



ELECTRONIC MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA — The AP MIDI Committee will present an evening of electronic and electro-acoustic music Thursday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The program will include works by Pat Metheney, Bela Fleck, Lee Ritenour, Chuck Mangione, Queen and original compositions and arrangements by ensemble members. The concert is free and open to the public. (Courtesy photo)

Art Scene

'Steel Magnolias' opens today

The lives of six southern women and the relationships that bind them together will be seen as "Steel Magnolias" comes to Austin Peay State University's Trahern Theatre through May 1.

Presented by the APSU Center for the Creative Arts and AP Playhouse, showtimes are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. General admission is \$5, students \$3.

For information and/or reservations, telephone the theater box office at 648-7379.

MIDI Committee plans concert

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Parton presents senior recital

Edwin Parton will present his senior recital (trumpet) Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

Vocal recital held Saturday

Mandy Barclay will present her graduate vocals recital Saturday, April 30, at 6 p.m. in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

Dallas Brass to perform May 1

The Clarksville Community Concert Association presents the Dallas Brass Sunday, May 1, at 8 p.m. in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. Admission is free to APSU students.

Rogness gives clarinet recital

Amy Rogness will present her senior clarinet recital Monday, May 2, at 8 p.m. in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The recital is free and open to the public.

Students read poetry, prose

There will be a reading of poetry and prose by creative writing scholarship students Michele Craighead, Joy Davis, Ric Evans, William Moore Jr., Elizabeth Smiley, Robert Thornton and Sally White, Tuesday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in Gentry Auditorium, Kimbrough Building. The reading is free and open to the public.

Percussion ensemble performs

APSU's department of music and Center for the Creative Arts will present the Percussion Ensemble in concert Tuesday, May 3, in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

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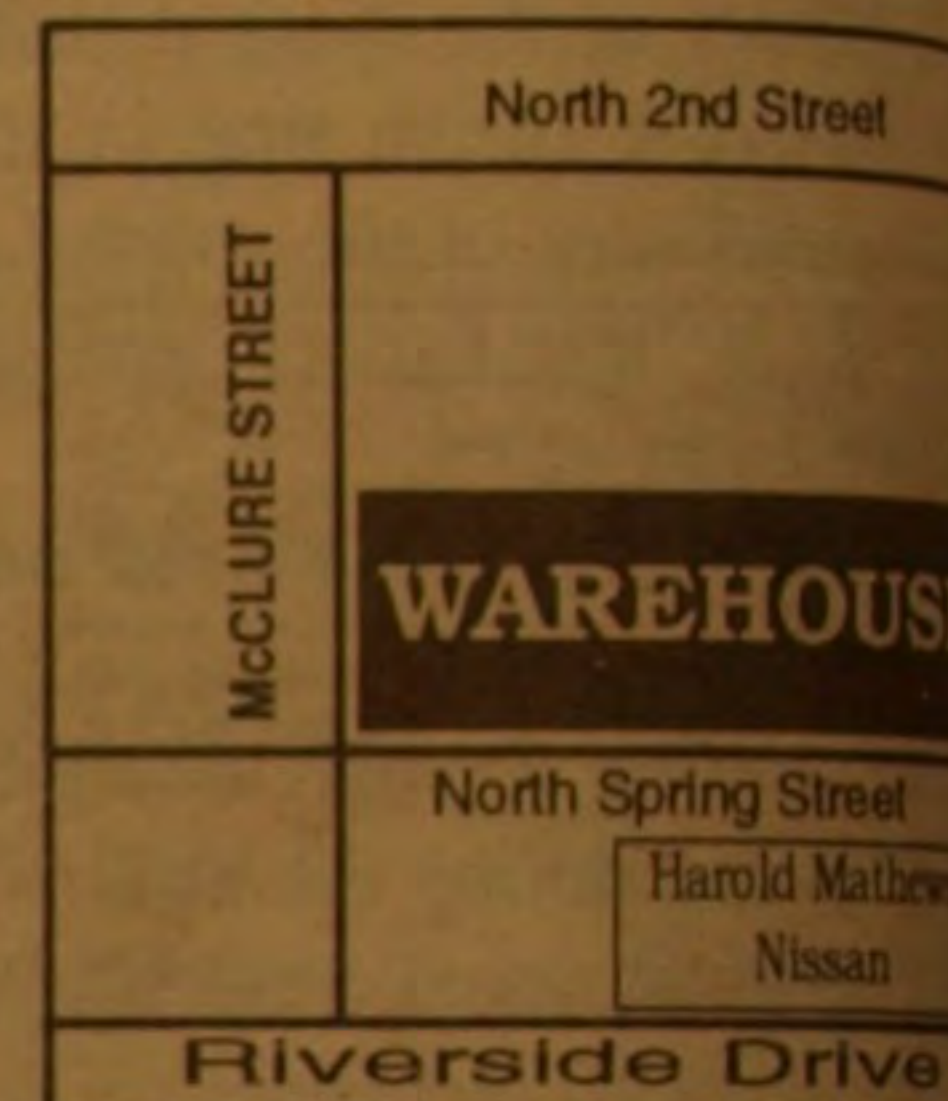
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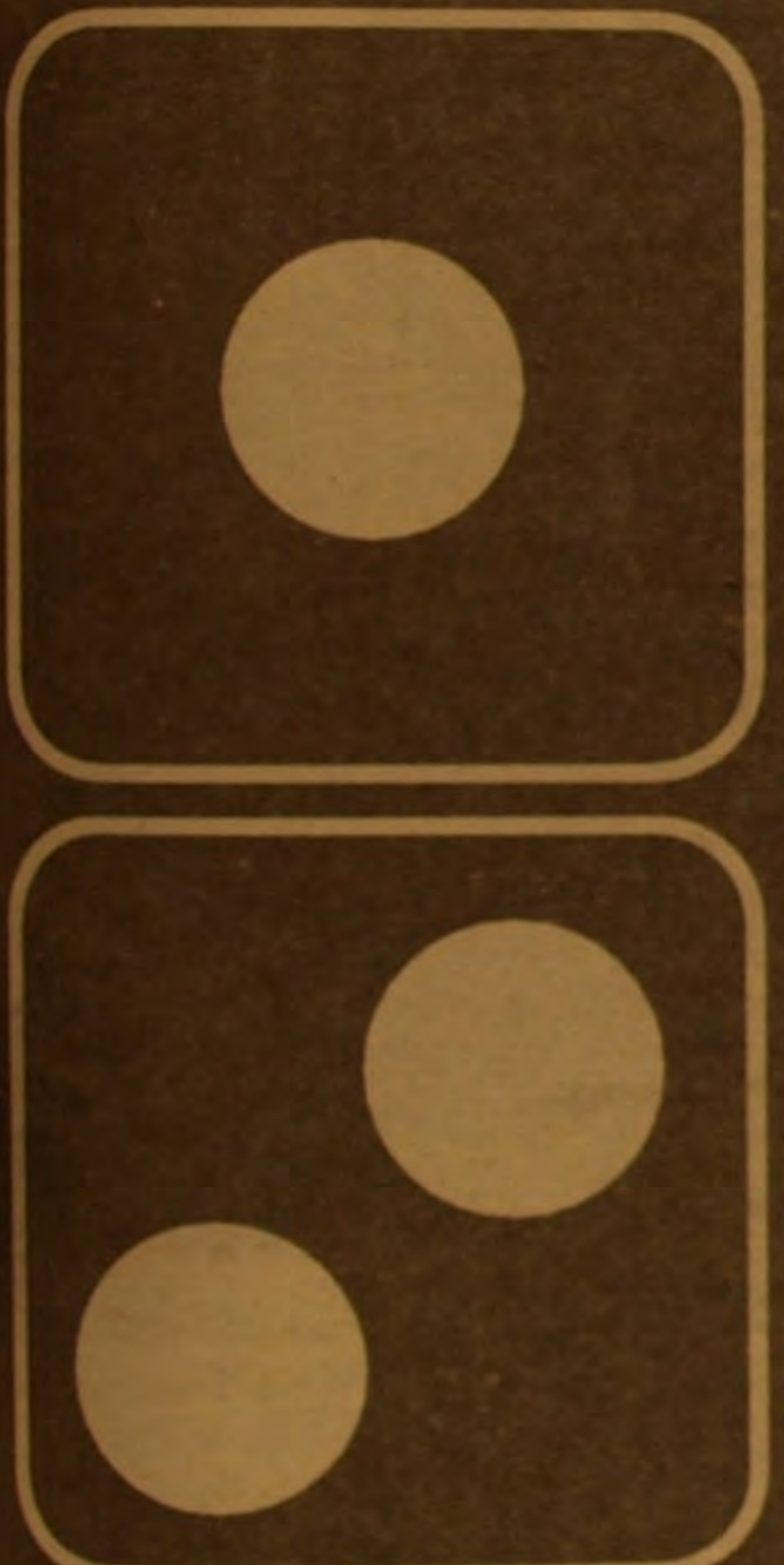




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