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SGA candidate contests election campaign

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The results of last week's Student Government elections are being contested by at least one of the candidates for SGA president. Last Friday the office of Student Affairs was notified by word of mouth that the election was being contested and that written statements would follow.

Sonya Pedigo, the current chief justice, alleges that one of her opponents is responsible for illegal campaign tactics that occurred during the balloting period. Pedigo said SGA Vice President Nancy Washington was on the third floor of the University Center encouraging students to vote for candidate Kellie Wallace while balloting was undergoing.

"That's in violation of the election procedures," said Pedigo. "And every candidate is responsible for the actions of whoever's campaigning for them."

Washington said an unknown student came

and asked for assistance in who to vote for in the election. She said he was told he could leave his ballot and go outside and receive assistance with his decision.

Washington said she did not pass out any campaign materials and "did not mean to corrupt the campaign."

She states she was only acting as a member of a student organization and never envisioned something of this nature to stem from the instance.

According to the SGA election procedures established by the Election Board, a candidate does not have to be the one who actually commits the infraction to be declared ineligible. Campaign Rule F, Section III states: Each candidate will be held responsible for campaigning done in support of that candidate.

Joe White, the interim vice president of Student Affairs, confirmed on Monday that an allegation had been made concerning an illegal infraction of the election rules.

"I became aware of it verbally on Friday,"

said White. "Until we can review it in writing there isn't anything we can do about it."

According to White, appeals to election results must be made in writing within 24 hours of the election to the student tribunal. Since an appeal was received within that time, a special meeting of the Election Board was scheduled to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday.

The board consists of White, SGA president Angela Neal and acting chief justice Kim Stacy.

The results from the Student Government elections were as follows: for the office of president Kellie Wallace received 218 votes, Rebecca McCraw received 183 votes and Sonya Pedigo received 168 votes. There may be a runoff election on Wednesday, pending the findings of the investigation.

Jennifer Phillips won the vice presidency with 360 votes while write-in Heather White received 136 votes.

Jeremy Joseph won the executive secretary slot with 333 votes while Sean Hiera received 154 votes.



J.D. Louk completes his ballot during SGA elections last Thursday in the UC ballroom.

(Photo by Andy Segelke)

Transfer hours: non-transferable at APSU

BY CHANTAL ESCOTO
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Evetta Bosley, APSU computer programming senior, has questions concerning why classes she took at Draughtons Junior College in Clarksville would not transfer to Austin Peay. "I had to basically take all my computer classes over again because APSU wouldn't accept any of my credits from Draughtons," Bosley said. The APSU office of academic affairs told her that Draughtons was not a properly accredited institution.

Transferring credits from other colleges can be frustrating for some students. But changes in a regulation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an organization by which Austin Peay is regionally accredited, could make acceptance of credits from non-SACS schools possible. An amendment dated Oct. 6, 1997 to the SACS undergraduate program no longer requires schools to be regionally accredited in order for credits to be valid. This means the acceptance of

classes will be determined by each individual university within SACS and students can push for acceptance of classes if they have proper documentation.

David Walker, Tennessee Board of Regents assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs, said the change in SACS policy was made because of the increase of for-profit business, community and technical schools like Draughtons. "Because of proprietary schools the SACS policy was not adequate," Walker said. "Any course is now subject to approval where before it had to be SACS accredited to be automatically accepted." Walker added classes must fit into a university's curriculum to be considered for transfer.

Last year more than 100,000 students enrolled in various technical, occupational and business institutions across the nation that were accredited by the Department of Education but were not recognized by SACS. According to the Sept. 19, 1997 issue of "The Chronicle of Higher Education," the cause for the SACS amendment stemmed from the Justice Department viewing the transfer prac-

tices as a possible antitrust violation.

The Department of Education was advised by the Justice Department to look into the acceptance policies of SACS and make some changes. Association officials had argued "academic responsibility" by not accepting the trade school credits, but the Justice Department said that SACS was being far too restrictive by not recognizing schools that were recognized by the Department of Education.

Although the change is good for students wanting to transfer credits from non-SACS institutions, Dr. David Dulniak, registrar at APSU, says the burden of proof will lie heavier upon the incoming student.

"With new regulations proposed by SACS, more specific value judgements will be determined on classes (being transferred) and a greater diversity will be placed on amount of credits," Dulniak said. He added that all accredited classes from other institutions will be considered for transfer to Austin Peay, but stresses the final decision is up to each individual university.

Sorenson named technical director for Creative Arts

Michael Sorenson of Utah has been named technical director for Austin Peay's Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts.

The job entails all technical staging aspects of lighting, sound and set for the concert theatre in the Music/Mass Communication building.

Sorenson received his bachelor's degree in theatre technology and lighting/scene design from

Utah State University in 1989. He has several years of experience as a lighting designer and master electrician at Utah State University and Arizona State University, as well technical experience at various studios and production companies.

"I am looking forward to getting back into an academic environment," said Sorenson.

Austin Peay observes Disability Awareness Week

By SONYA SHAW
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Austin Peay kicked off Disability Awareness Week Monday with an open house, followed by various speeches centered around new technology in visual, hearing and mobility impairments. The events culminate with a play Thursday.

"We want students to know we are here so that we can be of assistance to them, if needed," said Beulah Oldham, director of Disability Services.

Director of the Tennessee-League for the Hearing Impaired, Inc., Yvonne Fuhrer, will speak on "Hearing Impairments" on Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon,

followed by a play called "Death by Accommodation," from noon-1 p.m.

Oldham wants students to be aware of the technology Austin Peay has available. "We want people to know that we are here." The Office of Disability Services has technology available within the Felix G. Woodward Library that will assist visually-impaired students in reading and typing. The office renders services for students who suffer from learning disabilities, emotional disabilities and psychiatric disabilities.

The Office of Disability Services is located in the Clement building, Room 131. Oldham and her staff can be reached at 6230.

Budget development simple, based on departmental needs

By TANGEE REYES
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The budget for Austin Peay's upcoming year will be made in May. It details the amounts that are allotted to each department for things such as administrative salaries, student wages, operating expenses and travel expenses. Many students wonder why and how the money is divided and where this money comes from.

"Most of the money comes primarily from two sources. One is from the state and the other is tuition," said Dr. Steven Pontius, vice president of Academic Affairs. Additionally there are some amounts of money that are endowed within specific departments.

The process by which this money is allocated is relatively simple. The chair of each department makes requests to the dean of its college for the amounts necessary for the upcoming year.

The dean then determines how much will be allotted to each department based on differing criteria. The dean takes those requests to Pontius.

"Within the resources available, I make allocations to the deans, then the deans make a decision based upon the needs of the departments and then distribute the funds to the departments," said Pontius.

There are currently six avenues of funding on campus: College of Education, College of Business, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Human Services and Nursing, College of Graduate and Professional programs and the library.

Use the largest of these colleges, the College of Arts and Sciences encompassing 12 academic departments as an example. The proposed budget for the 1997-98 year for the entire College of Arts and Sciences was \$8.3 million. The department in

the College of Arts and Sciences with the highest proposed budget was the biology department with \$1.1 million. The lowest was the department of physics with \$262,664.

There is a notable difference between the two sums. Part of the reason there is such a wide variance in the dollar amounts allotted to the departments is obviously the drastically different sizes of the departments. Another reason for such a variation between two departments would be because some departments inherently require more money for operating expenses such as lab supplies.

If any student has questions about the amount of funding for a specific department, there are past budgets on reserve at the library or more up to date information can be obtained in the Office of Institutional Planning and Research.



Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., signs posters at the African American Cultural Center after speaking last Tuesday night in Clement Auditorium.

(Photo by Andy Segelke)

Students reap benefits from higher education

BY HEATHER GUEST
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College students and society both can reap the benefits of higher education in Tennessee according to a study done for the Tennessee Board of Regents by Dr. Victory Ukpolo, of Austin Peay, and Dr. Thomas Demberg formerly of Austin Peay.

The study was released March 26 during the Finance and Business Operations Committee meeting of the Board at the University of Memphis. The study showed the dollar for dollar returns, based on the degree, that the students, state and society can expect.

The results included: student, state, and society investments in a two-year associate degree; bachelor's degrees; and for advanced degrees. The average student can expect a \$5.84 return with an associate's degree; \$5.43 with a bachelor's degree; and \$5.20 for advanced degrees. An associate graduate on average can earn \$127,144 over and above what a high school graduate would earn over their

lifetime; a four-year graduate can expect to earn \$280,607 over and above; and an advanced degree graduate can expect to earn \$417,873 over and above.

"This analysis does not mention increases in property tax collection, Hall Income Tax collections or other revenue sources that could all be considered as profit to the state as a result of increased educational attainment of an individual," said Ukpolo.

Ukpolo is completing a one-year senior fellowship with the TBR. Demberg is the former Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise at Austin Peay State University. Their study is titled "Returns on Investment in Higher Education in Tennessee" and will be published in the *Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives*.

"This study will provide the opportunity to explore in even greater depth the impact of higher education on economic development on a more localized level," stated TBR Chancellor Charles E. Smith in a recent press release.

Peay Briefs

Country Western course offered

"Country Western Beginner West Coast Swing" will be offered by the Business and Community Solution Center through the Office of Extended Education.

The class will meet from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 9-30, in the Clement Auditorium. There is a course fee of \$16.

Instructed by Ron and Veronda Irlinger, the course is for first-time dancers who have had little or no formal instruction.

Extended Education is open to anyone over the age of 18. For more information contact 7816.

Liability workshop offered

The department of social work is hosting a workshop titled, "Malpractice Liability for Social Work," for all area social workers.

Scheduled for 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 16 in the University Center, Room 313, the workshop will be led by Dr. Ann Abbott, dean of the Rutgers University Social Work Program.

Abbott also chairs the National Association of Social Work (NASW) Insurance Trust and is past president of NASW.

According to Glenn Carter, chair of the department of social work, Abbott is well known nationwide as an expert in social work liability and has written extensively on that subject, as well as on other social work issues.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

Because refreshments will be served, Carter requests to contact him at 7730.

TN pre-law workshops to be held

Minority undergraduate students across Tennessee are invited to learn more about law school and the admissions process at the second annual Tennessee Minority Pre-Law day, to be held at the University of Tennessee College of Law on Saturday, April 18 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (eastern time).

Tennessee Pre-Law Day is a joint program of the Law School Admissions Council, the University of Tennessee College of Law, the Knoxville Bar Association, the University of Memphis School of Law and Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Phone-in registration is provided by the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. The program is designed to acquaint undergraduate students with the law school experience and offer advice on how to prepare as an undergraduate for success in the application and admission process.

Workshop sessions will focus on the Law School Admissions Test, how to finance a legal education, steps in the admissions process and details of the Tennessee Pre-Professional Law Fellowship Program.

A panel of current law students will discuss their law school experience. Sessions will be led by admissions officers from the participating law schools. Lunch will be provided.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is requested

by calling the Tennessee Bar Association Offices in Nashville at 1-800-899-6993. Parents of students and pre-law advisors are encouraged to attend.

Conducted in Memphis last year, this program will be offered once each year in one of the three divisions of the state of Tennessee and will be offered in Nashville in 1999.

Veritas forum held in UC lobby

A Veritas forum will take place in the University Center lobby on Monday, April 13. At noon, a panel consisting of various Austin Peay faculty will be available for a questions and answer period concerning absolute truth.

Monday at 7 p.m., a similar forum will take place in Claxton Auditorium. Dr. Bill Sherman, former pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville, will be the keynote speaker.

Questions from the audience will be answered by a faculty panel. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to participate.

ENG 4400 course offered

ENG 4400, "Teaching English in high school," will be offered in the Summer II session from 9:50-11:30 a.m. This class will not be offered in Fall 1998.

SLRP committee meets

The Strategic Long Range Planning committee

(SLRP) will meet today from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Cumberland Room of the University Center. Meeting locations are subject to change for the location of each meeting.

Child Learning Center holds sale

"One person's junk is another man's treasure." On April 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. a yard sale will be held on the front lawn of the Child Learning Center.

All donations will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Child Learning Center.

Call 648-6234 for more information or need assistance in carrying your "junk."

Project Paycheck Job Expo

Project Paycheck is Middle Tennessee's job expo. It will be held April 16 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Nashville Arena. Approximately 100 employers will be taking applications and viewing for all types of jobs.

Workshops also will be presented by employment experts on resume preparation, interviewing, what employers are looking for and much more.

For more information contact Nashville Tech at 353-3503, Employment Security at 2885 or Nashville Career Advancement Center at 862-8890.

TVA offers opportunity for finance students to earn cash awards

Austin Peay students taking finance classes will manage a \$100,000 stock portfolio for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) under a program in which top-performing schools also can earn cash awards.

The TVA has allocated approximately \$2 million to create The Investment Challenge as part of diversifying financial management of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund. TVA has provided \$100,000 to each of the approximate 20 colleges and universities in its seven-state service area to manage the portfolio. The TVA established the trust fund in 1996 to meet its financial obligations for decommissioning six nuclear units.

Under the program, TVA representatives will work with students as mentors in the investment process. TVA will present cash awards, ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000, to the top three performing

universities for annual performances and three-year performance based on whose student-managed portfolios generate the best returns.

Dr. Mike Phillips, associate professor of finance, said giving the students the opportunity to manage the portfolio grabs their attention. "Using real money gives them an added element of motivation," said Phillips. "It moves the process beyond a classroom exercise. It benefits the students because it becomes a resume item. This is real world experience."

Johnny Hayes, a member of the TVA Board of Directors, said this use of TVA funds provides unique opportunities for learning and training the region's next generation of financial leaders. "We're looking for ways to make the Tennessee Valley a better place to live," he said.

Under the guidelines of Dr. Chuck Richards,

associate professor of finance, and Phillips, APSU juniors and seniors in finance classes will design a long-term management strategy, actively manage the funds and provide periodic performance reports to the TVA.

"I just gave the students their first assignment—investigate investing with Microsoft," said Richards. "I was surprised by how excited they were—it's hard work."

"There would not be the same level of excitement without the real money," said Phillips. "When we began portfolio building, the students would build a mock portfolio. That was just not exciting to them."

Now, the students will be able to show potential employers what experience they have gained through the program.

"The students will have done it," said Phillips. "They'll have built a portfolio and managed it. This

builds a lot of different skills in areas such as problem solving, critical thinking and integration concepts."

It's also a semester-long project on which students will be graded. After students in Richards' classes manage the portfolio this semester, they will pass to Phillips' classes the next semester.

"TVA puts the money in a trust account," said Richards. "We'll have control of how it's invested and how they follow our directions. The students will choose the investments. Investing is an important part of life, personally and professionally. Learning how the American economy works is important, also, from the standpoint of being an American citizen."

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Carter to win Pulitzer? Leave the Scouts alone

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I would like to congratulate the opinion editor, Jonathan Carter. He certainly has proven that he is ready to enter the mass media. His column contained the critical elements of a modern opinion article: narrow viewpoint, redundancy, fallacious reasoning, unfounded allegation and a vague insinuation of conspiracy.

By addressing the issue solely from the minority viewpoint of the oppressed homosexual, Carter cleverly disguises the narrow stance of the article. The Boy Scouts of America, of course, is not a homosexual organization. Rather, BSA is an organization for male minors. Issues involving children's organizations are usually first debated as they pertain to the safety of the children involved. Then, the good of the organization as a whole is considered. Finally, any groups who want to use the issue as a platform for public debate are free to do so, bearing in mind the first two priorities. By ignoring the first two issues, Carter is able to strengthen his argument by cunningly disregarding critical information.

Carter claims the "Boy Scouts' discriminatory employment policy is based on the false myths that professional scouters who are gay will influence other young men to change their sexual orientation and will pose a predatory threat to molest young boys." This statement, more so than any other in the article, impressed upon me Carter's journalistic potential. In addition to containing two redundancies, it is a textbook example of begging the question.

A male doctor, when examining a female patient, usually insists upon a female nurse being present. By Carter's logic, the doctor must suspect himself of being a rapist. The doctor requests the nurse for two reasons. Some doctors, unfortunately, are rapists. Having the nurse present makes his patients more at ease, but not because they think they've selected a rapist as a doctor. People feel safer with a belt fastened, but that doesn't mean they forego an imminent wreck. Secondly, the presence of the nurse provides the doctor with protection against false allegations. Again, the doctor takes this step not because he believes all patients will falsely accuse him of impropriety, but because he and his insurer want to eliminate as much risk as possible.

Carter's statement, in claiming that the concerns over gay scout leaders are founded upon a "false myth," implied that no gay scout leader would ever take advantage of his position of influence to coerce a young man into homosexual acts or orientation. It is a sad but undeniable fact that there are pedophiles out there. It is also true that Scout leaders and their charges are frequently unsupervised, and it would be impractical to assign a person to chaperone whenever a gay Scout leader is with one of the Scouts. The question, then, is whether there is any chance that a gay Scout leader would ever molest one of the scouts. Anyone who reads the newspaper would have to reply that there is indeed such a possibility, especially since pedophiles frequently seek to gain access to potential victims by securing positions of authority, such as in child care. By cleverly disregarding the Scouts' concern for the safety of the young men for whom they are responsible, and instead focusing solely on the priorities of the homosexual community, Carter does not have to address these issues in his arguments.

So much for gay leaders; what about gay Scouts? Well, there is a reason girls are not allowed to be Boy Scouts, and it's not because the phrase "Unisex Scouts" lacks appeal. Yes, there is an alternative organization for girls. While certainly separate, it is far from equal. The Boy Scouts are associated with Scout's honor, "Be prepared," and performing

good deeds, but Girl Scouts calls to mind cookie sales and green skirts. There is certainly no Girl Scout honor equivalent to the Eagle Scout badge in the eyes of prospective employers. Yet it is very rare the right of the Boy Scouts to exclude females is challenged. Why? Parents frankly don't want their little girls out camping with teen-aged boys under minimal supervision. Carter would probably say that parents harbor the "false myth" that all boys are sex maniacs who would attack the girls. It is true that some straight young men attempt to pressure, or even force, reluctant females into sexual activity, and vice versa. It is equally true that some gay young men attempt to pressure other young men into sexual experimentation. Carter wisely omits this possibility from consideration in his article.

He also alleges that the Scouts subscribe to "hate-filled rhetoric." The National Organization of Women has not accused the Scouts of misogyny, and the AARP is not suing to demand the "right" of the elderly to earn merit badges, so the mere exclusion of a group from membership must not qualify as "hate-filled rhetoric." Some advocates of the exclusionary policy base their arguments on the opinion that homosexuality is wrong, a belief reinforced by the teachings of many churches. Does stating a moral belief qualify as "hate-filled rhetoric" then? Those who promote gay rights are also stating a moral position, so they too would be guilty of "hate-filled rhetoric."

I must admit, I love that phrase more every time I hear it. "Hate-filled rhetoric." Just saying it evokes visions of anti-Semitism, the Ku Klux Klan, and other notorious hate groups. I applaud Carter's shrewd decision not to give any support whatsoever for this allegation. After all, unless "Death to queers" is posted on the door of Scout headquarters, any examples will only weaken the image.

Carter also uses a new technique: insinuation by proxy. The quote "Scouting is a wonderful organization that has been hijacked by the religious right" was authored by "one Scout." It would be impossible to track this person down for clarification. Not having said it himself, Carter need not explain what is meant by "hijacked," or who the "religious right" is supposed to be, although invoking the phrase is a very popular journalistic technique. It is used to play on the widespread fear that fundamental Christian sects will rise up in a solid wave of Bible-thumping, uneducated trailer park residents with few teeth and little money, and force all of America to join them in prayer (militia meeting to follow, attendance mandatory).

The Southern Baptists hold an annual public demonstration of their inability to agree on even minor points of the faith. Yet these same Baptists are getting together with Catholics, Mormons, Lutherans and Jehovah Witnesses and supposedly coordinating a national movement for unspecified nefarious purposes? Carter declined to examine the whole religious right hijacking theory too closely. It's far better just to mention it, and let the reader draw the conclusion that there is a nationwide conspiracy, presumably headed by Rush Limbaugh or Newt Gingrich, to infiltrate the Boy Scouts and divert that organization's tremendous resources to their own evil deeds.

Please allow me to be the first to congratulate you, Mr. Carter, on your auspicious start in the realm of mass media. If this editorial is any indication, you should have a Pulitzer in no time.

I don't think that homosexuality is wrong. I socialize with both gay and straight people, and as long as no one expects either my husband or myself to become involved, I really couldn't care less about the sex lives of any of them. But as I was so moved by the unexpectedly fine quality of the article, I felt I just had to write and express my appreciation of Carter's talent.

By
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opinion nazi

I believe that it was John Wayne who once said, "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore." That, in essence, perfectly describes how I feel about the attacks being made against the Boy Scouts of America. I'm beyond sick and tired of every left-wing organization (and journalist) that is going after the Scouts on the basis that they are a "discriminatory and hate-filled group." Say what?

As pointed out last week by my esteemed colleague, Jonathan Carter, the city of Chicago recently ruled that the Boy Scouts "...violated the city's Human Rights Ordinance by barring homosexuals from professional scouting positions." This is interesting because the city of Chicago somehow has the power to regulate private organizations. Jonathan also stated that "ACLU lawyers believe the Scouts are warping the Constitution to meet their own personal beliefs," and that they "...can't pretend to be a private club." The Scouts are pretending to be a private club? So, you mean to tell me that an organization that operates solely on private funds is not private, and is therefore subject to government regulation?

Before I launch into this, let me just state for the record that I do not hate gays. Personally, I have no problem with them. A very good friend of mine is gay. I can accept that what they do on their own time is their business, and it doesn't bother me in the least. I'll even say that I don't necessarily agree with the Scout's position on barring gays. However, this, to me, is not the issue. I see this as a private organization under assault because some people are unhappy, and they want the government to solve the problem.

Now, the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees our right to free association. This is critical because that means that we can associate with whomever we choose, regardless of what the government says. Thus, the Boy Scouts are guaranteed the right to refuse membership to anyone. Why?

Fry the kids in Jonesboro

by
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We all know what happened in Jonesboro weeks ago, two kiddies, closer to puberty than driving age, allegedly unleashed a shower of lead pellets on some of their classmates in the school yard. At the end of the day, four little girls and one English teacher would never return to school again.

I'm not going to use this space to wonder WHY they did it because 1) This is America, all thought police should have died out years ago with Hitler's Nazis and 2) I'm not a mind reader—"why" is not important to me, what to do with them is a wrenching dilemma.

My own views on capital punishment are no less than bloodthirsty, but what should be done with two kids, 11 and 13 years of age, that spray an elementary campus with hollow points? Should they be tried as adults or children?

Tennessee is one of 27 states that has no set minimum age at which a child may be tried as an adult. This means that a child, no matter how young, who commits a crime may face the same penalty as would his father for his actions. Under current Arkansas law, the terrible two, if convicted, could be free again by their 18th birthday, 21st at the latest.

It's obvious that anyone wishing to jail two 12-year-olds for getting into a playground scuffle, should take a valium. I believe child laws across the country were originally put in place for reasons such as this. Even if the crime is a serious one, the possibility sometimes exists that it could have been a fluke and we can hope that a month in juvenile hall can teach the little culprits a lesson.

But murder is a much more serious offense, one for which two months in toddler jail is just not going to satisfy the victims' survivors or rehabilitate the young felons.

They are a PRIVATE organization. No matter how the left tries to twist it, the fact remains that the Boy Scouts do not take any public funds, which establishes them as private. Hey, I'm sorry if that's a bucket of cold reality splashed in your face, but that's the way it goes. If gays don't like the Scouts being able to deny them membership, then they can form their own scouting organization strictly for gays which discriminates against heterosexuals. There, that's a simple solution. I don't know why they won't do that, because the first amendment gives them that right. We have the Girl Scouts, so why can't we have the Gay Scouts?

This issue will most likely wind up before the Supreme Court. If the high court rules that the Scouts cannot bar gays from membership because its discriminatory, think of where that can possibly lead. Could someone in a wheelchair sue the National Football League for discrimination, using the Americans with Disabilities Act as their basis? Conceivably, as ridiculous as it sounds, that could happen. The American Atheists (yes, such an organization does exist) could be forced to accept Christians as members. The McCallie School in Chattanooga, a private preparatory school for boys, could be open to lawsuits from girls. All private schools, clubs, organizations, etc., would be forced to change because the government considers the pedestrian "needs" of a small minority more sacred than the constitutionally guaranteed right to free association.

The concept of free association is a major cornerstone of living in a democratic society. I hope that people realize this, no matter what they think of the Boy Scouts. If some believe that the Scouts are a hate-filled group, they are certainly entitled to that opinion, and they are free to choose not to join the Scouts. However, to advocate that the government should step in and tell the Scouts (again, a private organization) they must change their ways is an abomination of the First Amendment. Hopefully, the Supreme Court (when the issue comes before them) will realize this and make a decision based on the Constitution and not on the political beliefs of a small minority.

We'd feel badly about executing them, but they have to be punished for what they did. But if they go to jail, they'll return at age 18 or 21, meaner than ever! They've already shot up 15 people, what would they be proficient at in ten years?

A psychologist may argue the kids don't understand what they've done, and that it may be possible to rehabilitate children so young. How can an 11-year-old killer ever be truly rehabilitated? What are the chances of success? How many times has anyone ever had success with anyone under similar circumstances?

Normally I'd hate to advocate capital punishment for two kids under 14 years of age, but in this case it is my distinct pleasure. They knew right from wrong. Golden pulled a fire alarm to get everyone out in the open, and both sent bullets ripping through 15 people. Because of them, five sets of parents will never be able to share another moment with their precious children.

Murder is the most serious of crimes, more serious than stealing, assault, even rape. A milder penalty for rape would indicate a lesser regard for the victim's suffering—it is the same with murder. The accomplices may be younger, but their victims are no less dead.

In "The Unforgiven," Clint Eastwood tells a friend, "[It's a] hell of a thing when you kill a man—you take away everything he's ever had, and everything he's ever gonna."

To those who commit the highest possible crime go the highest possible punishment. I'm sorry for the parents of the two little demons, and for what they must be dealing with right now. But justice should be swift and (gasp!) fair. We practice the eye-for-an-eye philosophy in every facet of life: when doing favors or conducting business, with friends...or more commonly with enemies. It is practices with everything except crime.

Fair is fair. Mitchell Johnson and Andrew Golden, regardless of their age, should die, based on the facts as alleged by Jonesboro police.

Strengthening families answer to many problems

By
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Though illnesses and accidents are constant occurrences, losing a child is still a parent's greatest sorrow. When a child's death is brought on by a sudden and violent means, the loss is even more painful and tragic.

The citizens of the town of Jonesboro, Arkansas know this kind of pain very well. They have been dealing with it ever since the March of March when four students and one teacher were gunned down in their schoolyard during a campus fire drill.

The shock is wearing off now. The funerals are over and most of the reporters have moved on, but there has no time limits and people in that small town are likely to grieve indefinitely. Hopefully, in time, they also will find it in their hearts to grieve for the families of the two boys who stand accused of this terrible crime. In a very real way those families have also lost their loved ones.

We may never know what really prompted 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson and 11-year-old Andrew Golden to arm themselves and fire on their classmates that day. We can only wonder if they realized their actions would inflict as much pain on their own families as on those of their victims.

Imagine what must be going through the minds of their parents who slept peacefully at night in the same houses with these children, never guessing they were even capable of committing such a diabolical act. Now they will have to deal with the horrible facts as they face courtrooms, lawyers, analysts, vengeful neighbors and the incredible scrutiny of the national media.

These two boys' lives will be forever scarred no matter how much time they actually serve for this crime. Because of their tender years they will be

sheltered from most of the ugliness that will come when anguish turns to anger, so it is their families who will actually be doing the time.

Their mothers will miss watching them grow, just as the mothers of the slain children will miss theirs.

Their fathers will stop planning for their future, as the fathers of the slain children have already done by now. Yes, the families on both sides share many similarities. Who is to say who has the greater sorrow. At least the victims' families have happy memories to sustain them. They can remember their children with warmth and pride. Some would say at least Mitchell and Andrew's parents still have living sons. Some would say at least their sons will get to grow up. They would be right. But who of those would want their child to live like they will have to live? Who could choose between burying their child and supporting a multiple murderer without a great deal of inner turmoil?

I think the parents of these two boys had some very difficult emotions to deal with that awful March day. Imagining being grateful that your child is not among the dead or injured and the next moment being devastated to hear that your child is one of the accused.

I think we must also take time to pray for these poor families. We must also make a serious effort to get into our children's lives. No job or personal goal is worth the pain of losing a child, be it physically or mentally. If we can keep the lines of communication open between ourselves and our children, we can instill some of our own standards within them as well. We can give them the strong foundation they will need to survive in this merciless world. When children have strong foundations we won't have to worry about gun control or MTV or "Mortal Combat" or violence on TV because they will have all the tools they need to distinguish fact from fiction, right from wrong.

Letters to the Editor

Speaking your conscience not worthy of condemnation

I am writing in response to Jonathan Carter's articles in the April Fool's edition of The All State. I am quite disappointed that he labeled Reggie White a "Neanderthal" for stating his opinions on race and homosexuality. Mr. White, who I feel is a sincere minister of the gospel, has opinions that are in agreement with the teachings of the Bible. No serious student of the Bible can fail to conclude that homosexuality is a sin. Surely the abdication of many of the moral guidelines that have formed the backbone of society is largely responsible for the breakdown of families and other important structures within our culture.

I must admire Reggie for having the will to stand up in a public forum and state beliefs that are sure to be unpopular with the very vocal gay rights segment of our society. Mr. Carter's response is not out of character with the usual response of some members of this group. The modus operandi is not to argue logically about the opposing viewpoint but to attack the person as an unenlightened bigot of

some type, in this case a so-called "Neanderthal."

From the accounts that I have seen, I do not think that Mr. White's statements on race were intended to be critical in any way. His intention was to point out that our diversity can be a strength, rather than a weakness. I agree with him that there are some differences in races; certainly among these are physical characteristics. How can we identify people as belonging to a particular race if there are no discernable differences? It is how we treat each other as a result of those differences that is crucial to mutual respect and harmony.

The best correspondence on any subject is respectful but honest exchanges of ideas, not the schoolyard techniques of finger-pointing and name-calling. It is unfortunate that Mr. Carter sees Reggie White as a man with the "size and physical abilities of a giant" but one who could be out-thought by dinosaurs with walnut-sized brains. Does it seem that he has automatically stereotyped athletes as intellectually inferior? Or is it just those who have opinions contradictory to his? Contrary to Mr. Carter, I find Reggie to be much more than just a physical giant.

Jim Ridenhour

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Sports Briefs

Baseball—

Today—Western Ky., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday—at MTSU (2), 2 p.m.
Sunday—at MTSU, 2 p.m.
Tuesday—at Louisville, 6 p.m.

Softball—

Sunday—Eastern Illinois (2), 1 p.m.
Tuesday—St. Louis (2), 4 p.m.

Tennis—

Today—at Tennessee Tech, women's and men's, 2:30 p.m.
Tomorrow—at Tennessee State, women's and men's, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday—Eastern Illinois, men's 8:30 a.m. women's 2 p.m.
Tuesday—Murray State, women's and men's, 2:30 p.m.

Indians scalp Govs, sweep series

On eight-game-losing skid

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

When it rains it pours. If that's the case, then Austin Peay's Bat Govs must be caught in a perpetual downpour.

APSU's slide into the Ohio Valley Conference cellar continued last weekend when Southeast Missouri State swept the weekend series from the hapless Govs. The squad has lost its last eight contests, including six straight in OVC play.

With just nine conference games remaining in the 1998 season, the Govs find themselves five full games behind conference leader Eastern Illinois.

SEMO won both games on Saturday by 5-1 and 1-0 counts, and completed the sweep on Sun-

day by virtue of a 6-3 win. Once again the Govs were their own worst enemy. Over the three-game series Peay committed eight critical errors, including five in the 5-1 loss in the series opener.

Although Governor pitcher Robert Anderson (4-3) allowed just eight hits to the Indians, five defensive errors led to all of SEMO's runs in the game.

The only Austin Peay run came in the fourth inning off a SEMO error, allowing Lance Wampler to score after Aaron Hempel's single.

Anderson pitched the complete game, striking out seven and walking four. He allowed no earned runs.

"Our defense killed us in the first game," APSU head coach

Gary McClure said.

The nightcap proved an even harder pill to swallow as the Govs lost the game 1-0 in the last inning when Indian batter Kyle Yount blasted a leadoff homer to ruin APSU pitcher George Sherrill's (1-5) fine pitching performance. Sherrill tossed a complete game seven-hitter in the loss, striking out six batters.

His performance was overshadowed by SEMO's Ryan Spille. Spille pitched a two-hitter in shutting out the Govs. Spille fanned nine batters while walking just two opponents.

Greg Troy and Hempel provided the only offense for APSU, each singling in the game.

The Govs looked to snap their skid on Sunday, and early on it appeared that APSU would do

just that. The Govs jumped on SEMO for three first-inning runs, their only lead of the weekend series. That lead wouldn't last, though.

SEMO countered with reliever Dan Huesgen, who pitched 10 shutout innings the rest of the way.

Peay's Seth Massey tossed six innings, striking out eight Indians, but he allowed the tying run in the sixth before being relieved by Bill Tarajack.

Tarajack couldn't prevent the Govs from losing their eighth straight, however. He gave up three runs in the 11th inning and the Govs couldn't mount a comeback in the bottom half of the inning.

The Govs resume OVC play this weekend at MTSU.

OVC Standings
(through April 5)

Eastern Illinois	8-3
SE Missouri	9-6
Tenn. Tech	9-6
Eastern Ky.	7-5
Morehead State	7-5
Murray State	6-9
Middle Tennessee	4-7
Tennessee-Martin	4-8
Austin Peay	5-10

Eastern Kentucky no-hits Lady Govs

Sweeps weekend series

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Austin Peay's Lady Govs ran into an Eastern Kentucky buzzsaw last weekend at Edith Pettus Park, losing 1-0 and 6-0.

Eastern Kentucky's Karen Scott threw a no-hitter in the nightcap.

The losses put the Lady Govs under the .500 mark on the season at 17-18 overall, including just 2-5 in Ohio Valley Conference play.

In the first game the Lady Govs pounded out six hits, but failed to capitalize, stranding seven runners on base. Amanda Stout (10-6) pitched a complete game for Peay, giving up seven hits and the lone run of the game in the third inning.

Louranda Sanders and Emily Johnson had two hits each in the losing effort.

For Eastern Kentucky, hurler Kerri Duncan tossed the complete-game shutout, striking out five while walking one batter.

Scott's pitching proved lethal to the Lady Govs in the series finale. She went the distance for the Lady Colonels, striking out five in no-hitting the hosts.

Holly Brown countered for APSU, throwing six innings of shutout ball before allowing all six runs in the seventh inning. Only two of the six runs were earned, though. The Lady Govs were victimized by two costly errors in the game.

The Lady Govs return to action this weekend, hosting Eastern Illinois on Sun-

day at Pettus Park. The first pitch is for 1 p.m.

Game One	R H E
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Austin Peay	0000000—06

Game Two	R H E
Eastern Ky.	0000006—69
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Lady Govs set records

Austin Peay's track team set three school record at the All-Sports Relays in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The squad placed sixth out of nine teams competing.

Ayesha Maycock set school records in the long jump (18 feet, 4 1/4 inches) and the triple jump (36 feet, 9 inches). She placed third and fifth, respectively in those events.

Maycock also was part of the 800-meter relay team which set a school record (1:43.61), along with Kenya Avant, Evette Edwards and Selena Lockridge.

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Professional wrestling, ah, there's nothing like it.

Who doesn't like watching overgrown men throwing each other around a squared circle and performing moves like the Diamond Cutter, Jackknife Powerbomb and the Hurricanrana?

Well I do.

I'm not ashamed to admit it, either. Face it, wrestling is entertaining, nothing but a soap opera played out in a ring in front of thousands of people every week.

Bigger-than-life villains such as Hollywood Hulk Hogan, leader of the New World Order in WCW, and Shawn Michaels of Degeneration X in WWF make

wrestling worth watching. These are people you love to hate, just like on "Days of Our Lives" and "The Young and the Restless."

Millions of people can't be wrong. WCW Monday Nitro is the highest rated program on cable television. This means that it even beats "Baywatch," that soap opera on the beach.

I figure a lot of people are

closet wrestling fans, especially women. Wrestling is stupid, you say. It's fake, you say. Well, I agree that it's fake and sometimes it can seem pretty stupid.

But isn't just about everything on television stupid, especially on MTV? Especially "Lovelace?"

Anyway, wrestling is the sport of the masses. Anyone can aspire to be a professional wrestler.

How many wrestlers have you seen that have a beer gut? Or Rick Flair, who's got a pushing 50. Wrestling is really a sport where you can easily

start a fight with you some trash like a pro wrestler tell them 'Arriba la raza, watch them run.

Wrestling: millions of people can't be wrong

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Art Scene

Upcoming events for April 8-14

Junior guitar recital -- Terry Raley will perform in a junior guitar recital at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the concert theater of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, telephone 648-7818.

Senior percussion recital -- Eric Willie will perform in a senior percussion recital at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the concert theater of Music/Mass Communication Building. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, telephone 648-7818.

Art Exhibit -- The art exhibit, "Close at Hand: rarities from the museum collection," will be on display in the Hand Gallery, Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum through June 28. The exhibit is designed by APSU students with objects taken from the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum and is under the direction of Frances Whitehead, Acuff Chair of Excellence recipient at APSU, and APSU associate professor of art Billy Bond. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, and \$1 for students (ages 6-18). Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, telephone 648-5780.

Annual student art exhibit -- The 30th annual student art exhibit featuring works by APSU art students will be on display through April 19 in Trahern Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, telephone 648-7333.

College Republicans attend leadership school

Pete Adams, Chris Graham and Steven Fuller, members of the APSU College Republicans, spent the weekend of March 28-29 at the leadership school.

They spent their weekend at an intensive, two-day leadership school held at Vanderbilt University.

The school was sponsored by the non-partisan Leadership Institute. The Leadership Institute was founded by Morton Blackwell in 1968 to help train young conservatives and make them more effective leaders in their community.

While at the school, students learned how to recruit new members for student organizations, how to work with the media and how to run a successful campaign.

Chris Graham, a junior, feels that this was an outstanding opportunity to work on his leadership skills.

"I came away so excited and motivated--to get involved on campus and in the community," Graham said.

Graham also is a member of the Student Government Association. He believes the information learned at the school will be useful for him as an SGA senator.

sophomore Pete Adams thought the lec-

tures and the presentations were impressive. "I could not believe the wealth of information we were presented within a two day period," Adams said.

Adams plans to get involved in local politics soon and feels as though the information learned at the school will aid in the effectiveness of his campaign.

Steven Fuller, also a junior and president of the College Republicans, was impressed with the school.

"I have attended several workshops and seminars in the past, but never anything like this. I think the best part of the whole experience was the hands-on experience gained. We were put in crisis situations at the end of the second day. We had to use everything we had learned in the two day period to turn the crisis into an opportunity," Fuller said.

At the end of the two-day school, which

Joseph Asanbe Memorial Symposium features UCLA professor as luncheon keynote speaker

By BRENT MEREDITH
guest writer

In the late 1980s, Austin Peay State University's languages and literature department faculty realized there was a gap in their curriculum: there were no courses offered on African-American literature.

That gap was filled in 1987 when Dr. Joseph Asanbe joined APSU's faculty. "We found him to be an authority on African-American literature and deeply learned in many other areas," said Dr. Arthur Eaves, associate professor of literature. "He even had been trained as a Catholic priest."

Eaves commented on the importance of the multicultural awareness Asanbe helped to build at APSU.

"Our country and the world are a quilt of many different cultures. We must be aware of this to function in today's world," said Eaves. Asanbe died in 1996 and in memory of his

life and work the annual multicultural day was renamed.

The symposium is scheduled for April 16 and will begin with a luncheon from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., in the Harvill Cafeteria Executive Dining Room. The luncheon is \$6.50 and is by reservation only.

A lecture will follow the luncheon at 12:45 p.m. in the Executive Dining Room. This year's speaker is Dr. Vinay Lal, assistant professor of history at UCLA. Lal studied literature, history and philosophy as an undergraduate, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Humanities Center at Johns Hopkins University in 1982. Lal received his doctorate from the department of South Asian languages and civilizations at the University of Chicago in 1992.

Lal's lecture is titled "Too Deep for Deep Ecology: Gandhi and the Ecological Vision of Life." Lal has published three scholarly papers on Gandhi.

At 2 p.m. in the Harambee Room of the African-American Cultural Center in the Clement Building, there will be a panel discussion on modern India. Panel members include Dr. D.M.S. Bhatia, APSU professor of geology and geography; Dr. Mickey Wadia, APSU assistant professor of languages and literature; Dr. Jill Franks, APSU assistant professor of languages and literature; Dr. David Snyder, APSU professor of biological sciences; Dr. Allene Phy-Olsen, APSU professor of English; Barry Kitterman, APSU assistant professor of languages and literature and James McGary, director of the Catholic Student Center.

The event is co-sponsored by Austin Peay's department of languages and literature, international education and the African American Cultural Center.

For more information, telephone (931) 648-7891.

Tennis, anyone?

By CARA ALTHOFF
staff writer

The APSU Governors Tennis Center has something to offer everyone, from beginning to advanced tennis players.

The center, directed by Lou Weiss, tennis coach, and Angie McLean, assistant tennis coach, is located by the football stadium and behind the armory.

If students are beginner tennis players, the tennis center staff is willing to answer questions from what type of racket to use to or if they need replacement grip. McLean also offers lessons for all ages.

More experienced players can join the leagues offered at the center. Leagues are divided into three levels, for men and

women, and matches are played on week nights.

A bulletin board full of information for your tennis needs hangs in the tennis center. You can find a tennis opponent through the tennis center, and it is a great place to meet new people that share the same interest in tennis.

The center is free for all APSU students and offers special rates for APSU staff. Membership also is offered to the general public.

Hours for the center are from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and from noon-7 p.m. Sunday. The tennis team has priority from 2-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, or to reserve a court time, telephone 648-7702.

lasted from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, the students were given a three page final examination.

"If you did not take notes and listen during the lectures, when Sunday evening rolled around, you were in trouble," Fuller said.

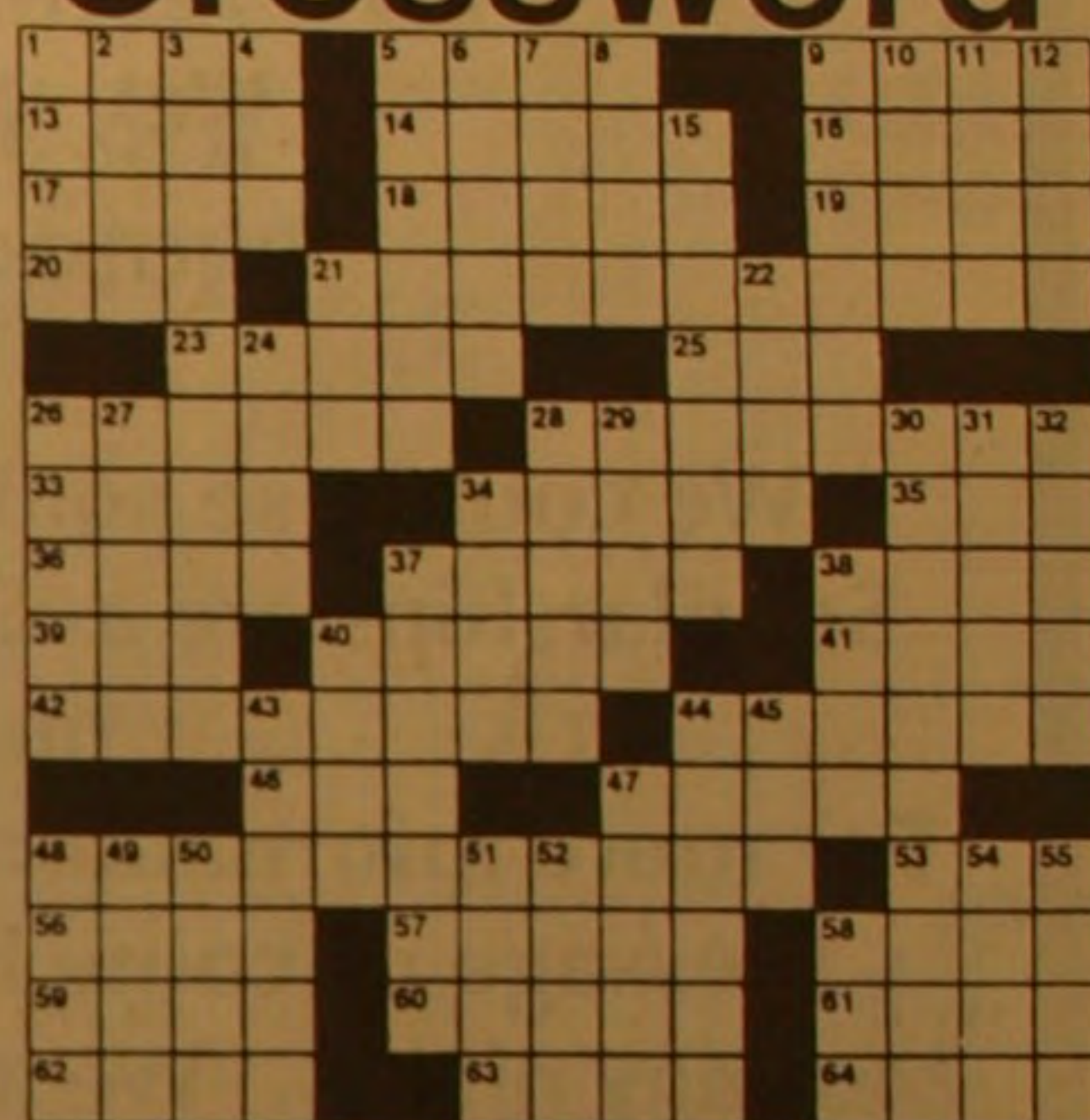
The final exams were used to rate the students as possible interns for future employment.

"The leadership Institute's Youth Leadership School is very intensive and competitive, but it brought out the best in all of us," Fuller said.

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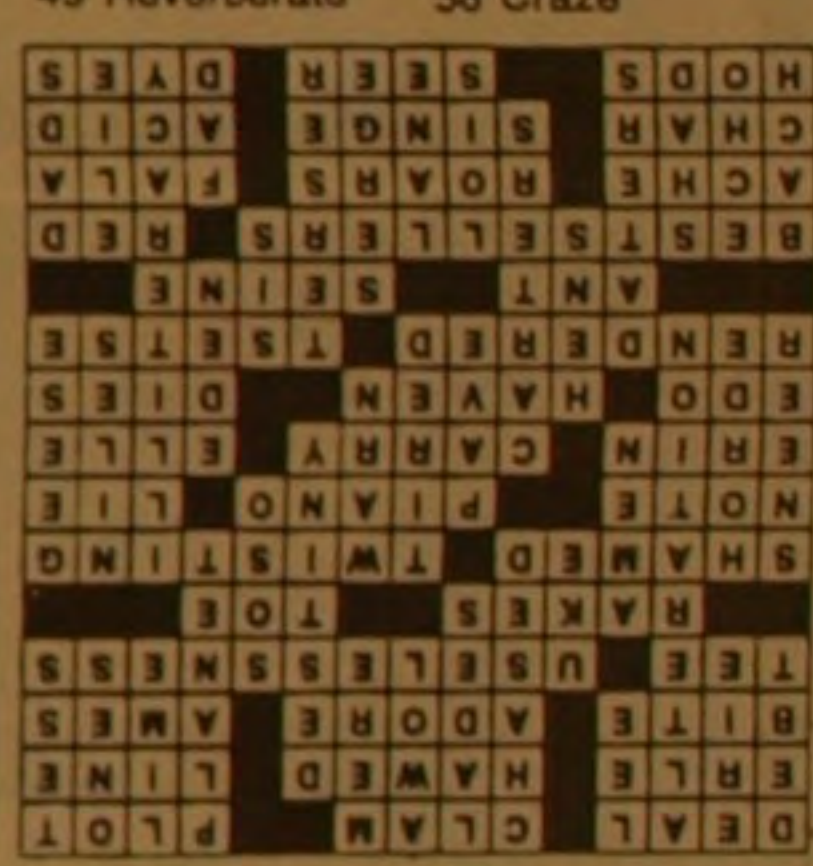
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When: Friday, April 17

Where: Red Barn

Time: 9p.m. - 1a.m.

Games! Prizes! Live DJ!

Karaoke! Free Midnight

Buffet and T-shirts!

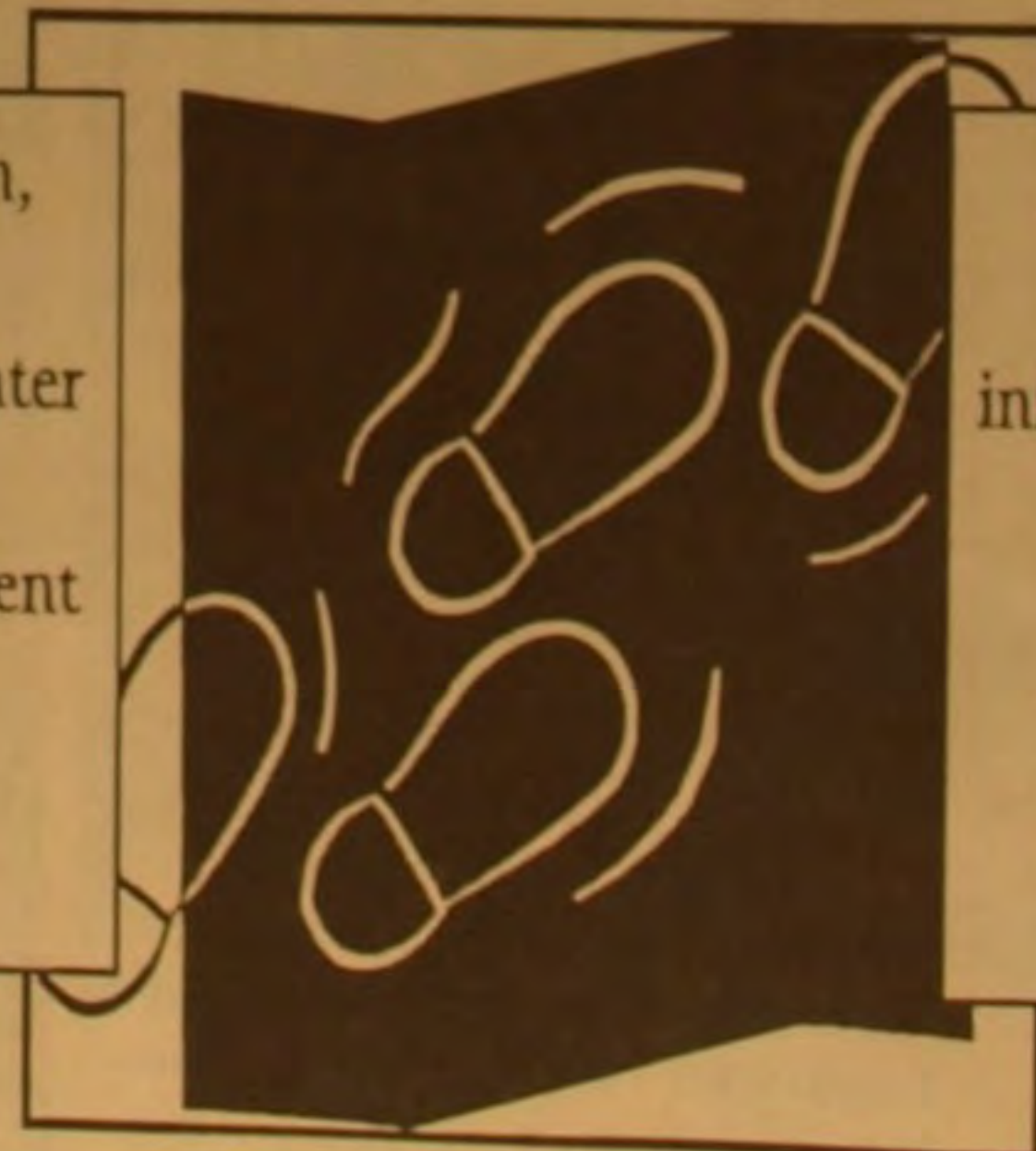
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RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Friendship in the Age of AIDS

Abstinence Awareness Week

The STEP Team,
Student
Development Center
and the
Athletic Department
present:



An eye-opening
and
informative program
for the entire
campus
community.

Joel Goldman and T.J. Sullivan

will present a program addressing the issues of life with

HIV/AIDS

on April 23 at 8:30 in Clement Auditorium.

This is one of the most popular programs on the nation's college circuit.