

Happy St. Patrick's Day Austin Peay! Spring is almost here, her arrival will be Saturday.

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1955

Students at Austin Peay State College performed John Patrick's play, "The Curious Savage."

1958

Home Economics Week was celebrated on the Austin Peay campus. Festivities included a spaghetti supper and the election of a "Miss Home Economics."

1987

A legislative bill proposed by Rep. Ben West, D-Nashville and Sen. Bill Richardson, D-Columbia to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission would have established a urinary drug screening program for testing students applying to state colleges and private universities. The bill was a failure.

The fate of Harned Hall and the Patch/Catlett House was decided by the Blue ribbon committee. The committee recommended the buildings be put up for sale for 90 days or be demolished.

Sawyer Brown rocks Austin Peay's campus

By CARA ALTOFF
senior staff writer
AND DIANNE DENNIS
staff writer

At the Dunn Center on Feb. 26, Sawyer Brown's lead singer, Mark Miller told the crowd "I'm here for one reason and one reason only, so you can have fun!"

He then asked the audience to "get up and dance with me." The crowd of 3,000 reacted by jumping to their feet, dancing, screaming and singing.

The concert brought out people from all walks of life. Some came from as far away as Ohio and the Tri-Cities area.

The band, named after a street, not the performers, had come to Clarksville to raise money for victim's of the Jan. 22 tornado. The \$13,342 they brought in will be split between the Clarksville Relief Fund and the Student, Faculty, and Staff Relief Fund at Austin Peay.

"Right after I saw it on television I immediately got in touch

with the other members of the band," Miller told the crowd. "We just wanted to do it for APSU and the city of Clarksville."

Junior physics major Wanda Casson, who attended the concert with her son, was enthusiastic about the benefit, saying, "I think it's great that they're doing this and everyone coming out to support Clarksville."

People began lining up around 12:30 p.m. the day of the concert.

"It was a long line," said Richard Miller, a long-time fan of Sawyer Brown who attended the concert. "I was here at 6 p.m."

Plastic barrels were lined up at the front entrance of the Dunn Center where concertgoers could drop donations.

Fans of Sawyer Brown could also buy souvenirs.

Mike Schrecker, owner of Active Screen Graphics, was selling his version of the Clarksville Tornado 1999 shirt. Schrecker donated \$400

between the two funds.

The whole band was very energetic and put everything they had into their music and entertaining the crowd. High energy and nonstop movement best describe Mark Miller's performance.

As the show continued, Miller and his band covered the entire stage. The audience started to relax more and get into the spirit with the band. People were singing and dancing in the aisles.

APSU President, Dr. Sal Rinella, Mayor Johnny Piper and County Executive Doug Weiland, presented the band with gifts from APSU and Clarksville.

The band was given a picture of the Browning Building and before and after pictures of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Courthouse. Band members also received baskets with gifts and Operation Restoration T-shirts.

Rinella called the Sawyer Brown band "Heroes and



Sawyer Brown gets down in the Dunn Center.

PHOTO BY ASTRID BARBER/All State staff



Thousands of fans clap, cheer and sing along as Sawyer Brown rocked their worlds Feb. 26.

PHOTO BY ASTRID BARBER/All State staff

Helpers here at APSU." He told the audience to look forward, not back, to rebuilding APSU and the community.

Piper read a proclamation to the band announcing Feb. 26, 1999, as Sawyer Brown Day. The audience then gave the band a standing ovation.

Miller was gracious in receiving the gifts. He said he had come to help the community. A tornado can knock down buildings, he noted, but can not tear down the human spirit.

"God has blessed this town. Thank you for letting me share

this evening with you," Miller said.

The crowd drew from the energy of the band. The band seemed to have fun on stage and enjoy interacting with each other and the audience.

The air was filled with excitement. At the end of the show, the audience couldn't contain their excitement. Children were dancing in front of the stage. Adults were talking, clapping, and singing in the aisles.

It was truly a joyous occasion for Austin Peay and the city of Clarksville.

Erin festivities capture spirit of St. Patrick's Day

By JEROME PARCHMAN
senior staff writer

There is only one place to go to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and that place is Erin, Tenn.

Erin, which is the county seat of Houston County, celebrates its Irish heritage on the third Saturday every March.

The city of Erin was at first a Scottish settlement. The census of Houston County in 1850 showed several immigrants who were from Scotland. A decade later, things had changed. Hundreds of railroad workers, who

were from Ireland, appeared on the census rolls of 1860.

It was from the imported railroad workers that Erin's Irish heritage began. It is an old story that the name of the town was given as a result of two drunken Irish workers who were fighting.

The land reminded the workers of their homeland, and one of them shouted an ancient Irish rallying call, "Erin go bragh." Subsequently, the town was named Erin.

The first Irish celebration took place on March 16, 1963. A group of citizens felt that the

residents of Erin needed to understand that they could fade from existence in this little Irish valley. Several ideas were discussed, and the annual Irish celebration was born.

The first celebration was dedicated to Mrs. Lucille Clement, a native of Erin and the wife of then Governor Frank G. Clement.

A parade boasted lots of floats which were done by Erin FFA Chapter, Erin Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Erin Baptist Church, Pioneer Lodge No. 1538, American Legion Post

No. 54, Erin High School, Erin Rotary Club and Erin Civitan Club. The parade also consisted of lovely girls and the Screaming Eagles Band from Ft. Campbell. High-stepping bands from Houston County, Stewart County and McEwen high schools also joined in the festivities.

The whole town was decorated in green and white. Huge shamrocks were strung at the city limits both east and west. "Erin Welcomes You" was written across the shamrocks.

Just like twenty-six years ago,

the city will be decorated in green and white. There will be a parade with many bands, floats, politicians, babies, little girls and lovely ladies. There is also a carnival with many rides that will be in Erin all week.

To get to Erin, you can either take highway 13 or you can take highway 149 going west. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m., so come early because the roads will be block off.

If you are not doing anything this Saturday, go to Erin and celebrate its Irish heritage.

Students awarded at SEJC

By SHANA THORNTON
Editor-in-Chief

Students from The All State and Capsule magazine were awarded at the Southeastern Journalism Conference in Lafayette, Louisiana, from Feb. 25-27.

The members of these two student publications at Austin Peay State University entered contests last fall for the conference. Of the contests entered, two members of the All State were awarded.

Carla Guerra, senior staff photographer was honored with second place for the best on-spot photograph. The photo was of the space shuttle, which landed at Fort Campbell last semester.

Johnny Sparks, sports editor, received third place for the best undergraduate, scholarly

research paper.

In honor of group effort, Capsule was named as the second place, best overall magazine. Chris Flavin, editor, accepted the award for the Capsule staff.

The conference also included on-site competitions, in which students participated. Three students won awards from The All State.

Sara Smith, features editor, won third place for headlines and cutlines. Shana Thornton and Terry Morris won third place for an essay competition on media ethics.

Students were not only honored by awards, but they also enjoyed the advice of media experts and advisors, who discussed ethics, media law, advanced reporting and the future progress of journalism.

The members of the two publi-

cations did not only further their journalistic careers, but celebrated their adventure in a new culture. Students visited the ancient city of New Orleans, nibbled on crawfish etouffe, snapped photos of the swamp-land and begged alligators at Southwestern Louisiana State University for some playful action.

The journalism students of many Southeastern schools shared creative plans for improving with The All State staff. Therefore, the staff gained much insight on the cosmetics of other newspapers in order to expand upon improvements.

Finally, the members of the Southeastern Journalism Conference encourage all journalism students to actively participate in publications and competitions.

Dates set for campus building completions

By DIANNE DENNIS
staff writer

The recent acts of nature haven't effected January 2001 as the target date for Austin Peay's new science building.

At the new construction is going, the project could even be completed before schedule.

The infrastructure project will provide piping for steam-chilled water for the science building.

Construction workers are presently digging holes for the pipes on Browning Street and then they will be moving toward the Felix G. Woodward Library. Until they are installed, the piping will be stored by the library.

There are currently several different projects going on at Austin Peay.

The completion date for the Red Barn has been set for

March 16. According to officials, the building should be "substantially complete" at this time.

The campus Book and Supply Store will be moving into the Red Barn the week of March 29-April 2. The move is in preparation for the demolition of the Joe Morgan University Center that is tentatively set for Aug. 15.

Plans are also underway to demolish the Ziegler Building in August. A groundbreaking ceremony will be announced by APSU President Sal Rinella.

Masoom Ali, associate director of APSU's Physical Plant wished to extend his thanks to the campus community for its patience and support during the "fixing up" of the campus.

For further information on the building project, call Masoom Ali at 648-7456.

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Brown bag series

"The Second Sex... Fifty Years Later," a forum on Simone de Beauvoir's classic feminist manifesto, will be held from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the executive dining room in the Harvill Cafeteria. The discussion will focus on the pioneering study of women's status and lives patriarchy from 1949 until the present. Panelists will include: Dr. Karen Sorenson, assistant professor of languages and literature, Dr. Jill Eichhorn, chair of women's studies, and Dr. Lynn Ramey, adjunct professor of French.

Frisbee jamboree

There will be an ultimate frisbee jamboree on the intramural field Thursday, March 18 at 9:30 p.m. Any interested player can pick up a form in the Red Barn.

Genealogy course

An "Advanced Study in Family History Research" will be offered from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 18-April 8. The course will use state and public land and property research to find lost ancestors. For more information, contact extended education at 648-7816.

SGA meeting

During the March 18, SGA meeting, current TBR Student Regent Nancy Washington will be speaking about the duties and responsibilities of her position. The new Regent will be selected by the Governor in a few months. State nominations will be held on April 17. APSU will be selecting a number of individuals for this interview. All students interested in this position are encouraged to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Red Barn, room 107.

NTSO meeting

The Non-Traditional Student Organization will meet Friday, March 19 at noon in the second floor lobby in the Joe Morgan University Center.

Dance lessons

The Nashville Ballet will offer master classes for individuals of all ages on March 20. Session I, for ages 7-9, will be held from 10-11:15 a.m. and the cost is \$12. Session II, for ages 10-12, will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and the cost is \$15. Session III will host ages 13 and older and will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. with the cost being \$15. All classes will be in the opera/dance rehearsal hall in the Music/Mass Communication Building. Registration deadline, with payment is full is Wednesday, March 17. For more information call 648-7876.

Music/Ballet

The Nashville Ballet and the Nashville Symphony will be performing at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 20, and 2 p.m., Sunday, March 21. The performances, "Firebird," "Swan Lake," (Acts I & II) and "Stars and Stripes," will be at the Kenwood High School Theater. For ticket information and reservations, contact the music ticket office at 648-7001, weekdays, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ACT Comp exam

Seniors who plan to graduate in May 1999 with a bachelor's degree or associate in general studies must take the ACT COMP during the following scheduled testing sessions:

- *March 17, 4-7 p.m., CX 103
- *March 24, 4-7 p.m., CX 103
- *March 29, 5-8 p.m. at Ft. Campbell (room TBA)
- *April 7, 4-7 p.m., CX 103
- *April 10, 9 a.m.-noon in Trahern 401
- *April 12, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Kimbrough 119

Those seniors who do not take the COMP will have a

hold on their diplomas.

Seniors on the graduation list will be notified by mail. Any senior who has not received information and/or signed up to take the test should call 648-6184 or come by Browning 115 as soon as possible. Information is also available on the ACT COMP website, which can be found under "University Community" on the Austin Peay home page.

Senior exit exam

Anyone majoring in art, communication, English, political science, psychology or social work who will be graduating in May or August of 1999 is required to take the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT) before graduation. The ACAT will be given on:

- *April 13 from 9-11:30 a.m.
- *April 14 from 4-6:30 p.m.
- *April 15 from 1-3:30 p.m.

All tests will be given in McReynolds 221.

RA program

"Study Hour," a program by Mercy Cline will be held on Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Blount Lobby.

Diversity workshop

The Office of MultiEthnic Services will be holding a Diversity Workshop on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Flyers are being distributed around campus. Those interested in attending should fill out the lower portion of the flyer and return it to the Office of MultiEthnic Services in Ellington 337 or P.O. Box 4516.

The workshop is open to students, faculty and staff. All are welcome to come. Lunch will be provided.

Lecture series

The Africana Women's Lecture Series will be held at APSU during the month of March. Over the next several weeks, three internationally recognized professionals will be visiting the university to discuss their careers and accomplishments in relation to African and African-American history. Events include:

- * "The Smallest Freedom Fighter in the Selma Civil Rights Movement" will be held on Friday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Felix G. Woodward Library, room 118. Shayann Webb Christburg, co-author of the book "Selma" will be the featured lecturer.
- * "The Bronze Medal Revisited: Looking at the Poems of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper," will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 in the Felix G. Woodward Library, room 118. Emma J. Wisdom, owner of Post Oak Publications, will be the lecturer. She is an award-winning author of successful books and booklets such as "A Practical Guide to Planning a Family Reunion."

For more information on the lecture series, contact the African-American Cultural Center at 648-7120.

Store relocation

The APSU Book and Supply Store will be moving the week of March 29-April 2 to the Memorial Health Building. Anyone who needs to order books or supplies should do so by March 23.

The store will be closed on April 1 and will reopen April 5.

Benefit concert

Tickets for the Deana Carter Benefit Concert, with special guest BR5-49 and introducing Chris Knight, are now on sale.

The concert will be held on April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunn Center. Tickets are \$25, \$22, and \$16.

Tickets may be purchased from Ticketmaster. STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF MAY BUY TICKETS FROM THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE.

Ticketmaster outlets include Kroger, Proffitt's, Tower Records, Cat's Music and the Sound Shop. Ticketmaster may also be reached by phone at (615) 255-9600 or on the web at www.ticketmaster.com.

The concert is being pre-

sented by APSU Athletics and the APSU Governor's Club. All proceeds will benefit Austin Peay and the American Cancer Society.

Book signing

Cynthia Bairs-Gaines, author of "A JOB - Instructions For Survival and Serendipity" and APSU graduate, will sign copies of her book on March 31 from 10 a.m.-noon in the first floor lobby of the Joe Morgan University Center.

Bairs-Gaines' book has been described as a life-altering look at life and the career.

The event is sponsored by the Office of MultiEthnic Services. For more information, call 648-7004.

Employee assistance

March has been designated as Employee Assistance Program Awareness Month. The emphasis is designed to inform employees about the beneficial services provided by this program. The EAP offers professional, confidential counseling to employees and their dependents about personal issues. Services are available in Clarksville, Nashville, and Waverly as well as other areas across Tennessee. To contact the nearest counselor, call Green Spring of Tennessee at 1-800-867-6811. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To emphasize the EAP Awareness Month, the Human Resources Office will host the following seminars:

"A Training Program for Supervisors"

March 24

10 a.m. - Noon

Executive Dining Room

The training is designed to provide supervisors and managers with an orientation to the Employee Assistance Program. This class will focus on services provided, referral procedures for troubled employees, the results you can expect and other related items dealing with this important employee benefit.

"Feeling Good In Not So

Feel-Good Situations"

March 24

2-3 p.m.

Executive Dining Room

It is difficult to maintain a sense of well being when we are confronted with situations that cause us to become stressed, apprehensive or anxious. Whether the situation involves family or co-workers, we need to know how to deal with the annoying and sometimes explosive interactions. This seminar will provide practical suggestions on maintaining a sense of feeling good in not so good and challenging situations.

Anyone who plans to attend either or both of the seminars should make reservations with Carlene Smith or Kathy Stamper in Human Resources.

Honors seminar

Dr. Carol Baskin, professor of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Kentucky, will present a biology seminar program entitled, "A Botanist on Sabbatical in Sweden" on Thursday, March 18. The Program is sponsored by APSU's Department of Biology and The Center for Field Biology. The seminar will take place in the McCord Building, room 102.

Videos available

Multiethnic Services has a small archive of videos available to APSU students and faculty to checkout. These videos deal with various issues concerning cultural diversity and race relations. If you are interested in checking out a video, please stop by Ellington 337.

Tornado relief

The Division of Student Affairs has been collecting information from students who lost personal belongings and academic materials as a result of the Jan. 22 tornado. Anyone who lost belongings can contact Student Affairs about filling out a student loss report as soon as possible. Student Affairs is located in Ellington 202.

Writing Center

The Writing Center has moved to Library Study Room 9 on the third floor of the Felix Woodward Library. The center is sponsored by the Department of Languages and Literature and is free to the Austin Peay community. The center offers assistance from graduate students in the department. The center is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Women's leadership

Jill Nelson, a "USA Weekend" editor, nationally-known journalist and author, will discuss leadership in her keynote address at the 1999 Women's Leadership Conference at Middle Tennessee State University.

Titled "Reconstructing Definition," the fourth annual conference is scheduled for March 25-26. A community service preconference will be from 1-5 p.m. Nelson's keynote address will begin at 7 p.m. on March 25.

The conference is open to female college and university students in Tennessee and surrounding states. The conference includes workshops on leadership, personal and professional growth, opportunities to network with professors and business women in Tennessee, a reception with Nelson and a luncheon honoring Women of Achievement across the state.

The keynote and awards luncheon are open to the public. Tickets are \$10 for each event and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited.

Registration forms and additional information are available through the June Anderson Women's Center at (615) 904-8430.

Presidential scholars

The Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs announces the Spring 1999 Presidential Research Scholars Competition. Proposal guidelines are available in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs. Students may apply for awards at two levels, \$3000 or \$1500. The deadline for submission of proposals is April 7. Award decisions will be announced to candidates no later than April 16.

The Presidential Research Scholars competition is open to undergraduate students in Biology, Chemistry, Geology/Geography, Math/Computer Science, Physics and Psychology. If you have any questions, please contact the Grants and Sponsored Programs Office at 7881 or by email <grants@apsu.edu>.

College media

Network NewsWire has expanded its on-line source for disseminating news and information from college journalists, both print and broadcast. Now articles and photos can be automatically submitted to be considered for publication. In addition, a new searchable archive feature is being activated.

Network NewsWire offers college-based content providers a new clearinghouse to expose their stories to a rapidly expanding audience via the Web site, www.collegecentral.com.

It is easy to link content to Network NewsWire. A representative fills out a simple online form and cuts and pastes the appropriate text into the form. Articles are filtered, archived and downloaded onto Network NewsWire as national headline features or regional news briefs. Links back to the content provider's site enable viewers to see the complete story or additional news about that campus.

COMP testing

The Tennessee Board of Regents requires all students graduating with a bachelor's degree or an associate of science in general studies degree to take the ACT COMP Examination prior to receiving their degree. This test instrument is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the university's educational program. Graduates who

achieve exceptional scores on the COMP will be recognized in the graduation program.

Seniors who plan to graduate in May 1999 must take the COMP or their diplomas will be held.

Seniors on the graduation list will be notified by mail. Any senior who has not received information and/or signed up to take the test should call 648-6184 or come by Browning 115 as soon as possible.

Art exhibit

"Formations, Re-Formations, Transformations" by Carol Eckert is the subject of the Annual Women's Fine Arts Exhibit, an event that is part of Women's History Month. The exhibit in Woodward Library will run March 1-31 and is free and open to the public. The Women's Studies Program and APSU Art Galleries are co-sponsoring the event. An opening reception for the exhibit is planned for March 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the library. For information call 648-6314.

Academy awards

Applications for the 26th Annual Student Academy Awards competition are now available. Competitors must submit their work in one of three regional competitions. The winning films from each of these regions will then compete as national finalists.

Films may be entered in one of four categories: alternative, animation, documentary or narrative. The top three finalists in each of the four categories will receive gold trophies and cash rewards ranging from \$1,000-\$20,000.

For more information, students may download an application from the academy web site at <http://www.oscars.org/saa> or send their application request, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences
8949 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
Attn: Student Academy Awards

Christopher contest

The Twelfth Annual Christopher Video Contest is now seeking applicants. The contest includes cash rewards ranging from \$3,000-\$1,000. Winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program "Christopher Closeup," which is shown in the United States and 166 foreign countries.

To enter, students must interpret the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference." Styles and genre can include drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation.

Entries must be created using film or video, but must be submitted on three-fourth inch or VHS tapes only, and must be five minutes or less in length. The contest is open to all currently enrolled college students on both the undergraduate and graduate level. The deadline for entries is June 18, 1999.

Official entry forms are available from campus Media or Communications Department or by writing to:

College Video Contest
The Christophers
12 East 48th Street
New York, NY 10017

They are also available on Christopher's web site at: <http://www.christophers.org>

Interactive study

Study 24-7SM has launched a new, interactive study web site. This new site offers university students from across North America the opportunity to review quality class notes for specific courses. Students can also study in on-line discussion groups, chat with friends and more- all for free. The site, at <http://www.study24-7.com>, is the first of its kind and enables students to study on-line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Students can also earn money by signing up for various Notetaker positions. Notetakers post their class notes on the site and host their own personal

class chat rooms and discussion groups on-line. For more information, go to the site.

USGS internship

Undergraduate and graduate students studying geology, geography, computer graphics, oceanography, civil engineering, biology, chemistry or related fields will be eligible for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Sciences Internship program.

Participants will gain valuable experience during their internships with the USGS, internships with outstanding professionals and become familiar with national issues while making personal contributions to search for solutions. Stipend levels range from \$19,500 per year with two years of college to \$39,925 per year with completion of a doctorate degree. Opportunities for 75 students are available each year.

Eligibility is limited to individuals who have been full-time students or have graduated from an accredited U.S. college or university within the past year.

Internship opportunities are posted on the web site at: <http://www.orau.gov/orau/uggrad/usgs1.htm>

Interested students can contact Truly Ani at (423) 2310 or Norma Williams at (423) 576-5300.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and keep file to be considered for future projects.

Jobs on-line

Students and alumni can download job bulletins across the United States free at the Wanted Jobs website. The site opens a gateway to over two million job opportunities, allowing job seekers to query over 35 employment sources on the Internet. The site can be found at: www.wantedjobs.com

UPC cinema

The University Program Council will present the movie "You've Got Mail" Friday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Joe Morgan University Center Ballroom. The event costs \$1 and is open to all APSU students.

Research fund

The Research Committee of the Graduate and Research Council is welcoming proposals for research to be supported by the Tower Fund. Copies of current "Guidelines for Tower Fund Research Projects" are available from any member of the Research Committee from the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs. Please send or deliver proposals to the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs in Browning 210 later than 3:30 p.m., April 19, 1999. For more information, contact Dr. Sutton Flynn in College of Education at 648-7696 or Linda Freed in Grants and Sponsored Programs at 648-7881.

Peay Briefs compiled by Natalie Kilgore, news editor

AP Magazine

Tune into APSU own campus news show on Charter Communications Channel 10.

AP Magazine every Thursday 11:30 a.m., Friday 1:30 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m.

This week:

AP FORUM

Darolyn Porter, director of Financial Aid

SPORTS

Tim Pleasant, APSU tennis coach

Community update corner

Clarksville initiates restoration plans

By DIANNE DENNIS
staff writer

In spite of the Jan. 22 tornado that destroyed downtown Clarksville, business owners and residents are moving forward in the rebuilding process. According to Mayor Johnny Piper, it will be approximately two to four years before Clarksville will be able to fully come back from the tornado that caused \$72 million of damage.

"We are in the process of bidding on demolition," said Piper. "We are also opening up additional parking for our property owners to continue operation."

Clarksville, which has been

referred to as Tree U.S.A., has also hired an urban forestry to oversee Valley Brook Park located on Crossland Avenue. Almost every tree at the park was destroyed by the tornado.

"I think so much focus has been placed on the buildings, we lost focus on the children," said Stephanie Cooke, public relations coordinator for City Parks and Recreation.

Cook's three-year-old son, who regularly plays in the park, broke down in tears when he saw that all of the trees were gone.

"Our children are our future," said Cook. "It's going to be a slow process, but a great deal of progress has been made."

Teachers land NASA skills

By NATALIE KILGORE
news editor

Montgomery County elementary and secondary math and science teachers recently took part in an out-of-this-world experience.

On March 2-3, the NASA Mobile Education Resource Center (MERC) rolled onto the Austin Peay State University Campus, conducting two three-hour workshops each day.

At the workshops, teachers learned how to access and download NASA websites to use in their classrooms. A website allowing teachers to ask NASA scientists questions was introduced. Teachers were also supplied with workbooks, lesson plans and outlined activities to help make learning science and mathematics more fun.

"The whole idea is to teach the teachers the same way they can teach the kids," said Dr. Arthur Carpenter, associate professor of physics at APSU who was instrumental in bringing NASA's MERC to the Clarksville community.

Carpenter works with the Project Nova Group, a NASA outreach program that strives to improve the science and mathematical ability of the populous.

Earlier in the school year, NASA contacted the group and inquired about stationing a MERC on campus. Carpenter volunteered to help organize the event, soliciting the Montgomery County School Board which agreed to the project.

The Montgomery County School System spent approximately \$1200 on substitutes for the 48 teachers attending the workshops. Teachers from each school were chosen by board members based on their interest in teaching science and mathematics. The teachers' interest in sharing new-found knowledge with their co-workers was also a factor in selection.

This appearance marks the first time the MERC has visited Clarksville. NASA brings its MERC to areas that are located too great a distance to take advantage of its existing network of stationary Educator Resource Centers. Tennessee's

stationary center is located in Martin, which is too far away for Montgomery County schools to use.

The goal of the NASA MERC is to break the cycle of educational deficiency in the fields of math and science. Experts decided that the most efficient way to do this was by targeting teachers.

"Most kids who graduate from the college of education are science-scared by some regards," said Carpenter.

Indeed, national statistics indicate that approximately 85 percent of elementary and secondary education majors graduate with a single geology course to their credit. Most never delve into the more technical sciences even though they will be required to teach units on them in future classes.

Each of the MERC workstations featured network CD-ROMS, equipped multi-media computers and a video duplication center. Teachers attending the workshops were allowed to copy NASA training videos along with videos about space

exploration, experiments and space vehicles.

"In today's world, if you just have kids read something, that can't compete with multimedia," said Guy Bozard, a fifth-grade science teacher at Hazelwood Elementary who attended the workshop. "Now I have a video I can show them. They can see websites directly from NASA. These are things that aren't in their textbooks, things that are happening right now."

Bobby Oakley, who teaches ninth and tenth-grade classes in Earth and life science at Northeast High School felt fortunate to have been selected to attend the workshop.

As a result of the experience, Oakley hopes to put together a six-week teaching unit combining astronomy, meteorology, and space and rocket science.

"It was an enjoyable experience," said Oakley. "It gave a lot of free information that I plan to take advantage of. I wouldn't mind going through it again."

Financial aid works for APSU students

By CARA ALTOFF
senior staff writer

This is an introduction to a n upcoming series on Student Financial Aid at Austin Peay.

Last year, over 23 million dollars in financial aid was awarded between 4,600 students at Austin Peay State University.

Financial aid is a process many college students need to complete their college education.

The Financial Aid Office at Austin Peay has 12 full-time employees along with student workers. The office's responsibilities include: student loans, the Campus Work Study Program, General Work Study Program, Emergency Loans and scholarships.

Every year, the priority deadline for financial aid is April 1. The earlier a student applies,

the more options that may be available for the work study programs.

Students have to initiate the financial aid process and send their application directly to the federal processing center. The federal processing center produces a Student Aid Report (SAR) and sends a copy to the student and the APSU Financial Aid Office. The SAR will report the information from the students' application and the SAR will report the students' Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC determines eligibility for federal student aid.

The Financial Aid Office has to follow state and federal guidelines and also fit the needs of APSU students.

The office offers ample information concerning the financial aid process. Brochures, the financial aid student guide from the Department of Education, and the APSU undergraduate

bulletin are available for students and parents. These sources tell how to apply for financial aid, qualifications for different assistance, scholarships available for Austin Peay and where to look for them.

The staff includes four counselors who are available to answer questions and help students in the financial aid process. Students are assigned counselors by the first letter of their last name. Students keep the same counselor while they are attending APSU, which allows students and counselors to build a rapport.

If a student is experiencing problems with their application they can set up an appointment with their counselor. Counselors are familiar with the forms and certain situations (military benefits, alimony, child support), if not figured properly, can cause errors in completing the financial aid application.

Suggestions the financial aid office has to help keep the process smooth include applying early, setting up an appointment with a counselor and attending workshops the office holds every Spring.

Save everything that is sent by the federal processing center and the APSU Financial Aid Office. If you receive something from the Financial Aid Office listing items that are needed to complete your application, turn it in as soon as possible to avoid any more delays.

Before going to an appointment or workshop, write down any questions or concerns you may have. Bring that list and all paperwork concerning financial aid with you. Students must reapply for aid every year. This is needed to help keep information accurate.

Campus news from around the nation

Party spurs meningitis scare at Penn

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (CPX) - About 300 students at Penn State have sought medical treatment after potentially being exposed to bacterial meningitis during a weekend fraternity party.

Doctors say the chances that any students at the party will contract the disease are low, but they have given a single dose of an antibiotic to most seeking treatment.

It is not known how many people attended a party at the Pi Lambda Phi house that Saturday. A young woman enrolled at Shippensburg University, whose name has not been released, was diagnosed with the illness and is listed in critical condition at the hospital at press time.

Rooney and Harding are the first students to challenge the university's residential policy in five years. It is a policy university administrators say they'll stick with until more students contest the issue or until co-ed rooming arrangements become more socially acceptable by the general public and at other universities.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Wesleyan University in Middleton, Conn., allow students of the opposite sex to room together. MIT requires those couples to consult with a campus adviser before they move in together, and Wesleyan reserves such living arrangements for students who have completed their

Church donates \$10,000

When Dr. Curt McDaniel, pastor of the Clarksville Presbyterian Church and its members saw the damage to Austin Peay after the Jan. 22 tornado, they were compelled to act.

The church raised more than \$10,000 which was presented to Dr. Sal Rinella to be used for students and other student-related needs.

"I saw pictures of the Austin Peay campus that morning," McDaniel said. "I knew people there who had been so kind to us in so many ways. The natural response of our church was, 'What can we do to get involved?'"

The newly-formed Presbyterian church began worship services in the Clement Building nearly 18 months ago. "Austin Peay was kind to lease us the facilities. The reason we picked Austin Peay as our outreach was because of the close ties we had formed since we

began."

The church is temporarily holding worship services at Clarksville Academy until a more permanent site is found.

After talking with Barbara Phillips, APSU associate dean of students, and Andy Kean, APSU director of student activities, McDaniel notified sister churches throughout the South which raised money in various ways.

Church members also supplied labor to help clean up the campus, help students move from Harvill Hall, help APSU physical plant workers move desks out of Harvill Hall and help renovate the Child Learning Center.

"I can't thank you enough," Rinella told McDaniel at the check presentation.

"We're just grateful to be able to help the students and Austin Peay family at this time," McDaniel said.

Students attend SETC

By GARRETT HILL
assistant news editor

The week before spring break, beginning on March 3, several of Austin Peay's theatre students attended the South Eastern Theatre Conference. In the words of one student, "this is a big deal."

The conference is geared toward those interested in various aspects of the theater, ranging from costuming to acting to set design. It provides opportunities for participants to make contacts with various theater schools and companies, meet others working in the theater field and obtain jobs for both summer and post-graduation.

All students had access to a job contact room which listed numerous interviews and job possibilities. Several participants have already received job offers and call-backs. Others attended workshops and even one act plays.

"Last summer I worked for a company in Williamstown, Massachusetts- it was the Williamstown Theatre Festival, which is one of the top three summer stock companies in the country," said Justin Maddox. There he worked as a master carpenter and gained valuable technical experience in addition to doing what he loves. After attending SETC he has been invited back to Williamstown.

During the school year Justin works on the sets of Austin Peay's theater productions. Some of his latest work can be seen with the coming of "The Real Thing" which opens April 28.

Austin Peay senior Addie Mair has also been invited to participate in the summer stock program at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. There she

looks forward to working on scenic design and carpentry. She has also had two other offers as well as several calls for interviews.

Other students are not so positive about the jobs found at SETC. Jennifer Mackey, who played Medea in Austin Peay's latest production, worked at the Georgia Shakespeare Festival last summer. "Summer theater jobs did not live up to my expectations. It's all slave labor and they try to pay you in beer," she said. Mackey did not attend SETC this year.

Tina Turner, Amber Wallace, and Angela Leftwich attended a workshop on mask making.

Dyani Saxby learned how to properly compose resumes and portfolios for theater companies. She attended SETC to study costume design and to find a job. Saxby not only gained seventeen interviews, but also made some valuable contacts.

Amber Wallace and Tina Turner were invited to audition for the Knoxville Shakespeare Festival.

"It was fun. There were 85 to 90 different companies or universities there to see me audition, so it was great exposure," said Wallace.

Those who participated received the entrance fee from Austin Peay Playhouse and from SGA. AP Playhouse holds various fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for events like SETC. Those fundraisers include Obscenes, garage sales, and concession sales at football games. This semester they hope to raise money in support of Austin Peay's latest production of "Medea," which is being considered for competition in the upcoming American College Theatre Festival.

Couple hopes to overturn ban on co-ed residency

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPX) - Two first-year students at George Washington University have sought help from the American Civil Liberties Union with hopes of overturning a university policy that prohibits them from living together.

Clark Harding and Kathy Rooney are bucking school rules that prevent co-ed couples from cohabitating because they say they are old enough to make their own decisions. University guidelines specifically state that "private and/or intimate behavior is not acceptable in a group living situation, which is necessarily semi-public. Cohabitation is not permitted."

Rooney and Harding told the campus newspaper, The Hatchet, that the university should not worry about them engaging in intimate contact because Harding is homosexual.

"Because of our sexual orientation, that just wouldn't happen," Rooney said. "It didn't have to apply to our situation."

According to The Hatchet, financial and personal reasons prevent the pair from looking or housing off campus.

Foul-mouth professor fights suspension

WARREN, Mich. (CPX) - English professor John Bonnell's way with words could cost him his job, but he says he's going to fight for his right to free speech.

Administrators at Macomb Community College warned Bonnell to clean up his potty mouth and imposed a three-day suspension that will begin on Monday. While school officials say they won't specifically discuss Bonnell's case, they have said that the use of four-letter words and crude phrases in class is considered obscene under the college's sexual harassment policy.

Bonnell, who has taught at the college for 32 years, received a notice of suspension after a student filed a complaint in November, stating that the professor's daily use of crude language was "dehumanizing, degrading, and sexually explicit."

"If they (the college) don't cease to desist, I'm history," Bonnell told The Detroit News. "There's no question in my mind that I'll continue to use the words. The reason is because it is a vernacular: American English. This is the normal speech of my clients, my students."

SDC offers counseling for tornado victims

By CARA ALTOFF
senior staff writer

Sleep disturbances, nightmares, headaches, difficulty concentrating or hypervigilance are a few of the symptoms a person may experience after a tragic event.

Within days after the tornado struck Clarksville, counselors from the Student Development Center at Austin Peay offered Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for students, staff and faculty affected.

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing is a psychological and educational process which involves group meetings to discuss a tragic event.

The staff at the SDC went to residence halls damaged by the tornado and contacted people who lived off campus who were affected by the tornado. Groups

were formed from people who wanted to be involved. They were able to explore thoughts and feelings about the event. Information was presented on normal responses to abnormal events. After meeting in groups, some participants went on to individual counseling.

If you did not meet with one of the groups, counseling is still available.

"At this point, counselors are available to meet individual and group needs," said Jeff Henderson, counselor at the SDC.

People can experience different symptoms at different levels and times. The SDC is available to assist anyone with their experiences during the tornado.

Contact the Student Development Center at 648-6242 if you would like to make an appointment.

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Bat Gobs find chemistry

By JOHNNY SPARKS
sports editor

Austin Peay State University's baseball squad started the season with a bang.

The Gobs are 8-7 with the first month of the season and their first fifteen games behind them.

"We've played a real tough schedule to this point," Austin Peay head baseball coach Gary McClure said. "Overall we've done a lot of good things."

Defensively the Gobs have been able to do a lot of good things.

"We've had some real good pitching performances," McClure said. "We've been throwing a lot of guys, trying to get some guys' feet wet, trying to get our guys in some kind of order as to who we want to start and relieve."

The early season games provided McClure with the opportunity to mix the lineup and find the proper chemistry for his team.

"We feel like we've learned a lot about our team thus far and that's really what we wanted to do getting ready to go into the conference," McClure said.

Through McClure's experimentation, the Gobs may have found their No. 1 man in the pitching rotation.

Senior pitcher Bill Tarajack has a 1.53 ERA in 17.5 innings pitched.

"He has been our most consistent starter and probably our most consistent pitcher overall," McClure said. "As long as he is healthy, he has a chance to be our No. 1 guy. He has done a great job for us."

A swollen elbow prevented Tarajack from seeing action during spring-break games, but he is expected to play against Tennessee Tech this weekend.

Offensively, the Gobs are keeping their coach happy.

"We've really swung the bats and that's good in college baseball," McClure said. "If you're going to win you have to swing the bats."

Outfielder Pat O'Sullivan's .424 batting average leads the Gobs' offense. Sullivan has six home runs and 25 RBIs in 14 games.

"He's our four hitter. We like for him to drive in runs for us," McClure said. "He's done that. He's really been hot lately."

Lance Wampler has also provided offensive power for the Gobs. With six home runs, he and O'Sullivan share the team lead.

"Lance is swinging the bat extremely well," McClure said. "He has had some big home runs that have won some ball games for us."

The Governors won five of

their last seven games.

They opened the season with back-to-back losses to Mississippi (8-5) and Xavier (6-3).

Following the two losses, the Gobs won three consecutive games. They defeated Xavier twice (7-2, 6-5) and took the first of two games against Arkansas State (6-2).

Arkansas State won the second game (3-0). Illinois State defeated the Gobs in the first two games of a three game series (12-9, 17-15).

The Gobs won the final game of that series (7-6). They lost their next game to the University of Alabama (6-3).

The Gobs won three in a row over Western Michigan (4-2), Kansas State (9-8) and Central Michigan (16-13).

Most recently, the Gobs split two games with Duquesne losing the first (17-15) and winning the second (18-7).

"I've been fairly pleased with the team," McClure said. "We've played hard and we've done a lot of positive things."

The Governors return to action on March 17 at 3 p.m., at Austin Peay's Raymond C. Hand Park.

The Gobs play a single game against Southern Indiana before opening Ohio Valley Conference play at Tennessee Tech March 20.



Austin Peay Sports Information
Julie Virta, 54, shoots over a defender from Tennessee State.

Virta makes us proud

By JOHNNY SPARKS
sports editor

Stereotypes of college athletes are often less than flattering.

Take everything you think you know about college athletes, based on personal experience and social stereotypes, and see where Julie Virta fits.

You will have a hard time fitting the Lady Gov basketball player and mathematics major into your existing schema.

She is not your stereotypical jock. Virta is a model student athlete with a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average.

She also had a 9.9 point per game average on the basketball court in her senior season.

Stories of spoiled rotten athletes are all too common. Outspoken athletes on scholarship at state universities across America have given collegiate athletics a black eye.

One college basketball player gained attention after cursing a young towel boy for failing to properly dry sweat from the court. He jerked the towel from the boy and dried the court himself, proving -- well, you decide.

Virta represents a silent majority of student athletes.

Virta receives district academic honor

Julie Virta, Austin Peay State University forward, who has compiled a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average during her college career, has been named to the GTE Academic All-District IV team announced in late February.

Virta, a mathematics major with a minor in engineering technology, is the first APSU women's basketball player to earn GTE Academic award honors in the 1990s.

She also was the only Ohio Valley Conference player representing the first team, with District IV consisting of all Division I schools in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

Her name now will be placed

on the national ballot.

To qualify for the GTE Academic All-American honors, the player must be at least a sophomore eligibility-wise, be a starter or important reserve and hold a 3.2 GPA or better.

Virta, who has never made anything but an A during her APSU academic career was one of the three women to earn the prestigious Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete award in December.

She also has been an OVC Medal of Honor recipient - highest GPA in OVC sponsored sport - for three straight years and a member of the OVC Commissioner's Honors Roll - 3.25 GPA+ per year) her previous three years.

The Libertyville, Ill., native has been a member of the Athletics Director's Honor Roll all seven APSU semesters and was APSU's top scholar athlete the last two years.

She also is APSU's nominee for the post graduate scholarship.

Virta is coming off her finest Lady Gobs basketball season, although she missed seven mid-season games with a severe ankle sprain.

That injury also hampered her in the season's closing stages.

Still, she averaged 9.9 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. She shot 45 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free-throw line.

O'Sullivan is conference's baseball player of the week

By JOHNNY SPARKS
sports editor

Pat O'Sullivan, Austin Peay State University baseball outfielder, was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for his performance last week.

The six-foot-three Orland Park, Ill., native had a huge

week for the Governors batting .786 (11-for-14) with four home runs, two doubles and 12 RBIs over three games.

The senior went three-for-three with a pair of three-run home runs in a 18-7 win over Duquesne, five-for-six with a home run and a pair of doubles in a loss to Duquesne and three-for-five with a two-run

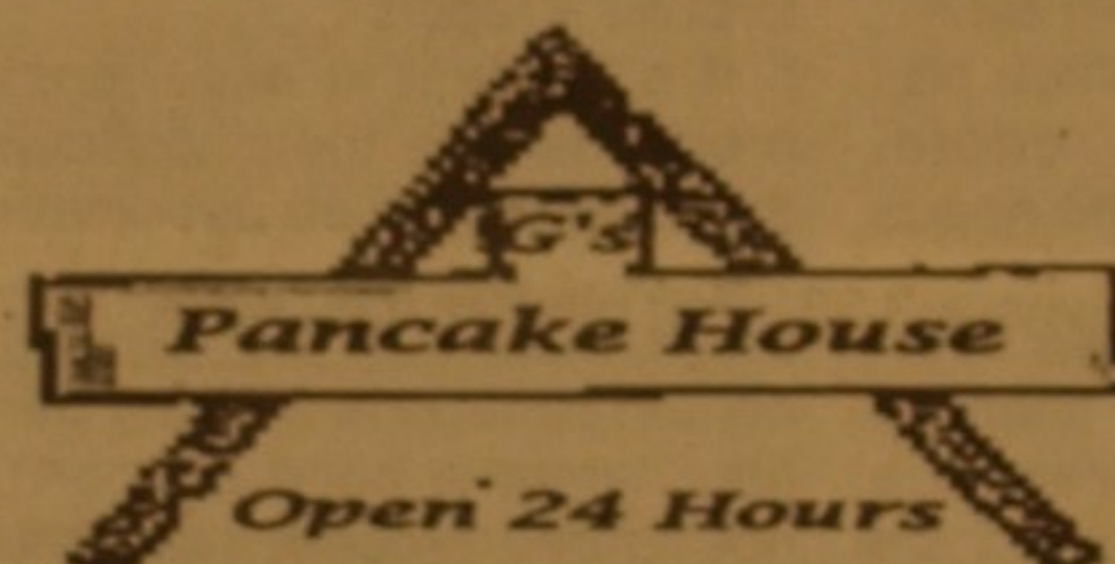
home run Central Michigan.

"He's our four hitter. We like for him to drive in runs for us," Austin Peay head baseball coach Mark McClure said. "He's done that. He's really been hot lately."

He leads the conference in home runs with six and RBIs with 25. O'Sullivan also has eight doubles.

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Two Lady Govs earn All-OVC

By JOHNNY SPARKS
sports editor

The Austin Peay State University Lady Governor basketball team had two representatives on the All-Ohio Valley Conference teams.

Lady Govs Quin Sullivan and Angelica Suffren were named All-OVC Honorable Mention for their performances in the 1998-99 season.

Sullivan, a six-foot junior transfer student, averaged a team high 13.3 points and 5.1 rebounds per game in her first season as a Lady Gov.

"In the games that she had really big games, she impressed the OVC coaches," Lady Gov head coach Susie

Gardner said. "We're expecting even bigger things next year."

Suffren, the five-foot-ten inch senior from Edwardsville, Ky., averaged 10.6 points per game. She led the Lady Govs in rebounds with 7.4 per game.

"I did not recruit 'Gel,' but I was blessed to inherit such a fine person," Gardner said. "She's a joy to have as a player and a special person."

The Lady Govs finished the 1998-99 season with a record of 6-21. The team's season ended with OVC tournament loss at Tennessee Tech.



Austin Peay Sports Information
Angelica Suffren, 35, fires a shot over the Lady Tigers.

Football Govs gain recognition

By JOHNNY SPARKS
sports editor

Five Governors from the 1998 Austin Peay State University football team have been recognized for their outstanding play last season.

Vince Tweddell, Tommy Leaf, Adam Pineo, Taylon Jenkins and Mike Merriman were named to *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* All-American team for 1998.

"I think that the awards that the players received at the end of the year were a very good recognition of the quality of work that they have done and what they mean to Austin Peay football," Governor head coach Bill Schmitz said.

Tweddell, a senior wide receiver, also earned NCAA honors.

Tweddell was named to the 1998 I-AA All-Independent first team offense.

Tweddell, a transfer from the University of Evansville's defunct program, owns a 3.32

Grade Point Average in mass communication.

For his outstanding academic performance Tweddell was named to the GTE Academic All-District team for a second straight year.

He finished his only season of eligibility at Austin Peay with 1,033 receiving yards in 64 catches.

The 1,033 yards receiving were the highest ever by a Governor in a single season.

Tweddell broke the record of APSU Hall of Fame receiver Harold "Red" Roberts, who had 990 receiving yards.

He fell only four receptions short of breaking Robert's record of 67 pass receptions in a single season.

"These guys have faced a lot of adversity and all five of them played very well for us and played hard all the time," Schmitz said. "It's good to know that people around the country realize what outstanding players they were."

NCAA Final Four '99 includes the Peay

989 Sports, creators of the top-selling Playstation video game series *NFL Gameday*, *MLB, NHL FaceOff*, *NCAA GameBreaker '99*, *NFL Xtreme* and *NBA ShootOut*, announce the availability of its first college basketball videogame, *NCAA Final Four '99*.

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NCAA Final Four '99 players are scaled to their real height and weight, and designed to play to their actual abilities. To further increase the realism of the game, motion capture animation was used to incorporate the movements of college basketball stars.

Former college standouts used for motion capture include All-American and Stanford grad

Brevin Knight, University of Houston star Charles "Bo" Outlaw, University of North Carolina star Jerry Stackhouse, University of Alabama star Robert Horry, and former Kansas All-American Paul Pierce.

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Native Americans concerned about mascot

I can recall being in a tavern in Knoxville about 2 years ago and seeing what was the most unforgettable sports poster of my life. It was a poster with flags (from top to bottom) of The New York Negroes, The San Diego Caucasians, and the Cleveland Indians. THIS was intriguing.

I'd never heard of the first two teams. I was surprised that there could have ever been a team called the Negroes, that would have just ruffled entirely too many feathers, and rightfully so. But I smiled at the idea of a team known as the Caucasians—obviously this couldn't have been a basketball team (LOL). I thought it was kind of cool that a team known as the Caucasians actually could have existed, even if the mascot didn't sound very intimidating.

But alas, someone had been trying to teach me a lesson, for at the bottom of the poster were the words "Now you know how Native Americans feel." I was crushed. Never had there actually been a team known as the Caucasians. I almost cried, (but I didn't because I'm a real man and we don't do that so easily). Actually I'd been feeling pretty smug about the whole thing.

In the Nineties, we've seen a snowballing movement by groups of people who can suddenly, in a matter of seconds, like Clark Kent to Superman, become offended by almost anything.

Recently at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the trustees voted to change the school mascot from an

Indian to a bear.

"It's a small step in the right direction, but it's a foolish compromise," said Suzan Shown Harjo, president of The Morning Star Institute in Washington. "It would be like a school team name called the Whites or the Blacks, and the mascot is a monkey. I mean, what is the thinking here?"

By LANE CRAWLEY
Opinion Editor

Well, Ms. Harjo, it's not quite the way you make it out to be. Allow me to elaborate.

I cannot for the life of me understand why Native Americans can get so worked up over the name and tomahawk chop of the Atlanta Braves, the Cleveland Indians, or the Florida State Seminoles. Are the fans of these institutions ashamed of their teams? No they're not ashamed!! Braves fans chop away with pride, as do FSU fans—as I'm sure Cleveland baseball fans would too if any still exist today.

There is nothing derogatory here. Buildings, places and things were not named after people or groups to bring shame upon them, quite the opposite. Austin Peay State University was named after none other than Austin Peay, former Governor of Tennessee. Last I checked, it was an honor, not an insult, to have your name attached to something of significance like a building, a road, a stadium, etc.

Themes and mascots increase awareness of this nation's tribes and their history and locations. They

remind us of the rich history of Native Americans, and that isn't a bad thing. It isn't meant to be insulting either. Whenever I've heard of someone's name being placed on a building, or a street, or anything else of importance, the purpose has been to celebrate their namesake, not degrade it. Let me offer some examples.

Most people who start businesses name the firm after themselves. The Joe Morgan University Center, was named in honor the former APSU president. Neyland Stadium in Knoxville was named in honor of the Vols' legendary football coach. The Winfield Dunn Center was named in honor of the former Tennessee Governor. The Reagan Library in Washington was named to honor the greatest president of modern times. The Kennedy Space Center was named after JFK, the list is endless.

But you may argue: "Lane, names are one thing, but a group of people is something altogether different. Okay."

Ever heard of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame? The West Virginia Mountaineers? The George Washington University Colonials? The University of Tennessee Volunteers? The Austin Peay State University Governors?

One example of this twaddle that hit close to home for me was when UT-Chattanooga spent in excess of \$40,000 to change its name from the Moccasins (and Indian reference) to the Mockingbirds. "Moccasins" comes from a bend in a river near Chattanooga that, from the air, looks like the shape of a moccasin. The

mascot was an Indian in a headdress, today it's probably a big stupid moron in a bird suit. THAT'S humiliating if anything was.

By the way, I never did come across anyone who didn't laugh at this cave-in to political correctness.

I've wondered for years how people always manage to find something which they can draw offensive meaning. These times are different, but I dare say that the nicknames of entire institutions because some weenie takes offense beyond the realm of hospitality.

In 1992, Harjo filed a lawsuit seeking to force the NFL's Redskins to change their nickname. A decision is still pending. Besides the fact that in a free country and we have freedom of speech and expression (which probably covers freedom to call franchise whatever the hell you want to call it) what right does Harjo have to sue the Washington Redskins to force them to change their name? This has no answer.

Loosen up. See it for what it is: wouldn't want a garbage dump named after me, but if someone ever wants to call this the Lane Crawley Opinion Section, you can be sure I'll be there for the dedication ceremonies, because there's nothing offensive about that.

Lane Crawley is a senior language major. You can e-mail comments to this column at Peaynews@aol.com ATTN LANE

Letters to the Editor

Not getting what students pay for

I am writing to you concerning parking at the Dunn Center. I am a graduate assistant who works in the Dunn Center, plus I take night classes there as well. I pay my parking fee in order to have the right to park in commuter parking lots all over campus. However, after attending classes during this spring semester I feel my right to park (because I pay to have that right) is being abridged.

I park in the commuter parking lot on the upper west side of the Dunn Center. Every other Thursday I am not allowed to park there to go to class because APSU has determined it is much more important to let the Governor's Club park there for athletic events.

Which is more important . . . a student trying to get an education or a basketball fan going to a game?

If you were to answer that question based on priority for parking then the basketball fan would win. Is that RIGHT? I understand the basketball season is over, but what about next year? It has been my observation that faculty still get their right to park in their parking lot during these events at the Dunn Center, why don't students? Are we of lesser value?

Another occurrence that has been displeasing to me is the parking for the Sawyer Brown benefit concert. I agree with having the concert; however, is it necessary to close every parking lot around the Dunn Center ALL day?

Once again, I have had my right to park taken away from me. As a result, I had to park on the street and increase the chance for my car to be hit on the narrow road beside the Dunn Center. The road is narrow only because campus police puts up barricades which make it nearly impossible for two cars that are traveling in opposite directions, to pass each other.

If cars parking in a NO PARKING zone is such a big deal then write tickets for it! After a ticket, I do not think people would park there again plus the university would make some money off of the fine.

My point for writing is to try and receive an understanding of APSU's basis for these actions. Would someone please respond with appropriate APSU regulations and/or policies which state that the basketball fan should have priority in parking over a student trying to get an education.

Mark Banasiak

The responsibilities of our whole society

Lane Crawley's op-ed piece on responsibility with respect to guns, drugs, sex (but not rock 'n roll) was impassioned (a characteristic I admire) but largely missed the point with respect to health issues that

affect communities.

Mr. Crawley argues for putting blame/responsibility on individuals. Under our system of government all individuals have civic responsibilities. Assigning legal blame to gun manufacturers is not the goal or simple answer, but a strategy.

Homicide (over 60% of which involves firearms) and suicide (over 50% of which involves firearms) are leading killers of people age 15-44 in the U.S. These causes of death, no less than heart disease or cancer, are health issues.

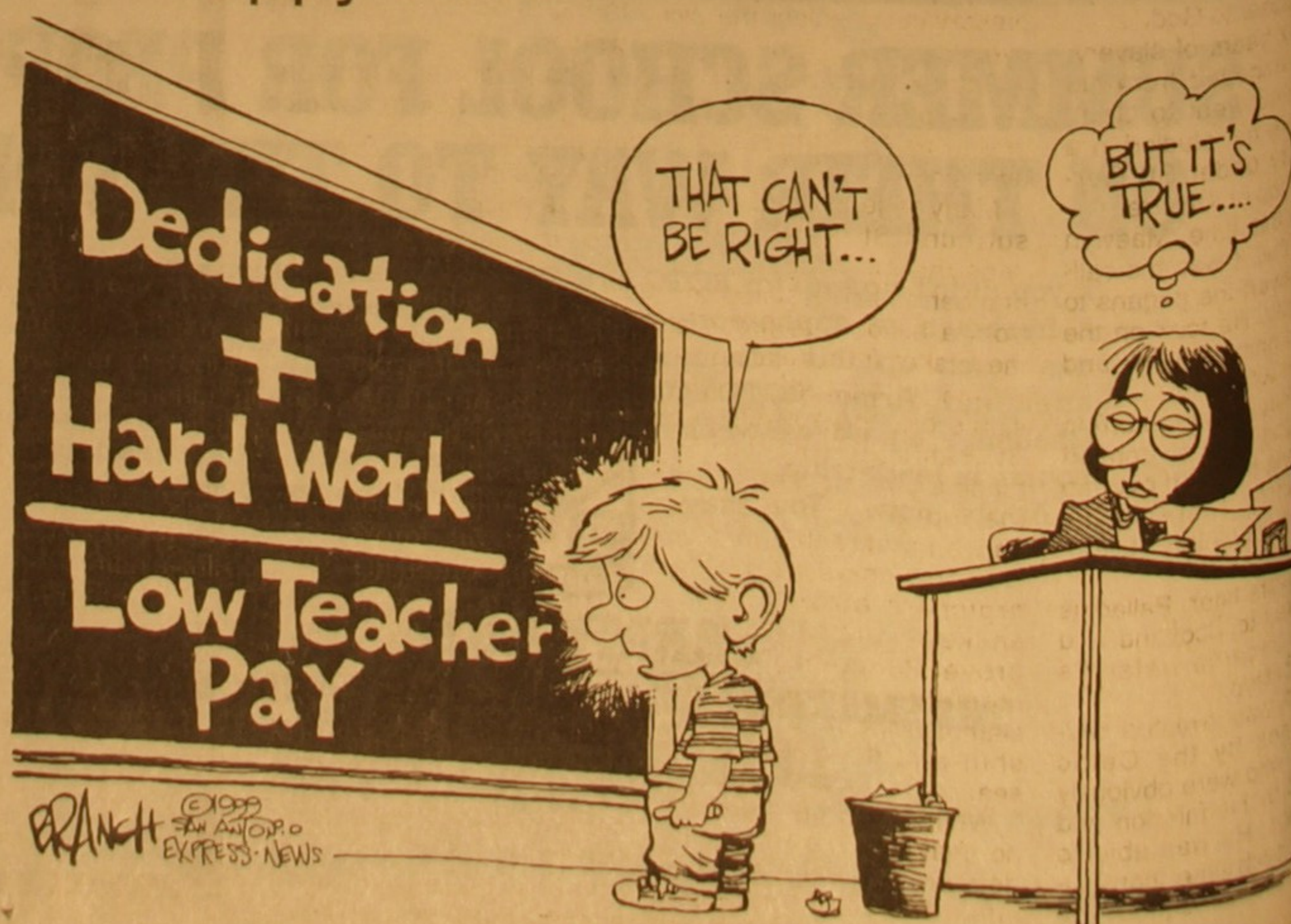
To intervene in complex public health problems a three-pronged approach called the 3 E's is used: education, enforcement and engineering. Gun safety education is a pet project of the National Rifle Association.

Legislation controlling gun sales (enforcement) is controversial, but increasingly accepted. Targeting gun manufacturers is an attempt to involve them in the engineering of their products.

In 1994, a study published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report indicated that if current trends continued, firearm deaths would exceed motor vehicle deaths by the year 2003. We expect motor vehicle manufacturers to design cars, trucks and vans with a plethora of safety features. Will gun manufacturers accept their civic responsibilities?

Anne K. Black
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Dept of Health and Human Performance

Student unhappy with sloppy RAs



Honor students represent Austin Peay in State Honors Conference at Memphis

by KIMBERLY ECHOLS
staff writer

Dr. Clarence Christian, the president of the Tennessee Honors Council, opened up the conference on Friday afternoon with a panel discussion on the theme "MIGRATIONS: Exploring Unresolved Issues of Diversity with the bridge being the chosen emblem."

He stated we must be courageous enough to build a bridge in the new millennium. He finished his welcome speech with a desire that we enjoy our lives, confront ourselves, and have better than when we were born.

Saturday continued with discussions about many diverse subjects (not necessarily by participants from many Tennessee colleges and universities). Covered were issues such as the TV, Historically Black Colleges and universities, the poetry of Langston Hughes, and Queen Elizabeth I. Austin Peay was invited to give a panel discussion, because of our unique circumstances, on "Surviving a Natural Disaster". The Jan. 22 tornado was especially of interest to those at the conference, not only affecting fellow Tennesseans, but also for its

impact on the Austin Peay Honors Program. Both the offices of the Honors Department and faculty and residence hall for the Honors students and participants in other Enrichment Programs were destroyed (thus causing our panel leader to jokingly give another title to our discussion, "Does God Hate Smart People?").

The other campuses responded to our discussion with heartfelt commiseration and support. Many asked if there was anything further they could do to help Austin Peay. The students from Tennessee State University could not leave until they had shaken hands or hugged all the members of our group. The director of the Honors Program at Freed-Hardeman University was so impressed by the discussion that he is petitioning for a grant to invite our group to Freed-Hardeman to present the story the story to the university.

The Honors conference was really interesting and exciting, as well. Plus, I was able to feel the cooperation and support from all of our fellow Honors students in the other Tennessee schools. I spent the drive back home to Clarksville looking forward to next year's State Honors Conference and what it will bring.



Trahern Gallery presents a photography exhibition, by visiting Swiss artist **Eliane Rutishauser** March 15- March 19. There will be an open reception March 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Gallery hours:
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. M-F;
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sat.
1-4 p.m. Sun.

APSU needs students to act out

Austin Peay State University's center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, in conjunction with the city of Clarksville and the Hard Corn Players, will conduct auditions at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, for Center Stage '99, a series of workshops that will culminate in the performance of an "old time tent show!" The auditions will be held in the Trahern Theatre on campus.

Actors must bring a resume, with an 8 x 10 headshot, and a monologue that does not exceed two minutes. For those who choose to sing, 16 bars of song should be prepared. An accompanist will be provided, and sheet music in the proper key must be provided. Actors should be prepared to remain for call backs if necessary.

Technicians must bring a resume, a current photograph and a portfolio of their previous work. If a professionally developed portfolio is not available, photographs or other evidence of work should be provided.

Center stage '99 will serve an even more important purpose than in past years. Proceeds from our production will be donated to the victims of the January tornado that devastated the Clarksville community. Our performances of a uniquely American historical event will help repair the damage done to the history of Clarksville.

For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Dr. Sara Gotcher in advance at 648-6259.

Legend of St. Patrick lives on

by NATALIE KILGORE
staff editor

Every year, people around the globe celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

As children we adorned ourselves in green for fear of being pinched if we failed to observe this sacred holiday. Yet, most of us never bothered to inquire about its origins.

St. Patrick was born in Ireland in AD 385. His given name was Maewyn and he was far from being a saint.

Maewyn, in fact, considered himself a pagan until he was kidnapped by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village when he was 16 years old.

He was taken to Ireland and sold as a slave. During his imprisonment, Maewyn became closer to God.

After six years of slavery, Maewyn escaped from his captors and went to Gaul, where he studied in a monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre.

During this time, Maewyn realized that it was his calling to convert the pagans to Christianity. He took on the Christian name Patrick and began his work.

His desire was to return to Ireland and work to convert the pagans that had overrun the country. Instead, his superiors appointed St. Palladius.

Two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland and Patrick became Ireland's second bishop.

Patrick was arrested several times by the Celtic Druids, who were obviously angered by his mission and teachings. He was able to escape each time, continuing to travel throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries. He also set up

schools and churches which would aid him in converting the Irish country to Christianity.

St. Patrick accomplished many feats.

He encountered the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rights. He converted the warrior chiefs and princes, baptizing them and thousands of their subjects in the Holy Wells which still bear that name today.

Patrick tirelessly continued his mission for 30 years until his retirement to County Down.

When he died he was buried in the same grave as St. Bridget and St. Columba at Downpatrick, County Down. The jawbone of St. Patrick was preserved in a silver shrine and was often requested in times of child-birth, epileptic fits and as a preservative against the evil eye.

Patrick's death on March 17, AD 461 has been celebrated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Many legends and myths surround St. Patrick. Perhaps the most famous tells of a sermon St. Patrick gave from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland.

One legend says that a single old serpent resisted. St. Patrick is said to have made a box. He then invited the reptile to enter it. The snake insisted that the box was too small. A heated argument arose and the snake entered the box to prove its point. At that moment, St. Patrick slammed the lid to the box, shut and flung it into the sea.

While it is true there are no snakes in Ireland, many believe there never were since the time the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age.

Serpent symbols were common and even worshipped in pagan religious ceremonies. Many scholars believe the story of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland was symbolic of his putting an end to that pagan practice.

One legend also argues that St. Patrick was not buried at County Down, but that his body lies in Glastonbury. The Chapel of St. Patrick still exists today as a part of Glastonbury Abbey. There is evidence of a pilgrimage to his tomb during the reign of the Saxon King Ine in AD 688, when a group of pilgrims headed by St. Indractus were murdered there.

Still other stories tell of St. Patrick's ability to raise the dead.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock which stems from a more traditional Irish tale.

St. Patrick used the shamrock in a sermon to represent how the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit could all exist as part of the same elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

What began as a Catholic holy day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. The festivities in Boston marked the first time the holiday was publicly celebrated in this country.

Thus, ends the tale of the celebrated St. Patrick. Now, the next time you get pinched for not wearing green, at least you will know why.

The Artscene

March 18

The Roxy Theater presents "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" beginning March 18. Several Austin Peay students and professors will be performing in the musical production. Call The Roxy box office for more information.

March 20

Nashville Ballet Master Classes, opera/dance rehearsal hall, music/mass comm. building —Session I —10-11:15 a.m., ages 7-19, \$12; Session II —11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., ages 10-12, \$15; Session III —1:30-3p.m., ages 13 and older \$15. Registration deadline, with payment in full, by Wednesday, March 17. Telephone 7876.

March 20-21

Nashville Ballet & The Nashville Symphony, 7 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun., Kenwood High School Theatre, 421 e. Pine Mountain Road, Clarksville —Performing *Firebird*, *Swan Lake*, *Act I & II*, *Stars & Stripes*. General admission \$15 adults, \$10 students/senior citizens (evening), \$12 adults, \$6 students/senior citizens (afternoon). For tickets, telephone the Music Ticket Office at 648-7001 weekdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. beginning March 8. For information, telephone 7876.

March 22-26

Curtis Davis Senior Art Exhibit, Trahern Gallery 108—Graphic design. Opening reception Monday, March 22, 7-9 p.m. Gallery hours 3-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Telephone 7333.

March 23

Guest Artist Recital, 10 a.m., room 147, music/mass comm. building—Pianist Donna Loewy, Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts recipient, and Dan Weeks, tenor. Free and open to the public. Telephone 7818.

March 24

Acuff Residency Recital, 7:30 p.m., concert theatre, music/mass comm. building—Featuring chamber works performed by students coached by Donna Loewy during her residency as Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts recipient. Reception immediately following. Free and open to the public. Telephone 7876.

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Gone with the wind

Tornado ravishes historic Clarksville, homes and Austin Peay

By JEROME PARCHMAN
senior staff writer

On Friday, Jan. 22, a tornado hit
the City of Clarksville. At approxi-
mately 4:15 a.m. it destroyed his-
toric buildings and knocked out
power for much of the city.

The tornado touched down close
to the Cumberland River and
made a path from one end of
downtown to the other.

The most violent destruction of
the tornado took place from Sixth
Street to Cumberland Drive to Madison Street and
Franklin Street down to First Street. Main Street
also suffered incredible damage.

Many brick buildings
were uprooted and up-
side down. Many residents were
in government
Franklin St.
The 12
Crown



Citizens of Clarksville walk along Third Street the day after the tornado.

and walls around the football stadium were
knocked out.
The Joe Morgan University Center and Felix G.
Woodward Library suffered broken windows.
Several residence halls including Blount, Harvill,
and Sevier had windows which were shat-
tered and portions of their roofs blown away.
As a result of heavy rains, Harvill, Harvill,
Clement and Archwood suffered water damage
and will require extensive repairs. Computers in the
buildings will also have to be dried out.
The tornado caused ceiling tiles to fall and left
considerable damage in Clement and Harvill.

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