

Ecstasy research retracted

According to a retraction in the Science Journal there were several problems with the research published on ecstasies, including animals being given the wrong drugs.

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Still number one

After three weeks of play the Gov's and Lady Gov's are still managing to hold on to the number one spot in the OVC.

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Purse stolen on campus; arrest warrant issued

By LAUREN MABON
Staff writer

An arrest warrant has been issued through the Austin Peay State University Campus Police Department in connection with a reported theft that occurred on campus two weeks ago.

Heather Mattson, admissions counselor at APSU, returned to her office Tuesday, Jan. 13 in Ellington at 12:15 p.m. and discovered that her purse had been stolen.

Campus police are currently investigating the theft in Ellington.

Mattson immediately e-mailed APSU faculty members after discovering her bag was missing, asking them to be on the lookout for her black "back-pack" purse.

According to her e-mail, the purse was stolen within five minutes of her leaving her desk in room 126A to heat up her lunch.

"It has a drawstring at the top to pull it tight. It also has two pockets in the front, one contains my personal cell phone and the other has miscellaneous items. My black Liz Claiborne wallet was in the purse containing all of my identification,"

said Mattson in the e-mail.

Mattson believes someone was watching her, waiting for her to leave her desk.

"Someone had to see me leave. They had to walk into my room, and around my desk to get to it," said Mattson. "If you happen to be walking down the stairs, look for it in the stairwell, or if you are in the restroom, please take an additional moment to peer in the trash can for it. Whoever took it will more than likely dispose of my identification."

APSU Chief of Police Eric Provost said the person named in the warrant

is not affiliated with the university, but that they were a long-time Clarksville resident living near the campus.

"The suspect has a long history of offenses, including drug possession, weapons charges and theft," said Provost.

"The suspect has been very evasive, but with the help of Clarksville Police we [APSU campus police] expect to make an arrest soon. It is the great paradox of a public university. The university should be open to the public, but it sometimes carries risks," Provost said.

According to Security on Campus

Incorporated, several safety tips can be followed to avoid campus theft:

- Doors and windows should be equipped with quality locking mechanisms. Always lock them when you are absent.

- Do not loan out your key.
- Re-key locks when a key is lost or stolen.

- Always lock your doors and 1st and 2nd floor windows.

- Never compromise your safety by leaving the door unlocked.

- Do not leave your identification, wallets, checkbooks, jewelry, cameras, and other valuables in open view.

- Know

your neighbors and don't be reluctant to report illegal activities and suspicious loitering.

For more information on campus safety, visit the website, www.securityoncampus.org.

To report any illegal or suspicious activity, contact campus police at 221-7786. ♦

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Weekly crime log from APSU police reports and "From the Chief."



AUCIA ARCHULETA AND DONNA/THE LEAF CHRONICLE

About 200-101st troops returned to Ft. Campbell after service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The whole division is not expected to be back until Spring 2004.

Joyful reunions

Troops flying home in to Ft. Campbell, KY reuniting with love ones

By KATHY YUNG
Staff writer

They're coming home and according to Brig. Gen. Jeffery Schloesser, 101st Airborne Division assistant division commander for support, "This is the largest operational move of soldiers, Marines, and coalition forces that anyone really remembers, and that goes all the way back to Normandy in World War II."

The 101st has begun the 10,500 mile trip back home, completing a journey that began in February 2003 with the landing in Kuwait. Fort Campbell welcomed the first wave of the "roughly 20,000 soldiers with or attached to" the division earlier this month according to Schloesser. The massive movement of troops and equipment is expected to be completed by early March.

The redeployment of troops and equipment is an enormous undertaking. The first stop is Kuwait, the "primary staging area for all equipment and personnel returning to the United States."

Camps Doha, Udairi and Arifan will see approximately 6,000 vehicles and 1,600 containers pass through to be loaded for U.S. Customs inspections. Soldiers will turn over all equipment that will not be returning to the United States such as ammunition, MREs (meals ready-to-eat), cots, body armor, chemical protective equipment, and repair

products. This equipment will be "reissued to units on their way into Iraq for the second wave of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Special care must be taken in preparing vehicles and aircraft that will be returning home. Any vehicle that will be returning to Fort Campbell, via Jacksonville, Fla. must first be thoroughly washed to remove all foreign soil, a process that can take approximately six hours per vehicle.

According to Schloesser, helicopters not only have to go through this thorough washing, but also have to undergo a special "shrink-wrap" process. The sensitive equipment on the approximately 200 aircraft that are returning home on ships is vulnerable to the ocean environment. To prevent possible corrosion, the "shrink-wrap" is applied and the air is sucked out to provide a plastic covering that protects the equipment from the salt water.

The returning soldier's journey is not over when his or her feet finally land on U.S. soil. There is not only the physical journey, but the psychological one as well: the readjustment, the decompression, the adapting to family and community life that has been but a memory for months on end.

Arthur Mann, a recently returned soldier with the 101st unit, described the process as one that "is harder than being there and doing the duty we do there."

Mann, who is married with two children, said "coming home to a full-blown married life with children is an adjustment, but it is an adjustment worth making."

Mann and his wife Dana have been married two years, and out of those two years he has only been home a total of 14 months.

Mann thinks that it is only natural for a woman to become more independent during a husband's absence and this can put a strain on the relationship when the husband returns. "But, if you love each other and have a strong relationship, you won't let this destroy you," he said.

Mann said that it was also hard to adjust to the American culture after having spent time in Iraq. "It is a totally different culture [here]. Sometimes I want to stand up and yell, slow down!" said Mann. "Americans move at the speed of lightning," he said "with all our wants and needs."

However, Mann was quick to praise the United States for the support the troops have received. "The American public has been very supportive, and that's a good thing," he said.

Marilyn Hampton, a senior English major at Austin Peay State University also knows the difficulties that can arise when a spouse returns home after an extended absence.

Her husband, Rodney, has just returned

after being stationed in Iraq for nearly a year.

"It's been the roughest year of my life," said Hampton. "The good thing is we have four children and they are behaving fine now. They really need a man around."

For Hampton, the biggest adjustment is to be able to step back and "let him be in control again." Remembering the problems they encountered when he returned from an earlier assignment in Afghanistan, Marilyn was determined to try to avoid some of the mistakes she felt contributed to those problems.

"While he was gone I tried to do everything like he would have done it," she said. This approach provided consistency while her husband was away. When a situation would arise she would stop and ask herself "what would Rodney do?" before she would take action. This strategy, she said "helped keep the peace" when he returned.

And returning they are. As of Jan. 23, more than 2,200 division soldiers have returned. The following is a tentative schedule for more returns:

- Saturday, Jan. 24, 170 members of the 101st Airborne Division Band and C Company, 158th Aviation Company.

- Sunday, Jan. 25, 225 members of 1st Brigade, 327th Infantry Regiment.

- Monday, Jan. 26, 225 members of the 1st Brigade, 27th Infantry Regiment. ♦

Career Services offers help

Workshops and career fairs offered throughout semester

By MELINDA SIMMONS
News Editor

Many Austin Peay State University students will be graduating this May. Career Services has started early this semester in preparing seniors or any APSU student for finding a job once his or her college career has ended.

Workshops and career fairs are offered to help students network and prepare for what some may consider a scary experience without preparation. Nashville will be the location of this year's first career and graduate school fair. The Nashville Area College to Career Fair and Graduate School Fair is Feb. 10 at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. The fair will be from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are free and available now until Feb. 10 through Career Services. Students must register with Career Services to receive a ticket.

This month there will also be two workshops offered. A "Building a Resume" workshop will be offered today, Jan. 28, from noon - 12:45 p.m. in the University Center room 312. The workshop will also be offered again on Feb. 5 from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. This workshop is intended to show students how to write a resume that catches employers' attention.

Thursday, Jan. 29, at 12:30 p.m. Career Services is hosting a "Interviewing Skills" workshop. It will also be held in UC 312. Students will learn how to prepare for their first interview and eliminate any jitters. For more information on Career Services and upcoming events or workshops call 221-7896 or e-mail eljsit@apsu.edu ♦

SGA holds weekly forum



By MELINDA SIMMONS
News Editor

Last week's Student Government Association meeting, according to the minutes on the Austin Peay State University website, opened with the announcement of new Committee Chairs.

Chairs named include J.C. Garrett and Stephanie Martin for Community service, for Programming, Maraina Alessi, David Baron, and Jason Fryer and for Public Relations, Donna Hensley and Kevin Kennedy. Meetings for these committees were announced as well as times for SGA photos and information about the retreat.

The Community Service committee is looking for a philanthropy that no other organization on campus supports - cystic fibrosis is being considered.

The meeting ended with a nomination of Senator of the Election Board. Sen. Deanna Hensley was named Senator of the Election board and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. ♦

Who's who at the Peay? Students recieve honor

39 APSU students recieve "Who's Who Among College Students in American Universities and colleges"

By LAUREN MABON
Staff writer

The 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of 39 Austin Peay State University students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and

editors of the annual directory select students based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Published annually since 1934, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" includes outstanding students from more than 2,300 national and international higher learning institutions.

Janelle Jones, senior English major from Memphis, Tenn., said that the award lifted her spirits. "I'm ecstatic about being nominated," said Jones.

"When you're in the final stretch before graduation, it seems like everything is piling up against you. You may find that your credits haven't been calculated correctly or that you

have to take a load of classes at the last minute. Maybe a professor gave you a grade that you felt you didn't deserve. When you receive something like this it is a motivational booster."

Charles Frazier, senior and future lawyer from Clarksville, is double majoring in Accounting and Finance. He hopes to attend graduate school and obtain joint degrees; a juris doctor and a master of Business Administration.

"It was an honor to be one out of 39 amazing recipients" said Frazier.

Sharmin Jones, senior Education major from Linden, Tenn., drives one hour and 45 minutes to APSU every day. "I was excited about being nominated," she said.

Kristen Dorch, Pre-med graduate from Cumberland City, Tenn., plans to attend Bethel

College and become a Physician Assistant. "I am very honored and proud to represent the university," said Dorch.

This year's honorees include: Adrienne Albert, Jared Bradley, Teresa Castillo, Tiffany Chapman, Dale Costner Jr., Kristen Dorch, Krista Englett, Gerlonda Hardin, Jessica Holley, Vivian Irby, Janelle Jones, Sharmin Jones, Teresa Pigg, Angela Pollock, Steven Rawls, Jennifer Richardson, Mitzi Roberts, Lindsey Spruill, Latrecia Swann, Chris Winters, Marion Wood, Elaine Young, Erica Zastrow, Nicole Aquino, Jamie Braxton, Jennifer Brown, Rhon Campbell, Angela Chambers, Malisha Dillard, Jamie Durrett, Charles Frazier, Tanya Jarman, Wilfred Longo, Nicole Loos, Jaime Pace, Leslea Streetman, Heather Vaughn-Stanfill, Eva Whitten, and Tamara Shoemaker. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Open House

Come and learn more about your presidential candidates. Be informed when you vote. The College Democrats will be holding an open house Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in UC Ballroom A.

Free Coffee

Zeta Nu will host "Free Coffee, Juice and Snacks" on Friday, Feb. 13 from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Java City Lobby. Start your day with Zeta Nu! For more information contact Stacey Francis at 221-2992 or e-mail sfancis14@apsu.edu

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Spring Interest Meeting

If you are interested in becoming a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. please attend our Interest Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7:20 p.m. in UC 307. For more information contact Porcha Cobb

Interviewing Skills

Nervous about an upcoming job interview? This workshop will show you how to practice and prepare to eliminate any jitters the day of your interview. Please join us on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 12:30 in UC 312! For more information contact Jennifer Ellis at 221-7896 or e-mail ellisjt@apsu.edu

Building a Resume Workshop

Never written a resume before? Don't know how to start? Come learn how to write a resume that catches employers' attention. Learn the basics of resume writing and how to advertise yourself. Join Us! Place: UC Room 312, Time: Wednesday, Jan. 28, noon - 12:45 Thursday, Feb. 5 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. For more information contact Jennifer Ellis at 221-7896 or e-mail ellisjt@apsu.edu

Extended Hours Computer Lab

The Extended Hours Computer Lab has returned to Clement 121. The lab opens at 7 a.m. on weekdays and is open until 3 a.m. Sunday thru Thursday. Friday, the lab closes at 10 p.m., and opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Also, Clement 128 is open during weekday business hours as a computer lab. For more information contact Jeff Baldwin at 221-4357 or e-mail baldwinj@apsu.edu

Can Food Drive

The Sociology Club will host a Can Food Drive the week of Jan. 26-30 to support AP Can Provide. Collection sites are in selected main offices and classrooms of the Clement Building. For more information contact Amanda Cochran at 221-7431 or e-mail apsocclub@yahoo.com

Greek life showcased as part of APSU fair



The organizational fair was held earlier this semester to help encourage and inform students about organizations available on campus.

ALCIA MIDDLEBROOK/STAFF

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Death penalty may be banned for juveniles

U.S. Newswire

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 - The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to review whether executing juvenile offenders violates the U.S. Constitution is another sign that the juvenile death penalty is on its way out as a public policy option, the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty said today. "No civilized society executes juvenile offenders," said Brian Roberts, NCADP executive director. "We do not let juveniles sign contracts, serve in the military, marry, purchase alcohol or cigarettes or even vote. Yet we somehow deem them eligible for the death penalty. The double

standard is appalling."

Roberts said today's announcement means that three juvenile offenders with execution dates in Texas will receive stays. The Supreme Court is not expected to hear arguments in the case it accepted for review until its next term, meaning no decision is anticipated until at least late 2004 or even 2005. The state of Texas is scheduled to execute Edward Capetillo on March 30; Efrain Hernandez on June 23; and Raul Villarreal on June 24. Each person was 17 years old when accused of murder. Texas has been responsible for six of the seven juvenile offender executions.

From the Chief... Provost offers advice and anecdote for students

By APSU Police Chief Eric Provost
Guest writer

In 1986, a young student named Jeanne Ann Clery was raped and murdered in her dorm room at Lehigh University. The killer gained access to her room through three doors that were all supposed to be locked, but were instead propped open for "convenience." The University issued a report that claimed their university was safe, despite the fact that propped-open doors in her dorm building alone had been reported 181 times in the previous four months.



Provost

In fact, before the 1990 Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, now known as the Jeanne Clery Act, colleges were not required to report crime on campus, and were reluctant to do so because of bad publicity.

A lot has changed. Because colleges are now required to compile and make available these crime statistics (ours are at <http://www.apsu.edu/police/statistics.html>), we've made students more aware of the threats surrounding them, and in turn made our campuses much safer places.

The good news is Austin Peay State University has had a relatively safe campus. We are at or below state crime statistic averages in just about every category. We are fortunate to live and work in a place where most people take care of each other, and question or report things that look suspicious. The bad news is we continue to have an inordinate number of thefts on campus, and the stats did not drop

much from 2002 to 2003. I am most concerned that the majority of thefts do occur with items that are left unsecured in common areas, but behind unlocked doors, cars, offices, and residence hall rooms. I am fearful that a criminal, who sets out to commit a "crime against property," doesn't come across the opportunity to commit a "crime against person" here on campus one evening.

Keep your personal belongings secured in your rooms when you are absent or alone. Challenge or report persons in your living area that you are not familiar with. At night with a companion or call our Security Escort Service. But most of all, take care of each other.

Campus Crime

Jan. 14 3:06 p.m. Sexton Bldg.
Theft of property

Jan. 10 12:42 a.m. Burt Lot
Burglary of automobile

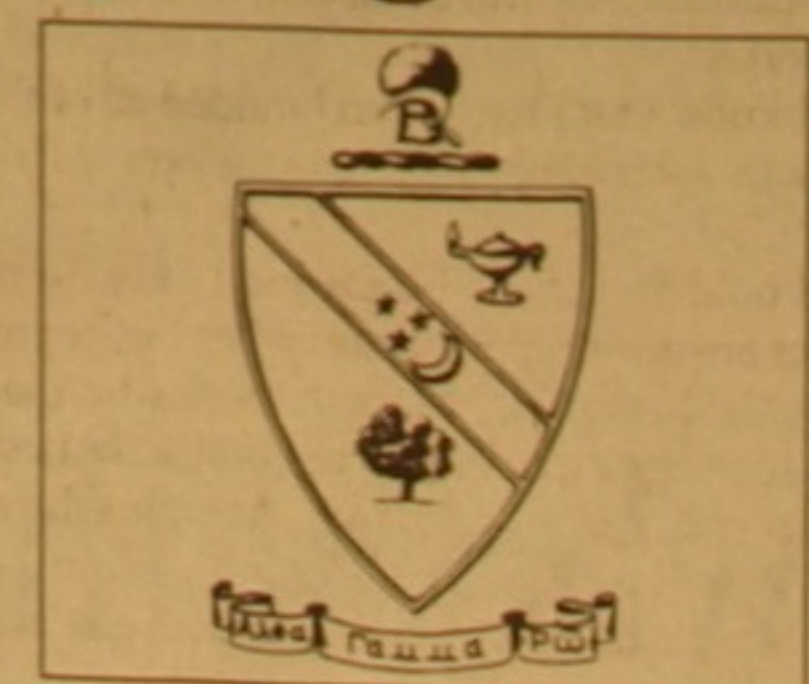
Jan. 6 4:17 p.m. Trahern
Theft from a building

Lt. Loris Ellsworth, APSU security officer supervisor, suggests that security should be everyone's business. "Don't leave belongings unattended, lock your car, etc."

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OUR TAKE

Lottery finds freshmen in position to benefit, resources fall to wayside

To play or not to play, that is now the question since the lottery's arrival in Tennessee. The lottery has failed to make an impact. The legislators have had their way. Whether you feel that it will be a much needed attempt to fund educational institutions or a façade to deprive the lower income families of their wages and income the lottery is now active.

We believe that the latter is a weaker argument because there is the element of personal choice that must be factored in. If the lower income sector believes that they are being taken, then they will choose not to play the lottery. No one has issued a decree stating that one must participate in the lottery. It is simply there if one feels lucky or feels like donating some money to students trying to get an education. What better cause to support, especially since witnessing the current decline of the state of today's educational resources?

One very important but unanswered question, is how the lottery will go beyond benefiting individual students to helping specific departments in state funded universities. These academic departments are the ones that will suffer if no money is granted to them. Money is needed for resources, which are constantly needed to advance the cause of learning. The answer at present is that it will not. This is a challenge for the lottery advocates to answer. While the money is being poured for more and more students, nothing is being set aside for the departments that have to deal with an increase of students eager to utilize the resources that may not be at their disposal when they arrive. That being said, the lottery exists, like most issues as a paradox that contains pros and cons.

Undoubtedly the immediate upside is that it will provide more students with the means to attend school. It will also help those who are trying to make the grade in order to receive a lottery scholarship. Viewed from this perspective, it is not hard to see that the lottery could be an excellent incentive for students looking ahead to their college plans. A student that has a 'C' average and no money to pay their way into college may be inspired to work harder toward a 'B' average. If the lottery scholarship encourages a student to work harder toward their goal of getting into college, then that could be enough, in our opinion, to validate the worth of the Tennessee lottery.

Good career choices require some deep thought

I have a question I would like for you to ask yourself. Think about it before you answer. Make your answer honest. Why have you chosen the field of study/work you are going into? This is a question that should not be taken lightly.

When I began college at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1999, I thought I wanted to be a psychologist. I found psychology interesting, I enjoyed helping people, and I was interested in making money.

I did well in my classes and even participated in a couple of research projects. Yet, I was not passionate about what this prospective job would hold for me. I did not want to work with children, because that would be emotionally draining for me.

Drug addicts and alcoholics frustrated me because they had to be in rehab for the right reasons. A lot of them are there because a judge sentenced them to rehab. Abused spouses have usually been so brainwashed it can be almost impossible to pull them out of the battered mentality. Marriage counseling bored me. I started to realize that psychology was not the field for me.

Then my boyfriend at the time convinced me that I should major in business. "We could go into business together," he said. Big mistake! I have never been so bored with anything in my entire life. After looking into the different classes I would need to take I realized that I was not a business minded person.

I have always tinkered with writing, but never had the confidence to pursue it as a career. My boyfriend was completely unsupportive. He would roll his eyes when I mentioned changing my major to English. (He is no longer my boyfriend.)

One day I noticed a poster for UTM's Writer's Guild and decided to join. After the first meeting I knew what my passion was. I decided that it was time to stop listening to everybody else and do what I wanted to do. Well, actually I did listen to one person—my dad. He told me to follow my passion and not the money.

Now I am an English major with a minor in creative writing. I always get the same question when I tell people this: "What are you going to do? Teach?" I have finally become use to the weird looks I get when I tell people that I want to write books for a living. (In my head I'm really saying, "Come on, people. Books don't just write themselves.")

My point to all of this is to make sure you are going into the career of your choice for the right reasons. If you have chosen teaching, make sure you love to teach children. If you have chosen counseling, make sure you want to help people.

Whatever you choose make sure you are completely passionate about it. Do not choose your career based on money, friends, or pleasing your parents. You have to do what makes you happy. Even if you are working towards your master's, it is never too late to change your mind.

It is better to take the time to pursue a career you love than to work at a job you hate for the next forty-five years. Think about it. What do you really want to be when you grow up? You might be surprised with what you come up with.

Republicans need to come out of the closet

Lately it seems as if everything I see just makes me shake my head in dismay or growl in disgust. How did it come to this? Why are our country's morals just going down the toilet? Why do we accept anything and everything that crosses our path, especially when it simply makes sense to think a moment and question why something might be awry?

I already know that I am outnumbered in that most students at this school are mostly liberal in their views. I still believe it is because they are conditioned by the media and, to some extent, the school itself with its huge number of liberal professors and students.

But I know there are some closet Republicans out there who have perhaps not found their voices yet or are too afraid to speak their minds in fear that they will be labeled racist, insensitive, sexist, or politically incorrect.

I know that I have been branded all of the above and do not care one tiny miniscule bit!

I hold firm in my beliefs and I have the right to say what I think, as does anyone else. I am sorry, but I view giving amnesty to millions of illegals is a slap in the face to those who made sacrifices to come here, waited their turn, and are making an honest living, not to mention paying taxes and obeying our laws. Anyone who actually looks closely at this idiotic proposal can see what a mess it really is.

Guess what? I do not agree with gay marriage!

Guess what? So does most of the country! Has anyone seen the polls? The support for an amendment to ban gay marriage was described as "overwhelming." What does this tell you? I, along with millions of Christians in America, believe that marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman (unfortunately, marriage is hardly sacred anymore. But should we taint it more?). Not allowing gays to marry is in no way discrimination. That is another thing that is bothering me. There is basically an entire DECK of cards people can use now to further their agendas: the race card, the gender card, the gay card, etc. I have never demanded something extra because I am a female, or white, or because I am incapable of doing all the jobs that men can do, for that matter. I know my limitations, and can accept that.

I believe that people should earn everything in their lives fairly, not exploit their race, gender, or sexual orientation to receive special rights. If we are all the same, as the saying goes, should we not all have the same expectations to work and provide for our families?

It is disgusting that people get away with taking advantage because they are in some way different or special. It accomplishes nothing but to plant anger and frustration among those who were right through it.

I realize that I will ruffle a few feathers with this piece. I also know that many will agree with it. My feathers are constantly ruffled! All I ask is for you to just sit and really think about what is happening, and if it is really best for our country.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:

Ms. Wadley's article in last week's paper upset me greatly. The notion of homosexuals being legally recognized as a married couple sickens me. Marriage is between a MAN and a WOMAN and has been internationally recognized for centuries. Just look at how civilizations, with homosexuals as a large part of the population, have fallen into the pits of their own demise and slothfulness. Why would homosexuals, out of selfishness, want to tarnish the sanctity of marriage? So that they could claim their "partner" for some tax credit, or because they can adopt and raise a child, or for what ever their short-sighted reason is. In my opinion children should not be raised by homosexual persons. First of all it is unnatural (you can figure this one out); second, you distort the children's image of what a family really is (hence the titles of parents: Mom and Dad, not mom and her female companion). Granted there are a number of problems in heterosexual marriages, but claiming that homosexuals should be legally recognized will only worsen America's problems.

When Ms. Wadley decided to

discuss homosexual marriages to multi-racial marriages I found it slightly off topic. How can you defend heterosexual and homosexual marriages simultaneously? The people of that time were true crusaders to defending what marriage really is, regardless of race. America has made plenty of mistakes in its past, let's not make this one. Either you are for homosexual marriages or not, there is no in between. I urge everyone who agrees or disagrees with what I have mentioned, to stand up and be heard. If this act does pass nation-wide, keep in mind that tolerance and approval have separate meanings. You can tolerate what is going on, but you never have to approve of the abysmal act of homosexual marriages.

Jeremy Benson
Sophomore
Pre-Pharmacy

To the Editor:

I would like to say thank-you on behalf of the Kenwood Head start Center. The members of Zeta Nu and Sigma Chi organizations of the Austin Peay State University have earned a great appreciation. Their generosity of giving and caring shined through on December 18 at the center. A

Christmas party for the children of the center indeed was provided; from an appearance of Santa, Bobo the clown, to face paintings, stockings, and gifts for all in attendance. Out of their appearance, this gift turned into even more to come that to a "Big Brother Program" offered by the Sigma Chi.

The Sigma Chi have asked to be an active part of the Kenwood Center through one-on-one reading with children, sprucing up the playground, and landscaping. The Center has gained approval and accepted their offering.

This is a wonderful example of college fraternity and sorority organizations active leadership and involvement in the local community and helps ones mind to dismiss the misconception that they're only known for college parties.

The Kenwood Head start Center bares a banner on the front entrance of the building, which reads, "We Appreciate Men." I would like to say thank-you again to everyone who helped with the Christmas party and to all future volunteerism on behalf of the children at the Kenwood Head Start Center.

Sharon Mata
Grandmother
Physical Plant/Custodial Dept.

Such a blessing: the "easy" life of disabled persons

Opening accessible pathways to understanding the concerns of disabled persons on campus

By Cati Montgomery
Copy editor

The other day, I FINALLY found an open handicapped parking spot near Clement, close to my class. With a satisfied sigh, I pulled in and began to climb out of my car. As I was getting out, a female faculty member said to me, "It must be SUCH a blessing to have handicapped parking!" I was in no mood... I unleashed my fury on her (if she's reading this, sorry!) I looked dead at her and said something to the effect of, "Oh yes, it is such a blessing to be crippled for the rest of my life, to not be able to stand or walk for long periods of time, and to endure the daily pain I experience. Yes, thank you, I feel blessed!"

Recently, I was talking to some of my friends on wheels, and they were telling me of their most recent frustration. When they pushed the button to open the handicapped accessible door at the UC, they were greeted by a swarm of able-bodied youngsters pushing their way out of the building. I assure you, no one was playing doorwoman for the Joe Morgan UC. They were simply trying to access the building. They've even been cursed at because they were blocking the door with their chairs! (Not to mention, they were letting cold air in, for heaven's sake!) This happens all over campus.

When I was an able-bodied person, I never really gave much thought to disabilities. I think most able-bodied people don't think about disabilities on a daily basis.

Yet, recent research has shown that if you are not currently disabled, you stand a 20 percent higher chance of becoming disabled at some point during your lifetime. This is due to the way we live now, the amount of driving and sports we participate in, and how our higher-tech life actually makes us more prone to accidents that have long-term effects. I read one statistic that claimed that disabled persons were now the largest minority group in the U.S.

Now that I am disabled, I am bombarded with the kinds of ignorant things some people will say and do around disabled persons.

The inconsiderateness shouldn't shock me anymore, but sometimes it really does. For instance, I love when people tell me that I don't look disabled—well, I may not look it, but I am. So my favorite fury-unleashing response is, "Well, you don't look stupid, either."

Another pet peeve: people asking, "what happened to you?" If the disabled person in question wanted everyone to know what happened, perhaps they would wear a t-shirt announcing it! I realize that people's perception of what disability looks like generally involves a wheelchair or a cane, crutch, or walker of some type. Folks, we simply have to become more aware of disabilities overall.

Some people truly are blessed, and don't deal with the daily difficulties that the disabled do. Some folks have no difficulties with stairs, getting on and off the elevators, getting in and out doors, accessing classrooms...but for those people who do have difficulties, perhaps a new awareness and cooperation can be created. The excellent efforts that the Office of Disability Services makes, along with the outreach that Zeta Nu is doing is really making great progress in helping disabled students to reach their educational goals!

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Student Life Events:

Feb. 4:

AP Idol with Michelle Young

Feb. 6:

Discussion: Driving Miss Daisy in the UC room 303 from 2-3 p.m.

Julius Bradley Band from 8-10:30 p.m.

Feb. 7:

Driving Miss Daisy at the Ripy Theater at 8 p.m.

Feb. 10:

A Civil Rights Movement film called "A Time for Justice" will be showing in the African American Cultural Center at 3 p.m.

Feb. 11:

AP Idol

Feb. 12:

Groovin' with the Gov. Kel Young and Jamie Durrett teach

Feb. 14:

Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 18:

AP Idol

Feb. 19:

Film: "Mighty Times of Rosa Parks" at the African American Cultural Center at 3 p.m.

Feb. 23:

Film: "Madea's Class Reunion" shown in Java City at 5 p.m.

Music City Happenings:

Jan. 27:

TPAC's Broadway in Nashville Series presents "Oklahoma!" 505 Deaderick St. (615) 255-9600

Jan. 30 - Feb. 7:

Nashville Opera presents "The Pirates of Penzance" TPAC Polk Theater 505 Deaderick St. (615) 255-9600

Now until Feb. 1:

Icons and Idols: A Photographer's Chronicle of the Arts, 1960-1995 Frist Center for the Visual Arts 919 Broadway (615) 244-3340

Jan. 30:

Imagine Tour: Amy Grant, Bebo Norman, MercyMe 7:30 p.m. Curb Events Center Belmont University 2002 Belmont Blvd. (615) 255-9600

Feb. 6:

Kid Rock 8 p.m. Municipal Auditorium 417 Fourth Avenue North 615-862-6392

Feb. 7:

George Strait with Kellie Coffey, Dierks Bentley, Gaylord Entertainment Center 501 Broadway (615) 255-9600

Roxy Regional Theatre presents "A Delicate Balance"

Dark, dysfunctional comedy satyrizes sanity

By Shaun Copelin
Staff Writer

Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize winning play "A Delicate Balance" is the Roxy Regional Theatre's current production. The title refers to the delicate balance between sanity and insanity.

Leslie Greene stars as Agnes and opens the play debating what would happen if she were to lose her sanity. With her group of family and friends, staying sane is not an easy task to accomplish. This play explores the bonds of friendship and the duties of family. Agnes and her husband Tobias,

played by John McDonald, have their house invaded by numerous people. First is Agnes' sister Claire, who is played by Sally Welch.

Claire provides most of the comic relief for the play. There is not a scene in which she is sober.

She claims that she is not an alcoholic, just a drunk.

Then there is Tobias and Agnes' daughter Julia, played by Kim Boler, who returns home after her fourth failed marriage, only to find her room is occupied with friends of the family, Harry and Edna. All of these people being thrown into a house that is not big enough for them physically or

emotionally causes quite the dilemma and it is not quite certain which characters are sane and which are insane. The acting is exceptional. Sally Welch did an excellent job of portraying a woman who even in her drunken state seems to have the best understanding of what is going on.

If you enjoy plays that explore dysfunction or just have a taste for drama or dark comedy then you should definitely see this play.

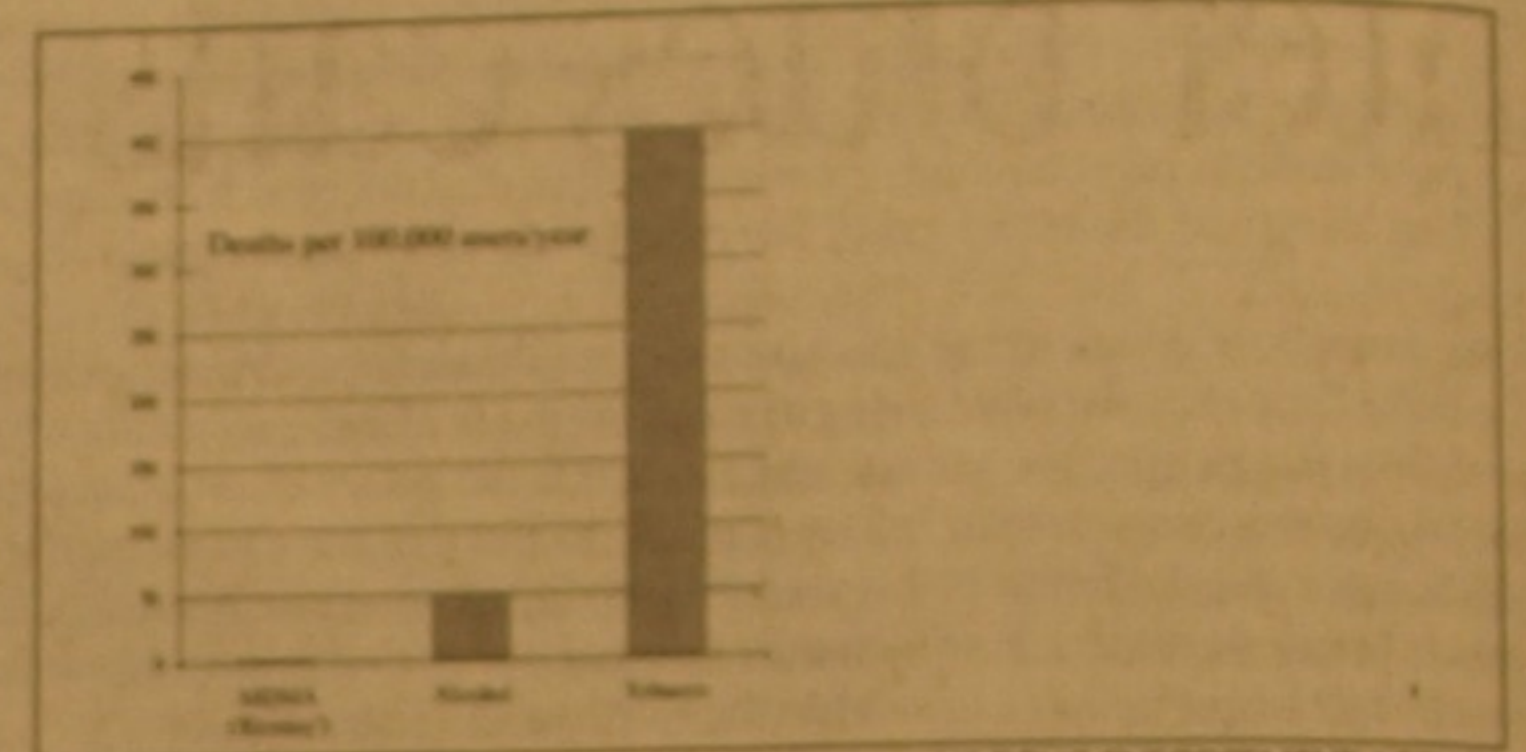
The play is \$7 for students, \$13 for the general public, \$11 for seniors and runs until January 31 on Thursdays at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. ♦



Sally Welch and John McDonald toast a drink in the Roxy Regional Theatre's production of A Delicate Balance.



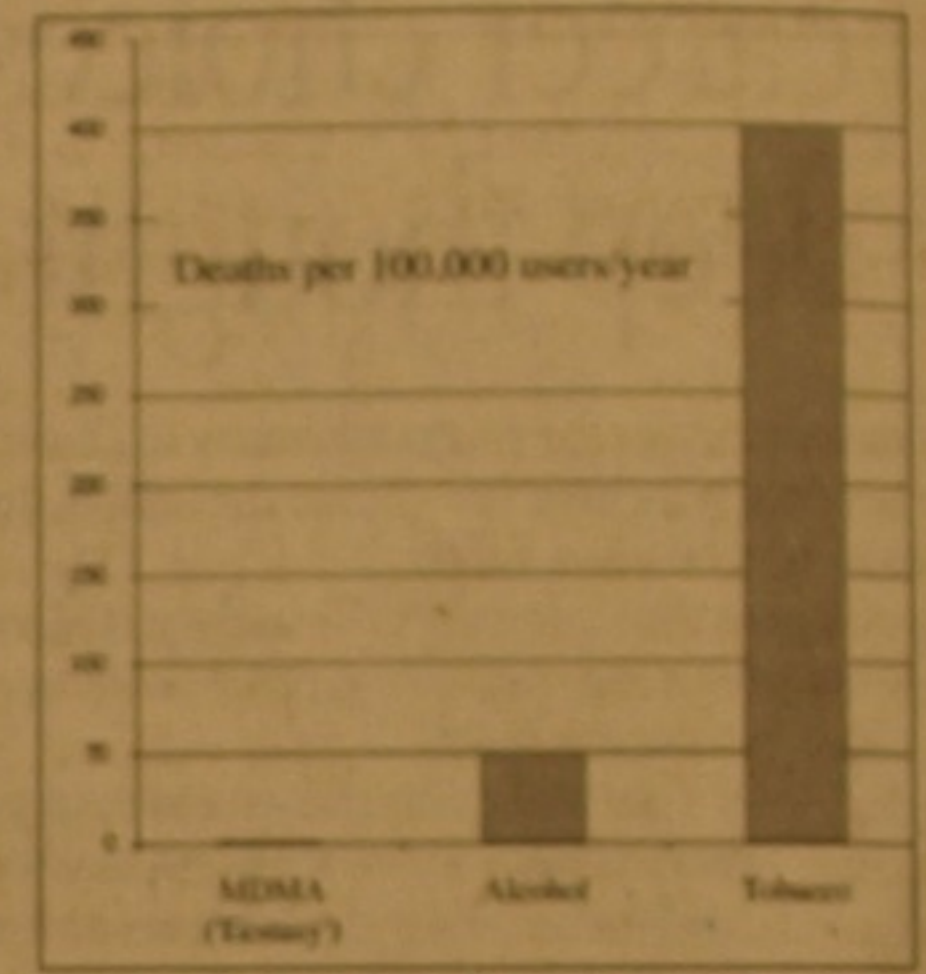
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Ecstasy pills of varying types (left).

Incidents of emergency room visits from MDMA use are far lower than those of cocaine, and marijuana (above).

Alcohol and tobacco deaths per hundred thousand people far exceed that of MDMA (right).



Ecstasy research retracted

Research made claims that one night's recreational use causes brain damage and leads to Parkinson's

By Kalen McElheny
Features Editor

Drugs have been an issue for years in this country, and even more in the last few years, with the War on Drugs campaign still resonating from the 80s.

Last September researchers who released a study on Ecstasy, led by Dr. George Ricaurte retracted research that launched a million dollar ad campaign and a media frenzy against the drug Ecstasy.

Although these studies were retracted entirely, there is no current research indicating that Ecstasy is safe.

Ecstasy is known scientifically as MDMA, or methylenedioxymeth-amphetamine, and it shares similarities to mescaline, a hallucinogen, and amphetamines, which are a family of stimulants.

The original findings published by the *Scientific Journal Science*, said that using Ecstasy for one night could lead to brain damage and Parkinson's. Monkeys given the drug experienced symptoms of Parkinson's, and two of the ten monkeys died days after being dosed.

According to Ricaurte's retraction in the *Science Journal*, there were several problems with his research, including giving the animals the wrong drug, which he claims was because a lab sent him the wrong samples.

Ricaurte said the labels on the bottles were switched and it wasn't discovered until it was too late. Rather than giving the animals Ecstasy, he was giving them speed, or amphetamines.

He also administered the drug by injection, rather than oral doses, which is how recreational users normally take it. Critics

argue that this may have contributed to the deaths of the animals, but this has not yet been proven.

In an article published by the Drug Reform Coordination Network, Rick Doblin, president of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies was quoted as saying, "This is not just a lab or labeling error. The lab hasn't accepted responsibility for making a mistake. But the real error is in how Ricaurte presented his data."

"In order to make his study reach the conclusions he wanted, he had to ignore three previously published studies that showed that MDMA had no effect on dopamine in humans. He should never have said that MDMA users were at risk of Parkinson's."

Doblin said he should have never made such bold claims. And clearly, what Ricaurte was giving those animals was not a common

recreational dose, because those animals were dropping dead."

Ricaurte's research led to legislation called the RAVE Act, or Reducing America's Vulnerability to Ecstasy Act, which can land club promoters in jail for up to 20 years if convicted.

In addition, clubs and bars can be shut down if any patron is caught using Ecstasy on their premises.

"You had all these senators thinking they had to save a generation of kids, so now we have the RAVE Act and these other borderline unconstitutional, draconian laws because of fears generated about the dangers of MDMA use. Those senators were misled by heartless advocates of the position that MDMA will give them Parkinson's disease, and now even Ricaurte has to admit there was no basis for that," said Doblin. ♦

Women of Zeta Phi Beta celebrate sisterhood

Celebrating 84 years of scholarship, community service, sisterly love, finer womanhood

By Cassandra Lewis and Kalen McElheny
All State Staff

Zeta Phi Beta is a sorority founded on unity and tradition. Five African-American women began the sorority on Jan. 16, 1920, at a time when racial tensions ran high and World War I had just come to an end.

On that day, at Howard University, five women came together, seeking something that they could call their own.

The five founders, Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, Fannie Pettie, and Pearl Neal are known as the Five Pearls. Eighty-four years ago they hoped to create an organization that focused on four main issues - scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood.

On Jan. 16, 2004, the Zetas at Austin Peay State University celebrated the origins of their sisterhood, known to them as Founder's Day.

"This sorority was built on the hard

work and determination of these five women along with three Sigma members. The Sigmas were the inspiration that the sisters used to incorporate themselves into a group," said Portia Cobb, President of Zeta Phi Beta.

United with a purpose, these women laid the foundation for what was to follow.

"Constitutionally bound, these women along with the Sigmas, strived to achieve unity among all. It was a vision along with hard work that made us what we are today, and all the credit goes to our founders and future members with the same determination and dedication that built us as a group," said Cobb.

The Zetas continue to work towards their own goals and accomplish tasks that they hold dear on a daily basis.

By participating in such events as the March of Dimes and Stork Nest, the Zetas understand the positive outcomes and values that come from

hard work.

Stork Nest is a program that provides treatment and education for pregnant mothers and the health of unborn babies.

March of Dimes aids in funding the research of prematurity and birth defects.

The Zetas celebrated their founders on Jan. 17 in the African-American Cultural Center. The entire APSU community was invited to join in the celebration of their Five Pearls.

In addition, the women offered step lessons in the University Center, an event sponsored by the office of Student Life and Leadership as part of Welcome Week.

"The Zetas are still in search of strong, dedicated and hard-working women that believe in sisterhood, cultural endeavors, and scholarship."

"We are recruiting second semester freshman, 2.5 or better GPA, and great attitudes to come and join the ladies of good moral standards and higher education," she said. ♦



The women of Zeta Phi Beta work to maintain the values that their five founders sought to instill in their members.

Goal set for blood donation

WASHINGTON (January 1, 2004) — Representatives from the nation's blood banking community are challenging all Americans who have yet to donate blood for the first time to make a New Year's resolution to give the "gift of life."

The American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), the American Red Cross (ARC), and the National Volunteer Blood Donor Month (NVBM) have set a goal to collect a total of 1.2 million units of blood during January — a time when blood is traditionally in short supply.

"Donating blood is a simple, safe, life-saving, and selfless gift that millions of Americans can do," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson. "As we celebrate the New Year, I ask that people across America remember to give thanks, give life, and give blood this year and every year."

"Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, which means it constantly needs to be replenished. Donors can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year."

—JIM MACPHERSON, CEO OF AMERICA'S BLOOD CENTERS

During this annual, month-long observance, the blood banking community is encouraging healthy individuals to donate in January and to pledge to donate at least one more time during 2004. January is usually a difficult month for blood centers to collect blood donations due to holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and illness.

"The winter season can lead to a reduction in donor turnout, which can put our nation's blood inventory at a critical low," said Karen Shoos Lipton, AABB's chief executive officer.

"Our goal is to ensure that blood is

readily available to patients whenever and wherever it is needed because it is the blood on the shelves that saves lives."

According to the National Blood Data Resource Center, 1.12 million units of Red Blood Cells were collected last year during January 2003. This year's goal represents an increase in the amount collected by approximately seven percent.

"Every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to save the lives of

accident victims," said American Red Cross President and CEO Marsha J. Evans. "The single unit of blood that one person donates could help save the lives of up to three different people."

"To avert critical blood shortages this winter, we need citizens across the country to schedule an appointment to donate blood," said Jim MacPherson, CEO of America's Blood Centers. "Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, which means it constantly needs to be replenished. Donors can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year."

Those interested in donating blood may call one of the following numbers for more information and to find out where they can schedule an appointment to donate: American Association of Blood Banks 1-866-FROM-YOU (1-866-376-6968); www.aabb.org; and locally, Mondays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Red Cross, 517 Madison Street — 645-6401. ♦

Golden Globe winners

Motion picture:

Picture, Drama: The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King.

Actress, Drama: Charlize Theron, Monster.

Actor, Drama: Sean Penn, Mystic River.

Picture, Musical or Comedy: Lost in Translation.

Actress, Musical or Comedy: Diane Keaton, Something's Gotta Give.

Actor, Musical or Comedy: Bill Murray, Lost in Translation.

Supporting Actress: Renee Zellweger, Cold Mountain.

Supporting Actor: Tim Robbins, Mystic River.

Director: Peter Jackson, The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King.

Screenplay: Sofia Coppola, Lost in Translation.

Original Score: Howard Shore, The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King.

Original Song: Into the West from The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King by Howard Shore, Fran Walsh and Annie Lennox.

Foreign Language: Osama, Afghanistan.

Television:

Drama Series: 24, Fox.

Actress, Drama: Frances Conroy, Six Feet Under, HBO.

Actor, Drama: Anthony LaPaglia, Without a Trace, CBS.

Musical or Comedy Series: The Office, BBC America.

Actress, Musical or Comedy Series: Sarah Jessica Parker, Sex and the City, HBO.

Actor, Musical or Comedy Series: Ricky Gervais, The Office.

Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: Angels in America, HBO.

Actress, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: Meryl Streep, Angels in America.

Actor, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: Al Pacino, Angels in America.

Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: Mary-Louise Parker, Angels in America.

Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: Jeffrey Wright, Angels in America.

Golden Globe winner previously announced this year:

Cecil B. DeMille Award: Michael Douglas.

Winter blues cause some to be SAD

By Emily Pickard
Staff Writer

Last February was the month the sun disappeared from Middle Tennessee. It seemed as if it was lost and gone forever. Days and days passed before the sun made an appearance. The exact number of days without sunlight is hard to recall, but the way people felt and behaved is unforgettable.

People were miserable, grumpy and easily irritated. Many people wanted to stay to themselves and stay at home. The lack of sunlight caused many people to suffer from winter blues.

According to WebMD, a more serious condition called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) may be to blame for the depressed moods some people experience during the winter months.

People feel the effects of the winter blues to varying degrees, but people whose symptoms have persisted for two consecutive years may be diagnosed with SAD. According to ABCNEWS.com, young people and women most often fall prey to the winter blues. Sluggish behavior and food cravings result from a typical bout

of the winter blues. People with SAD may gain more than five or six pounds and suffer more intense symptoms.

Students who feel the symptoms of the winter blues, or the more serious SAD have a great on-campus resource to fight the blues away.

The Counseling and Testing Center located on the second floor of the Ellington Building can be a great ally in overcoming the blues. The Assistant Director of the Counseling and Testing Center, Dr. Lowell Roddy, said that treatment for the winter blues or SAD is one of the many services offered by the center.

When asked about the winter blues, Roddy said he has not seen many cases this year. "The nights haven't been cold enough to keep people in," said Roddy.

But winter is not yet over, and cold, dreary days are still ahead before spring comes to the rescue. Roddy offered tips for students who feel bummed out by the Winter Blues.

• Turn the lights up. Short, dark days often cause the winter blues. According to ABCNEWS.com light therapy combats the blues effectively.

• Go outside in the natural light if

possible, if not turn on lots of lights and lamps.

• Close the blinds as soon as it gets dark outside. Closing the blinds keeps people from focusing on how quickly night fall arrives.

• Sleep more. Gain control of waking and sleeping. Most college students do not have time to add an extra two or three hours to their sleep cycle, but it can fight the blues off.

If finding the time to sleep more becomes a problem the Counseling and Testing Center can help with time management problems.

"Some people tend to get overcommitted," said Roddy. He said that the Counseling and Testing Center can help students learn how to say no to too many commitments.

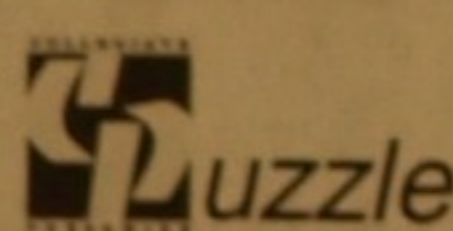
The Counseling and Testing Center offers many services to students, including personal and academic issues. Students can find help for almost any problem.

The most common problems facing students on campus are stress, anxiety and depression. Any student who feels depressed is encouraged to seek help. According

to Mentalhelp.net, a Presidential Committee on Mental Health, one in five Americans will suffer from depression.

"It's easy to get depressed," said Roddy. He encourages students who are feeling depressed or lonely to get involved in a club, church, job or anywhere that gives the student a sense of belonging.

The Counseling and Testing Center helps students overcome stress, depression, anxiety and many other potentially harmful emotions everyday. The services of the center are free to all students. For more information on the Counseling and Testing Center call 221-6162 or visit their web site at www.apsu.edu/counseling. ♦

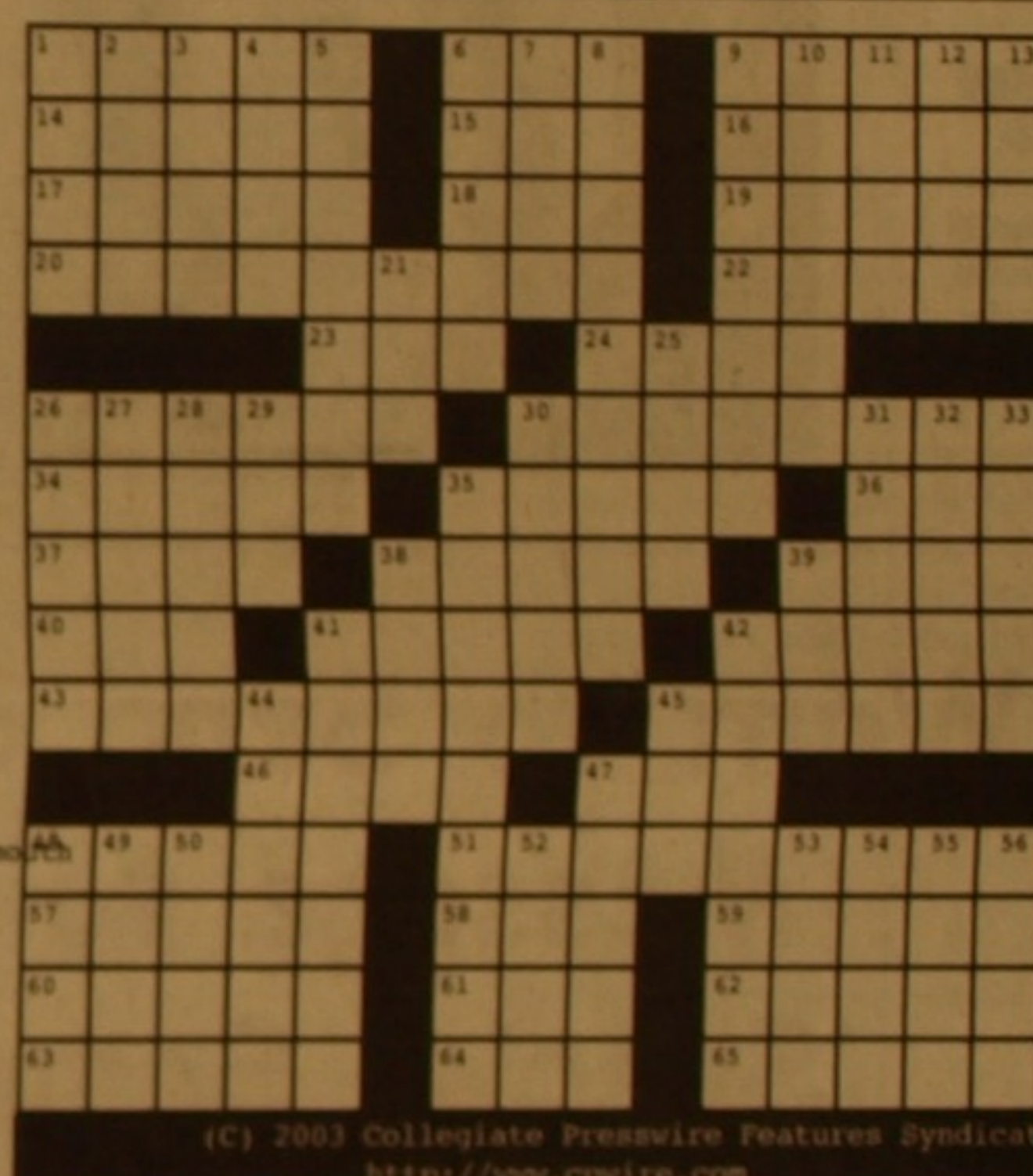


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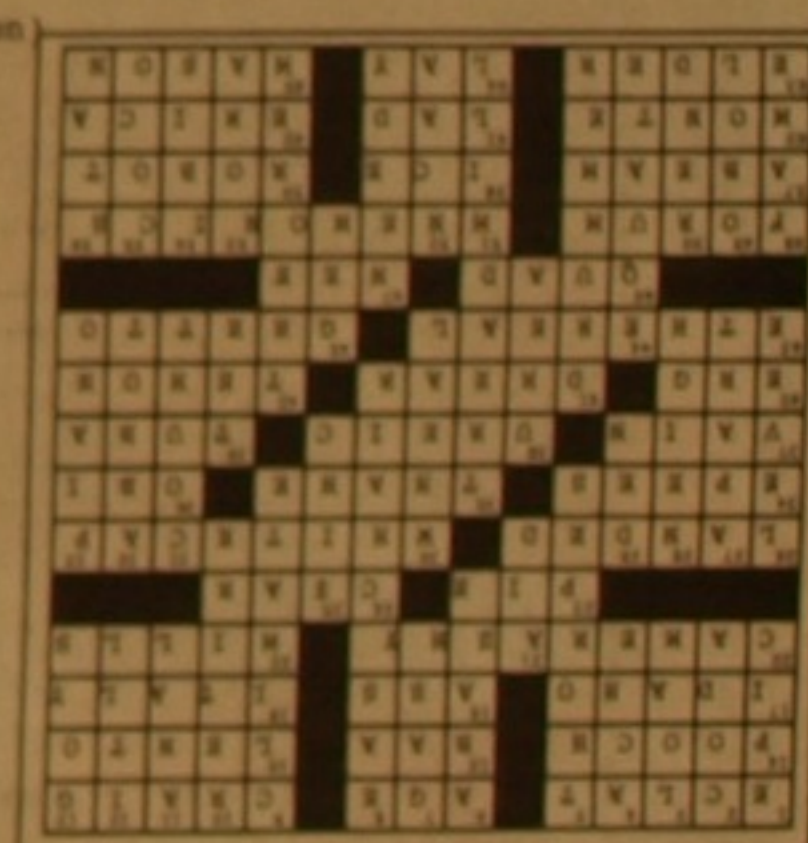
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44. Liken
45. Jewel
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54. Storklike bird
55. ____ Chanel



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Welcome Week Contest Winner

Mashecia Coleman, freshman, won \$100 gift certificate for Plus Dollars on Friday, Jan. 23 for attending the most Welcome Week events and filling out an evaluation. Her name was drawn from a number of other students who participated in the office of Student Life events.

Another \$100 gift certificate for Plus Dollars will be up for grabs when the 250th student fills out an evaluation form. To fill out the form, visit http://www.apsu.edu/activities/Welcome_Week/WWEvaluation.htm.

To be a part of the planning of events and have a voice on campus, become part of the Gows Programming Council. For more information contact Lynne Yarbrough in the office of Student Life and Leadership at 221-7838.

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Upcoming Gobs and Lady Gobs events:

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 29
At Tennessee State, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5
vs. Jacksonville State, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 29
At Tennessee State, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5
vs. Jacksonville State, 5:15 p.m.

RIFLE

Wednesday, Jan. 28
At UT-Martin, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2
At the Roger Withrow Inv., 8 a.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Saturday, Feb. 7
vs. Martin Methodist, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday, Feb. 7
vs. Martin Methodist, 1 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Saturday, Jan. 31
At Quad Meet in Carbondale, Ill.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gobs history repeats itself

APSU team holds on to perfect streak by holding off EIU and SEMO

By Kristin Crandall and Matthew Heiss
Sports Editor and Staff Writer

The Gobs had a busy week at home defending the Dunn Center against Ohio Valley Conference opponents Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri, both of which the Gobs had defeated just a few weeks earlier.

On Thursday, January 22, the Austin Peay State University Gobs defeated Eastern Illinois with a final score of 64-57.

Levi Carmichael, a junior guard from Bloomfield, Indiana, and Corey Gipson, a senior guard from Sikeston, Missouri, each scored 13 points to lead APSU. Following that game, the Gobs stood with a 9-7 overall and continued their best ever OVC start, 6-0.

The Gobs made 10 of 12 free throws in the last 3:39, allowing them to pull away with the win - the last trip to EIU ended in a APSU victory when the Gobs

made 9 of 10 free throws.

The Dunn Center was filled with cheers as the Gobs took an early lead, 12-3, with a few fast breaks and dunks in the first few minutes. The action didn't return until the second half, in which the Gobs started one point behind. Rhet Wierzbza, the seemingly consistent go-to-guy for pace-changing shots, made his lone 3-pointer of the game to give the Gobs a one point lead with 7:45 left on the clock.

A 15-2 run followed Wierzbza's shot, and from there the winning streak was no longer in jeopardy.

The Gobs held on to their perfect OVC record Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Dunn Center, beating conference opponent Southeast Missouri by just two points.

The Gobs moved to 10-7 over all, but even more impressive a 7-0 record in their conference. It was just two weeks ago that the Gobs traveled to Cape

Girardeau and left with a four-point victory.

With a comfortable 49-38 lead in the second half and only 6:31 left the Gobs offense began to shut down.

Within that short timeframe the Gobs only managed to score three points to include a bucket by Anthony Davis and a free throw by Cory Gibson.

With the score at 54 the Gobs needed Gibson to drop his second free throw in to secure the win. However the door was left open for SEMO when he missed the second shot.

After calling a time out to get his team in position to win, SEMO coach Gary Garner decided to put the ball in his leading scorer's hands to seal the win. But with Gobs Josh Lewis and Wierzbza double-teaming him, SEMO's Derek Winans could not hold on to the ball long enough to get it across half court.

Winans shot an attempted buzzer-beater that came surprisingly close to hitting the mark, but luckily for the Gobs, the ball bounced off the back iron of the goal - that shot would have given the SEMO team the victory and cost the Gobs a 20-home game winning streak. This streak is currently the sixth best in the nation.

This was the 10th consecutive wins the Gobs have had against the SEMO Otahkians.

Anthony Davis was the Gobs only double-figure scorer with 13 points. Senior guard Wierzbza showed the crowd that Coach Loos was right about the Gobs outstanding defense when he held SEMO's Winans, who had shared last week's OVC player of the week with APSU's Lewis, to only seven points, 11 points below his average game score. The Gobs haven't let an OVC team score more than 60 points this year.

In the end APSU was held to 39.6 percent from the floor compared to SEMO's 40.8 percent. It was also the sixth time in seven OVC games that APSU held their opponent to less than 60.

The Gobs are now nearly halfway through their OVC schedule and are in first place in regular season play with their unblemished record. Murray State is a game and a half behind the Gobs with a 5-1 OVC record and Morehead State isn't far behind the Racers with a 4-2 OVC record.

This upcoming week the Gobs hit the road to play Tennessee State.

Tennessee State, who lost two home games last week to Murray State and University of Tennessee at Martin, is currently 3-3 in OVC play.

After the game in Nashville, the Gobs will return home to play four OVC contests against Jacksonville State, Samford, UT-Martin, and Murray. ♦

APSU Gobs are nearly halfway through their OVC schedule and are maintaining first place in their regular season play.

JOSEPH KERSTETTER/STAFF



APSU athletes really are "students first"

103 are named to Athletics Director's Honor Roll

By Cheryl Hunter-Grah
Editor-in-Chief

Showing they are worthy of the Ohio Valley Conference's 2002-2003 Academic Achievement Award, 37 percent of Austin Peay State University's student-athletes earned the Athletics Director's Honor Roll recognition during the recently completed Fall 2003 semester. APSU Director of Athletics Dave Loos made the announcement last week.

"Of all our student-athletes' accomplishments, we are most proud of what they accomplish academically," said Loos. "Athletes must post a 3.0 grade point average and complete a minimum of 12 hours to qualify for the honor roll. Eighteen student-athletes were named to the President's List, earning a perfect 4.0 grade point mark during the fall.

Last fall, 103 of the department's 280 student-athletes earned a spot on the honor roll; the second-highest single-semester total and just five members shy of the record set the Fall 2002 semester.

Six of the department's 17 teams posted a 3.0 GPA for the semester, women's rifle team all teams with a 3.594 GPA. The other five teams were: dance squad (3.329), women's volleyball (3.312), men's cross country (3.112), women's soccer (3.116) and women's tennis (3.080). The entire athletic department posted a 2.804 GPA during the fall semester. Each of these student-athletes was honored during halftime of the men's basketball contest against Eastern Illinois, Thursday. ♦

AP Player Profile

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Haynes

ASHLEY HAYNES

5'10" Sophomore Guard
Clarksville, Tenn.
Came to APSU because of the success of the basketball program. Haynes also offered an academic program in areas she wanted to study.
To get pumped before a game she likes to watch the likes of the NFL.
Haynes really gets pumped up from the AP fan because she knows they are true fans.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

One point will do it

Lady Gobs use streak-breaking 72-71 loss to beat SEMO

By Matthew Heiss
Staff Writer

The Lady Gobs proved that the OVC preseason favorite, Southeast Missouri Otahkians could not come in their house and hand them their second straight loss Saturday night with a 68-65 over the visiting SEMO team.

Instead it was the Lady Gobs who handed out the loss to SEMO bringing their record to 8-9 and 3-3 in the OVC.

It was only 48 hours earlier that the Lady Gobs lost a game at home to Eastern Illinois 72-71.

Eastern Illinois had just ended the Lady Gobs' 26-game Ohio Valley Conference winning streak with a 72-71 victory at Dave Aaron Arena.

Adding insult to injury, the Lady Gobs could hear every scream and every pound of victory the Lady Panthers could rally in the adjoining locker room.

Coach Andy Blackston and his ladies proved two things Saturday night at the Dunn Center: that they could come back from a disappointing loss and they could bounce back from a slow start.

"I am very proud of the team, we bounced back and did not fold," said Blackston. "The ladies proved that they had it in them by making some great plays."

Sophomore guard, Ashley Haynes



HYUNAH ROBERSON/STAFF

The lady gobs fell to EIU thursday, ending their 26-game ovc win streak but beat semo saturday. As of Saturday, Jan. 24, their overall record stood at 11-6, with a 5-1 record in OVC play.

said, "We knew we had to come back strong from the loss to Eastern Illinois. We had experienced a feeling that we never want to experience and we knew SEMO was looking to come in and prove themselves."

With a slow start by the Lady Gobs the SEMO used it to their advantage by jumping out early 10-2.

As the Lady Gobs went the first five minutes without a field goal, Lady Gov Kara Bergeron, known for her outside shot, would drop in the teams first field goal and light her teammates' fire. Bergeron ignited her team into a 19-3 scoring burst and gave the Gobs a eight point lead.

SEMO would fight back to tie the game at 25 but Haynes would do a

little of her own fighting by dropping in two of her own back-to-back baskets. However, SEMO would go into halftime down only by one 29-28 after a point basket by Jessica Aebi.

SEMO would open the second half with a 15-8 run and build a lead 43-37 at the 14:40 mark.

APSU then charged away at the lead and the game at 56 apsu. In the next three minutes the two teams would battle back and fourth for the lead and with 32 seconds left SEMO went up by one.

With 18 seconds left in the game Ashley Haynes would drive the hole and score the game winning shot on a layup. Gerlonda Hardin would put the game away with two of her own freethrows with only two seconds remaining on the clock.

Haynes finished the game with a season best of 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. This would be Haynes sixth double-double of her career. Hardin on the other hand would walk away with 18 points and 13 rebounds for her second consecutive double-double and her 32nd career. Bergeron went 5 of 11 which snapped her three-game shooting slump and ended her with a total of 15.

The Lady Gobs improved their record to 11-6 overall and 5-1 in the OVC. ♦

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Best wishes to the cast and crew and

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Congratulations to Meredith Galt and on your recent engagement and upcoming wedding. -Jani

All my love to Grace Catherine and Whoo my pocket! -Marty

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