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Student raped in Sixth Street commuter lot

By ALICIA MOOREHEAD
news editor

According to police reports, an APSU commuting student reported an aggravated rape on Oct. 20 to Campus Police. The rape allegedly occurred on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sixth Street parking lot. According to the police report, the student left her class at about 6:30 p.m., walked across College Street to the APSU Sixth Street parking lot, and encountered a white male assailant in the lot.

The student said the man was wearing a mask, and he took her to a more secluded corner of the lot, where he sexually assaulted her by digital penetration.

The man is described as being about 5'10", 175-200 pounds, with dark hair. He

wore blue jeans and "white leather-type athletic shoes."

The incident was turned over to Clarksville Police and it is unknown whether or not anyone has been arrested in the incident.

This incident has brought to attention the matter of whether or not commuters are safe on campus as they walk back to their cars.

Investigator Steve Warren checked the Sixth Street parking lot several times on the day that the rape was reported, and two of the city street lights on sixth street, which is adjacent to the lot, were not operating.

Lighting is a big issue with commuters on campus. Kerri West, a senior, parks in the Sixth Street lot and she pointed out that although there are several lights around

campus, the lights are not very bright. She also has a problem with the way the campus is arranged. "The campus is pretty with all the landscaping that we have, but you are constantly having to look around bushes and things to make sure everything is o.k.," West said.

Lisa Schumacher, also a senior, agrees with the fact that the campus lights just are not bright enough.

"I park in front of the Red Barn and if there is nothing going on in the intramural field, then that area is pitch black," she said.

The general safety of the commuters is a concern for many students. One student who parks in the ROTC Armory parking lot says she gets nervous walking to her car. She suggested that maybe Austin Peay should install phones either in or around the

parking lots for all students to use in case of emergencies, or if they need escorts to and from their cars.

One student was hit by a car while crossing College Street last year, and Jennifer Angevine, a senior, does not feel safe in that area.

Angevine said, "I have to walk across College Street every day, and safety is a joke. Let's put it this way: Do you remember the video game 'Frogger'?"

This semester public safety has improved upon its effort to make students feel safer with adding bicycle cops as well as student patrols. Heather Moore, a senior, thinks that was a good idea. "However," she said, "it is sad to think that such preventive measures have come about only after the crimes have taken place."

Prospective students preview college life at AP Day

By RANDALL OVERSTREET
staff writer

Over 500 students and parents took advantage of an opportunity to learn more about Austin Peay last Saturday as APSU's annual AP Day proved to be a success as prospective students attended the activities held on Nov. 5. The day offered the students and their parents an opportunity to learn more about Austin Peay's campus and college life in general.

The day consisted of many activities including a financial aid and scholarship seminar, departmental academic information booths, campus tours and a student talk show. Parents were given opportunities to get away from the students and ask questions themselves; while students attended the talk show paneled by Austin Peay students, parents attended a parents' information session.

The day began in Clement Auditorium as Dr. Sal Rinella, Austin Peay's new president, welcomed the students and parents to Austin Peay. Rinella pointed out the Austin Peay, as the designated liberal arts university in Tennessee, offers career preparation in nine out of ten careers that are considered by "Money Magazine" to be the hottest careers in the 21st century.

Jude X. Crowell, president of SGA, and 1994 Homecoming Queen Michelle Wasden were a major part of the activities, serving as commentators for the groups that performed for the prospective students.

"It went extremely well. It was good to see so many people interested in Austin Peay. AP Day is an effective way to recruit

new students," said Crowell.

Wasden said, "It has been very successful. Everyone has been enthusiastic. It has been nice to be able to give something back to Austin Peay."

Door prizes were presented to many students, and a ten percent discount at the APSU Book and Supply Store on APSU merchandise was offered throughout the day.

Brian Adams, a high school senior from Hopkinsville, said, "I have found today very helpful, and I am considering Austin Peay even more than I was." His father, Michael Adams, said, "I have enjoyed today, and it has been very informative."

Links to Excellence, Student Alumni relations board, and the Family Support Council contributed their time to help the campus visitors become more familiar with Austin Peay.

Brandon Toungette, a junior in marketing/public relations, stated, "I really enjoyed meeting and helping prospective students." Toungette represented SARb by guiding the visiting groups to each destination.

"It was a very wonderful experience and great opportunity to meet prospective students of Austin Peay," expressed SARb member Leandria Jack, a senior majoring in vocal performance.

"AP Day is a wonderful and splendid idea. I hope each and every individual was able to receive as much information as he or she had dreamed and hoped to," said Elaine Horne, SARb advisor and director of Adult Services.

"The goal of AP Day is to give parents and students who come together in large groups an

opportunity to see what Austin Peay has to offer," said Charles McCorkle, director of admissions.

According to Keela Johnson, a high school senior from Hendersonville, this goal was achieved. Johnson said, "The tour was very informative. Before today, I had a 60 percent chance of attending Austin Peay next fall; now it is probably 90-95 percent."

Ashley Farler, a senior high school student from Nashville said she thought that the people at Austin Peay were very helpful and informative, "I think it helps the high school students understand college life when you meet other high school students going through the same decisions

you are."

"Overall the day went well. We had a good representation of groups from Tennessee, as well as from New York, California, Texas, and Kentucky," said Robert Biggers, assistant director of admissions.

AP Day is usually held in the fall of the year because students are making their college choices during this season. McCorkle added, "It was a great day because so many groups became involved. It was a wonderful opportunity for organizations to contribute their time and skills in making the day a success."

Many participants stayed to attend the home football game Saturday afternoon against the MTSU Blue Raiders. Free

tickets were available in the University Center to those interested in watching the game.

"The day is one the whole campus looks forward to because it gives us an opportunity to show definitely interested students what we have to offer," said Biggers.

Gregory Jones, a senior in high school from Marshall County, said, "It seems like you have everything planned out. There were a few kinks, but it was a lot of fun."

Evaluations were given to the students and parents to see how effective they found AP Day to be and suggestions were encouraged for future AP Days.



Students "weather" the rain at Gove's Stadium on Saturday, when Austin Peay played MTSU. Though the rain continued throughout the game, fans remained upbeat and supportive of the team, which lost the match, 28-3. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

APSU's Peay-Talk is "coming to a phone near you"

By MELINDA BAYLESS
guest writer

Communication of the future: pick up your phone, call Austin Peay and talk to a computer. You may ask it about admissions, financial aid, your grades, and in the near future, you will be able to use the telephone to register for classes via computer.

Dr. Dennis Dulniak, director of records and registration, is finalizing plans for voice registration system called Peay-Talk. Voice registration will make registration easier for both students and administration by making it faster and more efficient.

Dulniak pointed out that students will not have to stand in long lines to register, although there may be a slight problem getting through to the system.

One part of Peay-Talk will give students general information dealing with financial aid or admissions, while another component of the system deals with registration. A faculty team is working on a way to use the voice response registration system to advise

students on which classes to take. Peay-Talk will allow students to get immediate feedback on their class schedules. Students will no longer have to wait in line for their schedule adjustments or drop/adds.

Some students will be able to pay fees by mail with credit cards. Students with a zero or credit balance can

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validate their fee statement by phone.

Peay-Talk is designed to maintain priority for upperclassmen during registration. The number of credits a student has earned will earn the student the right to call during a specific period of time, and thus register for classes before those with fewer hours earned.

The new system will also be able to tell the students if they have a hold on their record and what to do to have it removed.

Peay-Talk will work by a number system. Students will be given a personal identification number (PIN) which they will get from their adviser. The student will use her or his PIN with the system for all services except registration. During registration they will use their social security number.

Dr. Sara Gotcher, theatre department coordinator, was chosen to be Peay-Talk's voice. "I think it will be a very time saving and effective system for students and administration both," Gotcher said.

The new voice registration system will be implemented in conjunction with the new student information system, SIS PLUS by March, 1995.

If all goes well, by the summer of 1995, students will be registering for class by phone. The number for Peay-Talk has not been released yet, but as Dulniak says, it is "coming to a phone near you."

1995 Spring Semester Registration Schedule:

Nov. 8-10: Academic advising for freshmen enrolled on main campus.

Nov. 22-23: Early schedule adjustment for students who preregistered.

Dec. 9: Last day for new students to apply for Spring 1995 admission.

Jan. 6: Fee payment: if fees are not paid by 5:30 p.m., classes will be cancelled.

Jan. 9: Schedule adjustment and extended fee payment for GSL/SLS recipients.

Jan. 10: Registration.

Jan. 11: Classes begin.

Jan. 12-13: Late registration and drop/add.

"Things they didn't teach you in chemistry class," Chi Epsilon Mu (the chemistry club) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 5 p.m. Gordon Potter will be the guest speaker. Everyone with an interest in chemistry is invited to attend.

Sort (Survivors of Rape Trauma) support group meets every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Long at the Counseling Center at 648-6162.

The student produced television program, **AP Magazine**, is shown on Crown Cable, Channel 3 on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Fridays at 4 p.m. The show features activities on campus, sports segments and interviews with special guests.

Reminder: Thursday, Nov. 17, is the last day to drop a class with a "W" or "F."

HELP (Handicapable Educational Liaison Partners) will be holding its regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 3:30 p.m. in Clement, Room 139. For more information, call 648-6230, or contact Deborah French at 648-3168.

The Austin Peay State University writer's support group is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Nov. 10, for the fifth of seven sessions. The session will be from 7-9 p.m. in the Kimbrough Building, Room 216. Other sessions are scheduled for Dec. 1 and Dec. 15. Registration for the group is not required. Anyone having a desire to write is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Austin Peay's Office of Extended Education at 648-7816.

News

Future health care providers touch base with possible employers at Career Fair

By JODI PATRICK
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Future health care providers were able to get a chance to touch base with possible future employers at the 1994-95 Nursing/Allied Health Career Day which was held in the UC Ballroom on Monday, from 12-3 p.m.

The overall response from the participants in the program was positive. "It helps to get the word out there about our program," said Sandy Church, admissions counselor/recruiter for Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Vanderbilt takes part in the career day each year.

Billy Boyd, director of career services, said the purpose of the Nursing/Allied Health Day is "to link up students with allied health care providers. It's to show the students what the companies have available."

Tech. Sgt. Sneads of the U.S. Air Force said that the Nursing/Allied Health is "definitely" a positive program. Sneads said he talked to an estimated 40 students on Monday. He also pointed out that recruiters for the Air Force are on campus not just during career days, but a

representative visits campus every couple of months.

Nursing/Allied Health Career Day is helpful not only to the students, but also to the companies being represented. "It's interested to see what students are looking for," said Judy Dulin, director of the master's program at the Spalding University School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Nursing/Allied Health Day is beneficial in other ways, also. Rhonda Cunningham, recruiter for the American Red Cross, said the program "reminds people of what we do in the community." She said it also helps remind people of the blood drive, and it gives the public a chance to get information on volunteer work.

Other companies participating in Nursing/Allied Health Day were the U.S. Army Nursing Corps, St. Thomas and the U.S. Navy.

Fourteen companies were registered to participate in the Nursing/Allied Day. Although there was a positive response from the companies and students that did participate, there was not nearly the participation there usually is.

Participation was "down tremendously," said Boyd; there are normally between 35-40

companies to come to the Nursing/Allied Health Day. Boyd said one reason for the lack of participation is TennCare, the state's replacement for the Medicaid system, and the proposed health care bill. Boyd said that this lack of interest is not exclusive to Austin Peay, it's happening at all colleges and universities.

According to The Tennessean, the demand for hospital nurses is slipping, and some point to TennCare as one factor for this lack of demand.

"TennCare is why the census of patients is so low at facilities," said Lynette McDonald, area director of Nursefinders, a company that provides supplemental nurses. "Doctors just aren't admitting them as readily because of the low reimbursement rates." And, with doctors admitting fewer patients, fewer nurses are needed.

Although the cost of health care is up, and the demand for nurses and other health care providers is down, the Nursing/Allied Health Day turned out to be beneficial for everyone participating.



Dr. Eric Avery (left), a psychiatrist who counsels AIDS patients in late-term stages of illness, participated both as artist and lecturer in the recent exhibit opening in Trahern Gallery. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

University deals with deployment and enrollment procedure

By NAOMI FRANCIS
guest writer

In the wake of the military activity in Iraq and Haiti, many students are wondering what Austin Peay will do for their students if they were to be deployed during class session.

One soldier, Greg Bishop, who is a full-time student at APSU, says since many students here are in the military, the university should have a policy to accommodate the soldiers.

Bishop also said, in the event he was to be deployed, "I would be concerned about who at the

university I would talk to and if I could get my money back or get credit for any classes." He concluded, "I'd rather get my money back and take the classes over because I don't want to pay for a class and only get half the knowledge."

Dr. John Butler, vice-president of Academic Affairs, said Austin Peay does not have a policy written in the policy manual for such an even, however, he says they have a "procedure" that was successfully used during Desert Storm which they will continue to use should an actual deployment happen again.

According to a rough estimate given by Austin Peay's Fort Campbell Center, there were approximately 1,000 students who deployed for Desert Storm in the Spring 1991 semester. Of those students who needed assistance, Butler said, "The ones who made comments were unanimous in thinking the procedure was fair—they were pleased." Counseling and Testing Services was unable to give a figure for students who were deployed from the main campus.

Butler said the students who would have to deploy would not have to check with their

professors before leaving. He said he is aware that most soldiers do not have specific or early warning notice to get the opportunity to make prior arrangements and, so, need not worry about it.

Upon returning to campus, Butler said the soldiers will have three options:

1) If the student was close to completing the course(s); they may take an Incomplete; then make up the final and any additional work when they return to change it to a letter grade.

2) The student may take a

Withdrawal without a letter grade even if they deployed past the official day to drop with an automatic "W."

3) The student may enroll in the next available semester in the same classes and not be charged a fee for those classes.

Butler said APSU will continue to use this procedure because the university feels it is "effective and fair." He added that APSU works with the education office at Fort Campbell to work in the best interest of the soldiers.

However, many spouses are impacted by the deployment as well. They may be able to continue to take classes, but added stress is placed upon them if their spouse deploys which may affect their work.

APSU full-time student, Valerie Swafford says if her husband were to deploy, it would be "emotionally taxing, more so than financially, and hard on my two children who are at a formidable age."

In regards to spouses, Butler said, "We urge our faculty to be cooperative and supportive, but we don't think there is a specific procedure that will fit all situations."

Swafford commented that one professor has already shown her support.

Butler concluded that APSU will work with these students. He says Austin Peay does not want a soldier to worry about what will happen to her or him at school, when deployment puts enough on their minds.

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News is news; We know what our job is

Let's talk about journalism...

The All State received much criticism for an editorial decision to run a front-page story about the Sundquist campaign. We usually do not inform the campus community about such finite decisions, but after last week's brouhaha, we are going to have to make an exception.

The All State had very good reasons to run the Sundquist story, the best of course being that the Sundquist campaign actually invited a reporter to interview the candidate himself. Expecting a college newspaper to decline such an offer borders on irrationality. It was good experience for us and a good story for the campus community.

The article was also an All State exclusive. This means that Sundquist gave no time to any other reporter from any other publication. The only remarks

other publications used were from his speech.

The All State also chose to run the story because Sundquist is a newsmaker. He is one of the most influential people in Tennessee politics, and he was the front-runner of a hotly contested gubernatorial campaign at the time the story ran-- Definitely front-page material.

The All State was also criticized for not having a reporter present at various other political events on campus. We are not omniscient, and we can not be everywhere at once.

The simple fact is if you want All State coverage for a legitimate news event, tell us. Sundquist's press secretary did, and his campaign got the coverage it deserved. Phil Bredeben is just as big of a newsmaker as Sundquist, but his campaign did not offer The All

State access to him, and unfortunately planned his visit after our deadline.

We were also criticized for having the opinion editor cover the Sundquist event. The opinion editor is just that--an editor. He assigns, edits, and chooses which stories to run.

It is an unfortunate misconception to suggest that he isn't qualified to write in any other section. The All State trains all of its writers to be competent in every aspect of journalism.

The All State's basic philosophy is this: Any time there is a story affecting the student body, we will be there. We strive to be fair and report on the events students want to read about. We feel that we did that last week. We apologize for the misunderstanding, but we stand by our decision to run the story.



Politicians see family values as useful campaign tool

By
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Now that election time is once again upon us, we have had the opportunity to see candidates tackle such issues as "family values" and "virtue." We can be

certain that the flaunting of such pretentious buzz words will only greatly increase as the presidential election draws nearer and as each side attempts to make the other appear--God forbid!--the least family-oriented. Politicians of both parties are jumping on the fashionable family values bandwagon to espouse their convictions.

President Clinton, in a recent speech to the National Baptist Convention, put forth his opinion that politicians should use their office to improve the morality and behavior of the citizenry. "Bill Clinton is right," Quayle said approvingly in California, "to talk about family values."

It is rather sporting of the two rivals to pat each other on the back; their seemingly good will toward each other is reminiscent of the mushy feelings celebrated by that big purple dinosaur: I love you, you love me, we're all a blah, blah, blah. The main problem with such emotions is that they don't mix well with the presidency. And none of the candidates are Barney.

We should see the concurring of our

liberal Democratic President and a conservative Republican hopeful as a sign that something has gone terribly awry. By now we know that if everyone agrees on something, it must be wrong. Although moral guidance is, of course, needed, the last people we should seek it from and the last who should be offering it are the politicians.

It is not a coincidence that the talk of family values increases in proportion to the tales of family violence hitting the news. The media is saturated with examples of violence; the latest is the tragic murders of Susan Smith's two young boys.

Could it be that the home is not the sanctuary it is commonly thought to be? In many cases, one's family is a personal hell where rage and shame are experienced and propagated. Tradition idealizes the family as the one true unit of love and community but it is in the family that unspeakable atrocities all too easily occur. Not often can the family truly be equated with the Biblical allusion of the lion laying down with the lamb; far too often home is the place where the smaller and the weaker fear to lie down and shut their eyes.

It is no coincidence that politicians lately have increased their talk of family values, for politicians are cunning; they appeal to everyone's fears by speaking reassuringly of values and a return to a

time when everyone felt more secure. Our leaders, exhorting us to live more moral lives, are comfortable speaking of the sins committed by other people, but in their haste, they overlook the beam in their own eye.

In this shocking age filled with hate and rage, one is forced to broach a shocking question: Would individuals, and especially women and children, fare better if the family were abolished? The French philosopher Charles Fourier believed that the family impeded human progress. He taught that the family, as a barrier to all beneficial change, should be made legally void. The British anthropologist Edmund Leach once said that "far from being the basis of the good society, the family, with its narrow privacy and tawdry secrets, is the source of all discontents."

At some profound, queasy, Freudian level, we are all too aware that the family can be a terribly dangerous thing, lacking the security, value, and meaning we as humans desire and need. We know that already; we don't need to be reminded by politicians who offer no true solution to our spiritual condition. But it's just as well they have no solution.

Hearing politicians speak of the condition of our souls is enough to make us cringe, for it's no secret that politics is a dirty business. Last century Benjamin Disraeli exclaimed, "I have climbed to the top of the greasy pole!" after being named

British Prime Minister.

Politicians are, for the most part, greasy pole climbers, and the willingness to climb greasy poles requires a willingness to step on other pole climbers and an eagerness to see them fall from the pole. The very nature of politics teaches that one should get ahead at all costs. Pole climbers rarely have the qualifications to address what is at essence a spiritual problem; they are unqualified to speak of family values.

During the past several weeks we have seen first-hand the public manipulation of family to which local politicians have resorted. The spouse and kids--especially cute young kids--and even family pets have been blatantly displayed in questionable campaign commercials and advertisements. The practice of exhibiting one's family may result from the belief that the public votes not according to one's policies and determination to right the wrong, but according to one's ability to create cute little kids.

The problem lies not so much in the preaching of the politicians, but in their failure to practice pure living. It is necessary for the voters to peer into the politicians' private lives; the voters will gain an understanding of the choices and decisions a politician will make by looking at his personal morality. And when politicians preach to the voters, it

gives the voters even more license to examine their personal lives for flaws in character and morality. The voters, in turn, are usually disgusted by what they find, and their disgust quickly turns to cynicism.

The outburst of talk on family values at election time is too ostentatious to possess any real substance and instead makes one wonder if during the rest of the year the issue of family values won't creep into the background.

We have the right to demand godliness from preachers. By the same measure, we have the right to require true morality and virtue from politicians. Preachers are not the only ones who have the responsibility to live life deliberately and correctly.

Whether from preachers or politicians, humans need to gain the understanding that in the family one can learn about the most beautiful things life has to offer--love, generosity, and deep meaningful relationships with others. Families can learn to be nurturing shelters, uncontaminated by greediness and power hunger. When we are properly taught that, by moral godly teachers, it is then that the Biblical ideal of the lion laying down with the lamb can be actualized in our individual family lives.

Student feels story ignored Democrats

Dear Editor,

There are certain things students have come to expect from their campus newspaper. One of the things we expect is an equal and unbiased report on the news of the week. Unfortunately, this was not the case in the Nov. 2, 1994, issue of the All State.

In the Oct. 26, 1994, issue, the writer of the editorial pledged that the All State would be "making no candidate endorsements because 1) we believe that students should learn to think for themselves and 2) we feel that it is not responsibility of a newspaper to do so." However, the editorial staff failed to honor that pledge by publishing last week's front page titled "Sundquist hits

trail in final campaign days."

The publication of this article illustrates the complete lack of journalistic integrity of the editorial staff of the All State. Looking back over the past issues of this semester, it is hard to tell that this is an election year. With the exception of the coverage of the candidate's forum sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha several weeks ago, practically no coverage has been given to this election. Then suddenly, with less than one week until the election, an article about Mr. Sundquist is found on page one of The All State.

While this article is not a direct endorsement of Mr. Sundquist, the editors should have realized that by not publishing any articles about his opponent, their inaction is just the same as an endorsement. When you do not present information about both sides of

any issue, especially political issues, you are denying the opportunity of students to "learn to think for themselves."

There have been ample opportunities for the All State to have covered events on our campus about some of the Democrats running for office. State Representative candidates Tommy Head and Kim McMillan have made several visits to campus this semester. There was a town meeting with Congressional candidates Harold Byrd and Bob Clement (which Mr. Prather attended). Apparently, The All State decided to pick and choose what is or is not news on campus. Not one of these events received coverage in the paper.

Finally, the decision to allow Mr. Prather to write the article is the absolute bottom of the depths to which the editorial staff would sink. Mr.

Prather is the OPINION editor, not the news editor or a member of that part of The All State staff. His article was not an unbiased report of the event. By his own verbal admission to myself and others, it is an interview with Mr. Sundquist. The only section of our campus paper reserved as a forum for personal comments is the Opinion Page. Mr. Prather, if that is the job you want, you should stay in that department.

I am very disgusted by this breach of conduct. The actions of the editorial staff were completely lacking of ethical responsibility and any hint of integrity. Robert Broome

All State column misrepresents facts

Dear Editor,

As a student at Austin Peay State University, which considers itself an institute of higher learning, I am appalled at the negative and apparent immature response certain students, faculty and staff had to the memo from LifeChoices concerning National Coming Out Day.

It concerns me even more that

students who write for the All State don't bother to get their facts right. Correct me if I am wrong, but I thought reporting correct information is one of those things you learn in a beginning journalism class. Even if this isn't taught, one would think that it would be a simple matter of common sense.

I have seen a copy of the memo sent out by Diane Berty, director of LifeChoices, and no where does it suggest or state that APSU "keeps people in the closet." A direct quote from the memo reads as follows, "The offices of LifeChoices invites you to be part of our campus outreach by considering whether or not APSU is a campus that alienates or supports our gay and lesbian students, staff and faculty." No where does it ask professors to "share views that may not be their own" as Ms. Davis so incorrectly concluded from the memo.

It concerns me that in this day and age, we still have so many homophobic people, especially those who consider themselves professionals. Ms. Davis seem concerned with the objectivity of gay professors and how they grade students who didn't agree with the

professor's lifestyle. What about those heterosexual professors with gay and lesbian students? If they don't fully understand their students, or don't agree with their lifestyles, how can they be trusted to be objective as well? The fact is, we all need to be educated and have understanding of diversity in all forms. That is what Ms. Berty and LifeChoices are trying to accomplish.

The memo did say "we encourage you to discuss these statements with colleagues and students." However, it never specified this discussion should occur in the classroom. The purpose of the memo was to initiate dialogue between students and faculty about this issue because "awareness and dialogue are the first steps toward support and understanding."

I would like to thank Ms. Davis for bringing up this issue. Incorrect as your statements were, they accomplished the goal of the LifeChoices memo quite effectively. Don't look now, but faculty, students and staff have been openly discussing gays, lesbians, bisexuals at APSU. Angie Bosio



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Govs drop eighth straight to Raiders, 28-3

By CHAKA FERGUSON
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In a game so listless it would have put Sominex out of business, Middle Tennessee stormed past Austin Peay State University 28-3 last Saturday at Governors Stadium in a driving rainstorm.

The rivalry has become one-sided. Middle (5-1, 7-2) has owned the Governors for the last eight seasons.

After exploding for 21 points in their first 12 plays, the Blue Raiders played head-to-head with the Govs the rest of the way.

If the lull of the game was not enough to make the crowd leave early, the driving rain had them evacuating the stands throughout the contest.

"For three quarters, with the exception of one play, we played pretty good defense," said Head Coach Roy Gregory. "But the offense is playing like we lost confidence. We have

to get our offense going."

That exception was a Kippy Bayless 45-yard touchdown run with 12:31 left to go in the first quarter. Garth Petrilli tacked on the extra point.

The Govs, who are leading the OVC in total offense, could only muster 150 yards against Middle's defense.

"We are sputtering," said APSU quarterback Daniel Williams. "It seemed like the offense would start clicking then it would be three and out."

The Govs turned the ball over three times in the game. One, an Anthony Lee fumble at the Peay 17, set up the final Middle touchdown of the half.

The play was a Bayless 15-yard halfback pass to quarterback Kelly Holcomb with :07 left to go in the first quarter.

Holcomb had 250 yards passing on the day. Bayless, the conference's leading rusher, had 95 yards and two

touchdowns.

Freshman kicker David Young, who is 7-for-10 this season, provided APSU's only points when he kicked a 36-yard field goal with 7:03 left in the first half to make the score 21-3.

On defense, Govs linebacker Philip Hancock, a sophomore from Cleveland, Tenn., had nine tackles. Leonardo Thompson, a senior from Starkville, Miss., had four tackles and an interception.

The Govs' inconsistency continues to concern Gregory. "We didn't play at all in the first quarter. This may be starting to sound like a broken record, but we are still close to becoming a good football team. We have to play like we are capable. When we play the best we can, we can play with the best teams in the country."

The Govs will take on Samford, which is 3-5-1 on the year, Saturday in Birmingham in a 1 p.m. start. The Governors will close the season at UT-Martin Nov. 19.

Govs slated for third in conference

By R. SCOTT HASKINS
sports editor

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team was picked to finish third in the Ohio Valley Conference by the coaches and sports information directors during OVC Media Day last week in Nashville.

Tennessee State, last season conference tournament champion, was picked to win the OVC while Murray State is picked to finish second.

This is no surprise, since the Governors return four starters from last year's 11-16 overall team that went 10-6 in the OVC and was unbeaten at home in conference action.

The only starter lost was Austin Peay selection Tyrone Beck, who averaged 16 points per game and 8.9 rebounds. His are big shoes to fill, with forward Otis Key and center Habib Maiga expected to make up for his absence.

Returning starters are Jermaine Savage (6-4 forward), Bubba Wells (6-5 forward), Colby Pierce (6-2 guard) and Colby Cabson (6-2 guard).

Key players coming off the bench are John Jenkins and Marcus Moore.

The Governors signed 6-foot-6 forward Reggie Crenshaw, a freshman from Gallatin, and Jackson Powers, a freshman from Richmond, Ind. Fellow Hoosier product Joe Sibbet, a freshman guard from Paoli, also signed with the squad.

The Governors will open their 1994-95 campaign with an exhibition game against Crockett on Nov. 17.

The squad will travel to national powerhouse Cincinnati for the regular season opener Nov. 26.

Sports viewpoint

Fans, players disgruntled with Governors' mediocrity

By CHAKA FERGUSON
assistant sports editor

Get the guillotine ready because heads may be rolling at Austin Peay State University.

After showing signs of promise early in the year, the Governors have fallen to a mediocre 3-6 record, with no signs of getting better.

Some changes need to be made in the program, and the sooner the

better.

"The players are tired with the way things are going," said one player who chose to remain anonymous. "We want to take things into our own hands, but some of the younger players are scared."

The players' main gripe is the wishbone offense that the Govs continue to run without success. The wishbone option died a long

time ago with the birth of the University of Miami dynasty and the philosophy that speed kills.

"We just don't have the players to run it," said another player who chose to remain anonymous. "We should open the offense up some."

There is mumbling in the stands also, and that is not a good sign for Head Coach Roy Gregory and his staff. The fans have come to expect more from a team who is ranked

first in total offense and defense in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Govs need to ditch the wishbone and open up the offense. Their play shows that they have the athletes to do it. The Peay's defense is good enough to win a conference championship, but needs some serious help from the offense.

The Peay has shown that it can outplay its opponents, only losing on the stat sheet twice this season.

But the scoreboard is where it counts and the Govs are not doing well there.

Gregory says this team is close to becoming a good team, but sang this same sad song four years ago. That is too long for a team to run a dead-end offense like the wishbone that is getting them nowhere. If the coaches do not start listening to the players (and maybe even the fans), the Gregory era may be over soon.

Pollsters shake things up as Nebraska reclaims top spot

By BYRON SHIVE
sports editor

With the regular season nearing its close, and with the cherished bids for New Year's bowl games soon to be released, the top ranking has once again changed hands.

The coveted top spot, which carries with it the easiest path to a mythical national championship, was handed back over to unbeaten Nebraska in the CNN/USA Today Coaches Poll Sunday morning.

The Cornhuskers, a blowout winner over Kansas this weekend, kept the top spot in the AP media poll they had going into Saturday.

Now the Cornhuskers, who lost any chance of an elusive national

title last year with an Orange Bowl loss to eventual national champion Florida State, only must win their remaining regular season games at hapless Iowa State and a struggling Oklahoma, before tackling probably either No. 4 Miami or the No. 7 Seminoles in the Orange Bowl for a national championship.

Second-ranked Penn State, which vaulted into the No. 1 spot after a win at Michigan, posted an unimpressive win at Indiana Saturday, thus dropping to No. 2.

Coach Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions have a chance to finish the season unbeaten and not win a national title, a feat that has happened to them before, if they

can win their remaining three Big Ten games and the Rose Bowl against a sub-par Pac Ten squad (either Arizona, Washington State or Oregon).

However, should the lingering bowl curse against Nebraska rear its ugly head again this year, Penn State should stake claim to the national title.

Paterno is upset that his unbeaten squad has been dropped to No. 2 despite its win over the Hoosiers. After all, a win is a win isn't it?

Apparently, the pollsters disagree. In order to remain the top-ranked team in the country, you must play like a top-ranked team week in and week out.

If you struggle in an unimpressive win; you fall out of the top spot. That is the precedent that has been set this season.

My feelings are that if the top two ranked teams in the country are unbeaten at the end of the season, let 'em play for a REAL national champion, and not for one decided like the Sega commercial on TV, where a sportswriter, or maybe a biased coach who realizes his team will benefit if a member of his conference wins the whole thing, picks the winner.

And what is this bowl coalition thing? It seems like it has the right intention, but how can you have the two top teams playing for a national

championship when a stubborn Rose Bowl ("The Grand-Daddy of All Worthless Games") won't free-up its two conference champions to play for the whole shebang.

Besides, this coalition thing is the same alignment that guarantees a Notre Dame squad with at least seven wins a spot in the New Year's Day action, probably because regardless of how bad they might be, bowl officials realize that the Irish will bring a lot of fans who will spend a lot of money along with them.

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Issues of gender and sexual identity addressed in exhibit

DANIEL CLOUD
Features editor

For anyone who doesn't know about the new exhibit at the Trahern Gallery, let it be known that the artwork included is not all "gay art." "Positive Images of Diversity" is, in the words of curator Bruce Childs, "concerned with issues of gender and sexuality, but in the context of spiritual messages and healing processes." While there is a distinct gay visibility visible in the show, not all of the artists represented are gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

Dr. Eric Avery, a psychiatrist at the University of Texas, Galveston, gave a lecture on the exhibit just before the opening of "Positive Images of Diversity" on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Several of Avery's works are included in the exhibit. Much of his recent artwork focuses his work with patients in the final stages of AIDS.

This work, which he does as part of a federal research project, is the most recent in an ongoing series of philanthropic endeavors. He spent time in Mexico, Somalia and other

countries, working with Amnesty International.

Avery was in Somalia in 1980, acting as medical director for a refugee camp. Upon his return to the U.S., he began making what he calls "death images," trying to heal himself through his art. As Avery said in his lecture, "We recycle our trauma. It keeps coming back again and again till we work through it."

In response to a question from the audience concerning the emotional and mental fortitude needed for his sort of social work, Avery continued, "I am an emotional wreck, and this can be seen through my artwork."

Perhaps the most emotionally-involved Avery has been to his work was when he was tested for HIV. He took the blood test results, had them blown up into a large pattern, and wallpapered a room with the resulting design.

In this room he hung large models of the AIDS virus, in effect injecting himself with the disease. However, this act was not as traumatic as it would seem. Avery said that after hanging the disease he simply imagined that it was a pinata.

This AIDS awareness aspect of Avery's work is present very strongly in the work he has in the current show. Other artists also show an awareness of the disease as well as spiritual aspects of their personal lives.

"Positive Images of Diversity" will show through November, concluding with another slide lecture. The next lecture will be by Sue Coe on Nov. 30, the day before World AIDS Day. Coe's artwork closely parallels Avery's in many ways as they both deal with social issues.

This exhibit, which includes sexually explicit material, will not be to everyone's taste. It will, however, make anyone who sees it pay closer attention to the existence of the diversity present in our society.

"Positive Images of Diversity" will bring the controversy surrounding homoerotic art into a position to be discussed. As Avery said, working through our problems is the only way to get rid of them. Attention to this controversy will, hopefully, help us work through the problem many people have with this type of artwork.



Students lend an ear to Roger Day, folk singer, as he performs at Stage Left in the Clement Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 3. Day's appearance was sponsored by the University Programs Council. (photo by J. Daniel Cloud)

Effects of pornography debated in November's panel discussion

MELINDA BAYLESS
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"Is Pornography Harmful?"

Six panelists will share their opinion on this topic in a debate sponsored by Austin Peay's social work department and the American Civil Liberties Union of Middle Tennessee. The debate will be held in the Clement Auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 7-9 p.m.

"This is a topic a lot of people feel very strongly about. It should be quite lively and entertaining and hopefully informative," said Dr. Glenn Carter, chairman of the social work department. He is also in charge of planning and supervising the debate.

The format of the debate will include two panels, each consisting of three members. One panel will be in support of pornography and the other will support it.

Those arguing that pornography is harmful include: Sen. Carl Rice of Tennessee; Vinnie Evans, a guidance counselor at Woodlawn Elementary School and active member of the Clarksville Coalition Against Pornography; and Dr. Jennings Bryant, professor of communications at the University of Alabama.

The panelists supporting pornography are: George Barrett, a civil liberties attorney currently challenging the law that Rice sponsored to make nudity illegal; Dr. Victor Pestrak, a psychologist studying the effects of pornography on people's behavior; and Terry Smith, owner of the local adult book store, Southern Secrets.

The panelists will be given five minutes each to support their positions. At the end of the five minutes, each panelist responds to a series of questions asked by the opposing side.

Audience participation is encouraged. Members of

the audience will be given an opportunity to ask questions by writing them on paper given to them as they enter the auditorium. Later, they will give their questions to Carter, who will act as the moderator between the panelists and the audience.

"I particularly hope that students will come to it. There are a lot of people who already have their minds made up about how pornography affects people, and I hope that there are students here with open minds who will come and listen to both sides and make their decision after they hear the facts," Carter said.

Many students are interested in the debate but already have strong opinions.

For instance, Lisa Smith, a senior, said, "Pornography is the root of problems in America. It contributes to sexual crimes and gives unreliable impressions of what the human body should look

like."

Bryan West, an accounting major, also believes pornography is harmful. "It distorts the reality of what sex is really about. It no longer becomes intimate and romantic," West said.

"The actors in pornographic films are doing just that, acting. Men and women in real life are given false expectations of sexual experiences by this acting," said Carolyn Berry, an English major.

On the other hand, sophomore Gary Mangrum said, "I think pornography is cool but not for anyone under 16. It allows you to get rid of your sexual urges through self-gratification instead of releasing your tensions in violent ways."

Students are encouraged to come watch the debate and express their thoughts concerning pornography and its effects.

Young adults not fitting stereotype of sexual pleasure seekers

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Tell your mom and dad not to worry. Not all young adults are the sex-crazed pleasure seekers they see on the "Donahue" and "Donahue" talk shows.

In fact, sexual promiscuity among Americans between the ages of 18-30 has actually decreased in the past decade, according to University of Chicago researchers.

Their landmark report, the National Health and Social Life Survey, is billed as the most comprehensive survey of sexual behavior and debunks many notions of whom is doing what with whom. The 752-page report was based on seven years of data from 90-minute, in-home interviews with 3,432 randomly selected Americans between the ages of 18-59.

According to the report, young adults who are faithful, have one sex partner at a

time and plan to marry by the time they're 30.

But morality and ethics have little to do with the decline in sexual partners among members of Generation X, said Dr. Robert Libby, a former University of George human sexuality professor who lectures college students on sex in the 1990s. Instead, the fear of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases has slowed the sexual revolution.

"The scare of AIDS has caused a lot of people to pull back," said Libby. "It's no longer a question of religious belief. It's just practical concerns about safety."

While today's young adults are losing their virginity earlier than their parents did, it's only by about six months. The average age for white females and males to first have intercourse is 17.5 years. Average African-American males start having

sex just before the age of 16, while African-American females begin at 16.5 years.

When giving their reasons for first having intercourse, only 25 percent of the men said it was out of affection for their partner. This is probably not good news for the 48 percent of women who said the same thing.

Four percent of the men and 24 percent of the women attributed their first sexual encounter to peer pressure; 51 percent of the men and 24 percent of the women said it was out of curiosity; and 12 percent of the men and 3 percent of the women said it was because of physical pleasure.

Only 1 percent of the men surveyed said they lost their virginity because they were under the influence of alcohol. Zero percent of the women said the same.

However, while Americans between

the ages of 18 and 30, like their parents and grandparents, remain committed to the idea of staying true to one partner, the way they go about it has changed, said the study's authors.

Young adults are more likely to live with a partner before marriage, while their parents were more likely to marry. Two-thirds of young adults reported their first live-in partnership did not involve marriage, while only 15 percent of men and 6 percent of women in their 50s said they lived together with a sex partner.

By contrast, more than half of the women in their 50s were married by the time they were 20 years old, compared to one-fifth of those in their 20s said the same.

But because young adults are delaying marriage longer than their parents did, they are also more likely to engage in premarital sex more often and

with more partners, said the study's co-author Steve Laumann.

While 84 percent of men and 94 percent of women in their 50s claimed their first sexual encounter was while they were married, only a third of those in their 20s said the same.

"They go through a much longer period before deciding about such issues as a career and final residence," Laumann recently told the Chicago Tribune.

The survey also showed that the

divorce rate among young Americans for marriages lasting less than 10 years was almost two times higher than the divorce rate of their parents and grandparents.

Yet, according to the study, Americans are mostly monogamous, as more than seven out of 10 people said they disapprove of extramarital affairs. Single young Americans surveyed said they feel the same, indicating that they have one sex partner at a time and plan on being married by the age of 30.

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