



Pelham sworn in as new SGA president

Unopposed vice-president and secretary also elected

By KATIE BELL
Staff Writer

In the Student Government Association election, Zach Pelham received 248 votes while the current vice-president Sean McKinney received 224 votes. The election was especially close because the winner needed a majority of votes cast, which was 247, to win.

After being elected president of SGA last Wednesday night, Pelham made numerous plans to further perpetuate the success of Austin Peay State University and SGA.

One of the main purposes of Pelham's campaign is to increase communication between SGA, faculty and students. He plans to organize a new interactive website for SGA, with a message board so students can have their ideas heard by the governing

body.

"During my time as president, I would like to keep SGA moving forward," Pelham said. "In the past few years, with the previous presidents, they have made a lot of strides forward. However, SGA is still not where it should be. My goal is to get students more involved with SGA. I would like to see an increase in students running for Senate and Tribunal."

Pelham also addressed the strengths and weaknesses of the current SGA and of being a governing body. "SGA does a lot more than people realize. We also have a lot more power than we use. Almost every decision that affects students goes through SGA. What has been missing in the past is senators actually going out and asking the opinions of students about

upcoming decisions," he said.

Pelham also proposed the idea to have the SGA's Open Forums in different buildings. "Most of the time people don't know when or where the Open Forums are going to be," he said. "If we had Open Forums in different buildings, we would attract students coming out of classes. They would be able to get something to eat, and then hopefully stay for the meeting."

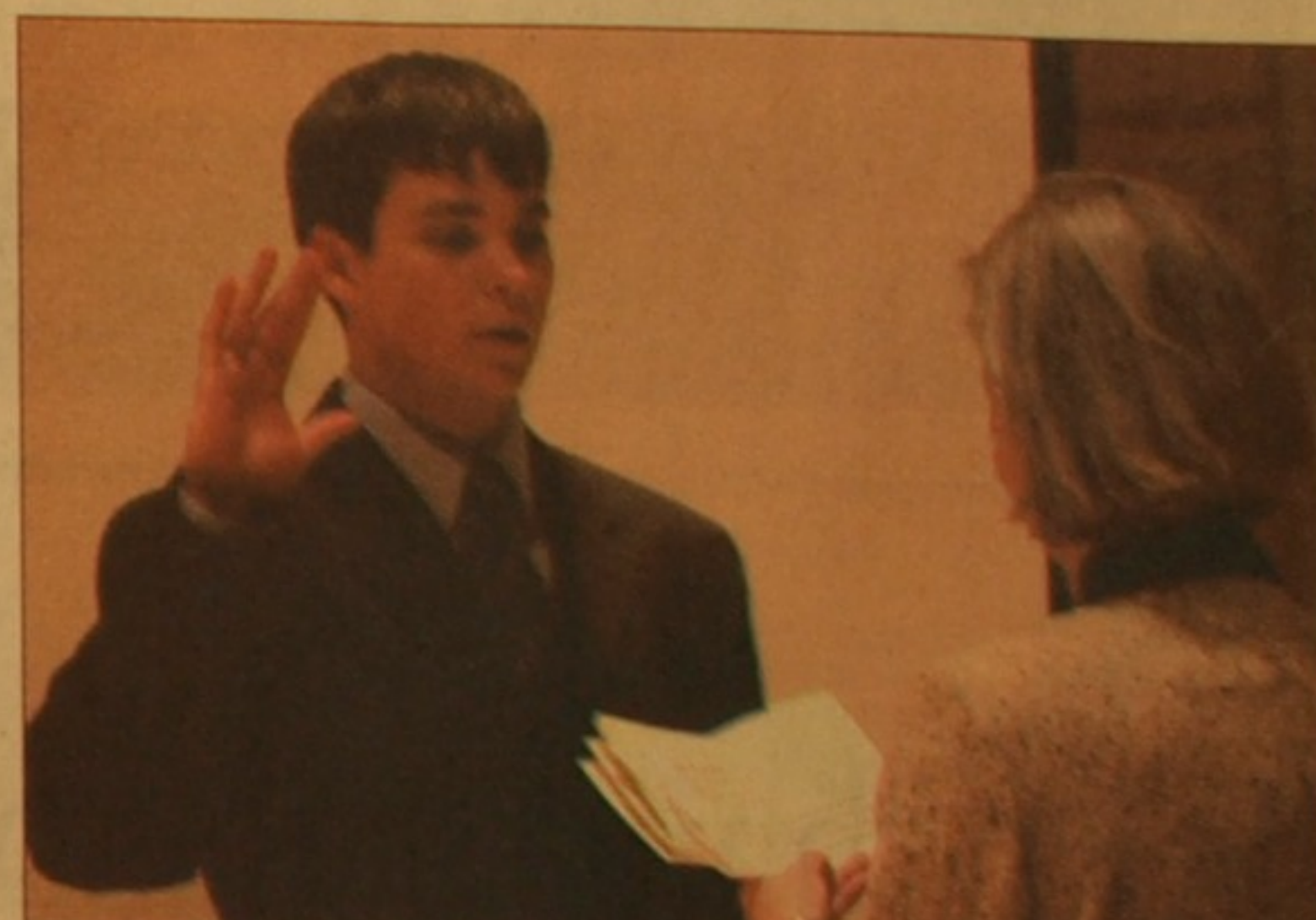
Student activities that are more tailored to the interests of students are also a priority of the newly elected president. "We have several upcoming activities, including a concert. One of the drawbacks of the SGA is that we are powerful, but we don't have a lot of money. Every organization, including SGA, is allotted \$1,000 every year. Huge activities can't be completely executed without the help of other

organizations and Student Allocations," he said.

"I feel it isn't only SGA's job to be the coordinator of such events because we don't have the means necessary to be totally responsible. We only have the ability to coordinate organizations and gather funds," Pelham said.

Pelham also has plans to organize a spring semester community program similar to the G.H.O.S.T. Halloween program. "Another program is needed in the spring to connect the campus and community," Pelham said.

Pelham attributes his win to the people who have supported him through the election. "I had a lot of people working for me and going out and getting votes for me. The people who really know me have faith in me and knew I could do a good job, and they relayed the message to others,"



Zach Pelham was sworn in by APSU President Sherry Hoppe on Friday.

Pelham said.

"I want to thank everyone who supported me and I look forward to

working with students and administration to move SGA forward," Pelham said. ♦

Student organizations awarded



Creative Ministries opened the Student Affairs' Student Organization and Leader Awards by "stepping," Friday night in the University Center Ballroom. Many organizations and students were recognized for their leadership and contributions to the Austin Peay State University community in the annual event.

Maymester offers fast-paced learning for APSU students

By LAUREN MABON
Staff Writer

Students interested in an extensive, intense and fast-paced learning experience this spring, may want to look into Maymester. The last day to register is April 30.

Maymester at Austin Peay State University begins May 10 and ends May 28.

According to Sheila Bryant, registrar at APSU, the three-week session originated two years ago when several academic departments wanted to offer upper-level courses that provided a unique learning experience for students.

Although Maymester is an impressive addition, professors are not anticipating heavy attendance for the term. Enrollment is minimal. "The courses in the May session are very carefully selected courses geared towards small enrollment," Bryant said. "You won't find a Freshmen English 1010 course in Maymester."

Classes offered in Maymester are marked with an "M" in the APSU Class Schedule for summer and tentative fall 2004.

Only six May session courses will be offered this spring: Foundation of Education, Curriculum Developmental Elementary, Introduction to Special Education, Introduction to African American Studies, Africana Women Across Cultures and a history study abroad course.

"This is the first year we have offered African American Studies courses in the May session," said Bryant.

This May, students enrolling in the history study abroad course can look forward to a three-day stay in Paris and several visits to Germany and Austria.

Dewey Browder, chair of the history and philosophy department, coordinates the history study abroad program.

"Students can expect a thorough examination of the history of the Holocaust, including the origins and nature of anti-Semitism, and the atrocities of the Final Solution," said Browder.

Aside from visiting museums, former concentration camps and other cities, students will also get a good taste of European culture.

"They will enjoy French and German cuisine and have the opportunity to practice their language skills," Browder said.

The trip is a great opportunity for students, but the enrollment for the course is incredibly low.

"Out of the 13 students enrolled in the course, only two are APSU students. The remaining 11 students are from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.," said Browder.

Each class, excluding the study abroad course, is two hours long. Up to six hours can be earned with the history study abroad course. The prerequisite requirement for all May session classes is equivalent to requirements for fall, spring and summer semesters.

The cost for each course is \$137 per credit hour for in-state undergraduate students and \$481 per credit hour for out-of-state undergraduate students.

"Due to the fact that only 18 days are available for learning, students are only allowed to enroll in one course during the May session," Bryant said.

"The exclusive courses offered during the May session are taught a little differently due to the compressed schedule," said Bryant.

For more information about Maymester contact the Registrar's office. For more information regarding the history study abroad program, pick up a brochure in Harned, room 339. ♦

Austin Peay receives A+ from SACS

By KATIE ALCOTT
Staff Writer

Getting a 100 percent doesn't happen every often, but Austin Peay State University just received one, in essence, from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

SACS recently reviewed APSU to make sure they were meeting and maintaining national accreditation requirements.

Every 10 years public and private schools undergo this evaluation to be

accredited.

"A school could opt not to, but then you couldn't participate in federal programs like federal loans," said Houston Davis, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

The purpose of SACS is to be a quality control mechanism improving education in the south through accreditation.

"Without it who's to say that all schools would live up to those standards?" said Davis.

The SACS process is about identifying strengths and weaknesses in institutions.

"By going through this from time to time, the institution becomes stronger afterwards than from before," said Davis.

"It's like taking time to tidy up your house. APSU students are here at a time when we've gone through this review."

One thing SACS is trying to do is keep schools from getting everything in order solely for the purpose of passing the review.

They've recently implemented a Quality Enhancement Plan which is a vehicle used for follow-up in five years. The schools have to show that they're meeting their goals at this halfway mark.

"Word has gotten out not only that APSU got a good review, but a perfect review. That can only help our reputation," said Davis.

Davis said that students deserve a pat on the back as much as faculty and staff for the hard work that many of them have put in to this campus. ♦

New recreational facility in the works for students and faculty

By LAUREN MABON
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University is spending an estimated \$10.8 million on a new recreational center scheduled to open fall 2006.

The 73,000 square-foot center will include a climbing wall, juice bars, basketball courts, an 8,000 square-foot free weight area, a fitness center, a dedicated walking track, a cardio room, a spinning room, a game room, traditional locker rooms and several administrative office areas. The University Recreation will be located.

According to David Davenport, director of university recreation, the center is exactly what APSU needs.

"This is one of the main things we are lacking. Many universities in Tennessee have a recreational center. It is a major attraction," said Davenport.

Davenport believes the new center

will improve retention and recruitment, provide students with a better outlook on life and maybe even decrease boredom on campus.

"In today's age of health and wellness, recreation is a vital aspect in everyone's life. It has been proven through various studies that recreational centers improve grades, self confidence and behavior," Davenport said.

The ROTC Armory building will be demolished this August and the new center will be built in its place. In the meantime, ROTC will relocate to the Memorial Health building and temporarily share space with University Recreation.

Second Lieutenant Sonya Long is content with the adjustment.

"We deserve a new building. The ROTC building needs a lot of repair," said Long.

Vanessa Weddington has been a records clerk at ROTC for 11 years. She isn't ready to make the transition.



"There is a great deal of historical value in this building. Many cadets have painted priceless murals on the walls. When the tornado hit several years ago, this building only lost two windows. Other academic

departments had to relocate here temporarily," said Weddington.

"The building is very useful. APSU cheerleaders have practices here and the athletic department sponsors shooting range competitions that take

place here as well," Weddington said. Mitch Robinson, vice president of Finance and Administration, plans to fully accommodate ROTC during the adjustment. "We hope to have some funds available to complete minimal renovations such as mechanical

improvements like heating and air conditioning, repainting and general office renovations to the Memorial Health building for ROTC. The old post office located in the Memorial Health building will be renovated into ROTC offices," said Robinson.

Tuition has already been affected by plans for the new center. An increase to the student debt service fee of \$28 per semester was passed last spring.

"Funds for the new center come from students by the payment of the

debt service fee over a period of years," said Robinson.

Stretching as far as Summer Street near the football stadium, the new center will take one year to 18 months of construction time.

"Right now we are in the design phase of the project," Robinson said.

"We have completed the program, which dictates what items we want to put in the facility, what students want for the facility and how much space is needed to accommodate the equipment and rooms in the facility. This decision is primarily made by Davenport and Jennifer Meningall vice president of Student Affairs."

"Within the design phase, construction documents are developed by the architect, then the Tennessee Board of Regents submits a request for proposals (proposed cost of the building) to contractors.

April (snow) showers?



Tuesday morning many APSU students woke up in disbelief to snow falling outside.

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SGA changes eligibility rules

By ROBERT BUTLER
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday the Student Government Association had its election for all positions.

Students who currently work on or off campus at a minimum of 20 hours a week were not eligible to run for executive office in student government.

The new rules were effective a week before students were able to put their name on the ballot for any executive office position in student government. The new rules also indicate that students who hold any executive office position in any other student organization are not eligible.

Adam Bernier, a student here at Austin Peay State University, said he had planned to run for the vice president position, but found out at the last minute he did not meet the new requirements. Bernier said, "I was very upset because I planned to run for vice president."

Scarlett Moore feels that the new rules are not fair because students did not get to vote on this proposal.

"I have worked hard for the

opportunity to run for an executive office position but because I am a room assistant now I cannot run for vice president as I had planned to," Moore said. She was assistant secretary to the vice president for two years. "I believe that I am qualified for the job," said Moore.

Andy Kean, director of Morgan University Center and SGA advisor, said the reason why the new requirements were put in place was because the old requirements were not the same as other Tennessee Board of Regents universities.

"The old policy with its requirements only paid for \$1,500 of the SGA presidents tuition, but now tuition is paid in full," said Kean.

Former President Gavin Roark and Vice President Sean McKinney have both worked in other executive offices before. The former SGA president was a room assistant hall director for his entire term as president.

McKinney, the former vice president, held an executive office committee position in his fraternity while serving as vice president. The former president and vice president

have different opinions on the new SGA requirements.

"I can understand the new rule in regards to students not being eligible to run for office if they are an executive of another organization, because there could be conflict of interest between them," Roark said, referring back to his term on handling both executives' jobs.

"It was difficult being a resident assistant and being SGA president, if not for excellent time management skills, I do not believe that I would have done an effective job handling them both."

Roark also said, "I think the faculty committee for SGA passed the new rules for the students' best interests."

But McKinney disagrees, "I do not like the fact that students cannot hold another executive office position because some student organizations only meet once a week for a short period of time."

"I do not think that we should change our policy just to be similar to the other TBR schools because all schools around the state are different."

From the chief... APSU official crime report

By ERIC PROVOST
APSU Police Chief

I would like to share with you the note I sent to our Administration last week... TBI has confirmed that the "Crime on Campus" statistics for 2003 were released to the media last week, and inquiries have begun.



Provost

I think the results speak for themselves. Among like institutions—Austin Peay State University, East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech

University, University of Memphis], University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, University of Tennessee-Martin and Vanderbilt University, APSU had only one violent felony reported in 2003, a "victim-acquaintance" rape.

There were 31 reported sexual offenses among the schools, the numbers were skewed by Vanderbilt and likely a result of their medical center reporting. All but two like-institutions reported at least one sex offense on campus last year, four schools reported two or more.

In 2003, there were no murders at any of the institutions, but one kidnapping, 24 robberies, 41 aggravated assaults and 11 arsons were

reported. APSU is the only like-institution in the state that had zero offenses in all five of these categories. In fact, only one other institution reported zero in any combination of four of the categories.

Although the number of thefts rose at APSU from 64 in 2002, to 70 in 2003, APSU still had the fewest thefts reported and the third-lowest per capita rate of thefts (10.0 per 1,000 population). It still remains our focus area for the future.

Overall, APSU had the lowest violent crime rate; and the fewest overall number of crimes reported, falling just above UM for the lowest overall per capita crime rate, 25.52 per 1,000

compared to UM's 24.81. In comparison, four of the other institutions had rates above 46 per 1,000.

I attribute our outstanding report primarily to four things:

1) Zero tolerance for alcohol and drugs on campus, which has minimized the problems that often result when they are present.

2) The working relationship and proactive work of Campus Police and Student Affairs, particularly with the residence hall staff.

3) Our Student Patrol which has expanded our "eyes and ears" on campus, and functioned as another liaison to the students we serve.

4) Our sense of community, which is inspired by our administration and introduced early to transitioning students.

Campus Crime

April 1 - 12:32 p.m. Meacham Apartments Theft from a building

April 2 - 6:39 p.m. Cross Hall Drug/Narcotic Violation

April 3 - 3:08 p.m. Drug/Narcotic Violation

April 4 - 1:24 p.m. Cross Hall Domestic Assault and Vandalism

April 4 - 9:18 p.m. Drane Street Theft from a motor vehicle

Rec center: plans for students facility move along

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Afterwards, a bid opening is held by the TBR to select a general contractor and finally, APSU selects a general contractor for construction," Robinson said.

Of the entire construction amount, \$1.2

million is earmarked for equipment and telecommunications.

"The facility we have now is the Red Barn, which isn't quite big enough. The new center is a nice benefit for students. They will have a large place that they can call their own," Robinson said.

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OUR TAKE

APSU has plenty of organizations but not enough interest

Last Friday evening Student Affairs sponsored their annual Student Organization and Leader Awards. Although we are not technically a student organization, *The All State* was invited because Student Affairs very graciously recognized us for our hard work this year.

Once we were all seated, the first thing our hosts did was have roll call for all of the organizations that are registered with Student Affairs. This was strangely similar to sitting in an afternoon class the Friday before Spring Break. There was silence after many of the organizational names. Oddly enough, some of the absent groups were ones that had actually been quite active this year.

Next, it became apparent that a vast majority of nominees for the 25 or so different awards were from Greek organizations. Even though a tiny fraction of these awards were only for Greek groups, there weren't many categories that were not dominated by Greek students. In fact, it seemed as if it was the same couple of faces that walked to the podium over and over again.

Although at first glance it may appear to be so, it is highly unlikely that being a member of a Greek organization instantly makes you more likely to receive an award. The Greek alphabet does not hold some sort of magical award power. It is also doubtful that it's a vast Greek conspiracy. What is more likely is that our

Greek friends are just more involved. This leads to a couple of questions - Are the students who are more likely to get involved in campus activities more likely to join a fraternity or sorority? If that's not the case, why aren't more non-Greek students involved with campus activities? There are scads of non-Greek organizations all over this campus. Why don't they nominate their own members for awards? Why don't they nominate their organizations for consideration?

Unfortunately, the answers to these questions are not in this editorial. They are within the very organizations that were noticeably absent.

The thing is that the more people become involved with this campus the better off we all are. Whether it be supporting local charities or sponsoring educational events, every contribution makes this campus richer. And the more those students are rewarded for their efforts, the more likely they are to do more.

So, if you are the leader for an organization here on campus, or if you plan on being a leader of an organization on this campus, nominate your group or some of your members for consideration next year. Your group will get some recognition, your staff will feel better about the work they do and you may even encourage someone else to step up and participate. Plus, you could give some of these Greeks a run for the money.

Abuse has many forms

On 60 Minutes Sunday, Mary J. Blige was interviewed about her life and career. In talking about her previous abusive relationships, she said she didn't hold the men who abused her responsible. She knew the abuse wasn't her fault but admitted she had to take responsibility for staying in those relationships and attracting men with those qualities. Mary said that at some point you have to stop being the victim and look inside yourself to see why you end up where you do and with whom.

This last statement is one I often have to remind myself of. I was in an abusive relationship/marriage for six years. Even after my husband and I divorced, I thought I knew what constituted a healthy relationship. Instead, I moved from physical abuse to manipulation and degradation.

After this relationship failed, I took a huge spiraling step backwards and found a man who had some of the traits my ex-husband had. He was a lazy, loving, verbally abusive, smooth talking, drug addict, jealous, fun-loving, wonderful, manipulative man. He never laid a hand on me, but that doesn't mean he wasn't abusive. Moreover, I allowed myself to be treated that way.

Abuse doesn't have to come in the form of a fist. Abuse disguises itself as love and makes you feel beautiful and wanted—especially in the bedroom. However, as soon as the mood is

over, Abuse makes you feel ugly and neglected. Abuse is late night calls desiring your company and early mornings left alone and used.

Abuse lies around on your couch all day while you work at a job you despise. When you beg to never go back to that place again because you hate what you have to do, Abuse makes you feel guilty: "How will the bills get paid? What will we eat? Just a little while longer, okay?" Abuse takes your money and buys alcohol and drugs. Abuse uses your car to go pick up other girls, then brings them back to your own bed. Abuse yells at you for not keeping the house clean while it sits back smoking cigarettes and watches television. Abuse kicks you out of the house in the middle of the night with no means of transportation and no one to call.

Abuse cuts you off from your friends and family, because it knows that they might talk you into leaving. Abuse doesn't want you to have any outside interests from your relationship. Abuse is jealous and accuses you of cheating. Abuse wants you all to itself.

Abuse is sorry for what it says. Abuse cries when you say you're leaving. Abuse begs you to stay. Abuse swears it loves you and will die without you. Abuse cannot hurt you if you don't let it. You and only you can make the decision to stay or go. Only you can cut the ties from abuse. Only you can stand up for yourself and say, "Enough is enough!"

Just as Mary J. Blige said in her interview, if you seem to always end up in an abusive relationship you have to look at yourself and think, "Why am I attracting these hurtful people? What can I do differently to ensure that I stay healthy and safe?"

You have to take responsibility for yourself. If you need help, please, don't hesitate to seek it. The time to take control of your life is now.

I need to keep my hair

I love getting awards. Like anyone else, I have a hard time passing up a session of back patting. But when an awards ceremony, the Student Organization and Leader Awards in this instance, runs for nearly three hours after a relentless bombardment of similar-but-different accolades, I start feeling the urge to pull out my hair, and that's a bad thing. After all, who knows how long I am going to have that hair.

It was the most formal circus of uninteresting that I have ever had the pleasure to attend. Joe Mills, director of Housing/Residence Life and Dining

services as well as the emcee for the evening, tried to lighten the mood with jokes far too flat for an audience that was merely attending for series of jokes he made that had potential. The jokes involved Oprah Winfrey and described including: Beef Is Bad and Beef Is Really Bad. Personally, I would have selected a different joke for Oprah to teach: Everything It's What's for Dinner. But I digress. I tried everything I could think of to make the event interesting for everyone. Every time someone got a standing ovation, I tried to start a wave. No wave. No wave. God help me. As I watched my evening

could prepare me for the plunge it was about to take. Nearly two hours into the ceremony, long enough for everyone to spend more than a little time gazing with a longing need at the exits, Vice President for Academic Affairs Bruce Speck claimed the podium.

From the emcee podium, Mills informed Speck that there was a rule that prohibited him from singing. I thought Mills was kidding. I wish he had been. I'll go easy on Speck, his intentions were in the right place and he tried to make it fun for everyone, but not only did he sing the description of the award, but he also sang the nominees and the recipient. He asked everyone to snap along with his singing. I almost did. When finished, I declared to my colleagues, "I want my 10 minutes back."

There were two positives to the whole ordeal. The first is the incredible invention I devised. Whenever someone says something incredibly uninteresting, I can hit a special button on my key chain that emits the recorded sound of crickets chirping.

The other, best positive about the whole ceremony was the catering. I am not kidding; Austin Peay's catering service is absolutely top-notch. It is the only thing that enabled me to smile as I left the University Center that night.

Let us clear the air. I have nothing against the Student Organization and Leader Awards. The people involved are well-meaning and I saw more than one sight that warmed my heart, but there were not nearly enough of those moments to hold my attention for nearly three hours. Shorten the speeches.

Cut out unnecessary time-killers. Let the people receive their awards and recognition and get them out to the catering in around an hour. Do it for me. Do it for my hair.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:

Last week's opinion page featured an article which defended the Bush administration with regards to pre 9/11 preparedness and the pre-emptive war on Iraq.

The author said that she was, "tired of hearing that Iraq had nothing to do with the attack on our homeland." I agree. When will these American hating Democrats, shut their big mouths? Why do they hate freedom? George W. Bush loves freedom! Freedom is good.

He wants freedom imposed on everyone, whether they like it or not! The next time someone comes up to me spouting their liberal garbage, I am going to put on my headphones and crank up a rousing rendition of Onward Christian Soldiers, pull out my copy of the New Testament, and get in line for some George W. Bush/Jim Jones flavored punch.

Why should I have to listen to facts about the issues and engage in healthy debate, when I can do just like our great President, and retreat into the incontestable truth inside my head? We know we are right, what more do you want? And as to the author's comment on the solution to the uprising in Iraq, I say bravo!

We need more people like this in our White House. Pulling out our troops so we can drop bombs and annihilate those darn fanatical Muslims is music to my ears.

And I don't want to hear any of those liberal-freedom-hating types start complaining about human rights, and innocent civilians being killed, boo, hoo! Where's my violin?

We've already killed over 10,000 innocent Iraqi men, women, and children, so what's a few more? Besides, they are all Muslims, right? They don't accept Jesus Christ as their savior and are all going to hell anyway!

And President Bush is more than happy to send them on their fiery, unbelieving way. I am also tired of hearing about how this damned PDB thingie could have alerted President Bush to the 9/11 attacks.

This was a memo sent to the President on Aug. 6, 2001, entitled Bin Laden determined to attack inside the U.S. that had nothing to do with Bin Laden being determined to attack inside the U.S. Didn't the 9/11

Commission members learn the basics during English 1010? I believe it is a required class. The title of a paper has absolutely nothing to do with the content of the material, duh!

A title is just a bunch of words that you stick on top of your paper. And besides, President Bush doesn't even like to read (anything except the Good Book) so he probably didn't read the memo entitled Bin Laden determined to attack inside the U.S., which had nothing at all to do with Bin Laden wanting to attack inside the U.S.

I mean, if someone really wanted to convey the message to President Bush that Bin Laden was determined to attack inside the U.S., it would have to have lots of pretty pictures and not so many words, and not a lot of big words.

And as to the current situation in Iraq, didn't the American hating liberals even listen to George Bush's press conference the other night? How many times does he have to repeat, "Stay the course", before it will sink into their heads that staying the course is the key? If we just stay the course, all will be well. I mean, can they think of a better plan than staying the course?

I think the President very clearly explained away all our problems in Iraq, as long as we continue to stay the course. I am very grateful that we have a strong President, and a determined staff like Rummy and Dick to come up with such a strong military plan as staying the course. I'm sure our troops are comforted that their President is staying the course.

By staying the course, our men and women in uniform won't have to bother with those nasty rotations back home, or worry about their families because they will forget about them eventually from being away so long.

George W. Bush is only doing what The Almighty has asked of him by spreading our values across the world. (9/11 was the perfect excuse to start our Crusade against the infidels!) and he will not stop until every last non-believer (along with those freedom hating liberals) is down on their hands and knees praying to Jesus and giving thanks that George W. Bush has saved them from certain damnation! We will not let these fanatics win!

Brandon Townsend
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To the Editor:

This is a response to the article you printed in your April 7 issue. You critiqued the recent concert on campus given by several Christian Rock groups. To me it seemed that the main issue you had was the apparent lack of diversity in the type of music presented. My advice is that you turn to the APSU Music Department.

If a student wishes to be entertained musically I strongly suggest that they obtain a copy of the music department's event schedule (just ask the music office or look at the postings around the MMC). The department holds some kind of concert virtually every week. Some think that we only perform "classical music". Although we play a good deal of classical music we play other kinds as well.

The music department has a jazz big band and jazz combo every semester. We also perform an opera in the spring. There is the guitar ensemble as well as the Dimensions Concert Series which is dedicated to performing 20th century music. And who can forget the ever-popular Percussion Ensemble Halloween Concert.

There are far too many performances to name in this letter and for students almost all of them are FREE.

I would also like to clarify the term "Classical Music". This is a name for a very specific time period in music history. Any music written between 1750 and 1830 is considered classical. Music written before or after that is not.

What most people mean when they say classical music is in reality instrumental music or anything that is not pop, jazz, or rock. Although this is a largely irrelevant distinction to most people I feel it necessary to use the correct terminology when discussing a topic.

I urge all who read this to experience as many different kinds of music as possible (yes, this includes Rock in all its many forms). You might find that you truly enjoy a form of music previously unknown to you. Go, listen and enjoy.

Tom Bone
Sophomore
Music Major

Radio "shock jocks" hijacking the First Amendment. Speak responsibly

I never really thought of myself as "conservative" until immediately following the 9/11 attacks. For that matter, I didn't bother classifying myself as either conservative or liberal until this awful tragedy made me pay attention to my political ideology. Why did I consider myself "conservative?"

It was certainly not a thought that I ever had to give much attention to, despite my father's occasional mentioning of the term throughout my childhood. I knew that it stemmed in part from my family's Protestant-Presbyterian background.

Yet after a while of trying to understand conservative talk-radio "shock jocks," I gave up. They offered no understanding, so why should I have returned the favor in kind? Talk show hosts such as Michael Savage and the un-funny joke, Rush Limbaugh convey an irresponsible use of the First Amendment with the dominance of hate and negativity in their medium.

With the freedom of speech, comes an unspoken responsibility that one should uphold. This responsibility is one in which we should be mindful of our different types of people. These radio rebels ravage the airwaves with their

hateful brand of majority mob mentality. They have abused their freedom, neglecting the awareness of diversity that their freedom inherently demands.

For example, Michael Savage is notorious for his offensive comments toward Arab-Americans, stating that the conservative right wing is not responsible for racial profiling and that they have racially profiled themselves by flying planes into our towers.

Now we all know that the PATRIOT Act is not a good thing, right? Well, if Savage knew what he was doing then he would be aware that there is a section demanding the condemnation of discrimination against Arab descended Americans. This is not to say that many abide by this portion but to say that if we are going to apply the act, let's use it to teach people like Savage some manners.

I'd like to see him and others like him sent to Guantanamo Bay to be honest. He wouldn't last a day. Wait a second, that's an infringement upon Mr. Savage's fourth amendment right to probable cause. Such broad generalizations, which equate Arabs with terrorists (as it did Russians with communism during the McCarthy era) are embarrassing for us as Americans and a disgrace to the profession of radio.

Needless to say, I realized long before his remark that guys should "get AIDS and die," that what I was hearing reflected everything I stood against. He claimed to be a "compassionate conservative." I failed to find anything compassionate about him.



OPINION
Dave Campbell

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Apr. 31 to May 9:

The APSU Trahern Gallery presents The 36th Annual Student Art Show.

Apr. 21:

Students and faculty will be honored for academic excellence at Austin Peay State University's Academic Honors and Awards Day. The event will take place at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Music/Mass Communication building concert theatre.

Apr. 22:

Deadline for white-water rafting trip. There is a trip scheduled for May 1 and the cost is \$50 per person (includes equipment, travel and snacks). For more information contact Neil Revlett at (931) 221-7564 or revlett@apsu.edu

Apr. 24:

A leadership training session, reception and dinner will be held in the UC in preparation for an IMA competition in the student video case, banner and yearbook. For more information call Dave Eichelberger at (931) 221-7565.

May 1:

Hand Village Yard Sale will be held at 9 a.m. in the Hand Village Plaza. All proceeds will be donated to Loaves and Fishes. For info call Joe Davidson at (931) 221-5981.

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Awards ceremony held for faculty, students

Academic Honors and Awards Day combines awards for alumni, students for the first time

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's annual Academic and Awards Day is being held today in the Music/Mass Communications building concert theatre at 3 p.m.

"This day, most awards will be bestowed upon the students," said Joe Filippo, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

"This is the key time for students to shine in academics, which is very important to all of us," he said. "With the exception of commencement, this is the only time when the faculty are dressed in regalia."

Normally, three prestigious faculty awards — the Richard M. Hawkins Award, the Distinguished Community Service Award and the Alumni

Distinguished Professor Award are presented during commencement; however, this is the first year that these awards will be presented during Honors and Awards Day in conjunction with the student awards.

"It seems natural to do this because we are honoring those who have proven themselves to be academically strong," said Filippo. "Key points of focus for these awards are teaching, research and service. These three areas speak volumes for academics, which is what Honors and Awards Day is all about."

The Richard M. Hawkins Award, started in 1979, is awarded to an individual who has made noteworthy contributions to scholarship or creative activity.

Each department may nominate a full-time faculty member they feel

possesses these qualifications. A selection committee that consists of the chair of the honors and awards committee, vice president for academic affairs and the chair of the faculty research committee will then determine who receives the award. Former recipients of this award include department chairs Dewey Browder of the history department and Mike Gotcher of the communication department.

The Distinguished Community Service Award is awarded to a candidate who has contributed greatly to the Clarksville/Montgomery County area.

Each department, dean, faculty member, staff member or a member of the Clarksville/Montgomery County community may nominate a full-time teaching member or departmental chair

for the award.

Like the Richard M. Hawkins Award, a committee will determine who receives this honor.

The Distinguished Professor Award, which is based on professional performance with a major emphasis on teaching, is given to a full time faculty member or department chair.

This award is different from the others because the recipient is only eligible once every 20 years to receive the award. This has only happened once in APSU history. Edward Irwin, retired professor from the languages and literature department, received the award in 1975 and again in 1997.

Approximately 140 awards will be presented during the ceremony, and a reception in the foyer will conclude the event. ♦

Jazz festival rocks APSU

As part of Rivers and Spires, the Mid-South Jazz Festival featured various artists including APSU's own Jazz bands

By NATALIE GILMORE
Staff Writer

The 43rd Annual Mid-South Jazz Festival came to Austin Peay State University with three nights of classic entertainment.

The events went as follows: Thursday, April 15, Sandra Dudley; Friday, April 16, APSU Jazz Combo along with APSU Jazz Collegians; Saturday, April 17, Claudia Acuna.

"The three nights showcased progression from student local, professional regional and professional international," said David Steinquest, APSU music director.

The first night of the festival was kicked off with a spotlighting on versatile jazz vocalist, Sandra Dudley. Steinquest invited Dudley back from her performance with the Nelson Riddle Orchestra in 1997.

"Dudley brought a very traditional and American approach to this event

opposed to Acuna, who has a very Latin American flavor. The two complemented the festival," he said.

Dudley was accompanied by a quartet that included Roger Spencer on bass, Dennis Soley on saxophone, Bruce Dudley (who is also Sandra's husband) on piano, and Chester Thompson on drums. Thompson has played for artist Frank Zappa, and has also been Phil Collins' drummer for 20 years.

"I am pleased to be playing with the



JOSEPH KERSTETTER/STAFF
Laudia Acuna (right) and Sandra Dudley (left) were performed in this weekend's Mid-South Jazz Festival held in the Music/Mass Communications building.



best musicians in the country," said Dudley. "What she has done is assemble a group of extremely talented musicians to form a very powerful unit," said Steinquest.

Dudley performed 10 pieces, some of which come from her recently released album "Close To You."

The selections were filled with catch lines, skating, bebopping, and harmonies.

The audience was small in numbers but the excitement and applause was monstrous in the theatre.

"I don't care how big the crowd is as long as they're enthusiastic," said Dudley. "If I reach one person with my music then I'm happy," she said.

Some students showed their appreciation by applause and whistles in the audience. Jazz is not that common in Clarksville or at APSU. This

festival gave students and local residents, who enjoy jazz, a chance to conveniently come out and support," said Michael Wade, senior, music major.

"At first I just went for extra credit and I was only going to stay for half of the show. I ended up staying the whole time, and I enjoyed it so much that I brought my friends for the other two nights," said Stephanie Brooks, freshman, communications major.

According to Steinquest, the essential purpose of the festival being at APSU was to promote an awareness and hopefully and appreciation for the artform known as jazz.

"The jazz festival is the only event in Clarksville that allows people to hear what students, general, and international musicians are capable of," said Steinquest.

"The hospitality here is great, and I thought the acoustics in the hall were very professional, which makes it sound really great singing here. I would love to come back and do it again," Dudley said. ♦

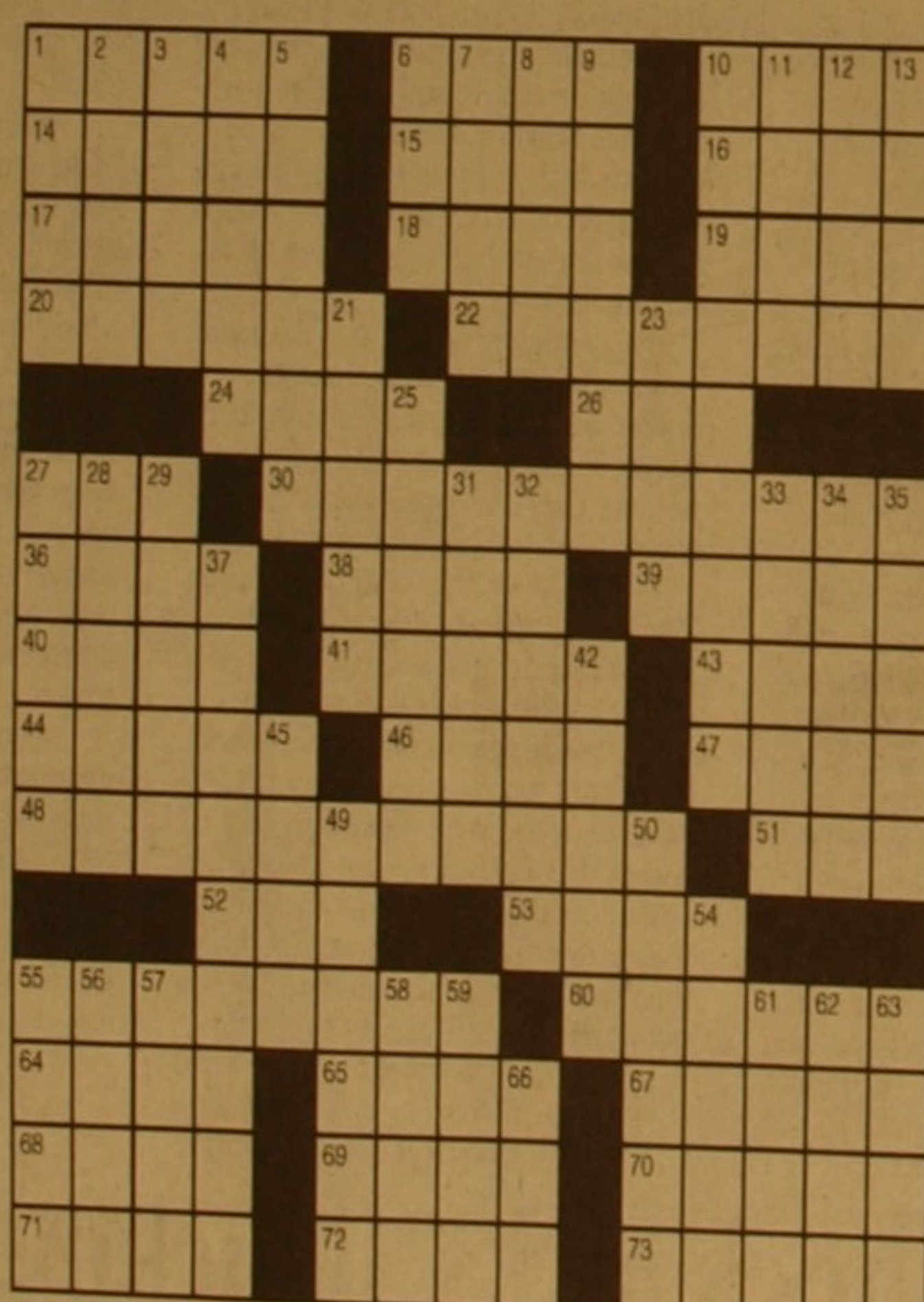
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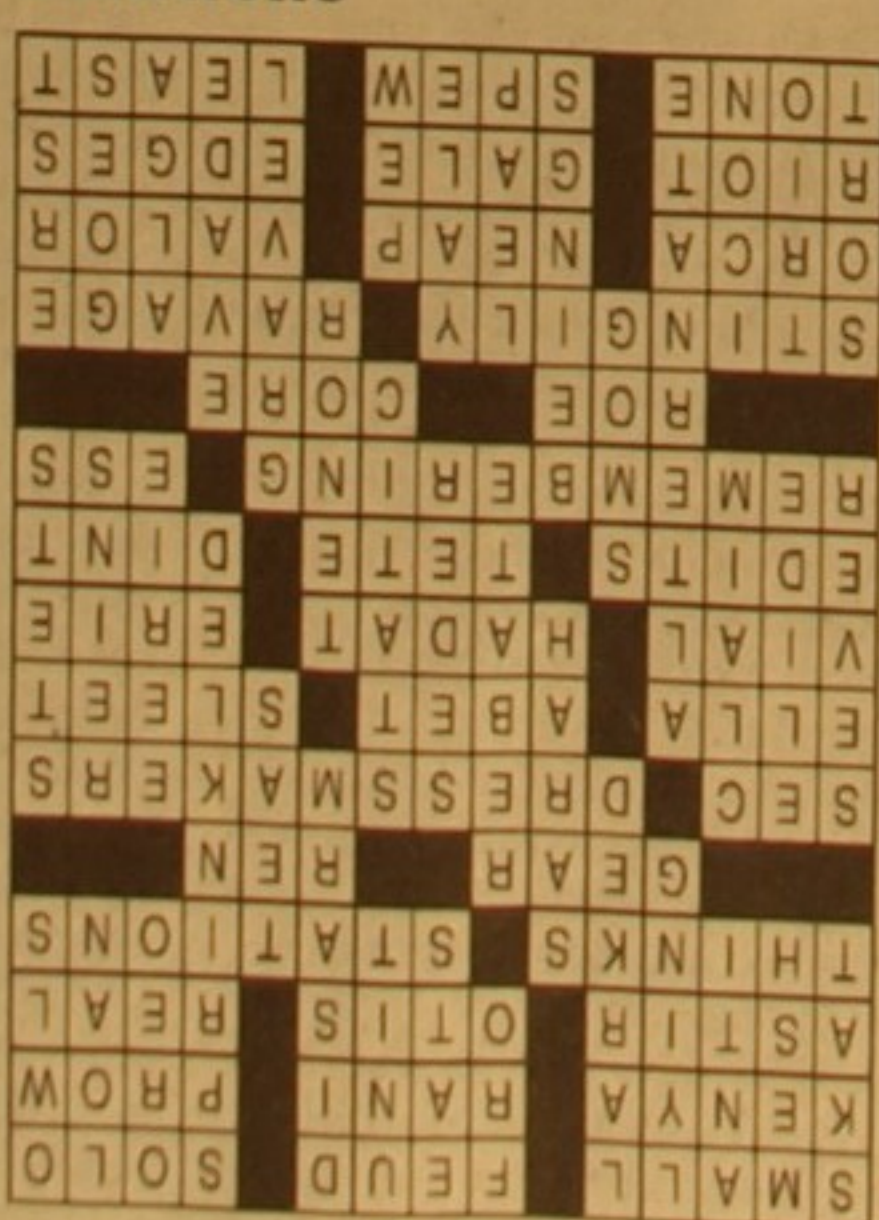
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IN BRIEF

APSU Theatre Department ventures into "ART"

Austin Peay State University's AP Playhouse presents the Tony award-winning play, "Art," as the final performance of the 2003-04 season. The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 28-May 1 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 2, in APSU's Trahern Theatre.

Set in Paris, "Art" is the story of three longtime friends at odds over a work of art. As the conflict progresses, each character examines his personal relationships.

Though the play is written for three men, Director Scott Boyd, APSU associate professor of theatre, cast three female students: Marie LaValley, Rachel Estenson and Jessica Andrews.

"I cast what I felt was the strongest ensemble," he said, noting the show is not sexual due to its focus on relationships among friends.

Boyd says the play provides a refreshing change of pace for actors and audience members alike.

"We've been doing a lot of heavy material this season," he said. "This show is something a little lighter and more contemporary — a wonderful comedy."

Parents should note the performance includes some strong language.

The cost of admission is \$4 for students and \$6 for adults. Tickets may be purchased from 3-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, April 26-30 and one hour prior to each performance in the Trahern Ticket Office located in APSU's Trahern Building, Room 224.

For ticket information, telephone the Trahern Ticket Office at 221-7379.

For further information, telephone 221-7378.

APSU Opera Theatre presents comic opera by famed composer

Austin Peay State University's Opera Theatre proudly presents the premier of Seymour Barab's, "A Perfect Plan."

The two-act comic opera will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1 and at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 2, in APSU's Music/Mass Communication Building Concert Hall. Barab also will host a discussion of his work one hour before each performance in the Music/Mass Communication Building, room 147.

Set in the 1920s, "A Perfect Plan" is a family-friendly opera about a young man's plan to overcome serious financial difficulties to prove he is prepared to support his fiancée. Should he fail to do so in one month's time, she will accept the proposal of his nemesis.

Working with Barab, a Pulitzer Prize nominee and 1998 recipient of the National Opera Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for APSU faculty and students.

"It is rare that an undergraduate student can place the first performance of an opera on his or her resume," says Dr. Allen Henderson, director of the Opera Theatre. "It is a credit to the department of music that Mr. Barab would agree for the premier to be performed at Austin Peay."

APSU will honor Barab with a concert featuring the Opera Theatre performers and Belmont University opera students at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, in APSU's Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall. The Opera Theatre will perform a number of his vocal compositions. Belmont students will perform Barab's chamber opera, "The Ruined Maid."

Friday's concert and both pre-show discussions are free and open to the public. The cost of admission to Saturday and Sunday performances of "A Perfect Plan" is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. The Music Ticket Office will open from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 28-30, and one hour prior to each performance.

For further information, telephone (931) 221-7818.

President Putin honors APSU alum, Clarksville native

Russian President Vladimir Putin recognized an Austin Peay State University alumna recently for her contributions to the development of positive Russian-American relations.

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IN BRIEF

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Jane Slate Siena was one of only 43 United States citizens to receive the special honor, represented by a medal commemorating the 300th anniversary of St. Petersburg, Russia.

The daughter of James and Sue Slate of Clarksville, Siena was honored March 23 at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, Washington, D.C. During an official ceremony, the prestigious medal was conferred on her by Russian Ambassador Yuri Ushakov on behalf of Putin.

Putin and Siena first met when he was deputy mayor of St. Petersburg, shortly after his election that followed the fall of the Soviet government in 1991. Nine years later in March 2000, Putin was elected president of the Russian Federation, and was re-elected last month.

Siena visited Russia in 1989 while she was on the senior staff of the Getty Conservation Institute, a position she held from 1985-2001. In Russia, she was charged with directing cultural heritage conservation projects for the Los Angeles-based Getty Conservation Institute.

After working closely with St. Petersburg's leading museums and libraries for years, she established the St. Petersburg International Center for Preservation in 1995 and was named its founding president. It has become a consortium of more than 40 cultural institutions dedicated to strengthening the knowledge and practice of conservation, especially the extensive collection of art and historic architecture in St. Petersburg, which was designated a World Heritage Site in 1991.

Siena, who maintains offices in Washington, D.C., St. Petersburg and Amsterdam, has helped museum curators in St. Petersburg host such world leaders as President Bill Clinton, Vice President and Mrs. Al Gore and Crown Prince of the Netherlands William Alexander.

She has organized many high-profile cultural events in the United States for such Russian dignitaries as Nobel Laureate Zhores Alferyev, St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra Conductor Yuri Temirkanov and St. Petersburg Governor Vladimir Yakovlev.

A 1976 graduate of APSU and a 1978 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Siena returned to APSU in 1997 as keynote speaker for Commencement.

In 1996, she and art historian and writer Dr. M. Kirby Talley Jr. were wed in a traditional Russian ceremony in St. Petersburg's St. Nicholas Cathedral, which was built by Queen Elizabeth, daughter of Peter the Great, in the 18th century.

For more information, contact Siena by e-mail at j.siena@att.net.

APSU Alum to give APSU commencement address

It's the "If he can make it, I can, too" phenomenon. Austin Peay State University officials, who are convinced that the best inspiration for a graduating class is to see and hear a successful alumnus/a, invited Joe Calloway of Nashville, a 1974 graduate of APSU, to be the guest speaker for upcoming Commencement ceremonies. Taking the podium in front of about 700 candidates for graduation, their families and friends, Calloway will give the keynote address at 2 p.m., Friday, May 14 in the Dunn Center.

Pi Nu hosts annual festival

High school students, teachers learn about Hispanic culture: music, food, language

By KALEN McELHENY
Features Editor

Austin Peay State University has hosted the Hispanic Fiesta on campus for fifteen years. Now called the Spanish Language Festival, the tradition continued on Friday, and over 200 high school students came out to support it.

"The members of Pi Nu, APSU's own branch of the Spanish Honor Society, [is] an organization with over 2,500 branches world-wide," said Ramon Magrans. "[The money raised] goes to support orphans in Miactlan, a village in Mexico, to Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanage and for support of Hispanic causes and events such as the Hispanic Awareness Month and the English classes for Hispanics."

The festival gave those who attended the opportunity to explore Hispanic culture. Students brought homemade dishes, musicians played music and there was plenty of dancing.

"[This festival is held] to promote success in the studies of Spanish, its language and its culture, reward students with their acquired proficiency of Spanish and their knowledge of the Hispanic culture," said Magrans. "[It also] rewards the teachers of these students for their fine effort and dedication."

According to an article by the Associated Press, Tennessee has the nation's sixth-fastest-growing Hispanic population, mainly immigrants from Mexico and Central America lured by the strong job market.

Between 1990 and 1997, the state's Hispanic population grew 73 percent, from 32,742 to 56,614, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The overall state population grew by 10 percent.

But the official numbers include only legal immigrants, so the true Hispanic



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF
Pi Nu held the annual Spanish Language Festival in the Red Barn. The festival featured homemade hispanic dishes, music and dancing.

population is thought to be greater. The Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates it at 76,000, while outreach groups say it is higher.

"[The festival was originally intended]

to promote studies of Spanish and to prepare the area for what was to come, the arrival of Hispanics to this area," said Magrans.

"Tennessee is the tenth state in the



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF
Johnny Lowry, Kimmy Yang and Willie Brown, of Kenwood High School, played a song written by Lowry called "Spanish Rock Song." The group won first prize in the music competition for their instrumental piece (above).

Jessica Wellette, Tabata Davis, Elise Prentice and Rebecca Wiles won second place for their skit (below). The girls are from Rossview High School.



Union in terms of business affected with Mexico. Thus, the people of this area needed long-term promotion of the studies of Spanish and Hispanics in general."

Pig Pick'n Fest cooks up another year

By KALEN McELHENY
Features Editor

The third annual Pig Pick'n Pig Fest will be held on April 22 in the University Center Plaza.

Austin Peay State University's Reserve Officers' Training Program is hosting the event, along with the office of Student Life and Leadership, which will provide all APSU students with free food.

"Every year we do it and there are always a lot of students there," said Jennifer Gross, senior, ROTC Cadet. It is an event that enables campus

organizations to come together in a relaxed atmosphere.



O'Hara

Peay: You could call it the brainchild of

"The idea was Lt. Col. O'Hara's. It was based on cookouts he'd seen ... in the Army," said Lt. Col. Lane, professor of Military Science.

"He saw the fun they generated so he thought, 'Why don't we do that at Austin

Lt. Col. O'Hara."

Last year, the event showcased a number of student organizations and fed about 1,500 students and this year they hope to have an even greater turnout, said Gross.

"It's a campus-wide event for students, staff and faculty, and is funded and supported by Student Life and various other organizations," said Lane.

"The cooking and food serving is handled primarily by the ROTC department. Other clubs and student groups set up booths during the pig

roast."

According to Gross, the cadets usually plan the event well in advance and handle all of the food preparation. Last year some of the cadets even volunteered to help roast the pig overnight and then serve food to students the next night.

Every student organization is invited to attend and there usually a decent turnout.

For more information, contact Trish Halstead in the Office of Student Life and Leadership at (931) 221-7431.

Red Cross holds Blood Drive



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF
Heather Wegad, junior, health and human performance, donates blood during a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Armory on APSU's main campus.

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Food and entertainment - lunch

Student Organization Fair

Organization: Chi Delta Chi, ROTC, Student Life and Leadership

Dates/location/program: April 22, UC Plaza

Wednesday, April 22

Event: 1950's Sock Hop

Sock Hop to provide social interaction and relaxation

Music (DJ) and food

Organization: Lambda Epsilon Zeta Nu/Sigma Chi

Dates/location/program: April 28, UC Ballroom

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Upcoming Gobs and Lady Gov events:

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Saturday, Apr. 24-25:
vs. UTM

Tuesday, Apr. 27:
@ Evansville

Wednesday, Apr. 28:
@ Belmont

Saturday, May 1:
@ Eastern Illinois

Tuesday, May 4:
vs. Belmont

SOFTBALL

Wednesday Apr. 21:
vs. SEMO

Saturday Apr. 24-25:
vs. Eastern Ky

Saturday, May 1:
@ University of Tennessee- Martin

Wednesday, May 5:
@ Tennessee Tech

Saturday, May 8:
@ University of Tennessee- Martin

Thursday May 13-16:
OVC Tournament

TRACK & FIELD

Saturday, Apr. 24:
Murray Twilight Meet

Friday, May 7:
OVC Outdoor Championships in Birmingham, AL

Friday, May 14:
@ Georgia Tech. Invitational

SOFTBALL

Venable ties single-season record, Lady Gobs drop series



AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION — Brianna Venable made her record-tying day count.

The sophomore shortstop smacked a three-run homer in the bottom of the fourth inning to rally Austin Peay State University's softball team to a 9-5 second game Ohio Valley Conference victory.

Saturday afternoon, against Eastern Illinois University. The Lady Gobs lost the opener, 7-6, in 11 innings.

Venable's blast was her third of the day, giving her 10 on the season. That ties her with Andrea Miller (1995) for the APSU single-season home run mark. In fact, Venable's three-homer day (she hit two in the first game) also places her second all-time for career home runs (13) behind Miller's 22.

It was a six-RBI day for Venable, who knocked in two runs in the opener with a pair of solo shots. She also had an RBI double in the nightcap, making her 4-for-8 at the plate on the day. But it was her three-run blast that helped APSU come all the way back from a 3-0 first-inning deficit.

After the Lady Gobs fell behind in the first, they came right back with three of their own in the bottom of

the inning, using Venable's double, a Sarah Longmire single and an Ami Bush single to even things out.

The game remained that way until the fourth when Amy Hale smacked a two-out RBI single to give APSU its first lead. Venable then came up and delivered a long home run to left center.

That was all that freshman Sarah Longmire would need. The lefty relieved fellow freshman Ashley Porter in the first inning with APSU already down 3-0. She scattered five hits while permitting two runs over the final 6.2 innings in recording her second OVC win. The verdict snapped EIU's seven-game win streak.

The Lady Gobs banged out 15 hits in the nightcap, with Jennifer Simpkins, Longmire and Bush all tallying three.

Catcher Sandyn Short had two hits, including a solo home run, for EIU. In fact, Short had two home runs on the day, including a three-run shot in the fifth inning of the opener. That rallied the Panthers from a 5-3 deficit. Venable proceeded to tie in the sixth with her solo shot.

In fact, Venable and pitcher Natasha Anderson had a pair of first-game homers. Both of Anderson's

were two-run shots.

But after APSU tied the game in the sixth with Venable's second blast, the two teams remained scoreless until the top of the 11th. Katy Steele's single plated Cassandra North, who was placed on second as a result of the international tie-breaking procedure.

First baseman Jenny Cervetto had a three of EIU's nine first-game hits. She also had three RBI to match Short.

Heather Hoeschen permitted just one hit over the final six innings to earn the relief win. Andrea Darnell was touched for seven hits and six runs before being replaced.

Anderson went the distance for APSU, permitting nine hits and five earned runs. She fanned a career-high 15 but walked an uncharacteristic seven.

All three softball games were decided late with Sunday's game seeing Eastern Illinois break a tie in the top of the seventh to defeat Austin Peay State University, 8-7, in Ohio Valley Conference action.

As a result, EIU won the series 2-1. Rachel Karos stroked a two-out line drive single to center field to plate Chelsea Adams, who had opened the frame with a single. That made a

winner out of relief hurler Andrea Darnell, who shutout APSU over the final 2.2 innings.

Not only was it another late-decided game it also followed another pattern. It was a see-saw affair. APSU jumped out to an early 2-0 lead but EIU answered with four in the second, two on Karos's single.

In the third, the Lady Gobs answered with their own four-run frame, using a pair of errors to score the first one before freshman Sarah Longmire crushed her first career home run, a three-run shot.

EIU tied it in the fifth, using a two-run RBI double from Sandyn Short. But APSU answered in its half of the fifth. But EIU evened it all back up in the sixth. Jessica Irps led off with a walk and scored on Jenny Cervetto's double.

That set the stage for the EIU seventh inning as the visitors improved to 18-25 overall, 6-8 in the OVC. Austin Peay fell to 16-29, 6-10 in the league.

Freshman Natasha Anderson started on the mound for APSU, being touched for six earned runs in 5.1 innings. She was relieved by Ashley Porter in the sixth. She was tagged with the pitching loss.

Sophomore Brianna Venable tied the single-season home run record in the Lady Gobs series against Eastern Illinois this past weekend.

BASEBALL

Returning OVC champs are still leading league

Despite minor setbacks, Gobs keep control of conference under their belts

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

So far this baseball season the Austin Peay State University's Gobs have shown nothing less than their will to overcome obstacles and return as the OVC champs.

With their pitching a big question at the beginning of the year Coach Gary McClure could not be any more pleased with his pitching after they earned a 9-3 OVC start after playing Southeast Missouri.

"So far this season I have been really pleased with the team," said McClure.

"With our pitching injuries we were really concerned but the guys have really come through

defensively."

With Devin Thomas out due to injury the pitching staff has had their work cut out for them and they have come through.

With 215 strikeouts and only 98 walks the pitching staff has proved that they can come through.

Overall, the pitchers have combined for a 4.19 era with reliever Adam Muston leading the team with a 2.57 era and starter Rowdy Hardy in a close second with an era of 2.83.

Great pitching combined with their outstanding defense, give the Gobs a 22-12 record, but like any other game, defense is only half the game.

With a nickname like the Bat Gobs a fan can't help

but ask the question, what about the bats?

With first basemen Chris Hyde cranked out six homeruns so far this year and Jared Walker at third base led the team with a batting average of .375.

"I don't know what to say about those two guys," said McClure. "Jared has been especially good in the middle of the line up because of his 26 RBI contribution."

"All in all, this season is great due to all the areas of the game to include our new clubhouse."

"That has really made the team feel like they have a home."

Between classes and before games the guys like to hang out and it has really made a difference," said McClure.

TRACK & FIELD

James leads with first-place finish

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION -- For the third time this spring, junior Felicia James has captured her specialty, the 800-meter run.

James ran a 2:11.50 to outdistance a strong field to capture the Lady Gobs only first-place finish of the day. It was James second straight meet win and third of the spring in the 800.

However, James wasn't the only Lady Gobs to come up with a strong effort. Freshman Tia Hendricks, in only her third javelin competition, finished second with a heave of 110-08. The Lady Gobs also received a fifth-place finish from Sheronda Johnson in the long with a leap of 18-02.50.

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Honors and Awards Day

Faculty and students will be honored for academic excellence at
Austin Peay's Academic Honors and Awards Day.

3 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Music/Mass Communication Building
Concert Theatre

Live Music

The celebration will conclude with a reception in the foyer.