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APSU students not involved in shooting

Editors note: This case is still under investigation and no arrests have been made as of publication. Visit www.theallstate.com for updates.

By **TINEA PAYNE**
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Two men were injured in a shooting early Sunday morning, Feb. 3, at Swan Lake Golf Course. According to Frankie Gray, deputy chief of police, "warrants have been issued." Police arrived at 581 Dunbar Cave Road in response to an emergency call just after midnight, according to the 911 log. An Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi party was being held at the clubhouse Saturday, Feb. 2. An estimated 200 to

300 people were at the premises, according to Jeff Vaughn, manager of Swan Lake Golf Course. There was security at the door. "The people that were shooting were coming in [from] the back. [They] were not Austin Peay students," said Elyse Soto, a freshman psychology major. Soto was an eyewitness. "There were people in the party that didn't need to be there. The security at the door were frisking people in and somebody with a gun wouldn't have made it in," Soto said. Students were running from the scene of the incident after the alarm was tripped. Consolidated Alarms was the monitoring service responsible for notification of police when

the alarm was tripped. A representative from the company said the alarm had been tripped at approximately 1 a.m. Antonio McGowan, 22, and Desmond Garrett, 22, both of Clarksville, were shot, according to the police report. Both victims were taken to Gateway Medical Center. The shooting occurred outside the country club, according to Vaughn. Wendell Nealon, golf course superintendent, was first contacted but was not available at the time of the incident, according to Vaughn. He said Consolidated Alarms then contacted him. "I was called somewhere in the vicinity around 1 a.m.," Vaughn said. "There is damage," Vaughn said, but he could

not assess the quantity of damage. There were more people than the maximum capacity that the building could hold. Renters told Vaughn that 75 to 100 people would be attending the party. The maximum capacity of the building is approximately 100 people, according to Vaughn. APSU policy states that all parties hosted by campus organizations must be registered with the university and include a guest list of students and members attending. According to Greg Singleton, dean of students, the party was not registered with the university. "I know it was not a university sanctioned activity," Singleton said. ♦
Lois Jones, senior staff photographer/writer, and Dave Campbell, managing editor, contributed to this article.

Students celebrate history of a culture



Anyssa Roberts, left, and Dynese Poindexter, right, answered questions during the Black History Bowl, held in the Clement Auditorium on Feb. 1.

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February marks the month of celebration of the culture, heritage and achievements made by African-Americans. Students and faculty at APSU will gather during Black History Month to commemorate the contributions made by the black community. Students and faculty at APSU will celebrate a month filled with events and guest speakers as a tribute to black heritage. Many of the events will be hosted by the African-American Cultural Center (AACC). Tiffany Fuellen, 20, communications major, said she wants to show her support for the upcoming events. "I try to support the [events] since it is Black History Month," Fuellen said.

Upcoming week events

Starting Feb. 6, the AACC will be hosting Jeopardy every Wednesday and Friday in February from Noon to 1 p.m. in the AACC. The game will be based on the popular television show and themed with events in black history. Step Afrika will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 6, in Clement Auditorium. Founded in 1994, Step Afrika presents the African tradition of "stepping" as an effort to promote education of African culture through dance. Fuellen said she plans to attend Step Afrika because of her family history in stepping. "I mainly want to go to Step Afrika because I used to [step] in church." The Spike Lee Film Festival will be held on

Feb. 7, Feb. 18, Feb. 22, Feb. 27 and Feb. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the AACC, followed by the APSU Unity Celebration with guest speaker Nikki Giovanni at 6 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Advance tickets are required for the event. The Legacy of Greatness Banquet, sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Student Life and Leadership, will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8, in the UC Ballroom. The banquet honors Jennifer Meningall, former vice president of student affairs. All proceeds will benefit the Dr. Jennifer Meningall scholarship fund. Guest speaker Chike Akua, educator and author, will visit APSU on Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the AACC. Akua was selected Teacher of the Year by *Newport News* and *Ebony* magazine's "50 Leaders of Tomorrow" in 1995, according to Imani Enterprises (www.imanienterprises.org/about_author.htm). The AACC will host a film screening on Feb. 12 featuring Counting Headz: South Afrika's Sistaz in Hip Hop at 2 p.m. in UC Room 305 and Darfur Diaries at 6 p.m. in Clement Auditorium. A Day of Love Community Service Day will be held on Feb. 14, followed by the African Family Dinner on at 6 p.m. Feb. 15 in the AACC. Kevin Anderson, assistant station manager of WHOV 88.1, Felecia Miyakawa, assistant professor of musicology at Middle Tennessee State University and Yvonne Prather, professor of communications will present From Jazz to Hip Hop on Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the AACC. David Padget, associate professor of geography, will present Blood Diamond, Blood Oil, Blood



The Black History Bowl was hosted by the African American Cultural Center.

Cell Phones, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 20 in the AACC. AACC will present The History of Historical Black Colleges and Universities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Sweet Grass Baskets and Gullah Culture, presented by Michael Allen, Thomasine Stokes-Marshall and Nakia Wigfall on Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. History of Black Art will be presented from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 26, followed by Peay Soup at 7 p.m. Marvin Dulaney will speak at the Church of Christ Student Center luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 28. The month will finish with burying of time capsules and the Jeopardy play-off 6 p.m. on Feb. 29 at the AACC. For more information about this month's events, contact Carol Bennett, director of the African-American Cultural Center. ♦

Jennifer Meningall Scholarship

The APSU National Pan-Hellenic Council will host the inaugural Legacies of Greatness Scholarship banquet celebrating the new Dr. Jennifer Meningall Scholarship, Friday, Feb. 8.



Meningall

- The event will be held in the UC Ballroom at 6 p.m. Tickets must be shown at the door.
- Tickets are on sale online at www.apsu.edu/sll/ under the "Legacies of Greatness Banquet tickets" link. They are also available at the UC info desk.

- For more information, contact Lindsay Mazer, assistant director for student life and leadership, at 221-7431.

Purge drops students

By **NICOLE JUNE**
Staff Writer

Several APSU students were dropped from their classes this semester. "For Spring 2008, we purged 526 students. This is a few less than we usually purge for non-confirmation or non-payment," said Phyllis Whittaker, director of accounting services. The purge of students from classes and the resulting loss of their balance checks or direct deposit funds has been a problem for some, though staff and faculty said that they have only carried out a necessary procedure. Each semester, students who do not perform the required tasks before registration is over are dropped from their classes in what is called the scheduled purge. Sophomore India Giggers-Duthil was one such student. Giggers-Duthil said that this purge has happened to her during two different semesters. Originally, she was under the impression that she would be receiving a refund check from the university. Two weeks before the term was to begin, her balance had changed and she was told that she owed the school money instead. Her classes were dropped, and she spoke to the financial aid office as well as the office of the registrar about her problem. Students who were dropped from their classes during the purge were able to re-register during late registration. "I couldn't get the classes I needed and had to settle for what was left," Giggers-Duthil said after she paid her new balance and re-registered for her classes. "I had to take out another loan to pay my tuition after I thought I would be getting money back." According to Telaina Wrigley, registrar, students were purged for non-payment or non-confirmation of classes, or for not completing the prerequisites for a course they had selected. For those who had been purged for their lack of prerequisites, Wrigley said, "This was a manual process and we did encounter some system difficulties which had permitted students to register for courses they had not completed the prerequisites for."

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Composites stolen from two fraternities may amount to heavy reprimand

By **JARED COMBS**
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Jan. 27, six family composite portraits were stolen from the Kappa Sigma fraternity house and five from the Pi Kappa Alpha house. "The composites were returned to our chapter house around 11 p.m. that same day," said Richard Longstreth, president of APSU's Kappa Sigma chapter. "I'm not sure where the brothers were when they were stolen, only that they were not at the

"But as far as I know they were not [active Sigma Chi members]."

Greg Singleton, dean of students



house," Longstreth said. "The composites were taken sometime between 3 a.m. when the house was closed for the night and 10 a.m. when I discovered them missing"

In the official report, filed with the Clarksville Police Department, Wade Hadley of 240 Forbes Ave., Clarksville, Tenn., and Joshua Allen of Clarksville, Tenn., are named for returning the composites. According to the police report there was no forced entry into the Kappa Sigma or Pi Kappa Alpha house. The door to the Pi Kappa Alpha house was unlocked, the police report said. "Charges are pending," said Lantz Biles, chief of APSU campus police. Both Hadley and Allen

have previous affiliation with the Sigma Chi fraternity but no current connection can be established. According to Biles, Allen and Hadley are not APSU students. "As far as I know there was no active Sigma Chi involved in this," said Steve Wilson, APSU's Sigma Chi chapter advisor. Greg Singleton, dean of students, echoed this. "I do not have a current membership roster for

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