



Feedback

I recently read the alumni magazine and (found) absolutely nothing about the new Master of Science in Management. This program is a first for APSU and is proving to be very popular.

Many of us ... are APSU alumni and found it disappointing ... not to have the program mentioned. The inaugural class will graduate this summer. Please find space in the next issue for a mention of this program.

**Michelle O'Neill ('03)
Clarksville**

(Editor's Note: Congratulations to the first graduates of the M.S.M.!)

My wife and I enjoyed reading about all the accomplishments of APSU and alumni, especially ... classmates, Jim and Nancy Gibbons and Howard "Red" Smith.

**Jim ('52) and Dot ('54) Nolen
Louisville, Ky.**

I came here in February 2003 from St. Louis as a newly married soldier's wife.

Upon arriving, I was here one week and my husband was sent to Iraq. Clarksville made me feel very welcomed, and I want to thank you for your expressions of concern for myself and my husband.

While I was here in Clarksville, I got to enjoy the benefits of being a citizen of Clarksville for this period of time, and it has been great.

I also enrolled in Austin Peay State University while living in Clarksville, and I want to thank all of my teachers and professors for their care, concern and direction. This event has truly changed my life and shaped me.

I was delighted to see Kevin Kennedy Jr. elected as Student Government Association president. He is a friendly, smart Christian, and I know he will do a great job.

I want to encourage the citizens of Clarksville to continue to make this town a warm, friendly place to visit and to keep up the positive reception that it gives to all military wives and families.

My husband is being reassigned to Fort Bragg, and we are leaving this community. So to all of those who have made a significant contribution to my life from Clarksville and Austin Peay, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Michelle Reese
Clarksville**

(Letter to the Editor, 5/11/05. Reprinted with permission of The Leaf-Chronicle)

Thank you for all you sent me to use in my Austin Peay report. It was a big help. I made a 110 on it.

**Jordan Hinshaw
Elizabethton**



A young Austin Peay? A future student? Last year, Jordan Hinshaw, Elizabethton, received help on a class project from staff in APSU's Office of Public Relations and Marketing. His class assignment was to give a report on a former Tennessee governor, and he chose the late Gov. Austin Peay. To provide good information, APSU staff mailed him a copy of "The History of Austin Peay State University, 1927-2002." In return, his proud mother sent a photo of her son—dressed up as Gov. Austin Peay—following his report. The young man scored an impressive 110. Way to go, Jordan!

How goes the world? The elections (here in Iraq) ... went pretty smooth, but it took the effort of every soldier in this squadron. The work we accomplished cannot be fully understood with just words.

In our squadron's area of operations (1 million people, 112 polling sites, 13 District Election Sites and 550 soldiers), we executed 16- to 18-hour patrols for four days straight. On the day of elections on three hours of sleep, we started patrols to prevent insurgent disruption of the process.

The people amazed us with the turnout—over 70 percent! But 20 minutes into it, my patrol was hit with a small arms ambush. Approximately 30 minutes later, (there was) a rocket and mortar attack in the vicinity of one of the polling sites, followed by an attempted

interview by (ABC news anchor) Peter Jennings, (which was) interrupted by a sniper.

By 10 a.m. we were tired as hell, but had (we thought) another eight or nine hours left in our day before the polls closed and the ballots were picked up by contracted security. The day continued to be chaotic ... (but) the people ... sang, danced and held up their ink-stained fingers in contempt for the insurgents and as a symbol of pride.

The polls shut down and we started ... to get reports that most didn't have a plan to get the ballots to where they needed to go, so we coordinated for the Iraqi Security Forces to get their vehicles and move them to the District Election Sites. So we get to the polling site, and the guys don't know what to do, so we get them organized and coordinate (for them) to transport ballots and all is well.

It is about 11:30 p.m., so we move out and as soon as we get within one kilometer of the site, "swoosh-swoosh!" Dismount and maneuver with night vision goggles... after an hour, we cannot regain contact with the enemy. We finally complete the task and return to base at 1 a.m. with a patrol time of 6 a.m.

It was an honor to be involved in this historic event. Most people read and write about history, but the soldiers and marines on the ground those four days made history! Our efforts have changed the world and Iraq in a way that is hard to describe. That is what we are proud of the most.

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