

PTK shows movies

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Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is currently hosting two movie screenings at Volunteer State Community College.

Traffic was shown last Friday and this Friday Malcolm X will be shown. Both are in the Wood Campus Center in Room 308 and start at 12:30.

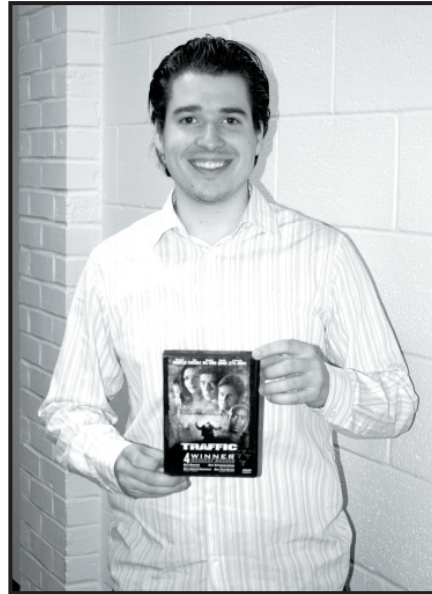
Monique Wright, director of student life, explained the films are part of the requirement to fulfill PTK's five-star program and is part of their honor topic for this year, "Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power."

Wright encouraged students to attend.

"It's a good way to see some thought-provoking movies and have an intellectual discussion," she said.

"The films are shown to get the students thinking about hard issues or events in our society. If we can get them thinking about the problems in society, we can get them to respond and act on the problem. But, everything begins with an idea or inspiration," added David Burns, SGA Attorney General.

Burns added that the event enables students "to examine a topic within



Chris Crankshaw / Staff Photo
Phi Theta Kappa President David Burns models the DVD case for Traffic.

society, such as drugs, or a time in our history, like that of Malcolm X, and discuss the topic at hand. From this we

all can brainstorm and learn different ideas to the topic at hand."

He also stated that other films on various different topics are being planned.

"I'm sure there will be more, but the titles have not been decided," Burns said.

Amazon.com's plot synopsis for Malcolm X states that the film is a biography of Malcolm Little, his father (a minister) was killed by the Ku Klux Klan.

He became a gangster, and while in jail discovered the Nation of Islam writings of Elijah Muhammad.

He preaches the teachings when let out of jail, but later on goes on a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, there he converts to the original Islamic religion and becomes a Sunni Muslim.

He changes his name to El-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz and stops his anti-white teachings, as he realizes the error of his mistakes.

He is later on assassinated and dies a Muslim martyr."

The plot synopsis of Traffic says that the film is "a modern day look at America's war on drugs, told through four separate stories that are connected in one way or another. A conservative politician who's just been appointed as the U.S. drug czar learns that his daughter is a drug addict.

A trophy wife struggles to save her husband's drug business, while two DEA agents protect a witness with inside knowledge of the spouse's business.

In Mexico, a corrupt, yet dedicated cop struggles with his conscience when he learns that his new boss may not be the anti-drug official he made himself out to be."

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Construction continues in Wood *Project scheduling designed to benefit cafeteria*

By **LAUREN DAY**
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Construction in the Randy and Lois Wood Campus Center is well underway as the main corridor on the second floor of the Campus Center is receiving long overdue renovations.

According to Cynthia Tschaepe, director of facilities, "Clearstory windows" similar to those in the T. Wesley Pickel Field House, along with freshly painted walls will adorn the entrance hall, and the project will be conducted by Campbell Construction Company.

The replacement was scheduled before the April tornado took place.

"The skylights in the Campus Center were in bad need of replacement long before the tornado hit Volunteer State Community College's campus. The skylights [had] a 20 year designed lifespan that had already passed 30 years of service," stated Sandy Forrest, director of plant operations.

According to Tschaepe, the replacement of the skylights is "very dangerous overhead work," leaving no choice but to block the cafeteria's main entryway.

Tschaepe arranged for the safety provisions to be built during Christmas break so that the cafeteria would not have to be closed while school is in session.

"The beams [for the project] are being manufactured right now and are expected to ship mid-February," said Tschaepe.

Around that time, Vol State students can expect to see a crane on campus to assist with the construction.

As mentioned by Forrest, the project is "anticipated" to be finished by graduation.

"The last few weeks of the project will tell the final story. Let's hope that this one continues on the fast track right on through the next couple of months," stated Forrest.

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