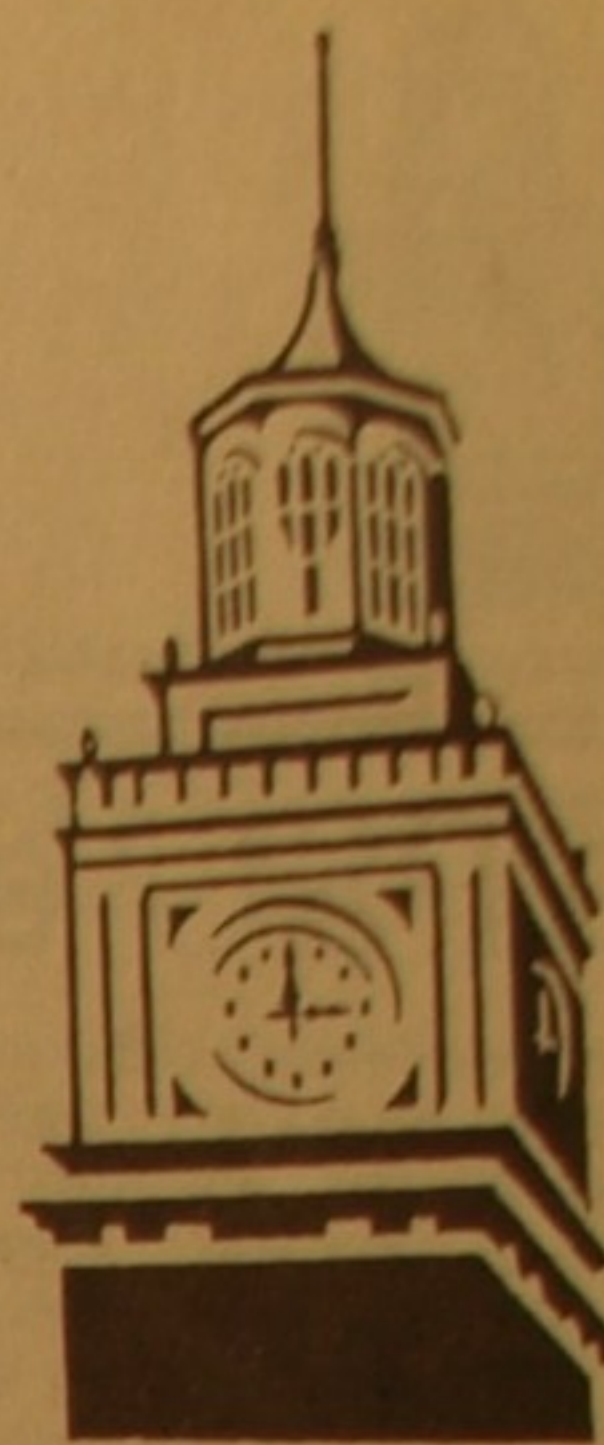


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State lawmakers lower blood alcohol limit

By Jeff Osgood
news editor

BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT TO BE LOWERED

Several bills are pending in the Tennessee General Assembly that would lower the state's standard for impaired driving to 0.08 percent.

Tennessee stands to lose millions of federal dollars for highway projects if the current .10 percent blood-alcohol content standard isn't lowered to 0.08 percent. Tennessee is among 32 states that still define intoxicated driving as 0.10 BAC - the most lenient definition of drunk driving in the industrialized world, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

State legislatures have

until 2004 to comply with the 0.08 standard or lose federal funding. This legislation will be considered in House and Senate committees over the next several weeks.

LOTTERY ONE STEP AWAY

In state news, the lottery is a big step closer to reality under a constitutional referendum that passed the Senate last week. The legislation to authorize a statewide referendum on the lottery question garnered the two-thirds majority of Senate votes needed to pass.

Sen. Rosalind Kurita (D-Clarksville) voted in favor of putting the question on a statewide ballot.

Passage in the Senate was crucial. The House, with a long history of floor votes supporting a lottery referen-

dum, is expected to pass the measure this week. Gov. Don Sundquist has promised to sign the legislation. Ultimately, Tennessee voters will get to decide on the lottery question at the ballot box in November 2002. This referendum will simply ask voters if they want to remove the constitutional ban against lotteries.

If approved by voters, the state could have a lottery in operation by late 2003. By law, the lottery proceeds would be earmarked for college scholarships and other educational programs.

Voters can be certain that the Tennessee lottery proposal specifically earmarks money for education. The proposal also includes safeguards to prohibit casino gambling.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

While the issue of affirmative action has been a hot topic on Austin Peay's campus, it also has made headlines in the national news. Political leaders across the country are now in the middle of a debate over how to best solve the problem affirmative action was created to end. Affirmative action is touted as one of the best ways to create equal opportunity for all Americans.

In the 105th Congress, legislation was introduced to cut back affirmative action programs. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Rep. Charles Canady (R-Fla.) introduced the legislation which prohibited the consideration of gender, race or ethnicity in federal employment, contracts and other

programs.

States such as California have approved anti-affirmative action propositions by close margins. This initiative bans the considerations of race, ethnicity or gender in public contracting, employment and education. In 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the challenge on Proposition 209, and in doing so allowed the lower court ruling banning affirmative action to stand.

In July 1995, the Board of Regents of the University of California voted to prohibit the use of affirmative action in hiring, contracting and student admissions. The resolution affecting the admissions processes went into effect during the 1997-1998 academic year for students. Admissions decisions must

be made without any mention to the race or gender for any program at the university.

Under the new admission process, more than 50 experts read nearly 30,000 files in search of students who demonstrated the qualities they were looking for. In the fall of 1997, the University of California saw sharp declines in the number of students of color who applied, were accepted, and ultimately enrolled in its programs.

Experts say these laws will affect higher education admissions across the nation. These types of reforms affect all students regardless of race or gender and will change the demographics of campuses across the nation.

Science building nears completion

By Jeff Osgood
news editor

"Progress as promised" is what the signs say across the construction zones students walk through everyday. Students have come to live with construction that has plagued the campus for the past several years. How is the construction coming and when will it be complete are questions that

looms in student minds as they trample through mud, dodge fences and find new ways to class everyday.

The new science building, yet to be named, will be approximately 228,000 square feet. The building will house biology, chemistry, physics and the University's Center of Excellence for field biology.

It also will contain a 200-seat audio/visual lecture room, 36 labs, 20 research areas, two computer labs, a research greenhouse, an astronomy planetarium and four 50-seat lecture halls. Currently, the project is 99 percent complete.

"We are still hopeful to hold summer classes in the new facility this June," said Mitch Robinson, interim vice-president of finance and administration.

Only some of the classrooms will be available in the summer, Robinson said. "We hope to have substantial completion of the building by the first of March."

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are being addressed through an interior design firm.

Thursday, university officials will meet with the interior design firm to discuss options, needs and costs.

Full occupancy and use of the science building is planned for fall semester 2001.

The other big construction project on campus is the long-awaited and needed university center.

Without this facility, students have been forced to eat in tents and look for new gathering spaces on an already-small campus.

This new university center will be approximately 116,000 gross square feet and will house the cafeteria, food court, coffeehouse, theater, ballroom, five large meeting rooms, one tiered room and one fixed-seating meeting room. There also will be an executive dining room and a faculty/staff lounge. The post office will be moved to the



photo by Tammy Sparks

The new Science Building sports a fresh new landscape on its College Street front. The building is slated to open in the fall semester of 2001.



photo by Tammy Sparks

A worker does his part to finish the new UC, which is 50 percent complete.

new university center, which will also house office space for student services, career services and numerous lounge spaces.

The building is approximately 50 percent complete. The architect is considering some structural changes that have been requested by the university.

An interior design consultant is working with the university to identify and acquire the furniture, fixtures and equipment.

The fence next to the Memorial Health building that has hindered students is in the processes of being moved.

This will allow students to once again walk along the side of the building.

"The schedule for completion of the facility is still under review; it is hoped that we will have use of it by the spring of 2002," Robinson said.

The contractor appears to be getting back onto the original schedule.

Although the contractors may be getting back on track, some students will never see the end of all this construction, others will reap the benefits of the current students' heartaches.

Hepatitis B cases increase, prompt concern

By Ashley Kettle
staff writer

The spread of hepatitis B through heterosexual sex activity is on the rise.

Most people do not think of hepatitis B as a sexually transmitted disease, but the fact is, 55 percent of all hepatitis B infections are transmitted sexually.

Of that 55 percent, the Centers for Disease Control shows 41 percent to be caused by heterosexual activity and the remaining 14 percent to be caused by homosexual activity.

Hepatitis is a disease that infects and damages the liver. Hepatitis B is the most

serious form of hepatitis.

The CDC suggests there are about 300,000 new cases of hepatitis B reported each year in the United States. Seventy-five percent of those reported cases occur in people between the ages of 18 and 39.

People who are newly infected with hepatitis B usually recover from the infection.

However, between 6 percent and 10 percent who are first infected as adults will never fully recover from the infection. Some may even die from the disease.

The symptoms of hepatitis B are extreme fatigue, abdominal pain, fever, loss

of appetite and jaundice (yellowing of the eyes or skin), according to the CDC.

According to the CDC, only half of those who become infected will experience the symptoms, the other half may only experience mild flu-like symptoms or no symptoms at all.

Hepatitis B is not only spread through sexual contact, but it is also spread by direct contact with infected blood or body fluids.

Simply drinking after someone who is infected can easily transmit the disease.

Those who are at risk of contracting hepatitis B include intravenous drug users, health care workers,

and heterosexuals who have multiple partners and sexually active gay men. Those are only a few of the high-risk individuals.

Many people do not realize they are carriers of the infectious disease.

Austin Peay State University's Student Health Services can immunize against hepatitis B.

"There is a series of three shots required for the hepatitis B vaccine, and the vaccine is known to be effective for only 10 years," says SHS family nurse practitioner, Leigh Walling.

If you feel you need to undergo the vaccination call SHS at 221-7107.

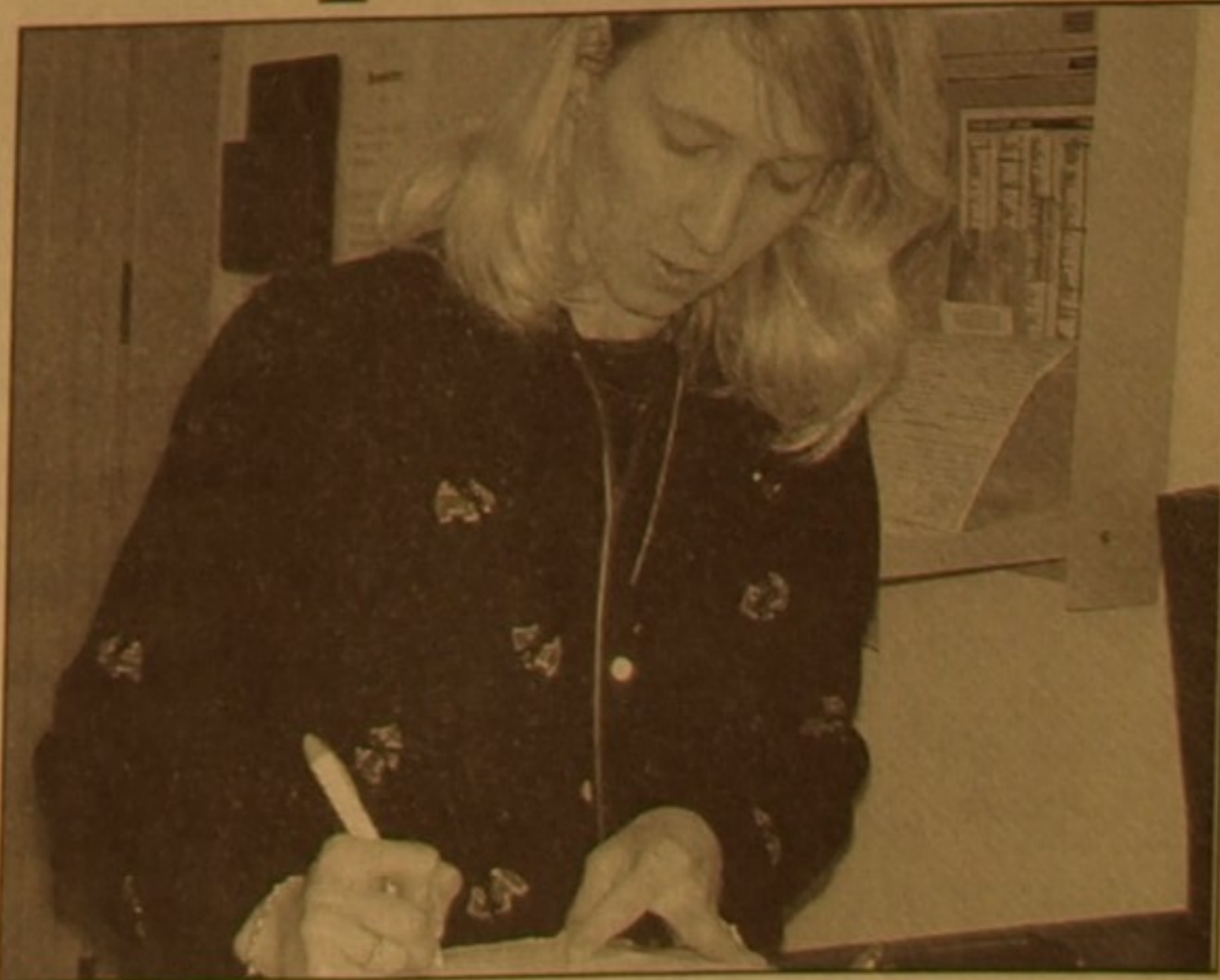


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Leigh Walling with Student Health Services



APSU equal opportunity center names Johnson director

John Johnson is the new director of the Educational Opportunity Center at Austin Peay State University.

Johnson has worked six years in the office as educational counselor.

He has a bachelor's degree in administration and supervision, a master's degree in curriculum and

instruction, both from APSU, and is working on his education specialist degree in administration and supervision at APSU.

The EOC, a federally funded program, helps prepare adults for enrollment in any post-secondary education institution after they have received their high school diploma or GED.

"We work with adults in Clarksville, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville and Dover," Johnson said.

"We tell them about the admission process at different universities, colleges, vocational and technical schools, proprietary schools, wherever a person is going to get a higher education."

In addition to providing

information, the EOC assists the student in finding financial aid and completing necessary paperwork to get into a post-secondary institution.

By providing career information, the EOC helps students set goals and take inventory of their interests to help determine possible careers.

"Our overall goal is to

provide the necessary educational opportunities to adult learners so they can be aware of career opportunities that will lead to a better standard of living," Johnson said.

Before joining APSU in 1994, Johnson was transfer coordinator for Student Support Services at Hopkinsville Community

College for three years. Previously, he worked for Kroger as a customer service manager.

A Clarksville native, he is a graduate of Northwest High School and received APSU's Alumni Admissions Award in the early '90s while working at Hopkinsville Community College.

Sister Souljah returns to Austin Peay

Headlining Austin Peay State University's month-long celebration of African American History Month is a return performance by rapper and best-selling author, Sister Souljah, who first lectured at APSU in the early 1990s.

With the theme "Creating and Defining the African American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture," APSU highlights achievements of African Americans during February through art exhibits, forums,

films, lectures and talent shows, all of which are free and open to the public.

"This celebration is especially important because it's the first celebration of a new millennium," said Dr. Jacqueline Wade, director of the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center.

"We have an opportunity to get it right in a positive, beautiful way. This is a new day and a joyous time to celebrate."

African-American History events scheduled throughout

February are:

Feb. 15: "Gospel Extravaganza" begins at 6 p.m. in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building and is sponsored by the African American Students Association.

In addition to APSU students, the event also will feature local church choirs.

Feb. 21: "African American Male/Female Relationships: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives" will be led by Dr. Lucius T. Outlaw Jr., chair of Vanderbilt University's

African American Studies Program, beginning at 7 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center.

Feb. 22: Sister Souljah, best-selling author and rapper, will speak in Clement Auditorium at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the African American Students Association.

Feb. 23: The African American Students Association sponsors "Dance of Color" in Clement Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Feb. 26: "The Dimensions

New Music Series Tribute to African American Composers—2001" will feature music by William Grant Still, George Walker, Margaret Bonds and others.

The 7:30 p.m. concert is free, and, afterwards, there is a community reception to meet the performers.

Sponsored by the department of music, the concert will be held in the music/mass communication concert theatre.

Feb. 27: "Pea Soup...The Challenge" is a 7 p.m. talent

competition for APSU students in Clement Auditorium. It's sponsored by the African American Students Association.

Feb. 28: "Quiz Bowl" is an all-day event for high school and college students and is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Teams will demonstrate their knowledge of African American history in this event in the African American Cultural Center.

For more information on these events, telephone (931) 221-7120.

Liberal arts education meets community demands

The general public, particularly leaders in industry and business, have had difficulty buying into Austin Peay State University's mission as the state's designated public liberal arts university, often asking "what does that mean to me."

According to a survey conducted recently by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University, a liberal

arts graduate is precisely what business and industry leaders are seeking now.

The survey included 380 employers, most in manufacturing and professional services.

An article in the Dec. 19, 2000 edition of "The Toronto Globe and Mail," titled "Job Prospects Improve for Liberal Arts Grads," summarizes the findings.

According to the Colleg-

iate Employment Research Institute, the job market for students receiving any type of undergraduate or advanced degree in 2001 will expand 6 to 10 percent, while companies with at least 3,500 employees will expand hiring by 66 percent.

Why? The oldest baby boomers are starting to retire, leaving a massive void.

Dr. Sherry Hoppe, newly

named president for APSU, said, "Twenty years ago, many employers were bypassing liberal arts graduates in favor of those with specific technical skills. Today, those same employers recognize a well-rounded liberal arts education provides the best basis for an employee who can adapt to the ever-changing world of work."

In the newspaper article,

Terri La Marco, associate director for employer relations at the University of Michigan, echoes Hoppe, saying that more employers are turning to liberal arts majors to fill jobs that once were considered technical, such as computer programming.

"The liberal arts provide a frame of reference that enables students to put learning in an interdiscipli-

nary context encouraging questioning and, thus, critical thinking," Hoppe said.

"A strong background in the humanities, the arts and the sciences prepares students with knowledge needed to live and work in the global environment of the 21st century."

"Austin Peay's mission distinctiveness has never been more important or more timely than it is today."

Center reaches out

By Ashley Kettle
staff writer

College students are likely to experience some form of mental health problems during their college career.

While college life can be very exciting, it can also be extremely stressful.

Sleepless nights accompanied by unhealthy diet and lack of exercise along with academic stresses and social pressures will quickly wreak havoc on one's body and mind.

There are many different types of mental illnesses. The most common concerns reported to the Austin Peay State University Counseling and Testing Center are developmental and or family issues, personal issues, relationship issues and ten-

sion and or stress.

While students can usually deal with the stresses and anxiety associated with college-life, there are times when some may need additional help.

If you are having feelings of lethargy, trouble eating and sleeping, not enjoying things that you normally enjoy you might want to talk with someone, says Interim Director of Counseling and Testing, Barbara Blackston.

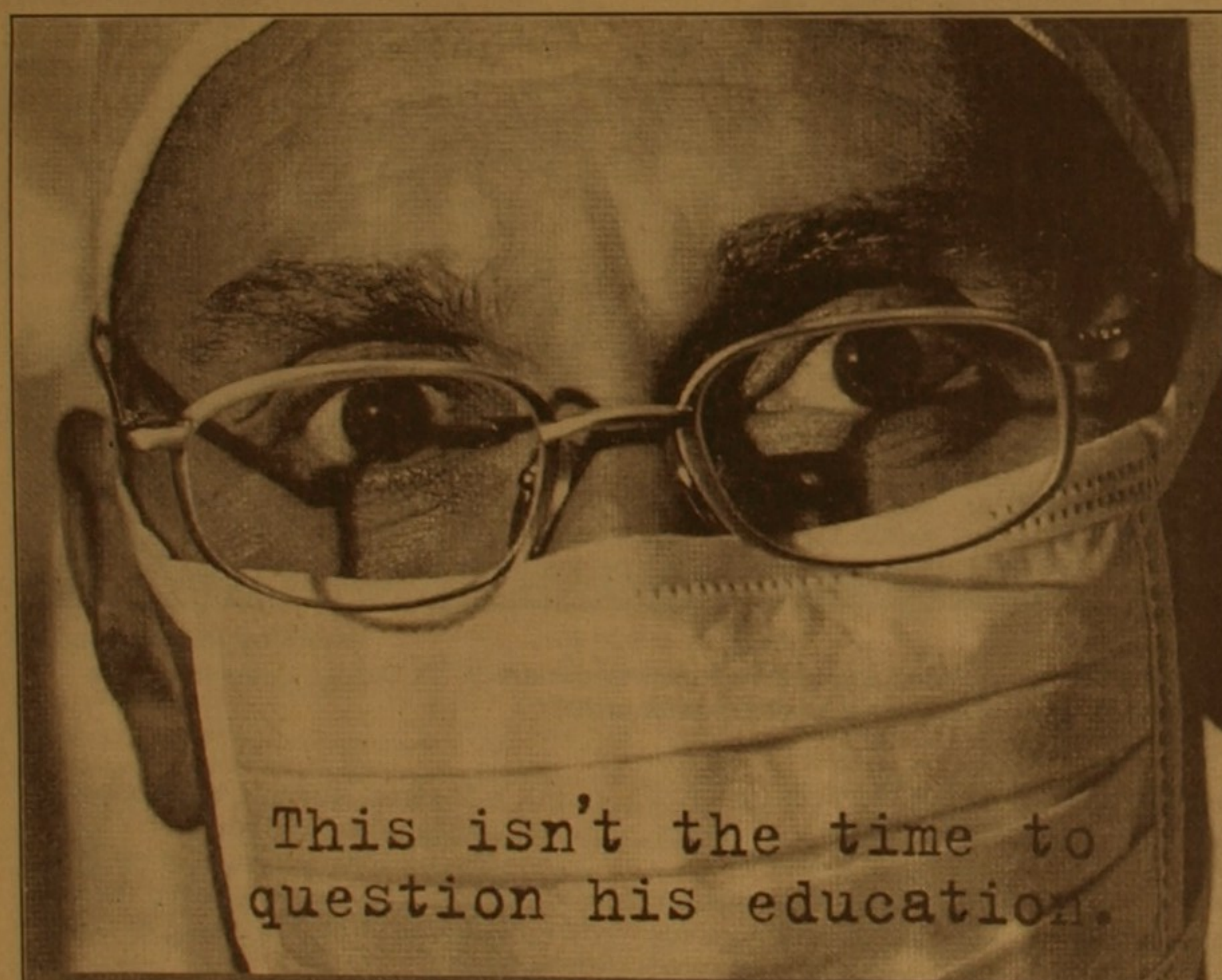
"If a student thinks they might be depressed we would meet with them and sometimes we will work with Student Health Services to assist. We would meet with the student on a regular basis for personal counseling and they (SHS) would work with the medical end," says Blackston.

The Counseling Center is only a first step approach for students who are having problems. The job of the counselor is to determine whether or not the student needs to seek outside help.

The Center is staffed with only licensed counselors and is unable to deal with some of the problems students may encounter.

According to Tennessee law, a licensed counselor's job is to assist an individual through the counseling relationship in a manner intended to facilitate normal human growth and development.

If you would like to speak with a licensed counselor at no charge you can call 221-6162 to set an appointment or stop by the office located in Ellington 202.



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APSU baseball swings into action

By Kyle Tucker
sports writer

Being called the best is one thing. Actually being the best is often something very different.

This weekend, when Austin Peay's baseball team opens its season, the Govs will get their first chance to prove themselves.

Picked first in the Ohio Valley Conference preseason poll, the Govs will face Xavier at noon Saturday in a

double header and wrap up the series with a 1 p.m. game Sunday.

Xavier is picked second in the Atlantic 10 conference.

Returning a lot of young talent and boasting a strong pitching staff, Austin Peay looks to be well equipped for a title run.

"We're ready to play," coach Gary McClure said. "We've been able to practice outside most of the time and we've intrasquaded 10 or 11

times. So we're as prepared as we can be."

Concerning the top ranking, McClure doesn't put much stock in it.

"That stuff's for the media," McClure said. "I certainly feel like we've got a good chance to be one of the quality teams in the league. But should we be the favorite going in? I don't know."

"That's kind of a bull's-eye on you. When you're

picked first, everybody's gunning for you. And that's OK. That stuff is good for the media and recruiting and for people to hear about your program, but you've got to prove it on the field."

Mike Weel, last year's OVC Pitcher of the Year, will bolster a solid pitching staff. The lefty went 10-2 last season with 79 strikeouts and a 2.99 ERA.

McClure said he will be the No. 1 starter and will

open the season Saturday. Other strong starting contenders are right-handers Jason Lazaris, Tony Matthews and Dustin Smith. All are possible starters for the other two games this weekend with Xavier.

Smith will return to action this season after a medical redshirt season. Fully recovered from Tommy John surgery, Smith is throwing harder than before his injury

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Hassell, Govs heat up

APSU can take first place in OVC with win at Tech

By Kyle Tucker
sports writer

Coming off a stellar week, the Austin Peay men's basketball team has a tough test coming up that could decide its conference fate.

Led by senior swingman Trenton Hassell, the Govs bounced back from a heartbreaking last-second loss at Eastern Illinois Feb. 3 by winning three straight last week. The streak moves Austin Peay (18-7, 9-4 OVC) into second place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Now the Govs must look ahead to Thursday night's critical matchup with OVC leader Tennessee Tech. Austin Peay trails the Golden Eagles by only one game in the conference standings and are tied for second with Eastern Illinois.

The Govs got some help from EIU Monday night when the Panthers defeated Tech, 80-71.

That gives Tech its third loss, meaning that if Austin Peay wins its matchup Thursday night, the Govs will take a half-game lead over both the Golden Eagles and EIU.

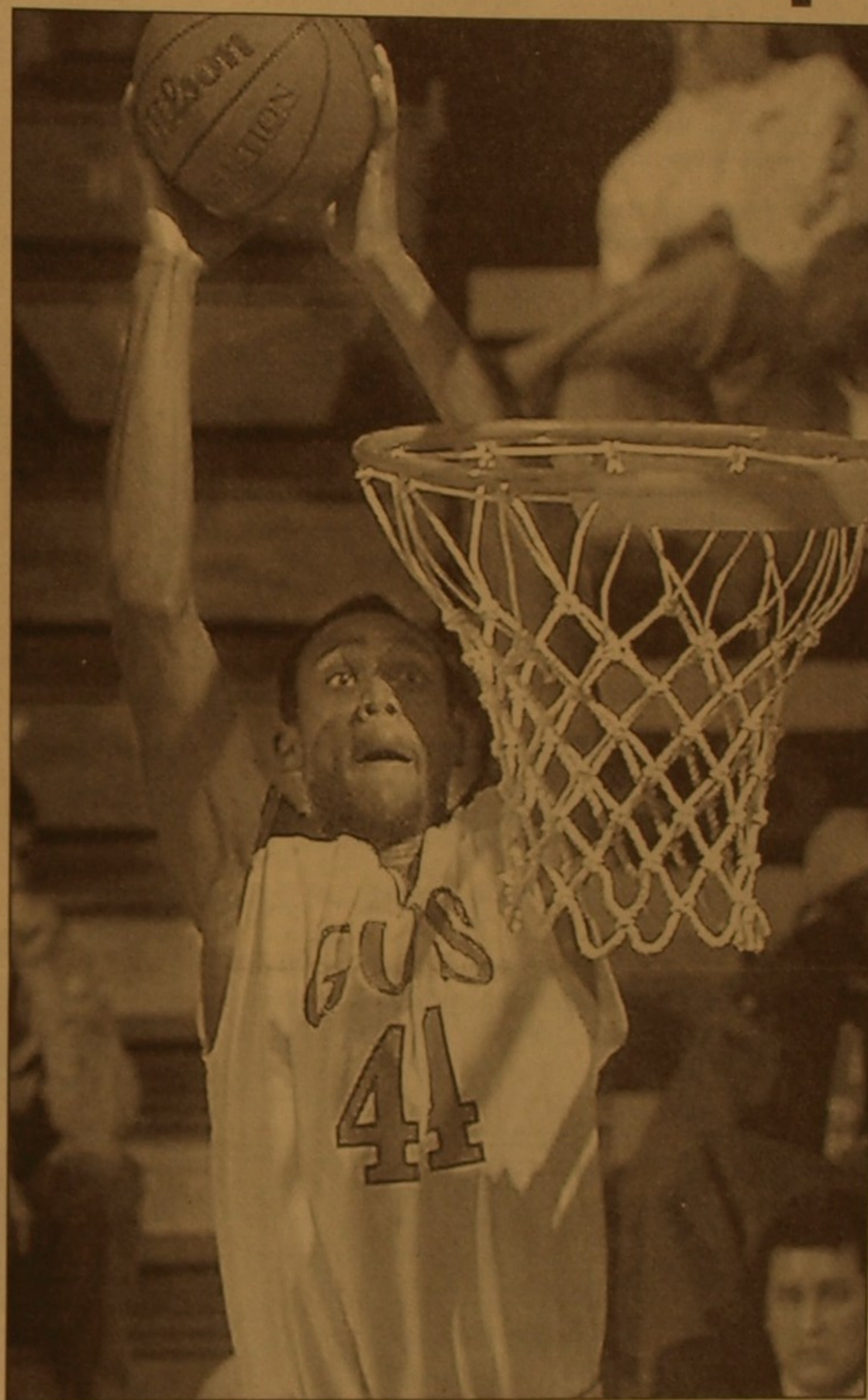
"It's still just as important for us that we take care of business against Tech Thursday night," Govs assistant coach Tony Collins said. "We still have a chance at first. If we win, we're still in there for a conference title, so it's huge."

"(Tech) will be a tough place to play. Tech has not lost at home this year. They beat us there last year. We'll have to be on our 'A' game if we expect to go up there and win. That means doing the little things like making our free throws, not turning the ball over, and playing to our strength, which is inside for us."

The Govs have had several strengths of late, namely Hassell.

Hassell was named OVC Player of the Week, averaging 25.3 points, 7.3 rebounds and 5.3 assists. He also shot an astounding 65 percent from the floor and 61 percent

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Robert Smith/The Leaf-Chronicle

Austin Peay's Trenton Hassell eyes the rim just before dunking with authority against Eastern Kentucky. Hassell finished with a game-high 26 points on 11-of-14 shooting, and was named OVC Player of the Week.

Rifle team ninth at Sectional

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

With his team's season ending on a bit of hard luck and the nagging question of what might have been still lingering, Bud Stack couldn't have sounded any happier.

"These girls I've got on my team are the best girls in the country," Stack said. "They're just super. I'm very proud of them."

"I got a good team, man — those girls are tough."

This said after the Govs — the only all-female air rifle team in NCAA history, Stack said — finished ninth at the NCAA Sectional last Friday at Murray State, missing NCAA finals qualification by a mere 38 points.

Unfortunately, Stephanie Schmidt, one the Govs' top performers, was unable to compete last week due to bronchitis. The season may have had a different outcome if she was able to shoot, but Stack said her replacement, Jennifer Sullivan, filled in admirably.

The Govs finished with an 8-3 overall record, and Stack says they should be ranked in the top 12 in the nation when final rankings are tabulated.

Stack, who's coached the Govs for eight seasons, was more than pleased with how this year's team performed, but what he is really excited about are the prospects of next year's squad.

Though he will lose senior

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EKU ends Lady Govs' win streak at five

By Kyle Tucker
staff writer

Brooke Armistead scored a career-high 36 points twice last week. The second time, it wasn't enough to give her team a win.

The Lady Govs met Eastern Kentucky Feb. 10 with a chance to grab a share of the second place in the Ohio Valley Conference with the Lady Colonels (18-5, 10-2 OVC). Austin Peay was riding a five-game winning streak and looking for their third straight at home.

Instead, both streaks were ended and the Lady Govs (13-11, 9-4 OVC) fell two games back of Eastern Kentucky with an 89-84 loss.

They also dropped further behind first-place Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay's next opponent. The Lady Golden Eagles boast a spotless conference record.

"It was definitely disappointing for the streak to be broken, not just because we wanted to keep it going but because it was a conference loss," Lady Govs assistant coach Amanda Butler said.

The Lady Govs and Tech (18-4, 11-0 OVC) will square

off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday night in Cookeville.

"If we don't continue to take care of business there's a possibility of slipping in the OVC rankings," Butler said. "There's obviously a confidence we'd get by being able to beat Tech on their home floor. We know we've got to play well to make that happen. They are a confident team and that confidence is doubled when they're on their home floor. This league's crazy. Anybody can beat anybody."

Armistead's efforts didn't go unnoticed. Averaging 31.3 points, 5.3 rebounds and shooting 88 percent from the free-throw line, Armistead was named OVC Player of the Week, joining her counterpart on the men's side, Trenton Hassell.

Pressure cooker

Eastern Kentucky utilized a strong full-court press to jump out to a big early lead. Forcing the Lady Govs into a season-high 26 turnovers for the game, EKU led by as much as 16 points in the first half.

The Lady Colonels held

on as Austin Peay made a run late in the second half. Armistead scored eight points in an 11-2 Lady Govs run that cut the lead to eight. Later, Kelly Chavez nailed a three-pointer with 1:33 to play, trimming the deficit to 82-78.

But that was as close as Austin Peay would get. The Lady Colonels hit 4-of-6 free throws down the stretch to seal the deal.

"Kentucky beat us earlier in the year on the road and we felt like we didn't play well," Butler said. "This time at home we thought it was a chance to redeem ourselves and we didn't do that."

Armistead's second 36-point outing in as many games came in a losing effort. Candice Finley led EKU with 21 points in the win.

Lighting it up

Just two nights earlier, on Feb. 8, Armistead torched Morehead State for 36 and made a crucial defensive stop to preserve an 83-80 win for the Lady Govs.

The Lady Eagles (6-17, 2-10 OVC) had possession, down

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Austin Peay's Brooke Armistead drives in for a layup against Eastern Kentucky. Armistead finished with 36 points.

SPORTS

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APSU softball team picked last, aiming higher

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

Nobody ever won or lost a championship in the preseason.

That's the attitude held by coach Tara Csernecky regarding the 2001 edition of Austin Peay's softball team, which was recently picked to finish last in the league by the Ohio Valley Conference's head coaches.

"If you go by past records, on paper it may seem rational to some people to put us there," Csernecky said. "And if people want to put us there, that's fine — that just means

we're going to surprise a lot of people.

"I like being the underdog."

The Lady Govs open play this weekend at the Georgia State University tournament in Atlanta, where they will face Mercer, Georgia State and Appalachian State on Saturday.

While preseason polls are made of nothing more than paper and stat-guided prognostications, Csernecky believes that the ingredients of her team's potential success lie in areas that won't show up in a boxscore or stat sheet.

"Knowing the people we have returning, I feel good," said Csernecky, whose young team finished 13-40 last year. "Last year's team was made up of a lot of freshmen and sophomores, and now those players a year older, a year stronger. We're a different team."

"From last year to this year, it's like talking apples and oranges."

And the knowledge of being picked last in the league can't help but light a bit of a fire under her players, either.

"I definitely think they will use (being picked last) as a

motivator to push themselves a little more," said Csernecky, who begins her third year as head coach. "They realize that no one's played a game yet, and they want to go out there and prove everybody wrong."

It will be an uphill battle out of the gates, though.

Team depth was already razor-thin (the Lady Govs carry only 14 players) before the recent injuries to starting catcher Christina Garza and outfielder Jennifer Adcock put the team at an even greater disadvantage.

Garza's broken finger and Adcock's broken hand bone

will sideline each for at least a month.

And with the loss of outfielder Louranda Sanders, one of Austin Peay's all-time best players, to graduation, Csernecky isn't sure yet if she has a particular player to count on day-in and day-out to perform at high levels.

"I'm pushing for everyone to try to be a leader right now," Csernecky said. "I expect a lot out of a lot of people. And one thing I hope to be a strength of ours is that when someone's having a down game, someone else is going to step up in her place."

Regardless of how the team's won-lost record shapes up, Csernecky believes that fans who come to watch the Lady Govs will be assured of watching the same kind of team every time they take the field.

"People who come to watch us can expect an aggressive, fast-paced game," Csernecky said. "We've got girls who have power, girls who have speed, and who can do a lot of different things."

"They're going to see who will put up a good game and get after it every game. And to me, that is exciting."

Tennis women surge, men drop first match

By Kyle Tucker
sports writer

Both the men's and women's tennis teams are off to a good start this season. But the Lady Govs are on a roll, while the men had their four-game winning streak stopped last Sunday at home.

Austin Peay's tennis teams had two matches at home this week. The men and women's team swept Freed Hardeman last Saturday. The next day, the men fell to Eastern Illinois, 6-1, while the women cruised over the Lady Panthers by the same score.

With a pair of wins, the Lady Govs improved to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"The girls are actually playing quite well right now," interim tennis coach Angie McLean said. "We're solid all

the way through the lineup. They're all talented, good athletes."

McLean said the Lady Govs' strength in the bottom of their lineup gives them an advantage.

She also has high hopes that the women can compete for a conference title.

"I expect them to be in the top three, and I actually think they have a shot at winning the whole thing," McLean said.

As for the men, the Govs had been cruising to start the year until the Panthers came along. Only Steven White managed a win for Austin Peay in singles.

The disappointing loss dropped the men to 4-1 overall and 0-1 in the OVC.

"They went in pumped up

on Friday, but they just came out a little flat Sunday," McLean said. "They were disappointed to lose the streak. This could open their eyes up for the next matches and get that intensity level up where it needs to be."

Despite the loss, the Govs are off to a great start and, like the women, are strong throughout their lineup.

Depth, talent and a strong work ethic are qualities McLean thinks can get the men a conference championship, too.

"I think they have a great chance at winning it all as well," McLean said. "They just have to believe in themselves. They have the talent, they have the ability. It's just a matter of going out and doing it now."

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and will be a key component in the Govs' success.

"My arm is not bothering me at all," Smith said. "If I throw like I'm capable, I should be able to start."

McClure is also confident in his defense.

"Compared to our last two clubs, we're much better defensively," he said.

A tentative look around the field for the Govs has senior Brendan Loughrey behind the plate. Sophomore A.J. Ellis and junior college transfer Scott Kluesner will man first and third base, respectively.

Sophomore's Rusty Moore and Joseph Peer will round out the infield at second base and shortstop, respectively.

Ellis and Peer were both Freshman All-Americans last year and Kluesner was a Junior College All-American.

Frank Kunich returns in right field, an All-OVC second team selection a year ago. While a pair of newcomers, Reggie Crume and Michael Johnson are vying for centerfield duties.

Last year's team MVP and All-OVC selection, Ben Fuller rounds out the Govs' defense.

McClure said D.W. Blakeman and Derrick Dunbar will see considerable action in the DH slot. And a pair of submariners, righties Kunich and Klint Rommel will handle most of the closing duties out of the bullpen.

As far as offense goes, the Govs appear to have that covered, too.

"We feel like we've got the potential to be a good-hitting club," McClure said.

Peer, who hit over .300 last year as a freshman, will lead off. Kluesner should be a

potent weapon for the Govs batting third. His junior college numbers were astounding, including 38 home runs in just two seasons.

He'll be followed by Ellis in the cleanup slot. Ellis hit .368 last year and was voted first team All-OVC as a freshman.

Kunich brings consistency to the lineup, hitting .400 a year ago. And Fuller, who had 10 home runs, 52 RBIs and a .326 average last season, will add power to the order.

"We feel like we've got some pop throughout the lineup," McClure said.

They'll need it this weekend when the Govs face tough Xavier team. It will be the first of many challenges for top-ranked Austin Peay.

"I think we're really good," Smith said. "It would be nice if we could just start in first."

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Carol Guerra, one of his shooters, there is simply much depth and experience coming back for the team to improve.

"Next year will make my life so very, very happy," Guerra said. "Next year will be a kickin' time. Nobody will kick our tail next year — we'll take them all on."

"With all the experience we've got ... oh yeah — nobody will touch us."

At the core of Stack's returnees are junior Kaleb Priebel and sophomore Kaleb Peters, who set an all-time team scoring record this year. With so much left in the cupboard, Stack has good reason to feel confident.

And from being in the business as long as he has, Stack can't help but be a straight shooter about what he thinks.

"They want that (national championship) trophy, and I think they might get it next year," Stack said. "They may not do it, but we'll be there (at the NCAA final) next year."

"We'll be there."

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SPORTS

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Indoor track team eyes title

By T.J. Lusk
Sports editor

With its season nearly over, Austin Peay's women's indoor track team is making the final adjustments in its bid to capture its first-ever Ohio Valley Conference championship.

The Lady Govs are wrapping up their finest regular season ever under 11th-year coach Elvis Forde this weekend at Southern Illinois, and for the first time, have a legitimate chance to make a legitimate bid for the OVC crown.

"This is the first time we've found ourselves in this position," Forde said. "If we can stay healthy over these next two weeks, we have a great opportunity to be the champions."

"This is our fourth solid season in a row, but this is by far the best team we've had," Austin Peay, along with Southeast Missouri, Eastern

Kentucky and Tennessee State, is considered to be one of the favorites going into the OVC Championships Feb. 23 and 24 at Eastern Illinois.

What's most impressive about the Lady Govs' breakthrough season is that the squad is grossly undermanned compared to most teams. They compete with the bare minimum of 14 athletes — at least seven fewer than most opponents.

"I don't think many people understand just how much we are accomplishing in terms of the resources that we have," Forde said. "I think the athletes have just done a tremendous job."

Forde knew just how special this team was when it took first place in its meet at Southern Illinois on January 27, the first time the Lady Govs had ever won a meet of that size.

"The win at Southern Illinois was a very, very big win for our program," Forde said. "We were competing against schools that have twice as many kids in their programs as we do."

While Austin Peay traditionally finishes around fifth in the conference, Forde expects to finish no lower than third this year. And this weekend's meet could go a long way towards determining how well the Lady Govs will do at the OVC Championships.

"This meet at Southern Illinois is big because it's the last chance to fine-tune our skills, and it's also a chance to experiment with a few kids and see if they can perform in some events they don't usually compete in, to see if they can get us one or two additional points."

"Every extra point we can get will be vital to our success."

Lady Govs

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one with seven seconds left when Armistead picked off Amy Spears pass and was fouled. She drained a pair of free throws to ice the win.

"It was sort of ironic how it ended with Brooke getting a steal," Butler said. "Because defense was not our strength early in the year. That just shows that the team has committed to the ideal that defense wins games."

Austin Peay let Morehead back in it after racing out to an 18-point lead in the first half. Armistead's 19 in the first paced the Lady Govs, but Morehead's press got them back in the game in the second half.

Armistead answered, though, with the defensive stop. She has terrorized the

Lady Eagles, scoring 34 against them back in early January.

"Brooke's performance speaks for itself," Butler said. "That was a huge factor in our success in that game. We played well, but certainly when you jump out to a big lead and let a team back in you can't be happy with that."

The win was Austin Peay's fifth straight. Jocelyn Duke also scored 16 points for the Lady Govs.

Rolling over the Racers

Austin Peay started its homestand in impressive fashion Feb. 6, beating up on Murray State, 66-55. The game wasn't even as close as the score.

Holding Lady Racer senior post Monica Gadson

to nearly eight points below her average, the Lady Govs took control early and never relinquished it.

They led by as much as 16 in the first half, and a four-minute scoring drought to start the second half for Murray pushed it to 22.

Austin Peay's guards held Gadson, the Lady Racers' leader, to just 4-of-13 shooting. The rest of the Murray team followed suit, shooting a meager 34.9 percent for the game.

Armistead led the way with 22 points and freshman Gerlonda Hardin added 11.

The victory made it four in a row for the Lady Govs.

"(The win) was definitely a big momentum builder for us," Butler said.

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behind the arc over three games.

Nick Stapleton average 18.7 a game and hit 66.7 percent of his three-point attempts.

Center Theanthony Haymon, the OVC's leader in field goal percentage, kept up his hot hand, shooting 79.6 percent last week.

As a team, the Govs are second in the nation in field goal percentage. Their 51.1 percent is bettered only by Gonzaga.

Slowing the Racers

The Govs got off to a thrilling start at home last week, defeating long-time rival Murray State in overtime, 84-79, Feb. 6. Austin Peay led by 13 points in the first half and by eight with just over a minute to go in regulation, but the Racers (13-10, 8-4 OVC) roared back.

Murray's Antione Whelchel and Justin Burdine combined for 11 points in the final 1:11, capped by Whelchel's three-pointer with 2.7 seconds left to send it to overtime.

The teams battled back and forth in the extra period, but Joe Williams sank two free throws with 3.7 seconds left to give the Govs an 82-79 lead. And on the ensuing possession Roderick Thomas' pass was intercepted by Matt Jakeway, who was fouled.

His two free throws sealed it.

"(The win) was big from the standpoint that they're such a big rival," Collins said. "And we're at a point

in the season where we could not afford another loss. That really gave us some momentum to carry over into the next two games."

Hassell led Austin Peay with 26 points, while Stapleton and Williams added 18 and 14, respectively.

Isaac Spencer led and all scorers with 28 and Burdine had 26 for the Racers.

Clipping the Eagles

Riding the high of the Murray State win, the Govs dropped Morehead State (11-12, 5-6 OVC) with relative ease at home Feb. 8. Building a 20-point lead in the first half, Austin Peay cruised to an easy 80-66 win over the Eagles.

Hassell was on fire for the Govs, shooting 9-of-10 from the field and scoring 24 points. His only miss was a three-point attempt. He sunk the other four he tried. His final shot attempt came on a made three with 9:30 left in the game.

The hot shooting caught on, as Austin Peay shot 55.6 percent for the game. Williams and Stapleton each dropped 16 and Haymon added 11 for the Govs.

Kyle Umberger led the Eagles with 16 points, but Morehead's scoring leader, swingman Ricky Minard (18.6), managed only 10 points. He was shut down by Trenton Hassell much of the night.

"Really no game in the conference is any bigger than the other," Collins said. "If you lose that game,

you take away what you did against Murray."

"We're starting to play more inside out, as opposed to coming down the court and take too early of a shot. Theanthony Haymon leads the conference in field goal percentage at 67 percent and Joe Williams is third. Both those are inside players, and they aren't missing very many shots."

Hitting their stride

Austin Peay kept momentum in its favor against Eastern Kentucky at home Feb. 10. The Govs dunked the Colonels, 87-62, led by a slam fest and early outburst from Hassell.

Hitting his first nine shots, Hassell scored 22 points in the first half. The team shot just under 60 percent for the half as Haymon led a slam-dunking session.

The Govs dunked seven times in the first half, including four from Haymon. Scoring 11 points, all five of Haymon's field goals for the game were dunks.

Hassell had three crowd-pleasing jams. The sharp shooting and hard dunking were too much for Eastern Kentucky. Taking an 18-point lead into the half, the Govs never looked back.

The win, their third in a row, sets the Govs up for an OVC showdown with Tech 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Cookeville.

"The way we started out and pick it up defensively, I think we're going to do well," Collins said. "That was one of the better defensive games we've played."

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FEATURES

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Bar scene entertains APSU students

by Tiffanie Cohoon
features editor

Say goodbye to boredom. Austin Peay students don't have to look far to find fun on the weekend. Clarksville provides a wide variety of entertainment. There are numerous clubs and hot spots for partying. The well-known Gilligan's Beach Club, located on Franklin Street, attracts a large crowd with their avenues for dancing and drinking. Thursday is Ladies' Night. Girls get in free, sorry guys.



photo by Cedric Wade
Gilligan's Beach Club in downtown Clarksville

Thursday is also the hard bodies contest, where the men strip down to almost nothing and showcase all their assets. The guy that receives the most crowd support and loudest screams wins \$200.

This club plays all types of music with plenty of dance floor space.

The traditional Front Page Deli, located on Franklin Street, is a favorite among college students. It is a restaurant until 9 p.m. Wednesday night is College Night.

A member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity plays his guitar and sings on Thursday nights. On Friday and Saturday, a variety of bands take the stage.

"I like to get drunk and sing karaoke," says Jennifer Passero, junior English major.

The Black Horse Pub and Brewery, also on Franklin Street, is a great place to relax, drink and listen to good music. There are live acoustic sets from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday nights which are free and open to the public.

Right now, the search is on for any college student who is interested in performing. All you have to do is call the pub. They will pay \$100.

The Warehouse, located on McClure Street, is always packed with entertainment. On Thursday nights, three hard rock bands perform. There is no cover charge until 9 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, a rock band and DJ entertain the crowd. They have live sets and play a variety of music between.

"The Warehouse is a good place to get a sample of the local band scene," says Sally Presson, junior psychology major.

The Lighthouse, located on South Riverside Drive, recently opened. They have two dance floors with DJs that play music from the '70s to top 40.

"We have some of the best lighting systems in town," says Don Hayes, owner.

Wednesday is College Night, so bring



The Front Page Deli News on Franklin Street

photo by Cedric Wade

your APSU ID for discounted admission. Thursday is Ladies' Night. The first 100 ladies also get in free on Friday and Saturday night.

Kickers, located on North Riverside Drive, is a great place to go for that southern country atmosphere. Kickers offers three clubs for the price of one including a country western bar, country dance floor and karaoke room.

A jazz and blues club will also be opening at Kickers at the end of February. They too offer Thursday Ladies' Night.

Country line dancing lessons are available for free to those who need a little help with the two step. On Friday, they hold different contests for men and women.

Saturdays feature live performances from local and surrounding bands.

Kickers rents the club out for private parties.

They offer all sorts of activities to occupy one's time, ranging from air hockey to a mechanical bull.

"We have the town's only karaoke club," says Angel Emrick, manager.

Dynamic Six Club Annex, located on Ringgold Avenue, is a disco club. They play reggae, hip-hop and R&B. They are open on Thursday and Friday night while Saturday is Ladies' Night.

"This club plays great music," says Andrew Everitt, junior criminal justice major.

For some guys and girls, there are provocative strip clubs such as Cat West, the Pink Lady and Visions. All are located on Fort Campbell Boulevard. There is a cover charge.

With all these clubs, APSU students have no excuse for being bored on the weekend.

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