

Possible changes ahead for diners

By CYNTHIA BRYSON
Staff Writer

Changes are coming to food services at Austin Peay State University. With the opening of the recreation center, scheduled for January, students will have access to a juice bar, and Einstein Bros. Bagel shop will replace the Ritazza coffee shop in the Morgan University Center during the winter break. A coffee kiosk will be installed in the Sundquist Science Complex.

According to Tom Callahan, director of Dining Services, all of these changes and additions are "part of the growth that the university had planned many years ago."

Callahan also said that a Habaneros Mexican Cuisine is another future possibility and would replace Bamboo Asian Cuisine. "We thought it might be a positive change in the food court. It's not carved in stone; we're still waiting for a proposal to convert that to a Mexican facility and see if it's going to be cost effective," Callahan said.

The APSU food services contract was awarded in July to Chartwells, a division of Compass — the world's largest food service operation. The contract is good for



Callahan

five years, and Chartwells plans to be a part of the rebidding process, according to Callahan, who has more than 30 years of food-service experience.

Once Chartwells earns a contract, it's placed in the "gold box," which is a program that ensures continuity of quality services. "Austin Peay, we earned their business, it's a special piece of business to us, and we want to make sure that we live up to the commitments that we promised when we bid the business," said Callahan. The goal is to keep a contract for life once it's secured.

"We're very customer-focused; we never want to lose track of our customers, and so this is just part of continuing a loyalty process," said Callahan. As part of this program, a representative from the corporate headquarters visits the campus once about every four to six weeks.

However, some students are disappointed with the food court at times. "A night that I want to eat a sandwich and they might be out of ham, or they might be out of pepperoni pizza; also by 8 or 9, they kind of shut things down before it's actually time for them to close," said Kristian Braden, 19, a healthcare management student.

"They [the food court] run out of fruit for the smoothies all the time, mainly strawberries," said Mary

Carnahan, 18, nursing student. Her roommate, Jessica Lindsey, is also an 18-year-old nursing student and added that the food court was out of chicken three evenings in a row.

If students would like to see improvements, they do have that option. "We have a Web site, www.dineoncampus.com, and there's a place for you to write the director, so if a student sees, or has a problem with that, then they can just do me a favor and help me out to better understand," Callahan said.

Callahan said he appreciates feedback from students and finds it helpful. "If we're running out of food and they would communicate it to me, then I can put in motion the necessary controls and checks and balances to make sure it doesn't happen. That's not our intention, obviously," Callahan said.

Neither Carnahan nor Lindsey were aware of the Web site option for voicing comments.

Food prices are one item Callahan has received complaints about. "During the bid process you submit to the university what your pricing structure would be and that becomes part of your contract...but then after you get in, you start to have a reality check and [ask ourselves whether] the students can afford this on a day-to-day basis, and it is truly an alternative for them," he said.

Callahan also said that, if implemented, the Habaneros Mexican Cuisine concept will provide a lower-priced alternative.

When a person visits the dining Web site, they find a drop-down arrow that lists the universities. APSU is the first campus on the list.

Once APSU is selected, students will find links to menus, hours of operation and nutritional information, among other things. There is also a link to write comments or complaints.

One thing that won't be changing are the food court's hours of operation.

According to the Web site, the Pulse on Dining Restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the hours are 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. The food court and Ritazza Coffee Shop are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.; on Saturdays from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m., and are closed on Sunday. Austin's Diner is open from Monday through Friday 7 a.m. until midnight, Saturday from 6 p.m. until midnight, and Sunday from 2 p.m. until midnight.

For more information on APSU food services, contact Callahan at Callahan@apsu.edu or 221-7036. The dining Web site can be reached at www.dineoncampus.com/apsu. ♦

Annual parade honors Clarksville Veterans

Locals brave weather to show support for troops near and overseas



Members of the Northwest High School JROTC march in the Clarksville Veterans Day parade last Saturday.



Kenwood Baptist Church members ride in a float with CW3 Harold McManis, front left. McManis is a former Korean POW. He was held as a prisoner for 31 months.



Members of Clarksville Girl Scout Troop No. 764 ride in the back of a truck waving American flags above a welcome home sign in Saturday's parade. Three brigades of the 101st Airborne have already redeployed from a second tour in Iraq. The 4th Brigade is returning home soon.



A truck with Kennedy Law Firm honors members of the 101st Airborne in Saturday's Veterans Day parade.

Professor presents research on Italian Jewish population

By KYLE NESLSON
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Allene Phy-Olsen, professor of Languages and Literature, spoke in the university center Nov. 9 regarding the origin of the "ghetto" and the history of the Jewish population in Venice. Last summer, Phy-Olsen attended a seminar in Venice on this topic and her findings were presented in the faculty research forum.

She illuminated the topic by shedding light on the meaning of the word, "ghetto." Most people from history know this name from the Holocaust as the area that Nazi, Germany held the Jews before they were sent to the concentration camps. In actuality the first ghetto was established in the early 1500s in Venice. According to Phy-Olsen, the ghetto began as anti-Semitism and racism in general was rising in Europe. The Venetian, in order to protect the Jews, moved them in an enclosed community on one of the islands in Venice; these communities were future ghettos. Phy-Olsen explained that the name ghetto came from the Venetian's word for foundry; a foundry which was located on the island they were placed.

The Jews, Phy-Olsen said, remained stuck in the Jewish ghetto until they were liberated by Napoleon in 1796 when Venice was conquered by the general. Phy-Olsen said that when she visited the ghetto in the 1960s, all she saw was a dog and an old Jewish man who said, "Shalom." Now she said it was, "revitalized...a spot for Jewish tourists."

She stated that now the ghetto, with 20 some people still living there, is facing the threat of becoming a "museum," while Venice as a whole faces the threat of becoming a European Disneyland. Along with the threat of tourism mania, the Jewish population is dwindling due to assimilation and a low birth rate. In order to prevent the ghetto from disappearing, the people of the ghetto, "encouraged student groups and seminars on the ghetto," so that they could raise awareness of their home, Phy-Olsen said. The current population of Venice is nearly 60,000 permanent residents with only about 435 being Jewish as opposed to the 1800 Jewish people that lived there in 1931. During the persecutions of the Jewish people in the 1930s and 40s, the Italians protected their fellow Jewish Italians, for Phy-Olsen said that they were not very fond of the anti-Semitism that was strong in Europe at that time. After all, Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator, had several Jewish mistresses.

Phy-Olsen comically added the names of the three districts that made up the ghetto. One, which was the first settled, is called the "Ghetto Novo" which means the new ghetto. The second one settled was the "Ghetto Vecchio," meaning old ghetto, and lastly the "Ghetto Novissimo" — the newest ghetto.

Phy-Olsen said that she was one of 26 people and religiously there were, "one Muslim, one Hindu, four Christian (two Catholic, two Protestant), and the rest were Jewish." As far as her motivation for going on the trip she said that, "I've always been interested in Jewish history. It's interesting and dramatic," and, "after all, who can resist a trip to Venice." ♦

Increased tuition rates pose large hurdle to would be co-eds

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
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Classes are not the only worry for college students. Getting accepted to college once seemed like the largest stressor for students. Recently though, rising tuition costs have added to the list of stressful college woes. Now students only worry if they will be able to pay for it.

The cost of attending a four-year college like Austin Peay State University rose 7.1 percent for the 2005-2006 academic year, according to CNN.com. That increase amounted to \$5,491 more than students had paid the year before.

APSU tuition increased just 4.1 percent this year — the lowest increase in over a decade.

Sixty-three percent of students receive loans, grants or both according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Federal money, however, is not keeping up with the rising cost of tuition.

Ten years ago, 23 percent of financial aid was federal grants, and work-study comprised 2 percent. Last year, grants comprised only 20 percent, and work-study 1 percent. This data shows students are

borrowing money at a much higher rate than before. This is due to less money being given at the federal level.

"I can speculate that there are some students taking out more loans and perhaps even delaying graduation for those taking classes [only] part time," said Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration.

The debt for graduating seniors who borrow loans is around \$20,000. Students are also relying more on loans from private institutions, which usually equates to a higher interest rates.

According to Donna Price, director of financial aid at APSU, in the past couple of years federal aid and grants have not kept up with the rising tuition costs, and it's having a definite effect on the students.

"Students are having to take out more money to attend and therefore have much less flexibility with their money," Price said.

The Pell grant is also shrinking in size as to how much it will pay the tuition. As of last year, it was still at \$4,000, which with the rising tuition costs, is covering a smaller and smaller amount of students' overall expenses. ♦

Year	College Inflation	General Inflation	Rate Ratio
1958-1996	7.24%	4.49%	1.61
1977-1986	9.85%	6.72%	1.47
1987-1996	6.88%	3.67%	1.82
1958-2001	6.98%	4.30%	1.62
1979-2001	7.37%	3.96%	1.86
1992-2001	4.77%	2.37%	2.01
1985-2001	6.39%	3.18%	2.01
1958-2005	6.89%	4.15%	1.66
1989-2005	5.94%	2.99%	1.99

SOURCE: WWW.FINAID.ORG

The above table is a 47-year look at college tuition rate increases compared with the nation's inflation rates and college inflation rates.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 2

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Those attending accredited two-year universities or vocational-technical schools

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The issue was brought to the senate's knowledge so that the senators could seek the student body's opinion on the possible policy change. ♦

Abe's ruling coalition aims to pass the education reform bills, which include a measure to foster patriotism among

It also calls for the freezing of assets of businesses supplying the North's nuclear and ballistic weapons programs, as well as restrictions on sales of luxury goods and travel bans on Pyongyang officials. ♦

The Academic Support Center is recruiting tutors for the spring semester. Interested students should pick up an application in the UC, Room 114. Applications must be received by Nov. 1.

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OUR TAKE

Food’s great; only if you get to eat it

It’s dinnertime, and we at *The All State* have the munchies. Fortunately, a delicious array of dining options await us upstairs in the Morgan University Center. Indeed, we must award some much-deserved kudos to the dining services provided by Chartwells, the newly contracted food company here at Austin Peay State University. The changes that we’ve seen, for the most part, have certainly been for the better.

The new additions to the food court have seen and continue to see positive feedback. This is not much of a surprise since the company canvassed nearly 400 students according to Tom Callahan, the director of dining services. Through this survey, many of the students were able to give their opinions and requests of what they wanted to see happen this semester. This survey eventually led to the addition of the Mesquite Ranch BBQ & Grill as well as the Bamboo Asian Cuisine. The student-driven philosophy of Chartwells definitely shows in this regard.

Truly, their food makes all of us here at *The All State* feel warm in all the right places. However, we do feel compelled to voice that we don’t always feel satisfied with Chartwells. More specifically, we’re not happy with the fact that several of the dining locations run out of food and then close down before the designated closing time. To this, we give a stern wag of our collective fingers.

Furthermore, it would be nice for dining services to update the operation hours of some of their locations. The Peay Pod convenience store, for example, is closed on Sundays; however, the online schedule says that the hours are 3 to 10 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Despite some discrepancies with opening hours, we feel that Chartwells is doing a good job. And with such undertakings of catering to our college, it’s not expected for the company to get everything perfect the first time around. For the future, then we will be hoping for some improvement. ♦

A good ol’ political thumpin’

A good ol’ Texas-Style thumpin’. President Bush’s words not mine. This is a president not prone to a whole lot of analysis and second-guessing and appropriately enough, Dubya didn’t seem to engage in either of these less than manly traits. At least not publicly. No, he will probably let the whiz kid, the architect of his presidential victories, Mr. Karl Rove, read the morning after the election “tea-leaves.” And this is what the leaves look like in the wake of the tidal wave (not quite a Tsunami) of change after the November 7 mid-term

elections — the Democrats regained control of both the House (232-202) and the Senate (51-49). Pat Robertson’s worst nightmare (other than say, being abandoned in the San Francisco SoHo area about 2 a.m. “sans” a ride home) also came true as that “Latte Liberal,” Nancy Pelosi, became the new House Speaker. Just call her “Madame Speaker.” Yes, that Ms. Pelosi, who during this most recent election was said to have accused President Bush of being both incompetent and in denial. I’m not sure if she meant Dubya was in denial about being incompetent or about the failure of the Iraqi operations, which Speaker Pelosi also used to cuff the Bush Administration about its collective head and shoulders. Either way, a day after the election results our President and the certain-to-be new Speaker sat down for a luncheon at the White House for, ostensibly, an attempt at “burying the hatchet” and in the words of Tony Snow, White House Press Secretary, a chance to “make nice.” Ms. Pelosi was said to have dined on smoked pheasant, President Bush choked down a heaping order of crow (okay, they may have both had fajitas for all I know, what am I the head chef?).

So, just what do these election results portend and how can they possibly be explained in the time it takes to read, digest and reflect upon this column? Well first, just be sure you are sitting down because the truth can be both shocking and harsh. Ready? Americans don’t like the current policy in Iraq and blamed the incumbent president and his political party who have controlled the levers of power for the past six years. I know you are agnostic. But brace yourself, here come the second and third cluster bombshells — voters also found Republican, high-profile scandals to be both repugnant and hypocritical (as any scandal worth its weight in late night talk show coverage should be) and the Democrats finally proved to be a little less stubborn than their donkey namesake and moved their political to the center of the spectrum.

Okay, first things first — we, Americans have been growing increasingly restless and impatient with the news coming out of Baghdad for quite some time. Despite the ever-changing reasons and rationale for our presence there since its inception (U.N. violations, WMDs, Regime-Change, axis of evil, evildoers, Saddam as a bad-man, haven for terrorists, spreading democracy — take your pick) Republicans may have escaped loss of legislative control if an expedient and clear exit strategy could have been seen somewhere on the horizon by voters. But

even up to Election Day we heard a timetable for change anywhere from 5 to 12 years of continued military presence and quasi-occupation. On top of all of this, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld continued to be stridently and stubbornly (what is he, a closet Democrat?) defiant in the face of growing criticism of his management of this war. Well, within hours of the election results, Mr. Rumsfeld (Rummy to his good friends) resigned and President Bush named Texas A&M president, Robert Gates, a former CIA and military guy to be Rummy’s replacement. Look for talk of an accelerated exit strategy and phased withdrawal of troops and possible “carving up” of Iraq into sectors that closely mirror age-old sectarian divisions between the Sunnis and Shiite Muslims. Also be on the lookout for a re-emergence of Colin “told ya so” Powell, who was never a big booster for this war, at least not privately. Speaking of public silence, just what is Condoleezza Rice thinking these days? Rumor has it she didn’t take too kindly to the electoral thumpin’. She sure can ice-skate and play the piano though, so she’ll be just fine.

Secondly, sex scandals. From Mark Foley to the not-so-good reverend Ted Haggard to Don Sherwood, Republican strategists were no doubt cursing internet sex solicitation, same-sex infidelity and illegal drug use, and let’s not forget infidelity and allegations of wife, er, mistress-beating. Needless to say, Democrats won at least two House seats mostly just on the collective naughtiness of the gang of three noted above. Everybody has skeletons in their closets but man, these skeletons had in political parlance “legs” and they ran those guys right out of the office and pulpit.

Thirdly, the donkey moved to the center. Democratic candidates openly talked about church, God, prayer and fiscal conservatism and by design, didn’t talk as much about gays, same-sex marriage or abortion. In fact, this election seemed to beg the question, just which party was most eager to step up and take a job or two or three at the Bozo-punching-doll named same-sex marriage? Without a scorecard or Wolf Blitzer and his media “wall of candidates” it was tough at times to tell who was the Republican and Democratic candidate. When the electoral magic dust cleared it was the “Blue-Dog” Democrats who may have been most responsible for handing Speaker Pelosi her gavel to run the House and not their more left-leaning colleagues. Now if Ms. Pelosi can use that gavel to knock some sense into John Kerry and his “comedic styling,” both she and Howard Dean can both breathe a lot easier come 2008 when Hillary Clinton (she won by the way, again) and her presidential coronation team sweep into New York.

Finally, here in the Volunteer State, Bob Corker squeaked by Harold Ford Jr., in a tightly-contested race that both men said had nothing to do with race. Actually, I choose to believe them. This outcome probably had more to do with family, perceptions about political seasoning and a decision by Corker to distance himself from the White House and Iraq. Either way, we actually had to suffer through an interview with the actress who posed as a Playboy bunny and seductively beckoned Mr. Ford to “call me” in a particularly notorious political ad run during the campaign. And what did we learn in about her in this interview? That she isn’t really a true “blonde.” Now I’m agnostic. What next? A woman president? Maybe, just maybe. I’ll save that for next election. ♦



YOUR TAKE

‘Reverse racism’ does exist

I am responding to Kasey Henricks’ article asserting that reverse racism is a myth since there is a racial disparity between blacks and whites in areas like income, education and housing (Nov. 8, “Little white lies conceal the myth of reverse racism”). First, I do not disagree with the entirety of the article. Yes, there is an unequal distribution of wealth in our country, and yes, even in our great state. Thank you for pointing this out. After all, every human deserves life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It would be difficult to attain, for example, liberty if one was under financial burden, or happiness if one lived in a tiny run down home working a minimally paying, unfulfilling job.

One could reasonably correlate the phenomenon of unequal distribution of wealth to race. However, correlation does not equate causation. Furthermore, even if racial privilege did cause unequal distribution of wealth, that alone would not be grounds to claim that reverse racism is a myth.

Actually, reverse racism has and still does occur. For example, until 1999, Metro Nashville Magnet Schools’ lottery for admission had a racial weight. Before the school system heard rumors of an ensuing lawsuit in 1999, they used a racial quota system that guaranteed a 30-50% black enrollment at the magnet schools. Essentially, of the students who met grade and testing qualifications, whites had a much smaller chance than blacks to be selected. The reason this situation in particular eats me up is because it impacted my family. In 1996, my number was selected; I attended Meigs Magnet. Not only was I able to attend an academically-focused school, but I avoided being bused into downtown Nashville to go to Buena Vista, the school for which I was zoned. Although there was a middle school (Two Rivers Middle) less than a mile from my house, I was zoned to go 13 miles and another world away. (Thanks, desegregation!)

However, the next year, my sister’s number was not selected, although she was qualified and in the pool. Maybe it would have never been picked, even if there was no racial preference. Still, discrimination was involved. Reverse racism, if you will. Yes, things turned out okay. My family moved out of the Metro School District. I only went to Meigs for a year. Even without Meigs, I still made it to college, with scholarships no less. Despite the seemingly good outcome, this is one example that proves discrimination exists not only for blacks but for whites, as well.

When considering the obvious unequal distribution of wealth, wouldn’t it be much more constructive to examine cultural and familial factors that accompany race rather than calling names or looking for easy answers, like reparations? Are today’s “racist, Southern bigots” really responsible for the fact that a number of children are born into poor neighborhoods where renting is the norm? For the fact that the same children attend crappy schools and have fewer opportunities to

pursue higher education? No!

I don’t pretend to have all the answers, but there is so much more than skin color or racism behind why people have the jobs they do, why they live where they live and why they pursue the level of education they do. Systems play a part, and personal choices play a part. In redistributing wealth, one should reform unjust systems when he identifies them. In the meantime, he could teach people to rise above their situations. Educating people is more effective than handing them money. Instead of creating a victim mentality, someone that may have been born the “underdog” is empowered to rise above their situation. Philosopher Epictetus said it best: “Only the educated are free”.

Finally, be careful who you accuse of living in a “society based on exploitation”. American society by its very essence exploits others. When you or I shop anywhere that outsources labor, we almost certainly exploit people in other parts of the world. Neither child labor nor people working for pennies have gone away. Americans’ plush lifestyle depends on others worldwide sacrificing themselves. Whether or not you or I fly the Confederate flag, I exploit, you exploit, we ALL exploit.

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I’m gonna burn one down

I have kept quiet on the whole smoking issue up till this point. I voted against banning smoking to the parking lots, and even though I do not think the vote was publicized enough I have adhered to the new policy. Fortunately for me I have to cross the Trahern lot between classes anyway, so this hasn’t been too big of an inconvenience for me. It is not uncommon to see a large group of fellow smokers likewise following the rules and lighting up around the benches in the corner of the Trahern lot. It’s sad that by passing this new rule the SGA has created the very thing it said it wanted to remove — large groups of smokers who create large “clouds of smoke” for people to walk through. This morning when walking to class I couldn’t help but notice two very large no smoking signs around the benches bordering the Trahern lot. This is just too much. The Trahern lot is a designated smoking area! Is it the goal of SGA to block traffic by making smokers stand in the middle of the parking lot instead of allowing them to sit at the benches safe from dangerous young drivers impatient to find a close parking spot? I would like to remind everyone that the original plan that was voted for included a promise to provide enclosures for smokers. Sadly that was an empty promise, and now not only do we not get shelter from the winter weather, we are not even allowed to sit on a bench and avoid traffic. Thank God for young politicians.

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Moderates continue screwing up elections

OK. So last week’s picks were overly cautious. The Democratic Party victory in the House was double what I had forecasted. But in fairness, the Republicans ended up only a few thousand votes shy of hanging on to the Senate, Lincoln Chafee did indeed lose in Rhode Island, and Bob Corker did prevail in Tennessee, so technically I broke even.

Now I’m being asked by my editor to analyze what it all means. Sure, why not? However, discretion being the better part of valor and considering the current state of flux that exists, I think I’ll offer up a general sort of observation and avoid specifics for now.

I would like to focus for the moment on the (very typical) reaction of many on the losing side — pundits mostly, rather than the politicians themselves — who are telling us now that the loss was due to — what else — the stupidity of the

electorate. Well, we shouldn’t be too hard on the Republican partisans who were lashing out last week against the voters. After all, Democratic partisans reacted in much the same way following John Kerry’s defeat in 2004.

In November 2004 many on the left were calling the Red-Staters a bunch of redneck, inbred, uneducated, hopelessly mind-numbed robots controlled by Rush Limbaugh and talk radio.

In fact, we were told, the Red-Staters were in effect a bunch of welfare recipients, living off the productivity and taxes of Blue-Staters. Some hyper-partisan types even suggested that the Blue States should secede from the Union, after which the Red States would surely descend into the Third-World status befitting a bunch of morons too stupid to know what was good for them.

Back then (it seems so long ago), Republicans derided this childish attitude and hailed the electorate as courageous, far-seeing and wise (forgetting that not too many years before they were deriding the American people as a bunch of corrupt and immoral swine for not supporting the Clinton impeachment).

Today, of course, the wise and moderate voters that swung the 2004 election to George Bush have somehow morphed (in the minds of some) into a bunch of cringing and craven cowards. They voted Democrat because they hate the troops. Al-Qaeda and Hezbollah told them to vote Democrat (or else) and

they obliged. What else can you expect from a bunch of mind-numbed robots who hang on every word that spews from the mouths of leftist traitors like Rosie O’Donnell and Keith Olbermann?

This version of events is dovetailed with the current right-wing perception of the Democratic Party base, which is that it is made up primarily of illegal immigrants and welfare recipients who literally vote for a living. On Election Day they all get a sandwich, a bottle of screw-top wine and a pack of cigarettes before piling onto buses to go vote for the candidate that hates America the most. Put that base together with a bunch of spineless moderates who have been led astray by the mainstream media and what you get is what happened last Tuesday.

All right, enough of that. The point I’m getting at here is that it is far too simplistic, bordering on delusional, for either side to swing wildly between descriptions of the electorate as bovine-stupid in one moment and sagacious in the next.

Partisans on both sides love these neat theories, but as explanations they just don’t work in the real world. The problem is more often with the parties than with the electorate, and the consistent problem for both parties is that once they attain power they tend to start thinking they have a right to be there, rather than having a responsibility to justify their position.

Unfortunately, too many partisans see independents and moderates as a problem to be overcome rather than as a reliable barometer of the political atmosphere. While rabid partisans accept that the opposition party is evil and insane, they perceive their counterparts as having the saving grace of being consistent, unlike those lukewarm, wishy-washy moderates who refuse to see that one side is right and that the other is wrong, wrong, wrong. At least the other side has an excuse; They’re insane. Moderates, on the other hand, are just willfully perverse. They just enjoy screwing up elections.

With a government now divided between different parties controlling the executive and the legislature, we will be warned repeatedly in the coming months of the evils of gridlock. However, history provides a more dire warning of the consequences of unchecked power. The upside to all of this is that we are very, very far from installing a Hitler or a Stalin, in large part thanks to perversely independent-thinking people who, truth be told, have a pretty good handle on what really makes this country tick.

As for the losing party in this or any other election; they can follow the path taken by some over-the-top pundits and rail about the stupidity of the electorate, or they can get busy figuring out what went wrong and how to fix it. My guess is that the political professionals will opt for the second choice. ♦

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I am concerned about a severe slant in the “Perspectives” page that seems to go completely unopposed.

Peay off the Edge

Dave drops a few lines:

Feel free to inform us here at *The All State* of any campus events or activities that could be included in future features sections. This includes any and all literary, art, organization or recreational activities. In addition, any stories of human interest would be appreciated as well.

Quote o' the day

"Political language — and with variations this is true of all political parties, from Conservatives to Anarchists — is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."
—George Orwell (from the essay, "Politics and the English Language," 1946)
—www.quotationspage.com

This day in history: 1777

After 16 months of debate, the Continental Congress, sitting in its temporary capital of York, Pennsylvania, agrees to adopt the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union on this day in 1777. Not until March 1, 1781, would the last of the 13 states, Maryland, ratify the agreement.
—www.history.com

Not so deep thoughts

Things in the rearview mirror will forever remain larger than they appear.

Word o' the week

idyll \YEY-dl/, noun:
1. A simple descriptive work, either in poetry or prose, dealing with simple, rustic life; pastoral scenes; and the like.
2. A narrative poem treating an epic, romantic, or tragic theme.
3. A lighthearted carefree episode or experience.
4. A romantic interlude.
—www.dictionary.com

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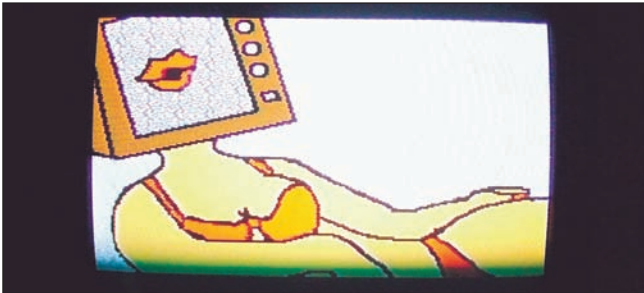
Artist tackles the video generation



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The theme of "Light in a Box" is video culture and the negative effects it has on society. The medium being used here is video displayed on TVs and monitors. Although Trice is critical of video in this exhibit, he hoped to present a message of moderation in video and media intake.



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Trice's art exhibit offers a barrage of imagery to display the effect of excess media usage

By **HEATHER CLARK**

Staff Writer

When entering the Trahern student gallery to see "Light in a Box," Lee Trice's senior art exhibit, there are things that grab your attention right off the bat.

The darkened room is a jumble of noises and sounds, and one of the pieces is an Atari hooked up to a television in the corner. People were allowed, even encouraged to play.

The chaos of the small space is both distracting and magnetic as you take in images of violence and video clips of the inane.

Trice, a graphic design student, has taken a

"harm springs from excess" approach to this show, using the strengths of the very media he works with to show "its own faults and negative effects".

For the past few years, scientists have worked to prove that a link exists between excessive television in childhood and Attention Defecit Disorder (ADD).

Trice's exhibit embodies this concept.

Walking through the room, you feel your attention span being stretched to the limit as you sift through the whirlwind of sensory overload for bits you can remember or identify with.

In one corner is a video loop of strange scenes of violence next to a smashed-up

television; another corner houses the charred remains of a book in front of Nazi book burning footage and video text from Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451," a story of a futuristic world where books are outlawed and people watch television excessively.

While slightly unsettling, the work is undoubtedly compelling.

It forces participants to evaluate their own lust for television and repetitive media fodder.

"Some people said it made them feel uncomfortable," Trice says.

Among Trice's list of influences for this project are Ray Bradbury, Orson Welles and the loud TVs at Wal-Mart.

Without question, these influences shine through in this creation.

It certainly speaks to a certain generation, one that was inundated with computers, television and video from a very early age.

Some people might find it odd that a graphic design student, a person who uses video to create, would choose to create an exhibit that paints video and television in such a negative light.

Trice's idea behind this project was to show the importance of moderation when it comes to media consumption.

Trice drew upon the words of Edward R. Murrow to explain: "...Otherwise, it is merely wires and lights in a box." ♦

Dresden Dolls' live show enhances new album

By **JOHN LUDWIG**

Assistant Perspectives Editor

The Dresden Dolls, the Bostonian duo composed of drummer Bryan Viglione and singer/pianist Amanda Palmer, are currently on tour for their latest album, "Yes, Virginia..." an infectiously catchy compilation of songs centered on eye-brow-raising topics such as sex, drug abuse, masturbation and back-alley abortion.

For those who aren't aware of the album title's reference, "Yes, Virginia..." refers to a letter submitted by Virginia O'Hanlon to The New York Sun in 1897.

The little girl's letter asked the paper's editor if Santa Claus is real. The editors, in turn, ran the letter with a reply affirming that, indeed, jolly Kriss Kringle does exist.

Palmer goes on to explore Virginia's doubt in the song "Mrs. O," as observed in the lyrics, "and yes, Virginia, all because / the truth won't save you now...but you can stop the truth from leaking / if you never stop believing."

The new album consists of 13 songs, which act as a window into Palmer's twisted soul. Nearly all the songs contain some element of taboo as do the songs from their previous, self-titled album.

However, rather than offending as one would assume, the music surprisingly

hooks you in on the account of it being so catchy and upbeat.

In spite of the naughty merriment that pervades the album, the band keeps the content varied, though, with a few somber songs like "Delilah" and "Me and the Minibar."

For example, the song "First Orgasm," in which Palmer sings about her "...first orgasm of the morning," is a rather depressing yet awkwardly powerful song.

The song is very quiet and slow initially, but builds gradually into a powerful crescendo that parallels Palmer's gaining climax as she screams for someone to hold her. Double entendres never sounded so delectable.

It must be said, however, that their music sounds best live.

Songs like "Mandy Goes to Med School" and "My Alcoholic Friends," which the band recently played in Knoxville, rocked the Bijou Theatre by creating a jovial and care-free atmosphere much along the lines of an uproarious bar or a raving speak-easy.

Among the other songs they played were "Truce," "Backstabber" and a rocking cover of Black Sabbath's "War Pigs." In addition, Trash McSweeney of The Red Paintings joined the Dresden Dolls for a cover of "Mad World" by Tears for Fears.

Much to the delight of the fans, the band played for nearly three hours straight that night in Knoxville.

When most bands play for only one and a half to two hours, this display of endurance is very impressive.

The band's aesthetics are a surprising treat to the unsuspecting.

The Dresden Dolls' self-described style of "brechtian punk cabaret" boasts the employment of theatricality and improvisation.

Usually fashioned in costume and painted faces, the duo's highly animated body movement and facial expressions make the two reminiscent of walking caricatures. Palmer's painted eyebrows make for an especial visual trait.

In terms of improvisation, however, anyone who has been to a concert can testify to their unscripted discourse as they randomly ask the audience to tell them which songs to play.

With the release of their second album, The Dresden Dolls deliver an eclectic sound full of farcical, upbeat melodies and blunt, emotional angst.

In a music industry currently flooded with bland, overly produced music, the new album "Yes, Virginia..." is a breath of fresh air. ♦



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Dresden Dolls have described their sound as brechtian punk cabaret.

Vesta Rose incorporates positive message, eclectic sound into 'Mission of Best Intent'

By **A.J. DUGGER**

Staff Writer

"A Mission of Best Intent" is the title of an upcoming release from a local rock group known as Vesta Rose.

Founded in Nashville, Tennessee, the group has its own special, distinctive sound, combining elements of grunge, alternative, punk and even blues into their music.

Austin Peay State University student John Holland plays bass in the group.

"I try to incorporate some funky stuff," said Holland, sophomore music major.

Holland has been playing guitar since age 13. The 19-year-old is a very polite and easy going individual, but none of that matters when his fingers let loose on that bass guitar.

The group also features lead guitarist Christian Powell, 27, and drummer Tyler McConnell, 19.

Inspired by rock legends like Nirvana and Pearl Jam, the group has recently been promoting their upcoming album.

"A Mission of Best Intent" takes its listeners on a journey.

From the opening mellow guitar intros and drumming on the first track, it is made clear that these guys are not amateurs.

Vesta Rose's lead singer, Christian Powell, uses his voice wisely.

The singer really emotes with his voice, bringing the lyrics to life.

He yells and pleads at times, but he refuses to flat out scream and damage his voice, which saves the dominant voice of Vesta Rose in the long run.

The album's tracks run smoothly.

There are no interludes or breaks.

Nothing but music, and normally, each track makes a smooth transition to the next one, so many of the songs begin right where the last one ended.

It's almost like listening to one continuous performance of all of the songs.

Most of the band's songs are written and structured by lead singer, Powell, but one

exception on this album is the third track, "Dannum." This song was created from a rehearsal jam session, and each member made contributions and arrangements.

Each song is arranged nicely, with a wise balance of louder and softer moments.

Some of the tracks have loud chorus parts, and bridges that contain snippets of the blues.

It took a total of three weeks to complete the album, which contains eight tracks.

Aside from providing good music, Vesta Rose also brings a positive message.

"The songs are about overcoming problems and feelings of hopelessness," said Holland.

Vesta Rose is signed to Spat! Records, and will have a CD release party for their debut LP at "The End" in Nashville on Friday, Nov. 17, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

To get more information on Vesta Rose, go to Myspace.com/VestaRose. "A Mission of Best Intent" is a true display of talent, with an original sound, and it displays the musical genius of a promising APSU student. ♦



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Vesta Rose is one part APSU student, John Holland.

Online shopping continues to give consumers advantage

Holiday season will boost upsurge of online shopping fueled by price, availability

By ALEXANDER ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

As each year passes, online shopping continues to increase in popularity, ease of use and overall functionality.

According to a survey released by the National Retail Federation, “One in four holiday purchases will be made on the Internet this year.” To put that in numbers, Jupiter Research forecasts that these purchases will amount to some \$32 billion in online holiday sales alone.

So what factors have contributed to such a spike in e-commerce? Price, availability and exclusivity seem to be the main motivators.

Ed Dworsky, operator of Consumerworld.org, says, “consumers not using the Internet are at a disadvantage,” and “knowledge-wise, it provides lots of information on products and features, and then price-wise, it allows you to compare without going to the stores.”

To elaborate on his view, Dworsky tells of a situation in which he bought a modem from Circuitcity.com for \$49.99 and was asked to complete the purchase in a physical store. When he went to the store, the clerk rang up the modem price at \$79.99. Due to shopping online, however, he was given the lower price instead.

The Luxury Revolution

It wasn't very long ago that Michael Kors, Louis Vuitton and Marc Jacobs could only be sought after in a handful of stores, in a handful of locales. However, these prominent fashion figureheads have finally thrown in the

towel and have started their own online boutiques. In addition, some designers have partnered with eLuxury.com, a site dedicated to distributing luxury goods across the globe. For those who want the look without necessarily paying the price, a new Web site, Like.com, is the perfect answer. By typing in a specific phrase or product, the site then searches over thousands of pages to report matching items at competitive prices.

“It works good enough,” said Munjal Shah, Like.com's chief executive. “We’ve found that this is an application where the failings of the technology can be an asset (referring to the search engine). People will look at an error and say, ‘I didn’t know there was another item that was close, but with a different design.’”

Another unique feature found on the site is the ability to shop through a celebrity's wardrobe, which displays actual pieces of their clothing and enables consumers to buy the exact items or close replicas.

The prior examples are just a couple of the many ways to save big through shopping online. Here are three more ways to save on the net.

Comparative-pricing guides: most sites (especially those that deal with technology) link to other online retailers to help buyers find the lowest price on the goods they desire.

Promotional codes: never confirm an online purchase until that “coupon” box at the checkout screen is filled.

Consumers can save even more money by checking search engine sites like Google.com for promotional codes. Signing up to e-newsletters on frequently visited Web sites can also provide discounts, too.

Web sites devoted to online deals: sites like FatWallet.com and Ebates.com have dedicated staffers (and an online community of the budget-conscious) who compile all sorts of bargains from a vast array of online retailers.

Keeping these tips in mind will ensure that everyone will get what they want, without breaking the bank.♦



GRAPHIC BY DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

Will Ferrell breaks his norm in this ‘Stranger Than Fiction’ mix of comedy, drama

By SAMANTHA THACKER
Staff Writer

In the new movie “Stranger Than Fiction,” Will Ferrell plays an uptight and overall hollow IRS agent named Harold Crick.

Crick's apt affinity for numbers and his obsessive-compulsive counting of toothbrush strokes are his most enticing attributes.

One day, however, during a vigorous session of compulsive teeth-brushing, Harold hears the woman who is narrating his life as he lives it.

Harold questions his sanity with time as he continues to hear this voice mimicking his every move.

Knowing that this voice is truly a narrator and not schizophrenia, Harold decides to see a local university professor, Dr. Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman), in the hopes that he will prescribe something for him other than medication.

In the midst of Harold's confusion, he meets Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal) who Harold audits for deliberately not paying her taxes.

He instantly takes an interest in her, despite her disdainful remarks regarding how she hates the “tax man.”

His troubles with Ms. Pascal become insignificant, however, when the narrator says, “Little did he know that events had been set in motion that would lead to his imminent death.”

Harold Crick then becomes determined to find out whom this narrator is and if he can stop his “imminent death” from occurring.

After various attempts at discovering the identity of the ever-present woman who recites his every thought and move, Harold stumbles across the voice and image of Karen Eiffel (Emma Thompson), a famous novelist who is currently writing “Death and

Taxes” — the book about Harold Crick.

Crick tracks down the author and reveals that her writings have been dictating his life and he implores her not to kill him off as she has planned to do.

Does the author kill him off in the end? You'll have to go see the movie to find out.

If you are looking for a typical Will Ferrell film which is filled with wacky gimmicks and off-the-wall improvisation, you will not find these elements in “Stranger Than Fiction.”

Although Ferrell and company elicit several hearty laughs throughout the course of the film, it has a strong dramatic undercurrent and a lot of emotional depth.

Ferrell truly displays his talent in this film by giving a strong, straight-faced performance.

I was convinced of this when I acknowledged Ferrell's ability to cry on-screen.

With an eclectic and talented cast consisting of Gyllenhaal, Thompson, Queen Latifah and Hoffman, you can be sure that “Stranger Than Fiction” will provide a satisfying movie-going experience.

Collectively, the performances are strong, the plot and dialogue are witty, yet heart-wrenching and this is truly one of those movies that makes you think about life.

With that being said, this dramatic comedy is one of the best pictures of the season.

Be sure to see this film — you will not regret it.

“Stranger Than Fiction” is PG-13 and is currently playing at theaters throughout the area.♦



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Will Ferrell takes an emotional turn as Harold Crick, a taxman whose life's script is being written by Emma Thompson's character, Karen Eiffel.

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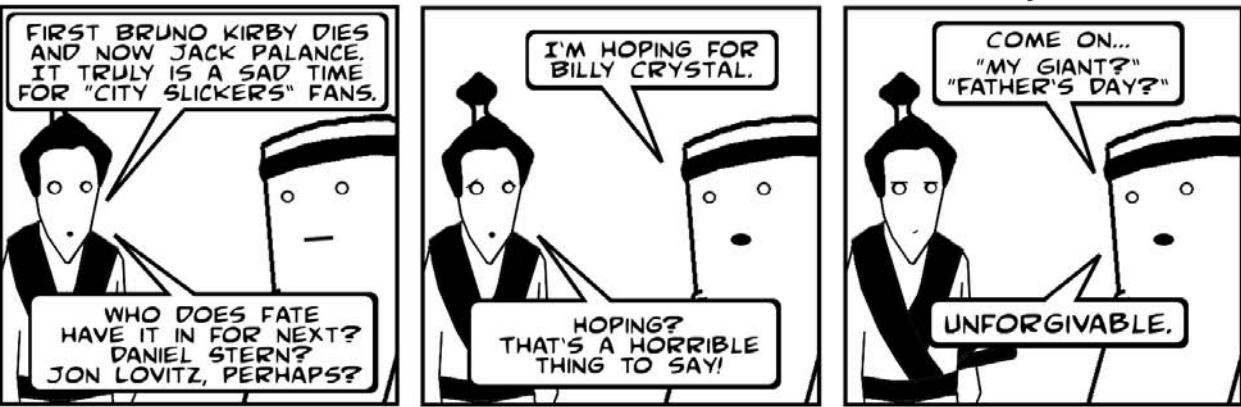
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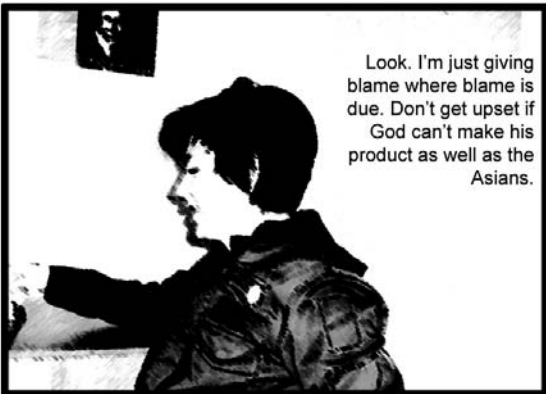
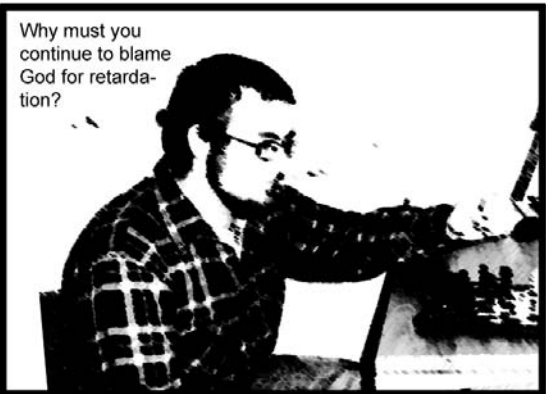


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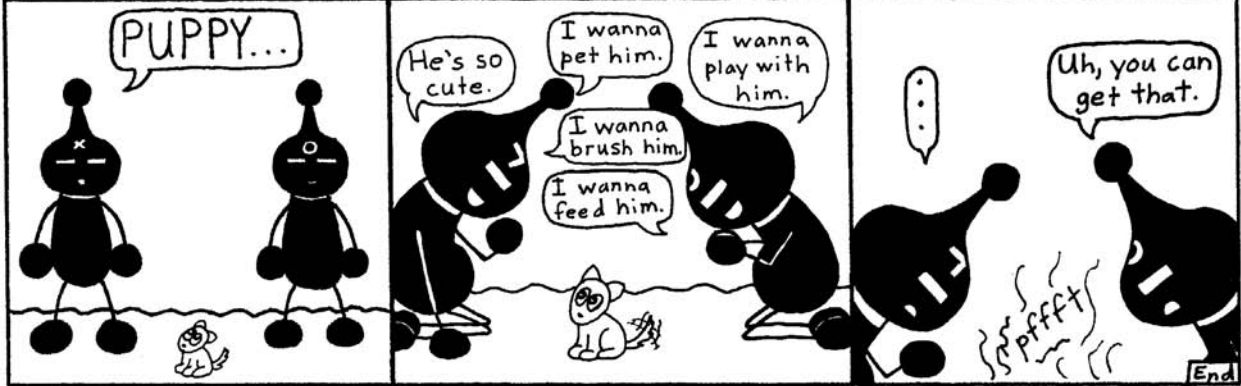


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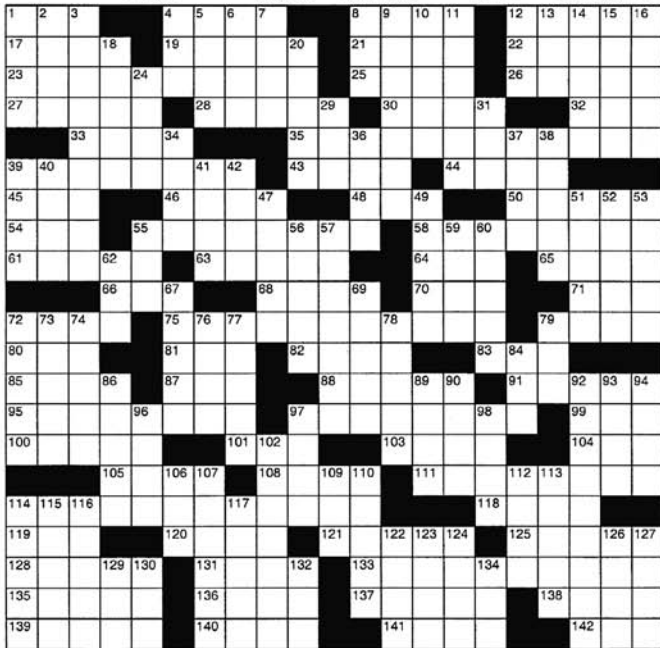


by Jennifer Otto

Super Crossword

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 - 4 It's a long story
 - 8 Steel support
 - 12 Indecent stones
 - 17 Ocho —, Jamaica
 - 19 Move through mud
 - 21 Submarine base?
 - 22 Warhol subject
 - 23 Start of a remark
 - 25 Not give — (be indifferent)
 - 26 Play
 - 27 Moshe of Israel
 - 28 Growl
 - 30 Appearance
 - 32 Pro foe
 - 33 Walked
 - 35 Part 2 of remark
 - 43 Coasted
 - 44 — Pea (Popeye's kid)
 - 45 "The Greek Tycoon" subject
 - 46 Actress
 - 48 Rock's Fleetwood —
 - 50 Layette fasteners
 - 54 Unwell
 - 55 Fall in a heap
 - 58 "The Messiah," for one
 - 61 Electrical inventor
 - 63 Word form for "large"
 - 64 Moricia, to
 - 65 Clean-air org.
 - 68 Dutch painter
 - 70 Ram's remark
 - 71 Trepidation
 - 72 Casino pt.
 - 75 Part 3 of remark
 - 79 New Mexico resort
 - 80 Curie or Arden
 - 81 Actress
 - 82 General Bradley
 - 83 — Canals
 - 85 A bad figure?
 - 87 Alias initials
 - 88 Corpulent
 - 91 Furnishings
 - 95 Noisy quarrels
 - 97 Like some butter
 - 99 Exist
 - 100 Innsbruck's locale
 - 101 Cable channel
 - 103 Litter than little
 - 104 JVC competitor
 - 105 Summer stinger
 - 108 Promise
 - 111 Part of PG
 - 114 Part 4 of remark
 - 118 New York county
 - 119 Sopranos' network
 - 120 Geometry calculation
 - 121 Trepidation
 - 125 67 Down feature
 - 128 — beaver cubes
 - 131 Can openers?
 - 133 End of remark
 - 135 Put on
 - 136 Frozen capital
 - 137 Flynn of films
 - 138 Fabled racer
 - 139 Mortise's mate
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 - 141 '80s talk-show host
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 - 4 Fast flier
 - 5 "Oh, well!"
 - 6 Wedding wear
 - 7 Disoriented
 - 8 Journalist
 - 9 — onion
 - 10 Actor
 - 11 Matures
 - 12 "Grumpy — Men"
 - 13 Norm
 - 14 You can count on them
 - 15 — "Tree" ('02 hit)
 - 16 Street talk
 - 18 Get cracking
 - 20 Rosemary and basil
 - 24 "Are you — out?"
 - 31 Hot off the press
 - 34 "The Aeneid" character
 - 36 Use a breath
 - 37 Take a breather
 - 38 Polson
 - 39 Angler's dangles
 - 40 Agatha's colleague
 - 41 Unruffle
 - 42 Grasso or Raines
 - 47 Marina sight
 - 49 Small band
 - 51 Where the action is
 - 52 Perahia's instrument
 - 53 Pump
 - 55 Graduation gear
 - 56 Bandleader
 - 57 "Sue guy"
 - 59 Laugh loudly
 - 60 Pile up
 - 62 Poet's
 - 67 Book of maps
 - 69 Strike-breakers
 - 72 Dutch pottery
 - 73 Tower material?
 - 74 Composer
 - 76 Walk in the woods
 - 77 "Ship, sailor!"
 - 78 Pick up the check
 - 79 Low digit
 - 86 Crab's
 - 88 expression
 - 89 Lingerie item
 - 90 Empedocles' last stand?
 - 92 — coordinates
 - 93 Namu or Willy
 - 94 Genuine
 - 96 Be — unto oneself
 - 97 Home of the Osmonds
 - 98 Thornfield governess
 - 102 Distinguished
 - 106 — Na Na
 - 107 O&W's Dolly
 - 109 It's in the bag
 - 110 Chissie of The Pretenders
 - 112 Hockey's Lindros
 - 113 Last inning
 - 114 It's often heaved
 - 115 Subside
 - 116 Boston airport
 - 117 Make one's hair stand on end?
 - 122 Trail mix
 - 123 Nimble
 - 124 '82 Jeff Bridges film
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 - 127 Rock band?
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 - 130 Cartoon canine
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by Linda Thistle

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APSU golf teams swing successful fall



Freshman Staci Lynch has led the Lady Govs during the fall season with two tournament wins and two other top-10 finishes in the team's five tournament showings.

PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ STAFF

Teams look to work on fundamentals over break

By TAYLOR LEIBERSTEIN
Guest Writer

Austin Peay State University men and women's golf teams have stepped off the green and into the weight room. The off-season has begun and will not end until January. Now, the golfers will mainly be working on strength, swings, hitting fairways, all the fundamentals and most importantly, improving their overall golf game. Some players, such as freshman Eric Barnes, even plan to get with their golf coaches back home over the winter break. This is a time for them to work on anything that was holding them back this past season. Lady Govs golf coach Sara Burkhead said the fall season went well. All five of the current golfers are returning in the spring after playing in five tournaments this season.

The Lady Govs ended on a good note in Montgomery, Ala., where the team showed its best performance of the season. The team shot 300 the first day and 314 the second day, setting a new school record. "Our season average was 320, nine shots lower than last fall," Burkhead said. "That's a pretty good jump for one year. Two freshmen, Beth Ann Burns and Staci Lynch, particularly helped step up our game." Lynch, a freshman from Rossvie High, was pleased with how her season went. In her best tournament, the Great Smokies Women's Collegiate in Waynesville, N.C., she finished first, playing two solid rounds under par. Her



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ STAFF

Senior Yoshio Yamamoto has been a constant for the Govs for four years.

final scores were 71-79-140. "Everything this season was unexpected, but I was definitely pleased with the outcome," Lynch said. "As for the next semester, I hope we pick up where we left off, keep improving with each tournament and of course get ready for the OVC," senior Amanda Rose said. Burkhead shared a few expectations for the girls as well. "I hope we average under 320 in the spring," she said. "Also we want to be in the last group (top three) of the conference and put ourselves in a position to see what we can do on the last day." The men's golf team consists of 10

players under the direction of head coach Kirk Kayden. "We had our ups and downs this season," Kayden said. "We didn't win four out of five tournaments, but we did place relatively well." The Govs' best tournament was their second, which was at the 2006 Xavier Invitational in Loveland, Ohio. The Govs faced stiff competition, beating high-caliber teams such as Maryland, Marquette and Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky. Junior Grant Leaver placed third and was 12 under par, shooting a 68-70-66-204. "It was nice to have some of the bigger schools and better golf teams give us compliments," Kayden said. Kayden said junior Charlie Throgmorton and sophomore Ben Glover improved last year from April to September. Kayden is now looking for them to step up and compete for starting spots in the spring. "I had to switch teachers and start all over working on the fundamentals," Throgmorton said. "During the off-season I will continue working on fundamentals and work on being in the line up next season." The Govs' goals for the spring are to continue improving and to bring home the OVC title. APSU is currently 1-1 against defending conference champions Eastern Kentucky during the 2006-07 season. "We need to improve the way our tournaments end," Kayden said. "When we are in the lead we need to be able to close the door." ♦

National title race thickens after weekend of upsets

Multiple one-loss teams still in contention for national title

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The season started with the promise of a mad scramble for No. 1. For awhile, Ohio State went and ruined that theory by playing like a juggernaut. Well, it took about two months, but that topsy-turvy national championship race has finally arrived, and it's every bit as unpredictable as advertised: Arkansas and Rutgers are contenders. Auburn and West Virginia are not. Neither is defending champ Texas. Southern California was out and back in. Same goes for Notre Dame. California was out, back, and now out again. Time to hit the reset button, forget about what we thought we knew and sort out what lies ahead. This much is certain: Top-ranked Ohio State and No. 2 Michigan play the Game of the Century on Saturday in Columbus - which could end up deciding nothing more than which team wears the home jerseys at the BCS championship game on Jan. 8. If nothing else, when the Buckeyes and Wolverines are done, we'll know at least one of the participants in the title game in Glendale, Ariz. The other is anybody's guess right now, though Florida and USC seem to be the front-runners right now. As Louisville can attest, that doesn't mean much. The Cardinals went from having the inside track to the championship game to being completely out of the picture when they lost to Rutgers on a last-second field goal last week. Florida dances with danger every week in the Southeastern Conference, often looks

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- Charlie Weis, Notre Dame coach

like it can't get out of it's own way offensively, but can't lose no matter how hard it tries. The Gators blocked three kicks, including an extra point and a last-play field goal, to beat South Carolina and their old ball coach, Steve Spurrier, 17-16 on Saturday in the Swamp. "Just win the next game," Florida coach Urban Meyer said Sunday. "No, I have no concern over (style points). I guess I probably should because that might affect standings, and human element involved in all this BCS stuff." The Gators are done with SEC play until the title game on Dec. 2, when they'll likely meet Arkansas. The Razorbacks started the season with a 50-14 loss to USC and haven't lost since. After easily dispatching Tennessee 31-14, the Hogs look like the best team in the SEC. And their tailback, Darren McFadden, might be the player most likely to win the Heisman Trophy if front-runner quarterback Troy Smith of Ohio State puts up a clunker against Michigan. McFadden and the Razorbacks can clinch the SEC West next week by beating Mississippi State. Arkansas, after two

straight losing seasons, could become maybe the most unlikely team to ever play in a BCS title game if the Razorbacks beat LSU the following week and Florida in the Georgia Dome. Though when it comes to feel-good stories, Arkansas has nothing on Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights are longtime losers turned Beasts of the Big East, with a speedy defense and their own Heisman contender in running back Ray Rice. But if Rutgers can run the table, including a win at West Virginia in the season finale, the Scarlet Knights will be able to make quite a case for playing in the national title game - even though it might fall on deaf ears. Though at least one not-totally-impartial observer is impressed with Rutgers. "I don't understand why Rutgers is not viewed the same as West Virginia and Louisville," Notre Dame coach and New Jersey native Charlie Weis said. "I think that if Rutgers is undefeated at the end of the year, it's going to be a heck of a situation. Because no matter what way you go, there will be people whining." Notre Dame gets it's big shot in two weeks when the Fighting Irish play at USC. The Trojans have Pac-10 business to take care of this week against California, in a game that lost its luster when Cal fell to Arizona. After the Trojans had an easy time with Oregon on Saturday, winning 35-10, that loss to Oregon State seems like ancient history. The BCS pairings come out on Dec. 3, and we might not know for sure until that day who's playing in the national title game. ♦



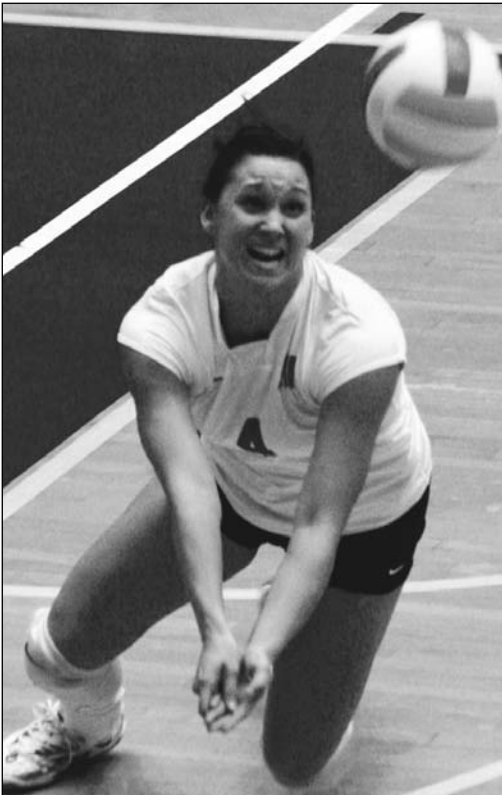
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Texas quarterback Jevan Snead (7) is pressured by Kansas State defensive end Eric Childs (90) as he passes the ball during the fourth quarter of the Longhorns' 45-42 loss to the Wildcats last Saturday.

Volleyball loses to Murray State

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University's volleyball team closed out the 2006 campaign with a 3-2 (28-30, 25- 30, 30-20, 30-13, 15-11) loss at Murray State, in Ohio Valley Conference action, Saturday afternoon. APSU finishes the season with a 4-24 overall mark, including a 2-14 conference mark, which placed them in a ninth-place tie in the final OVC standings. Murray State finished the regular-season with a 19-7 overall record, including an 11-5 league record and will enter the O'Reilly/OVC Volleyball Tournament as the No. 3 seed. Austin Peay got out to a quick start, recording 23 and 20 kills on the way to winning the opening two games. However, the offense faltered after the break, recording only 15 kills against 10 errors in a game three loss followed by a seven-kill, eight-error performance in the game four loss. In the decisive fifth game, the Lady Govs and Murray State each recorded 10 kills; however, it was the Lady Govs four attack errors in the game to cost them the match. Junior Dorota Szymaska led the Lady Govs with 16 kills. Senior Ashley Genslak and junior Jaimie Thill each had 15 kills, and senior Laura Wussow chipped in 14 kills. The Lady Govs finished with 75 kills and a .172 attack percentage. Katie Kemezs led Murray State with 23 kills and a .404 attack percentage. Holly Jansen (17), Tara DeMage (13), Alison Mugler (10) and Alyssa Groves (10) each joined her in double-digit kill territory. The Racers recorded 78 kills and a .258 attack percentage. Murray State won the front-row defensive battle, with an 8-4 blocks edge, but had to settle for a draw on the back-row defense, both teams recording 112 digs. ♦



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Senior Ashley Genslak dives for a dig during the Lady Govs' match-up against Tennessee State last week. Genslak posted 15 kills in APSU's loss to Murray State.

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Lynch rises to stardom as freshman



Lynch has risen to the top of APSU's roster to lead the Lady Govs to a much-improved fall season. Lynch's steady swing and veteran-like play has earned her a 79th national ranking while re-invigorating the Lady Govs team.



APSU women's golfer Staci Lynch has won two tournaments and finished in the top-10 in four of the five tournaments in which she has participated during her first semester with the Lady Govs.

Local product posts two wins in fall

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Assistant Sports Editor

Going from high school golf to college golf can be a huge change for a lot of players. Unless, of course, your high school career involved going undefeated during the regular season, ranking fourth in Tennessee's 2006 golf class, and 117th nationally, winning the regional championship and being in the National Honor Society.

Those are a few of the things freshman Lady Govs golfer Staci Lynch accomplished in during her high school career at local Rossview High School in Clarksville.

So it shouldn't have been much of a surprise to many that she made the transition look unproblematic. "I knew she would be good when I recruited her," head coach Sara Burkhead said. "I just figured it would take her at least another semester to get to the point where she is right now."

The point that Burkhead is talking about is being one of the best golfers in the country. Lynch finished the fall 2006 season ranked 79th among Division I golfers.

She is the highest-ranked golfer in the Ohio Valley Conference with the second-closest opponent being Jacksonville State freshman Michelle Thompson who is currently ranked 140th.

"I had a lot of expectations for myself and of my team coming into this year but nothing like what was accomplished," Lynch said. "I am extremely pleased that I had two wins because I didn't expect to get any. I just wanted to have a few top-10 finishes, so I am really surprised at how well I ended up doing."

Lynch finished the fall season with a 90.4 winning percentage and a 74.2 scoring average. In the five tournaments she played, she finished in the top-10 in four of them and gained two medals. Lynch's hard work

is what sets her apart from other OVC golfers. "She has a lot of leadership qualities that she brings to the team," Burkhead said. "She is really good at not letting her opponents intimidate her, so her calming nerves settle the rest of our team down. I can say that our entire team got better with some of that coming from her. She just motivates the team."

Lynch chose Austin Peay State University because Clarksville is her home, and she has a big support system here.

"It was an easy choice to come here, with family, friends and coaches all behind me," Lynch said. "I love it here. We play a lot more than we did in high school, but all my coaches and teammates have helped me to transition well here."

Besides finishing in the top-10 in nearly every tournament, Lynch already has her name in the APSU record books.

Earlier this year at the Wachovia-Great Smokies Intercollegiate where she won the tournament, Lynch finished with a four under par 140, beating the school record for lowest 36-round by four strokes.

Two tournaments later, the Lady Govs hosted the F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate, in which Lynch again took home top honors by shooting a four over 146, winning the tournament by eight strokes. So far in her brief collegiate career, Lynch has scored as low as 69 in a tournament with her high topping out at 79.

Although she had a successful fall season, Lynch believes she still has room to improve in order to reach her full potential as a great golfer for the Lady Govs.

"I think I need to work on wedges and getting it closer to the hole by working a lot with my coach this winter, continue to give 100 percent in practice and taking it day by day," Lynch said. "I want to have five top-10 finishes and win the OVC tournament as a team next year."♦

Applications are now being accepted for:

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The annual "Help an Elf" Program is now underway. This program is designed to assist APSU students to provide holiday gifts for their children.

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APSU falls to Dayton in first road game



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Junior forward Fernandez Lockett takes a shot during the Gobs exhibition match-up against Rhodes. Lockett slammed in 16 points during APSU's recent loss to the Dayton Flyers.

Lockett, Reed lead Gobs scoring with play down low

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team kicked off the 2006-2007 regular season Saturday with a loss to Atlantic-10 opponent Dayton, 78-62.

The game was tied at five early in the first half when the Flyers took off. The Gobs played catch-up the entire first half, erasing an 18-point deficit to bring Dayton's lead down to eight, 41-33, going into the second half.

"The last thing we said before going into the second half was the game could be won or lost within the first few minutes of the second half," head coach Dave Loos said.

But the Flyers wouldn't allow a comeback in the second half, hitting their first six out of nine shots while the Gobs couldn't match the hot shooting, only hitting one basket in six attempts in the first four minutes of action.

Dayton went up by as many as 20 points with 15:39 left in the game. The Gobs continued to try to come back on four different occasions, the last coming with 2:18 left to play as sophomore guard Landon Shipley nailed a three-pointer, but the Gobs never could get closer than 11 points.

"I think we really learned about ourselves in this game, and I hope that we can improve each time out,"

— Dave Loos, APSU men's basketball coach

"We had a chance to change the momentum of the game but couldn't get it done," Loos said.

The Governors shot 39.1 percent from the floor compared to the Flyers' 43.6 percent. APSU shot 21 percent from three-point range and 44 percent from the free throw line, being outscored in both categories by the Flyers.

The Gobs led the Flyers in a few categories, including points in the paint (28-22), scoring off turnovers (19-18), points off fast breaks (14-11), bench points (23-14) and second chance-points (13-9).

"We have to be more patient offensively," Loos said. "Our free throw shooting has to improve, and we have to execute better man-to-man offense."

The Gobs had two players posting in double figures, with Fernandez Lockett scoring 16 points and pulling down nine rebounds while Drake Reed chipped in another 16 points and seven rebounds.

Loos said while he was disappointed with the loss, his team knows what they have to work on in order to improve.

"We have to step it up defensively," he said. "We let them get too deep inside. We also have to guard the ball better, and our post has to show up on ball screens. I think we really learned about ourselves in this game, and I hope that we can improve each time out." ♦

APSU 35, Illinois 80

APSU men's basketball team fell to national powerhouse, Illinois, Monday night, 80-35. The Fighting Illini out-rebounded the Governors 42-24 while also knocking down more than 50 percent of their field goals and three-point attempts.

Freshman forward Wes Channels led the Gobs in scoring with 11 total points while junior guards Todd Babbington and sophomore Drake Reed filed in with seven and six points, respectively. The loss sends APSU to 0-2 on the season. ♦

Gobs wide receiver just shy of APSU records

2 The number of catches sophomore wide receiver Lanis Frederick is from breaking APSU's single-season receptions record, which was set in 1967 by Harold "Red" Roberts with 67. Frederick's last chance will be this Saturday in Bowling Green against Western Kentucky.

34 The number of yards Frederick must haul in to break APSU's single-season reception yards record, set at 1,033 by Vince Tweddell in 1999. The 5-11, 170-pound receiver could set the record at the Gobs last game this weekend against the Hilltoppers.

Gobs pound Eagles

Fletcher exploits Eagles' weakness

By MARLON SCOTT
Staff Writer

When asked about his expectations for the Austin Peay State University football team before their road match-up with Morehead State, a team the Gobs have not beat in 10 years – Gobs head coach Carroll McCray responded like any other head coach.

"I expect to have a great game, and I expect to win," he said.

The Gobs fulfilled McCray's expectations and beat Morehead State 23-21 on a rainy Saturday in Morehead, Ky.

As expected, junior running back Chris Fletcher had an epic day, rushing for 197 yards and three touchdowns. However, a perfect game by junior quarterback Mark Cunningham and a whole game's worth of solid defense are what ultimately led the Gobs to victory.

The Gobs wasted no time scoring as Fletcher ended a two-play drive with a 45-yard touchdown run, 54 seconds into the game.

The APSU defense was then able to hold Morehead scoreless until the second quarter when Eagles' senior running back Jabari McGee plowed across the goal line from one yard out. McGee rushed for 93 yards and three touchdowns in the game.

The momentum seemed to swing in Morehead's favor when the Eagles blocked an APSU punt that eventually set up another McGee touchdown, giving the Eagles a 14-7 lead.

Fletcher broke a 62-yard dash to the end zone in the Gobs next drive to keep them in the game, 14-13.

After some trickery that converted a long fourth down, sophomore kicker Ross Coffee made a 29-yard field goal before the half to give the Gobs the lead, 16-14.

Cunningham only completed eight of his 23 pass attempts for 107 yards, but he managed the game well and did not throw any interceptions. His favorite target in the game was



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Junior running back Chris Fletcher cuts upfield during the Gobs Homecoming match-up against North Greenville last week. Fletcher racked up 197 yards on 27 carries, including three touchdowns against Morehead State last Saturday.

sophomore wide receiver Lanis Frederick. Frederick had four catches for 81 yards in the game and is two receptions short of the APSU single-season reception record.

After the Gobs first drive in the second half that ended in Fletcher's third touchdown for the day, the game became a defensive battle. Despite several APSU three-and-outs, the Gobs defense held Morehead scoreless until the fourth quarter.

Morehead State quarterback Brian Yost produced a scoring drive with seven minutes left in the fourth quarter that cut APSU's lead to two. Yost completed 15-of-33 pass attempts for

146 yards and one interception in the game.

Unlike past games this season, the Gobs defense did not fall apart late in the game. They continued to play hard and junior linebacker Josh Hackett intercepted a Yost pass to the end zone at the end of the game.

The Gobs' record improves to 3-7 with the win, marking the first time the team has posted more than two wins in three years. The team has also won two of its past three games.

APSU will take on Sun Belt Conference member Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, Ky., Saturday at 4 p.m. ♦

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Chattanooga dominates Lady Gobs

Bacon, Hale lead Lady Gobs struggling offense on road

By MARLON SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University women's basketball team lost its first game of the season on the road to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 80-56.

"We showed some improvement from the exhibition game," head coach Carrie Daniels said. "But we still have a long way to go. Chattanooga is a good, well-coached team that shoots well."

Junior forward Alex Anderson led the Lady Mocs with 12 points in the first half and 23 total points for the game.

Chattanooga maintained the lead throughout the first half because of turnovers. The Lady Mocs scored 15 points off of 12 APSU turnovers in the first half.

By capitalizing on the Lady Gobs' mistakes and controlling the paint,

"We showed some improvement from the exhibition game. But we still have a long way to go,"

— Carrie Daniels, APSU women's basketball coach

Chattanooga was able to withstand all of the Lady Gobs' offensive runs. The Lady Mocs shot 47 percent (31-of-66) from the field and out-rebounded APSU, 44-36.

The Lady Gobs were only able to score six points off 12 forced Chattanooga turnovers. APSU's offensive production was equally spread, with 10 of the team's 11 rostered players posting points. However, none of them managed to produce more than three points, except for junior guard Amber Bacon and senior guard Sandra Hale.

Bacon scored 20 points off the bench,

including four three-pointers. Hale played all 40 minutes, generating 19 points and five assists during the contest.

"Saundra and Amber played well, but they need some help," Daniels said. "We have got to pick up our defensive efforts."

APSU's defensive effort seemed to vanish as the game progressed in the second half. Two minutes into the second half, Chattanooga pushed their 38-22 lead up to 21 points, 47-26. The Lady Gobs never pulled within 13 points the remainder of the game.

The Lady Gobs were unable to establish any game inside the paint. Chattanooga penetrated the lane at will and got second chance baskets constantly. Besides making only one of their eight shots from the field, the Lady Gobs centers managed a meager two blocked shots and 13 of the 36 total rebounds.

The Lady Gobs now face questions regarding who is going to step up and do the dirty work, such as crashing the boards and physically protecting the paint. But APSU will need to find answers fast. ♦