

Lottery brings scholarships

600 students eligible to get money

By KATHY YUNG
Staff writer

The first scholarship money funded by the Tennessee lottery will be available in 2004 for the fall 2004 term. There are approximately 600 students currently enrolled at APSU who may be eligible to receive the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship.

the opportunity.

"My main objective is to be sure that current eligible students have the information they need to apply for these scholarships," said Donna Price, interim director of Financial Aid.

Applying for the scholarship is as simple as filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All students, regardless of financial need, are required to complete the FAFSA in order to be considered for the

scholarships. Completing and submitting the FAFSA application means a student has applied for the scholarship as well.

Although the deadline for FAFSA is May 1, Price recommends students complete the application as soon as possible. FAFSA forms for 2004-2005 are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The amount for the HOPE Scholarship is \$3,000 per year. Additional supplemental scholarships for \$1,000 are available for those who meet the required criteria. To retain the full amount of the scholarship after the first year the student must maintain a

3.00 cumulative GPA and complete twenty-four credit hours each year.

Because the amount of the scholarship is dependent upon funding from the lottery, and because the rules are subject to change, Price advises students to keep informed by visiting the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation's web site at www.state.tn.us/tsac/lotteryfaq.htm.

Students may also get information by calling the financial aid office at 931-221-7907 or toll free at 1-877-508-0057. ♦

HOPE scholarship requirements

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- Be a Tennessee resident for one year
- Enroll in a Tennessee public college/university OR enroll in a Tennessee private college/university that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Have a high school score of at least a 19 ACT (890 SAT) OR
- Have a high school 3.0 unweighted overall grade point average (GPA) and college core GPA out of a possible 4.0 and all required college core courses
- Maintain a 2.75 GPA and complete at least twenty-four credit hours during the college freshman year

For more information...

On the web: www.state.tn.us/tsac/lotteryfaq.htm
On the phone: (931) 221-7907 or toll free 877-508-0057

History of APSU in paint



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The new mural, located in the Sundquist Science Building, was painted by an APSU retired professor, Max Holstetter. He has painted the mural located in Opryland Hotel. Holstetter was accompanied by APSU student William Gentry and Thomas Jones.



APSU seeks funding for Global studies

Other than in the Washington area, where international defense and security are discussed daily, folks in and around Clarksville may have the keenest understanding of the importance of securing global security, thanks in large part to the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault's historic "rendezvous with destiny."

According to Sherry Hoppe, Austin Peay State University president, higher education institutions received more than \$2 billion in special appropriations from the government last year. Tennessee received only \$13 million of that—none of which came to APSU.

"My goal is to increase the level of such funding in Tennessee," Hoppe says. "Austin Peay's proposal for funding an Institute for Global Security Studies is the first of several proposals we'll work on in upcoming months and years."

Hoppe appointed Gerald Beavers, executive director of the APSU Center at Fort Campbell, to chair a committee charged with working on a concept for the institute.

According to Hoppe, if funding is secured and approval for the new degree programs is granted by TBR and THEC, the institute would provide both credit and non-credit programming in multidisciplinary subjects:

- An interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in global studies with several concentrations, including cyber security, public administration with an emphasis on homeland defense, political science with an emphasis on terrorist organizations and chemical, biological and nuclear threats.

- A master's degree in military history with emphasis in such areas as the history of terrorism and conventional vs. unconventional warfare.

- Non-credit programming, such as rapid-response training and protection of infrastructure systems.

"The University is uniquely positioned to develop and implement the proposed institute as a result of its ongoing relationship with the military," Hoppe said.

"Austin Peay is located within 10 miles of Fort Campbell, one of the nation's major military installations. For more than 30 years, we have provided on-site education to more than 30,000 military personnel, military retirees and dependents at the education center on post."

The total projected start-up cost for the proposed institute, which still is being finalized, is expected to be in excess of \$10 million. ♦

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Campus shuffle: Browning offices relocate

By MELINDA SIMMONS
News Editor

Students returning for another semester at Austin Peay State University should be ready for some office changes. The Browning building has been on the move again playing musical offices.

Along with the Browning changes, the Learning Center, now called the Academic Support Center has moved again.

"The initial motivation for the move is in response to the suggestion in the state comptroller's report that Richard Jackson, senior advisor to the president's office, should be more accessible," said Sherry Hoppe, APSU President.

The new move was intended to give him a space where people could approach him privately.

Some of the changes for students' favorite offices are as follows: telephone services is moving from Browning 138 to Browning 133, Jackie Struckmeyer, internal auditor, is moving from Browning 133 to Browning 151, and Jackson is moving from Browning 126 to 151.

Additional office changes are The Office of Finance and Administration and Sonja Stewart, director for budgeting and planning, from 151 in Browning to 115, the Office of Student Affairs has moved from Browning 115 to UC 206, and The Office of Student Development is relocating from UC 206 to UC 208.

The Browning building, however, was not the only building to have room changes. The computer lab that was formerly located in Clement switched places with the former

Learning Center downstairs in the University Center, room 114, last semester. They have changed back again this semester, leaving the new Academic Support Center back in the UC and the computer lab has returned to Clement 121.

The schedule for the Support Center has changed hours as well as location.

Monday through Thursday, the Center will be open from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, students can come between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and tutoring is available from 4 p.m. - 8 a.m. Sunday the Center will be open from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Center provides free tutoring and student may come by UC 114 to schedule tutoring. ♦

Phonathon near \$100,000 goal

Austin Peay State University's Phonathon 2003 raised \$90,954 for University scholarships, according to Shelia Boone, director of alumni and annual giving.

"I am delighted with the total monies raised to date, and the fact that we've already surpassed the totals from the previous two years, and this is just the end of November," said Boone. "Since donations will be counted through June 30, 2004, I know we will reach our original goal of \$100,000."

Fifty-five faculty, staff and students collected pledges from APSU alumni Sept. 29-Oct. 23. Alumni could choose to contribute to the general scholarship fund or specific departmental scholarships.

Lawrence Baggett, associate professor and chair of accounting, was the top faculty caller, bringing in \$16,031. He was followed by Dr. Bruce Myers, professor of computer science and information technology, who raised \$5,610. Dr. David Kanervo, professor and chair of political science, raised \$2,560.

The top student caller was Tabatha Sarco, a junior biology major, who raised \$6,165 and earned \$50 in cash awards for her efforts.

In addition, six students were inducted into the Phonathon "Hall of Fame" for pledges of at least \$2,500 or at least 75 pledges of \$25 or more: Jennifer Marlow, Keith Parker, Sanita Miller, Patrice Callahan, Tony Richardson and Sarco. Each received a \$25 cash award. ♦

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Retired ABC Exec proposes new politics center

Austin Peay State University has an enthusiastic proponent in Tom Osborne, former United Nations Bureau Chief for ABC News.

Working with Dr. David Kanervo, professor and chair of the Department of political science, Osborne has volunteered to serve as an endowed chair to raise \$1 million for an endowed Center for the Study of Politics at APSU.

In a letter to the Tennessee Board of Regents, Dr. Sherry Hoppe, APSU

president, said that Osborne, who now lives in Tennessee Ridge, "has a strong interest in helping APSU capitalize on its strong ties with Fort Campbell through the creation of a Center for the Study of Politics."

Historically, the nation's top leaders, including President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell, have visited the APSU campus in conjunction with visits to the troops at Fort Campbell.

In addition to citing such linkages between APSU and Fort Campbell, Kanervo said, "The study of international politics as well as domestic politics is an important mission for the University and an important part of a college education in today's volatile world."

The Center for the Study of Politics would have four major components:

- A scholarship program for students interested in domestic or international politics.

- A distinguished lecturer program to bring well-known political figures to campus.

- Opportunities for students to travel to conferences and meetings, such as Model United Nations, so they can interact with political leaders and other college students.

- A visiting faculty program to enable faculty members to teach special courses in their areas of expertise that otherwise might not be available to students.

Osborne said, "During my career in journalism, I served 10 years as a reporter for ABC News and, subsequently, as United Nations Bureau Chief at UN Headquarters in New York. I have come to understand the critical need to better tell the story of what we, as a nation, are doing on the international stage."

APSU hires new Webdesigner

Steve Wilson, Web designer, joined the staff of Austin Peay State University's Public Relations and Marketing Office Jan. 12.

Before his APSU appointment, Wilson was the graphic designer/webmaster for three Nashville television stations: WZTV-FOX 17, WUXP-UPN 30 and WNAB-WB 58.

He was responsible for designing and maintaining the stations' Web sites; creating brochures, logos and advertisements and producing commercial, news and promotion animation, including video and audio editing. Wilson also produced the graphics package for "Mornings on FOX 17" and

"Road to the BlueCross Bowl."

"Steve Wilson brings a variety of experience to Austin Peay," says Bill Persinger, director of graphic design for APSU. "Not only was he in charge of Web design, but he gained a lot of multimedia experience at FOX, UPN and WB."

These skills, combined with Steve's knowledge of the University and gregariousness, open new areas of increased potential for the University's Web site, including new marketing efforts.

In addition to his work as graphic designer/webmaster, since September 1999 Wilson has worked as a freelance designer for his own company, SAW Designs, in Clarksville.

His clients include MUSCLEGRAM Inc., Joe Muggs Coffee, Austin Peay Alumni Association, Nashville Skate Club and Lakewood Theatre Company.

From 1998-99, Wilson served as a graphic designer for g/f grafix in Dickson. He designed brochures, newsletters, catalogs, Web pages, newspaper and magazine advertising, and illustration and photography for publications.

Wilson graduated from APSU with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in graphic design in 1997. He was a President's Emerging Leaders Program participant, president of Sigma Chi Fraternity and a scholarship recipient. ♦

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In brief

Study says graduation rates overestimated

According to the Education Trust, an education advocacy group, many states overestimate the number of students who graduate from high school.

For example, North Carolina told the federal government that more than 92 percent of its public school students graduated in 2002. The Education Trust says fewer than two-thirds of the state's students graduated. ♦

Cost of Tennessee's pre-paid tuition program on the rise

In an effort to help offset a sharp rise in tuition, the cost of prepaying college tuition under a state savings program increased Jan. 1. It was the 12th increase since the program started in 1997.

The unit price in Tennessee's Baccalaureate

Education System Trust (BEST) prepaid program rose from \$42 to \$43.60. Each unit is equal to 1 percent of the average tuition cost at a public college in Tennessee.

BEST's board of directors may consider limiting the program to current enrollees next year, according to Janice Cunningham, executive assistant to state Treasurer Dale Sims. ♦

Art department prepares to host College Art Day and "Me & Myself 6"

Austin Peay's art department will present College Art Day, followed by the "Me & Myself 6" exhibition, Jan. 24 in the Trahern Building.

High school art students, their parents and teachers are invited to attend College Art Day, which will run from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Students can choose from several workshops, including ceramics, photography, painting and electronic imaging. High school art teachers will participate in a workshop providing networking opportunities, while parents tour the campus and attend a financial-aid workshop.

The "Me & Myself 6" drawing and photography exhibition, which begins at 3:30

p.m., will feature 40 pieces selected from submissions by high school students across Tennessee and Southern Kentucky.

Professor Carlyle Johnson, chair of Tennessee State University's art department, will judge the pieces, awarding cash prizes to the winners. ♦

APSU Community School of the Arts auditions children, adults for choirs Jan. 12

Austin Peay's Community School of the Arts is holding auditions for the Clarksville Children's Choir and the Clarksville Community Chorus.

The Clarksville Children's Choir will audition children in grades 4-8 on Monday, Jan. 12. Those selected will attend classes from 6-7:30 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 26-May 3, in APSU's music/mass communication building, Room 147.

The 12-class course costs \$90. The Clarksville Community Chorus will audition adults 18 and older on Thursday, Jan. 22. Those selected will attend classes Jan. 29-May 6, in APSU's music/mass communication building. To schedule an audition, call 7508. ♦

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Reconnecting to your campus e-mail account

By Melinda Simmons
News Editor

Students may have noticed that the web-mail at the Austin Peay State University has changed to AP Mail. The new e-mail program by Ipswitch allows student to have more features such as address books and user settings.

"We had hoped to accomplish several goals by replacing the WebMail system with APMail," said Matt Bennett, electronic communications specialist in the Office of Information Technology.

"First we removed their e-mail through the Web, but this system is 'a lot more advanced,'" said Bennett.

The reason the usernames were changed was because of a recent court ruling, which changed the scope of 'personally identifiable information' under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and stated that part of the social security numbers could no longer be used in APSU student usernames.

The new mail is featured as a link

on the top of the APSU website (www.apsu.edu).

After clicking on the link, students can check their new mail accounts by entering their username and password.

Students' username is the first initial of their first name, followed by their first name and a sequence number (ex: jd0014).

Then the password is the students' social security number. Students can change their password after their first login.

Blackboard has also changed due to the act. Students will use their APMail username and password to access their online course content through <http://onlinecourses.apsu.edu>, according to Bennett.

According to Tammy Bryant, administrative assistant for the Office of Student Affairs, APMail should be the primary form of communication between the university and students should be "encouraged by faculty and staff to check their APMail daily." ♦

Politics: Osborne offers to help raise \$1 million

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Osborne indicated that helping create a Center for the Study of Politics struck him as the best way to use his years of reporting on the international scene in a constructive way.

"Such a center is not only a good idea, but one too long in coming," he said.

"The APSU population cries out for such a center because of its close ties to Fort Campbell, Ky."

Pointing to the more than 1,000 of the 7,842 students enrolled at APSU who receive veterans' benefits, Osborne said such a Center would provide a forum for dialogue between local, state, national and international leaders, both civilian and military.

Osborne discussed how war today differs from previous wars. One point he made is that rehabilitation of failed states, such as Iraq, is viewed as a key to combating terrorism.

"The aftermath of the war in Iraq demonstrates that the U.S. military is being asked to assume more of these commitments, and there are many questions about the requirements of such commitments."

With close ties among the military, the community and the University, Osborne said there is a duty to bring latest information from national and international leaders "to this unique campus."

"With so many of its citizens

called to serve on the front lines of this war, it is a community directly affected by the decisions of these leaders," he said.

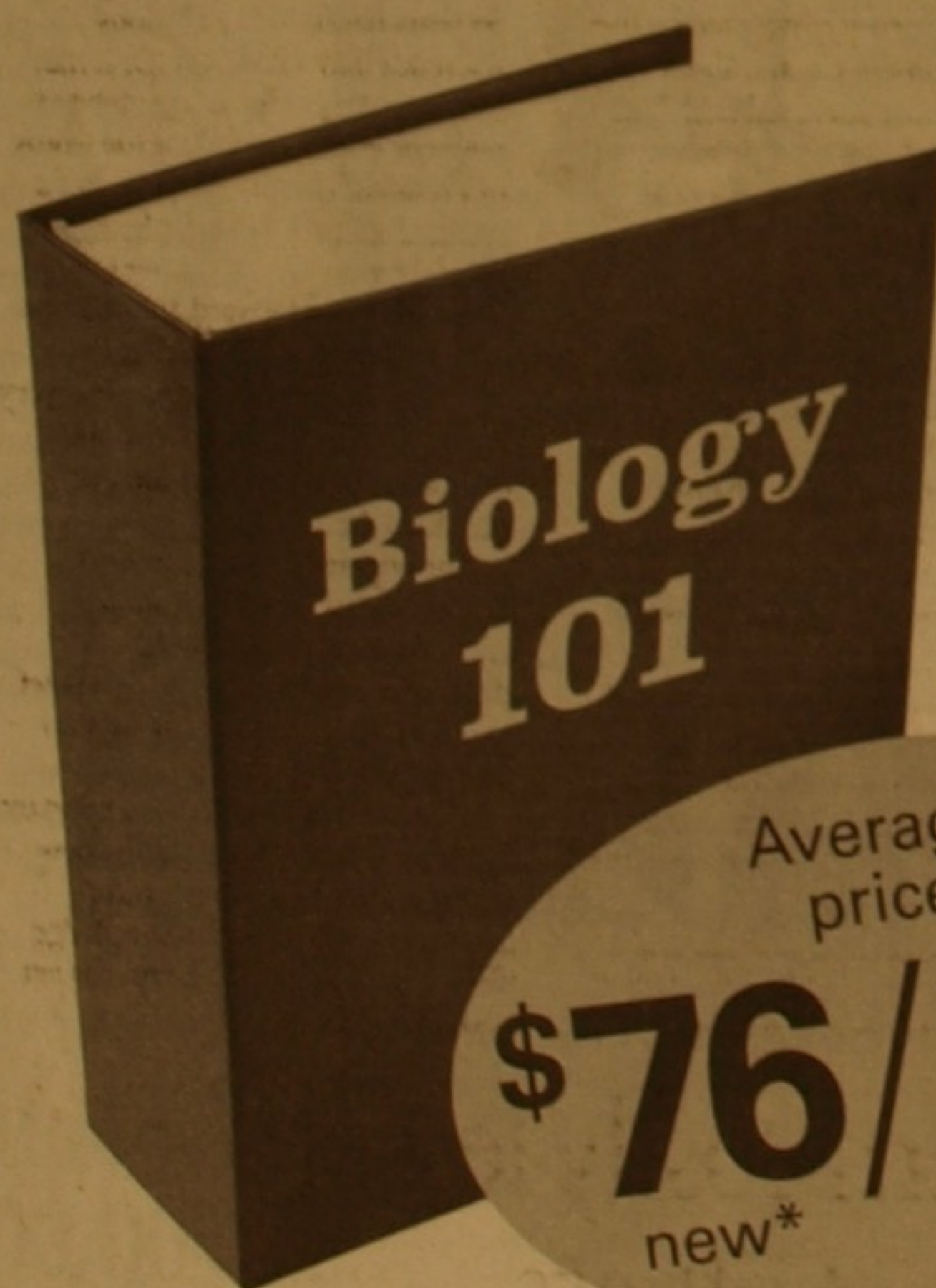
After retiring in 2000 as Bureau Chief to the UN for ABC News, Osborne worked two years as the executive producer of the award-winning documentary "In Shifting Sands: The Truth About UNSCOM and the Dismantling of Iraq." ♦

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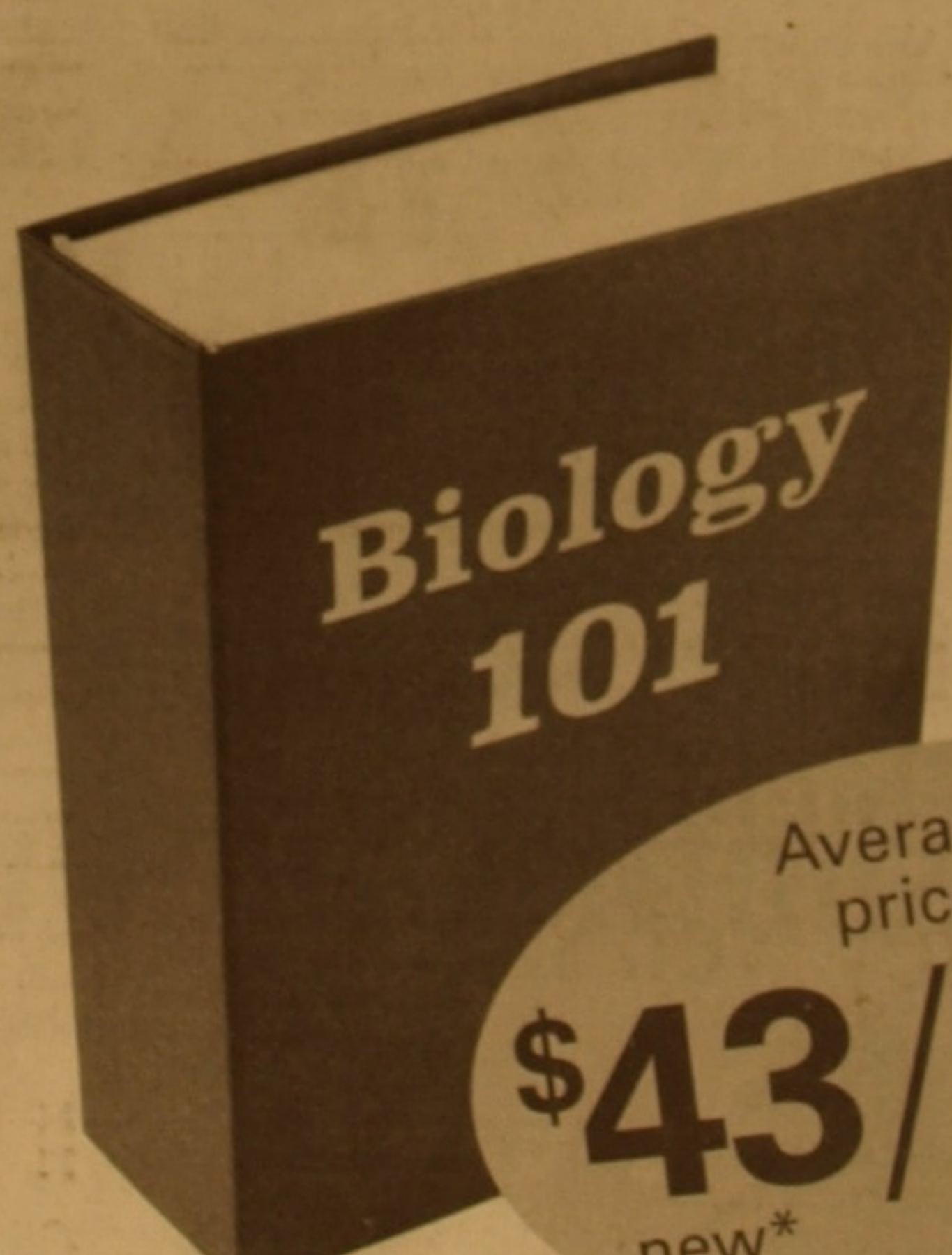
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Eligible 2003-2004 high school graduates who are currently enrolled at APSU must submit the 2004-2005 FAFSA in order to be considered for the lottery scholarship. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information contact Donna Price at 221-7907 or e-mail pricesd@apsu.edu.

Interested in joining the University Wind Ensemble or Symphony Band?

Auditions for both bands will be held Jan. 12. Audition times become available Jan. 3. Interested students will be accepted into the Symphonic Winds. To be admitted to the Wind Ensemble, you must audition with selected music available from Greg Wolyniec or Andrea Brown. For more information contact Andrea Brown at 221-4800 or e-mail brownad@apsu.edu.

TIP Offers Opportunity for African-American Undergrads

Are you an African-American student pursuing a career in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine or law?

Contact Dr. Burton for information on an excellent learning opportunity at 221-7778

OUR TAKE

Find fun working for student publications

It's a new semester, a new year, and it seems like some things are changing for the better. Even *The All State* has had a facelift. We are working with new program innovations and shortcuts that are going to help us get the paper to you more quickly and ensure that this semester runs smoothly. We have new, enthusiastic page editors aboard that are committed to devoting their time and effort into producing a quality campus paper.

It is our wish that you share this experience with us. If your talent is writing, and you feel like you have something to say, we would love to have you as a writer.

If you have a knack for saying things in a persuasive and tactful manner, we want you to be a part of the team. Do you have an opinion that just can't wait to get out and feel that more people need to hear it? This is the place to be.

Writing is not the only talent that we are searching for, however. You may have abilities or experience selling ads. You may see your abilities as lying in the realm of visual art and design. Are you a photographer? Welcome aboard! The point should be smacking you in the face by now.

There are no course prerequisites to working here. The only thing that you have to do is maintain a 2.5 GPA and be an APSU student in good standing.

It is our hope that you will decide to come give us a try. We promise not to intimidate you or scare you away. In fact you may find that working with us will be one of the most fun and rewarding experiences of your college career.



By MARTY FOX

Inside the First Amendment:

Two words at the heart of Pledge of Allegiance battle

By Ken Paulson

Executive director, First Amendment Center

"Under God."

Those two words are at the heart of the battle over the future of the Pledge of Allegiance, the most talked-about Supreme Court case in the 2003-04 term. Now the White House has stepped in, filing its own brief in the case and arguing that public school recitation of the pledge is constitutional.

The Justice Department has filed a 63-page brief asking the Supreme Court to overturn the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling that the words "under God" in the pledge violate the First Amendment's religious-freedom guarantees.

"The reference to a 'nation under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is an official patriotic acknowledgment of what all students — Jewish, Christian, Muslim or atheist — may properly be taught in the public schools," the Justice Department argued. The case stems from a challenge to the pledge by atheist Michael Newdow, of Sacramento, Calif. He objected to public school teachers' leading the recitation each day in his daughter's 2nd-grade classroom.

The 9th Circuit agreed, saying that government can't endorse a faith in a public classroom. Judge Alfred T. Goodwin wrote that the reference to God was unconstitutional as saying "that we are a nation 'under Jesus,' a nation 'under Vishnu,' a nation 'under Zeus,' or a nation 'under no God.'"

The case has already had a remarkable number of twists and turns. First, the 9th Circuit's controversial decision survived a review by the circuit's 24 judges. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia then excused himself from the case because of earlier public statements that the high court had intervened too often in matters involving public schools and religion and that the

pledge decision was best addressed by legislatures. Though some Americans believe religious exercises should be part of a public school education, that's not the argument being made by the Justice Department.

Rather, the government contends that "the Pledge of Allegiance is a patriotic exercise, not a religious testimonial. The reference to God permissibly acknowledges the role that faith in God has played in the formation, political foundation, and continuing development of this Country. Children may be taught about that heritage in their History classes; acknowledging the same in the Pledge is equally permissible."

In other words, the Justice Department is arguing that over the past 226 years, the United States and its leaders have frequently acknowledged God as an inspiration; the Pledge does no more than provide a mini-history lesson.

Many Americans feel the same way. In the 2003 survey conducted by the First Amendment Center, about 73 percent of those surveyed said "one nation under God" was "primarily a statement related to the American political tradition." Fewer than 20 percent said they thought this was "primarily a religious statement."

Actually, it's a little surprising that Americans feel so strongly about the Pledge of Allegiance.

After all, this was a journalistic invention in 1892, not something hammered out by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson over the breakfast table.

In fact, it was written by a socialist and former minister named Francis Bellamy to help promote the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing in the Western Hemisphere.

The pledge became popular and a staple of America's public schools, but not without challenges. In 1943 —

before the words "under God" were added to the pledge — the Supreme Court ruled that the government may not compel students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. That remains the law today and is a component of the California law now before the Supreme Court. California requires patriotic ceremonies in its public schools, but does not require individual students to participate.

During the height of the Cold War and the nation's concern about "godless communism," Congress rewrote the pledge to add the words "under God."

Over the past 50 years, courts grappling with "In God We Trust" as our national motto and its presence on our currency have characterized such references to God as "ceremonial" and not religious in nature.

The Supreme Court may do the same, concluding that the rote recitation of the pledge during the past 50 years has turned a religious reference into a civic one. Or it may overturn the pledge as a prohibited religious exercise, recalling the words of President Eisenhower, who put a spiritual spin on it the day he signed the legislation adding "under God": "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."

The Supreme Court may also dismiss the case on procedural grounds, a move that would dishearten some and come as a relief to others. Passions will run high no matter what the decision.

This will not be the most important Supreme Court decision of the new year, but it may well be the most fascinating. It's ironic that the pledge that asserts our "indivisibility" has left us so divided.

Making illegal aliens legal poses security problems

Unfortunately, I am going to have to start off this semester's editorial with a gripe. (What else is new?) Now, we all know that I am a big-time conservative, but one of the latest political whirlwinds to sweep the country, being pushed by Bush, is this big stink over giving amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants, and I must join the dissident.

The idea of making legal, well, people whom are illegally here (i.e. by ILLEGAL means) makes my blood boil. The entire point of something being illegal is that it is "wrong" and "not allowed."

Let us just open our doors a little wider, please! We do not have a "terror problem" due to lax immigration policies at all!

Excuse my cynicism, but I believe this is a joke! What is next? Allowing illegals driver's licenses? Oh yeah, they are already trying that!

I honestly do not have a problem with immigrants coming to America legally, as long as they work an honest job and learn at least conversational English. That makes them more respectable and thus they are accepted more easily. However, it is no secret why these folks hop the border — they are poor and they see opportunities in America.

That is a nice idea and it makes America sound very noble...but what happens when millions of people are given amnesty and are allowed to stay legally in this country? It changes the political demographics immensely (depending on if citizenship is next, along with voting rights). And others may hate me for saying this, but it is the truth: our social programs will be DRAINED. This will cost our country a pretty penny if it goes through.

Perhaps normal Americans are too afraid to admit it since it is not "politically correct," or perhaps they honestly do not mind throwing millions of dollars at people who should not be here in the first place. Any person with half a brain knows this cannot be a good plan. It is nothing personal against Mexicans; I just think where there is smoke there is fire...and this is likely to burn a huge hole in America's pocket.

The money we spend on rebuilding Iraq is money well spent

I have heard the comment: "All the money being spent overseas could be used to help those of us who are struggling to get by." I was appalled because we are the luckiest and wealthiest country in the world. The \$87 billion being spent overseas is extremely necessary. It is estimated that \$65 billion will be spent on our troops who are living and maintaining order in a dangerous place; \$18.6 billion will be spent on Iraq and Afghanistan; and the rest will be used in aiding countries including Liberia. The money in Iraq will be used to restore electrical power and water supplies, upgrade hospitals and health clinics, and rebuild roads and schools.

America has a government that can help the less fortunate not only in other countries, but also its own. If people in this country are in need, all they have to do is go to the local Department of Human Services and apply for food stamps, medical coverage, assistance with childcare, housing, or money for basic needs. If people want a better life through higher education, they can simply apply at any college for financial aid.

Even if grants aren't available, loans always are. Americans should be grateful that our government cares enough about her people to make these systems available. In places like Iraq, the government and its officials did not care if the citizens lived or died. When American soldiers took over Saddam's palaces, they found rooms decorated in gold and lined with marble. The money Saddam and his regime took from the Iraqi people was used to build these palaces, purchase luxury cars, jewelry, and art. One of the palaces invaded contained a zoo that held cheetahs, lions, and bears.

While Saddam, his family, and regime lived a lavish lifestyle, children were denied lifesaving medicine and people were starved to death. America has liberated these people from an oppressive dictator. Now it is time to use the resources we have to not only rebuild their countries, but also raise their spirits and teach them that they deserve more. In a country that has so much, the least we can do is offer a better life for those that have nothing at all—even if they don't live within the borders of the great USA.



OPINION
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OPINION
Dave Campbell

Welcome back... It's been a good holiday break but alas, the cycle spins on and we once again return to our little community to try and learn a little something.

Hopefully your brief intermission was filled with plenty of family, friends, and food, (and if you're like me... work).

While I wish to welcome everyone to a new semester and a new year, I also have a word of warning.

This is offered in hopes that you would do the opposite of the following:

Sitting in the All State office Sunday afternoon, several words came to mind following an attempt to print out a copy of my class schedule that was no longer there: scatter brained, fool, imbecile are a few.

Without what would have been a simple click of the mouse, I had lost all of my classes.

My registration was never validated. Feeling the self-disgust fairly strongly, I set right out to get whatever classes I still could. I ended up being able to pin down three early morning classes.

This is definitely not what I was expecting but needless to say, the lesson was learned. Don't make that mistake or a similar one.

Yet all is not lost. I'm grateful this semester to accept the

responsibility of Opinions page editor. The job was passed on from Cheryl (Hunter-Grah) whom we are now looking forward to having as our editor-in-chief.

We also want to take this opportunity to wish the best of luck to our departing editors, Louise and Rosie, and all of our former staff workers who have now moved on to other ventures.

So, validate that registration, get that loan check, and if nothing else, at least take the fact that you are enthused to be back in the classroom.

Let's face it; not everyone enjoys learning; just look at our current leadership (or lack thereof). Yet you are paying a nice chunk to go here, so you should probably make the best of it and try to do well. If you took the time to think about what it might be like when you grow up, you might realize that someone may need to take care of your parents someday.

That someone will most likely be you, seeing as how our social security is no sure bet for the future. The greatest part about college is that it only gets better as you go along. In other words, the really interesting work that you are looking forward to doing is awaiting you in the final days of your college years.

Personally, I am excited to be back. If only the bureaucratic nonsense would put itself to a halt and smooth out the wrinkles. I guess that's a hopeless cause though. There are a lot of exciting things going on this time around, but with the question of my financial aid loan hanging in the balance, that excitement will soon fade to anger once again. And so the cycle spins...

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IN BRIEF

APSU presents landscape exhibit

Austin Peay State University's art department presents the photographic work of Mark Abrahamson and Mark Eshbaugh. The exhibit will be open weekdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday from Jan. 20-Feb. 15 in APSU's Trahern Art Gallery. Involved in land use and watershed restoration processes as an environmental citizen activist and artist for 20 years, Abrahamson has photographed rural and coastal watersheds throughout the United States since 1990. Eshbaugh attempts to visualize the tensions and emotions that arise between man and the natural world by shooting an image simultaneously on multiple rolls of film, and then piecing strips of film together to create a larger image that is complete, yet fractured. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For further information, call 221-7334. -APSU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Artist lectures on collaboration with science

Austin Peay State University's department of art presents a lecture by Professor of Sculpture Gregg Schlanger as part of the 2004 Faculty Lecture Series. He will begin speaking about his work at noon, Thursday, Jan. 29 in the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center Auditorium. Schlanger's most recent work examines environmental issues through installations and community public art projects. One such project addressed the disappearance of the Columbia River Basin sockeye salmon with placement of 240 salmon cutouts, two to eight feet in length, along a 500-yard stretch of Redfish Lake, Boise, Idaho. "My recent projects have reinforced my objectives to collaborate with the sciences," Schlanger said. "It is exciting for me as an artist to work with biologists who share a similar passion." An 11-year Clarksville resident, Schlanger is working on his first major local project, "Renewed Visions: The Cumberland River Basin Project." The Jan. 29 lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call 221-7333. To view Schlanger's work, visit www.sockeye.org. -APSU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students create supercomputer

Will work with NASA on computer project

By KATHY YUNG
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University may be helping to keep aircraft and ships throughout the world on course, while helping a family travel from Cary, NC to Aunt Polly's house in Little Falls, MN. The university has partnered up with NASA on a project that studies the effects of solar wind on the earth's magnetic field.

APSU senior Brian Pendleton, who received a grant from NASA, and Alex King, associate professor of physics, have built a 25-node AppleSeed Computer Cluster.

It links 25 G4 Macintosh computers to form one supercomputer that has the speed of a \$1 million supercomputer.

This supercomputer cluster, located in Claxton's education lab is controlled from a main machine in the Sundquist



By ALICIA MIDDLEBROOK

Twenty-five G4 Macintosh computers make up the new supercomputer.

Science Complex.

Project IMAGE (Imager for Magnetopause to Aurora Global Exploration) uses various cameras to take pictures of the thin envelope of plasma that surrounds the earth.

According to King, pictures of the plasma, or magnetopause, "give us an idea of the shape of the earth's magnetic

field and how it responds to solar wind."

Solar wind, a supersonic stream of electrons and ions blown constantly from the sun, can lead to magnetic field rearrangements, and these rearrangements can upset radar detection, communication transmission, and global positioning systems.

King says that the earth's magnetic

field generally shields us from the solar wind, but that it can be pushed back by strong solar disturbances.

Coronal mass ejections (CMEs) are such disturbances in which there is a violent explosion of bubbles of gas and matter from the sun, which can travel several million miles per hour.

This increased solar wind pressure created a huge compression in the magnetosphere, the area containing earth's magnetic field, causing movement of the magnetopause, pushing inward toward earth.

After using the supercomputer to analyze data taken by the IMAGE satellite to determine how the earth's magnetic field responds to solar storms, King and Pendleton will submit their findings. According to King, most supercomputers are owned by large research institutions, such as MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and such government agencies as the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and NASA.

"Our cluster is not that large, but there are not many institutions our size that have operational clusters. None I'm aware of in Tennessee," said King. +

Avotri brings culture to sociology department

By KALEN McELHENY
Features Editor

Sociology is the study of society, and Dr. Joyce Avotri is a living example of that very concept. It's no wonder she picked that subject to be her life's focus. She was born and raised in Ghana, Africa in a family of 20.

"I have 18 (siblings). Actually we lost one last year. Now we have 17, 7 boys and 11 girls," said Avotri.

Her warm personality is contagious, and her coworkers will vouch for that. As a young student attending the University of Ghana, she already had a taste of both city and village life.

She can recall waiting for hours to get a bucket of water, which she carried on her head back to where she lived.

"Even in the cities there were problems with water," she said. "Much of the water is fetched by women."

Coming from a country like Ghana, with its warm climate and tight-knit communities, her arrival in North America seemed cold and lonely.

On arrival, Avotri said she began to notice immediate differences.

"Canada is cold. I didn't have a car. Sometimes I had to walk. That was one big shock for me," she said.

Avotri said she remembers her first experience with escalators.

"I hated them originally," she said. "Then I realized they could be a lazy person's heaven."

Understanding her professors and using computers for the first time was another thing she found difficult. Other

students asked her so many questions she said she couldn't believe that with all of the technology in that country, they didn't know anything about Africa.

Going shopping was incredible to her as well, because in Ghana she had gone to the market and bought food to carry back to the family.

In Canada and America, she said she was amazed at how you could "just get anything you want by pushing a cart through a store, even a container of ice cream."

Loneliness was a large change for her in Canada when she first moved there.

"The individualism was a big shock."

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Upcoming Events...

The Arts

Jan. 12
APSU Community School of the Arts auditions children, adults.

Jan. 15
Soprano Barbara Quintiliani performing.

Jan. 24
Art department hosts College Art Day and "Me & Myself 6" in Trahern Theatre.

Welcome Week

Jan. 14
Comedy-Hypnosis show with Hypnotist Rich Ames in the UC Lobby from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Jan. 15
Zeta Phi Beta presents Groovin' with the Gov in the UC Lobby. The girls will teach everyone how to "step."

Rock and Roll Dance in Java City with music by "The Oxymerons" faculty band.

Both events are from 7-10 p.m.

Jan. 16
"Rocky Horror Picture Show" movie in the Clement Auditorium at 9 p.m.

Jan. 17
APSU student Family Fun event in the UC Lobby from 1-5 p.m.

"Rugrats Go Wild" movie in Java City at 2 p.m.

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UP NEXT Upcoming Gobs and Lady Gob events:

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 15:
At Eastern
Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17:
At Morehead State,
6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 15:
At Eastern
Kentucky, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17:
At Morehead State,
5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday, Jan. 17:
At Louisville, no
time set.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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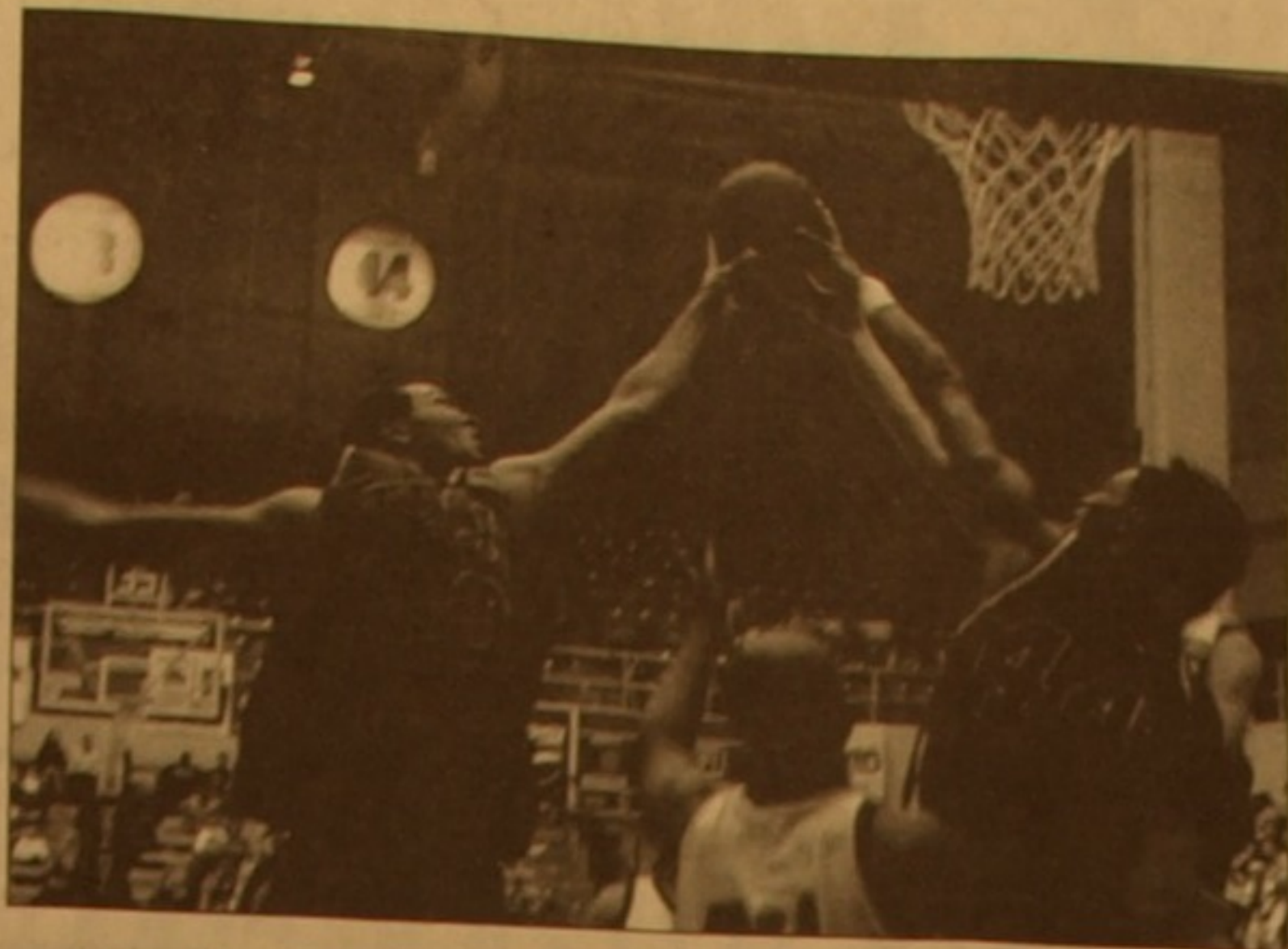
6'7" Senior Forward
Springfield, Tenn.

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good school close to home.

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of basketball.

Her nickname is "G"
known for her inside game.

Look for her fans and
support the inside game by
sitting in the "G spot" of the
Dunn center.



FILE PHOTOS

The Gobs had just gotten started before the Fall 2003 semester let out. Currently the Gobs are 6-7 on the season, 3-0 in Ohio Valley conference play. The Lady Gobs, who were last year's undefeated regular season and tournament champions, are currently 2-0 in OVC play, and 8-5 on the season.

No rest for the weary

Gobs and Lady Gobs spend break in search of "Ws"

KRISTIN CRANDALL
Sports Editor

While many Austin Peay State University students took the winter break to escape all reminders of campus, classes, and grades, the Gobs and Lady Gobs basketball teams spent much of the month hitting the hardwood both at home and on the road. For those who have not kept up with the teams — a recap of the Gobs and Lady Gobs athletic accomplishments from mid-December to mid-January.

GOVS FOOTBALL

Though football is currently out of season, these accomplishments should not go unrecognized.

Gobs Demaro Isom and Jordan Richardson were among 31 named to the Division I-AA Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team.

All-Star Team nominees are required to have a 3.2 GPA, prior service as a starter or key player with legitimate athletics credentials participating in 50

percent of the games played at their designated position. Nominees must also have reached their second year of athletics and academic standing.

Isom, who plays as a safety for the Gobs, is a senior from St. Louis. Richardson, a defensive lineman, is a sophomore from Humboldt, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Gobs played eight games during the winter break, winning four. These games bring the team to a 6-7 record overall, but more importantly a 3-0 record in Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) play.

Back on Dec. 16, the Gobs played Maryville College and recorded a win in the books with a final score of 86-62. The Gobs, led by Adrian Henning's double-double game, 15 points and 10 rebounds, won their 19th straight home game. Henning put



HENNING

his name in the APSU record books as the 23rd player in APSU history to hit the 1000-point mark.

Three weeks later, the Gobs traveled to Cape Girardeau, MO. Sophomore Zac Schlader came off the bench to score a career-high 12 points in the Jan. 8 win over OVC opponent Southeast Missouri. The Gobs scored 52 points while holding the men of SEMO to 48.

But a bigger break was yet to come. The weekend before the spring semester began, the Gobs broke a seven year losing streak against Eastern Illinois University, putting up 60 points to EIU's 53. The Gobs, led by Adrian Henning's 18 points, hit 9 of 10 free throws in the last minute and a half of play to give them the win.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Gobs went 5-2 between Dec. 13 and Jan. 10, bringing their overall record to 8-5. And as the returning OVC champs, the Lady Gobs are proving they can still hold their own going 2-0 in OVC play.

Sophomore guard Kera Bergeron was named the Santa Fe Cattle Co./APSU Athlete of the Week for December 10-17. Between two victories on the road,



BERGERON

Bergeron scored 31 points shooting 6-of-12 from three-point range in one game, and 4-for-9 in the next. The Lady Gobs were again led again by Bergeron, with a game-high 17 points, on a Jan. 10 road trip to Charleston, Ill. The Lady Gobs pulled a 54-47 victory over OVC opponent EIU. Bergeron was 5-for-9 from behind the arc and junior guard Cassandra Peek shot 50 percent from the floor scoring 12 points and hitting 2-of-4 three-point shots.

The Gobs and Lady Gobs continue their season with away games against OVC opponents Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State this week. The following week, the Gobs and Lady Gobs will play against EIU and SEMO at the Dunn Center. ♦

Loos rewards Holt with new position

Volleyball coach takes over
as assistant athletic director

By MATHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's head women's volleyball coach Cheryl Holt can now add another position to her already outstanding resume after being promoted to assistant athletic director.

Her resume previously included serving as a head coach at the University of Miami for four years and Ole Miss for one year before coming to APSU. In her 22 years here at APSU, Holt has served as head women's tennis coach from 1983-85, head women's softball coach from 1986-87 and assistant women's basketball coach. Early in her coaching career she earned back-to-back South Coach of the Year honors in 1986 and 87. In 1991 and 92 she received consecutive OVC Coach of the Year honors.



FILE PHOTO

APSU Volleyball coach, and new assistant athletic director, Cheryl Holt.

Before Holt was promoted to her current position she has served since the spring of 1997 as special assistant to the athletics director, Dave Loos.

"This is a great opportunity because I have had the chance to work with Dave (Loos), the athletic department and other various departments on campus so I have had experience," said Holt. "I also look forward to all the new experiences that this job will bring in my direction."

Dave Loos also feels her experience will serve the Peay well. "I think with works well for our department, not only because Cheryl's experience in this business but also her considerable experience at Austin Peay," Loos said. "She knows how things work at the university and will be effective in this new role. Her knowledge and experience will serve us well." ♦

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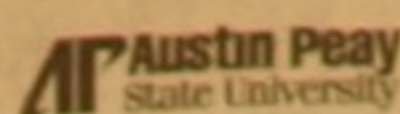
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