

## Study abroad programs at APSU suffer

By ROBERT BUTLER  
Staff Writer

Scholarship funds will no longer be available for study abroad programs. The state has cut scholarship funds from Austin Peay State University and other state funded universities, according to the current budget crisis. APSU received around \$27,000 from the state to fund these programs.

The Study Abroad in Mexico is one of many programs that students can participate in, by traveling to a country and learning about its culture and how speak the language.

Students involved in these programs can earn up to 15 foreign language credit hours. The average cost for these programs generally cost \$10,000 to \$5,000.

"I am disappointed with the cuts that have been made in the budget, but the university didn't have no choice but to cut these funds," said Dr. Joe Filippo, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of theatre. "I am a firm believer that international study programs enrich a students overall education."

He said that he would vow to get another international scholarship program started, if more money is available in the future.

"The lack of scholarship funds available for students is very unfortunate, but there are other alternatives for students wishing to study abroad in Mexico," said Ramon Magrans, APSU Spanish professor in charge of the Study Abroad program in Mexico.

"Students can start a payment plan, by making small payments to the business office located in the Browning building, up to sixty days within departure."

"If a student can get at least five other students to sign up and pay for the Study Abroad Mexico program, he or she can go for half price, but the half price is only for the \$1995 cost to stay in Mexico, and it does not cover the mandatory round trip airfare price of \$530," said Magrans. The international scholarship program was made affective about 15 years ago. Other international scholarships are available, such as the Gilman scholarship fund. However, it is available only for students who are currently receiving Pell grants.

To find out more information about this program go to [www.iie.org/programs/gilman](http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman).

English speaking study abroad programs are available here at APSU through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad scholarship program. APSU along with about thirty other colleges and universities around the country are members of this program. CCSA has scholarships available for students who meet the requirements, but is not a state funded program. CCSA has Study Abroad programs for countries such as Ireland, Jamaica, Australia, and many other English speaking countries. For more information about the CCSA programs students may go to their website at [www.ccsa.cc](http://www.ccsa.cc) or stop by Student Affairs on the second floor of the University Center. ♦

## Safety while abroad critical for students

By LAUREN MABON  
Staff Writer

Despite the terrorist attacks in Madrid March 11 and the recent controversy in Haiti, Austin Peay State University's study abroad programs plan to follow through with scheduled trips to Spain and Mexico this summer. But how safe will student travelers be?

"None of the APSU study abroad students were present at the time of the bombings," said Miguel Ruiz, associate professor of Spanish at APSU and coordinator of the study abroad program in Madrid, Spain. "The Spain [study abroad] program only takes place in May and June of each year."

Ruiz covers safety tactics with study abroad students at orientation meetings before each trip.

"I advise students to be very vigilant and cautious of their surroundings," Ruiz said.

"Spain's biggest problem is pick-pockets," he said. "Despite the recent attacks, I still consider Spain to be a very safe place to visit. There is rarely any occurrence of gun violence or other extreme crimes."

Ruiz also said that terrorism is not exclusive to Spain, so students are encouraged to always keep up with alerts and be aware.

Ramon Magrans, professor of Spanish and coordinator of the study abroad program in Cuernavaca, Mexico, advises his study abroad students to travel in pairs or in larger groups.

"I tell them not to stay out too late. These are the same safety guidelines that a student would observe on campus at APSU," said

Magrans. "I also provide students with a list of emergency contacts and phone numbers. I make sure students meet these contacts so that they can go to them for assistance like calling for a taxi or the family if it's raining," Magrans said.

He also suggests that students not take public transportation. "Students are encouraged to ride to campus in Mexico with their assigned families. The Universidad Internacional has a very strong security force and the city of Cuernavaca has a fine police department," said Magrans. Normally, students have no problem getting adjusted to freedom while studying abroad. But food in foreign places tends to take another type of adjustment.

"The old saying of do not drink the water applies not only to Mexico, but even to Clarksville water. I often see most students buying bottled water on campus. In Mexico we encourage students to be careful with their eating habits and to eat plenty of yogurt before and during the trip to protect them from e-coli, which is more of a threat in southern regions," Magrans said.

According to Dr. Ruiz, Spain's high standard of living makes it a lot easier to eat foods and remain e-coli free.

"The food, which is prepared by each student's assigned family, is rarely an issue in Spain," said Ruiz.

In case of an emergency sickness, health insurance is included in the program fee in both programs.

If you have any questions concerning the safety of the study abroad programs in Madrid, Spain and Cuernavaca, Mexico, contact Miguel Ruiz or Ramon Magrans. ♦

## Bush visits Campbell



Alicia Middlebrook/Staff  
According to *The Leaf Chronicle* about 100 soldiers were among the elite chosen to have lunch at the 2nd Brigade Dining Facility with the president and first lady after he spoke to thousands at the Division Parade Field.

The president's visit was a "welcome home" for the nearly 20,000 Fort Campbell soldiers who spent close to a year in the Middle East in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



## National Guard tuition bill may benefit students

By KATIE BELL  
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The Tennessee State Senate unanimously approved the Tennessee National Guard Tuition Assistance Act March 11.

According to Captain Stuart Werner, associate professor of military science, help with tuition is effective in keeping members of the National Guard enlisted.

"Tuition assistance helps to retain National Guardsmen. Tuition assistance makes it easier for them to remain in school, thus providing further incentive to remain in the National Guard," Werner said.

Added tuition assistance bills have been rejected in previous years due to budget restraints. After news spread that 4,000 Tennessee National Guardsmen were put on alert for possible deployment to Iraq, the bill was heard at the earliest session.

On Capitol Hill the same Thursday, the achievements of the National Guard were recognized with National Guard Commanders' Day. Attending the occasion, General Gus L. Hargett, Tennessee Adjutant General, commented that with the latest deployment, over 9,000 Guardsmen from Tennessee have been mobilized.

Senator Rusty Crowe, bill co-sponsor and chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Veterans Affairs since 1997, said, "The governor has indicated that he wanted to make this Tuition Assistance Program a reality this year. We certainly stand ready to work with him and fellow legislators on both sides of the aisle to do just that. The money for the program is in this year's budget. It's the very least we can do to recognize the contributions of those who care so much for their country that they go forth to the front lines of freedom and face the enemy to do what must be done." ♦

## Housing faces health concerns

By ROBERT BUTLER  
Staff Writer

The cost of campus housing will increase this fall by an estimated 5 percent to 8 percent. Joe Mills the director of housing confirms the reason for the increase is due to extensive use of electricity.

Students suspect the increase is due to extensive maintenance costs. Emerald Hill apartments have had reports of leaks and mold problems. "I think that the increases are because of maintenance related issues," said Sherma Wilks, a resident of the Emerald Hill apartments. She personally has had leaks, mold problems, and pest control problems dating back to spring 2003.

"When I first reported the problems to housing they told me that those problems were my responsibility and they would not put an order in for the leak problems," said Wilks.

"I have personally acknowledged three leaks, that have been reported to me by the residents of Emerald Hill," said Anna Swan, a General engineer major at APSU and a Residence Assistant.

Miller Hall residents recently received 25 percent refund of their housing cost for having poor bathroom facilities. Urinals in Miller Hall were clogged, and sometimes flooded into student's rooms. Miller Hall also had mold problems in the restrooms that went unattended for nearly six months from August of 2003 to February of 2004.

The students were told that in order to receive the refund that they were to sign a statement: "as a consideration of agreement to release any and all claims made against Austin Peay, the Tennessee Board of Regents, or the State of Tennessee."

The restroom problems were listed in the agreement as "a violation of local, State, health property, building codes and tenant law provisions."

"All of the Emerald Hill leak problems will be fixed within a year and all of the pest control problems will be attended to on a monthly basis," said Mills. "Students should bring housing maintenance problems directly to the housing office, because I cannot specifically monitor what maintenance does or does not get done." ♦

## Georgia's HOPE program in trouble

By DALHEEN GLANTON  
Chicago Tribune(KRT)

ATLANTA - In the last decade, Georgia has held up Georgia's HOPE scholarship as a model for funding higher education through the lottery. Now that lottery colleges and universities are struggling because of the cuts in the lottery, lawmakers fear the program could become a victim of the lottery's decline.

Through the Georgia Lottery is facing a record year - with \$1.33 billion in ticket sales during the last six months of 2003, the lottery is struggling to pay tuition and other expenses for some 750,000 students since the Georgia Lottery began in 1993.

Supporters have been able to sell the lottery to voters with the idea that they would use the money and give students more money for education. But you are

gambling on education with gambling dollars, and that doesn't work," said Rodney Stanley, an assistant professor at the Institute of Government at Tennessee State University. "In Georgia, the requirements are so watered down that you end up giving scholarships to a lot of people who don't need them. But they're not increasing classroom size or increasing the number of instructors. The result is overcrowding."

HOPE - Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally - offers full tuition to a state public college or university, as well as mandatory fees and an allowance for books, to high school students with a B average or higher.

While new lotteries under way in South Carolina and Tennessee, modeled after Georgia's, are expected to hurt lottery sales along Georgia's borders with those states, funding for HOPE has skyrocketed. That is largely because more students are becoming eligible for the scholarship, officials said.

While the HOPE scholarship has given more Georgians an opportunity to go to college, it has been a double-edged sword, according to educators. Crowding has become such an issue that many of the state's public colleges have

had to raise admission standards, turn away students or place them on waiting lists, and move up application deadlines in an effort to relieve overcrowding.

The University of Georgia, the state's flagship university, plans to admit fewer freshmen this year and place others on a waiting list until May, a month after when students are normally notified of admission. Georgia State University, where freshman enrollment has soared in the last decade, moved its application deadline up by three months and raised its minimum SAT scores and GPA requirements.

On one side, Republicans, led by Gov. Sonny Perdue, want to toughen the requirements for obtaining and retaining the scholarships and also cut \$125 million in payments for books and fees provided by the scholarship.

"We have a situation where lottery revenues are increasing but the rate of enrollment is getting to the point it could outpace revenue and bankrupt the program," said Perdue spokeswoman Loretta Lepore. "If there is no reform to HOPE, the program will run out of money in 2006 with a \$141 million deficit."

Taylor, agree with tightening requirements but oppose the cuts. Taylor has proposed that scholarship recipients maintain a 3.0 grade point average and that their grades be evaluated more often, which could kick recipients off the scholarship quicker.

"Instead of taking an ax to the program, I hope people will take a conservative approach and preserve it," he said. "If we begin cutting benefits, like books and fees, what is next? This kind of approach is like a tax increase on students or their parents."

Brittany Young, a 20-year-old sophomore at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, said she relies heavily on the \$150 a semester she receives for books. And though tuition has gone up in Georgia - as it has at colleges across the nation - Young has not felt the pinch.

"I really depend on that money. It pays my complete tuition, which is about \$3,000 a year. I don't even see the financial-aid check; it's sent directly to the school so I don't have to worry about rising costs," said Young, one of two children her divorced parents - an

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Democrats, led by Lt. Gov. Mark



# Progress has been made in prevention

Part three in our series

By KATHY YUNG  
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Identity theft is a rapidly growing crime, expected to increase by 30 to 40 percent in the next year, according to Jay Foley of the California. It is a crime that can target anyone regardless of age, race, gender, profession, income, or area of residence.

The 1998 Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act was passed by Congress to make it a federal crime when anyone "knowingly transfers or uses, without lawful authority a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit, or to aid or abet, any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of Federal law, or that constitutes a felony under any applicable state or local law."

Violations of the act are investigated by federal investigative agencies such as the U.S. Secret Service, FBI, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and are prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Laws governing the crime of identity theft are, in some cases, haphazard and particularly burdensome to the victim. The Identity Theft Resource Center in California is a national non-profit organization that focuses exclusively on identity theft.

Founded in 1999, the center is staffed by volunteers. They are committed to educating the public about identity theft crime, supporting victims of the crime, and making available its advisory and resource capacities.

They recommend and support legislation that makes laws more uniform throughout the country, makes the perpetration of identity theft more difficult, and better serves innocent victims. Following is a list of legislation proposals that have passed, or are pending, that the ITRC supports.

**Police Reports:** Currently, only four states, Texas, Washington, Louisiana, and California have laws that require law enforcement to take a police report. Many victims complain that they are not allowed to file a report, which some creditors require as proof of their credibility when trying to open an account. In

other cases, mail may be stolen in one state, but unauthorized charges may be taking place in another state. In this case, who investigates the crime, and in which state? Where is the police report filed? The ITRC recommends that legislation allow for persons who know or reasonably suspect they are victims of ID theft to be able to initiate an investigation with their local law enforcement agency, and be provided with a copy of the report.

**Victim access to records of accounts opened in his/her name:** It is the burden of the victim to prove his/her innocence. This requires the victim to know the information used in opening the fraudulent account. Through the Fair Credit Reporting Act, it is a federal law that this information be supplied to the victim and the investigating agency.

**Declaration of innocence - criminal identity theft:** Even after victims of identity theft have proven their innocence, their names remain the "alias" on record. ITRC supports legislation that would allow victims to petition the courts for a "factual declaration of innocence," and require states to maintain a database for these records. Currently, California is the only state with this database system.

**Statute of limitations for lawsuits involving ID theft:** Unlike most other crimes, when the victim is involved from the moment the crime occurred, with identity theft, it can take up to a year before victims are aware they are victims. As of December 2003, as part of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, victims now have a five-year window (instead of two) from the time the crime occurred in which to bring legal action against the perpetrator.

**Confirmation of change of address - account takeover:** Identity thieves sometimes divert their victim's mail by requesting notifying their victim's creditors and requesting a "change of address." Federal law now requires that companies, when they receive a change of address request, to send notification of this request to the current, as well as the new address, for confirmation by the account holder.

**Mandatory observation of fraud alerts:** Victims of identity theft are encouraged to place "fraud alerts" on their credit reports with the three major credit reporting agencies. This alert instructs companies not to issue credit in the person's name without their "express permission." However, this is only advisory. Proposed legislation would make it mandatory for credit reporting agencies to notify potential credit issuer of fraud alerts placed on an report and would require the potential credit issuer to observe that alert; failing to do so would result in penalties.

**Truncation of credit card account numbers on credit card receipts:** It is now federal law that all but the last four digits of a credit card number be "blocked out" on credit card receipts.

Free annual credit reports upon request: Currently, only a handful of states allow this, but it is expected to be available in all states by the end of 2004.

**Victim's right act:** Proposed legislation (available now in some states) that would allow for victims of identity theft the same rights as victims of violent crime with respect to notification of trial dates, opportunity to address the court before sentencing, notification of parole, etc.

**Information trafficking:** People sometimes collect personal information such as name, addresses, maiden names, and Social Security numbers and create "personal profiles." They then sell this information, which can be used by another person to commit identity theft. If information traffickers are not directly involved with the perpetration of identity theft, they can avoid prosecution as a thief. Proposed legislation would make information trafficking a felony, or a felony/misdemeanor, and those engaging in this activity for the purpose of fraud would be subject to conviction and punishment.

**Confidentiality and protection of the Social Security number:** Many businesses and organizations routinely use Social Security numbers as "identifiers," for account or member numbers.

Social Security numbers are sometimes printed on badges and employee timecards. Proposed legislation would prohibit the use of Social Security numbers for this purpose, and would tighten security controls on the obtaining and sharing of personal information.

**Effective disposal of records no longer needed:** What happens to credit applications, warranty registrations, pharmaceutical records, subscriptions, real estate records, automobile registrations, etc. when they are no longer needed? Only California and Georgia currently require that these records be made "unreadable or unrecoverable." Proposed legislation would mandate that all businesses to take all reasonable steps to destroy records, both paper and electronic, that are no longer needed as to make them unreadable or unrecoverable by any means.

**Computer Security Breaches (Workplace ID Theft):** The ITRC recommends that legislation be considered that would require all affected parties to be notified in a timely manner of computer that contain their personal identifying information.

**Protecting information from mail theft:** Mail theft is a common way in which thieves get personal information. The recommends that legislation be passed to require prior consumer consent for pre-approved credit applications and convenience checks to be sent to them via mail. Also, legislation would prevent creditors from accepting any credit applications that were altered from the original form or incomplete.

**Consumer notification of excessive applications or negative information on credit reports:** Legislation that would require major credit reporting agencies to inform consumers of possible fraud if they detect more than four credit applications within a thirty-day time period, and to also inform consumers of negative information at the time it is submitted to the credit reporting agency.

For more information on identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commissions Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

## From the chief... Chief welcomes students back

By ERIC PROVOST  
APSU Police Chief

We hope you had a great time during Spring Break, and made it back safe and sound.

Austin Peay State University Police Officer Craig Emerson has finally returned from his 13-month stint on active duty as an Army MP Sergeant. Craig has been at APSU for several years, as student, graduate student, and staff employee, but was only commissioned as an officer immediately before he departed last year. He now begins our internal training program prior to his attendance at the police academy in May.

We've now confiscated several homemade APSU parking decals, of varying degrees of sophistication. Please, think twice before you try to cheat the system and have your parking privileges on campus formally revoked. Our staff sees hundreds of decals each day, and the forgeries are not that hard to spot—even for those times we don't check the decal numbers by computer. Your decal is already bought and

paid for out of your student access fee, so use the one you're entitled to.

The non-campus-affiliated gentleman charged in the theft of the purse on campus, had his latest day in court. He pled guilty and received a year in jail. He is barred from returning to campus and will be arrested if he violates that ban.

The way you use the mail—an entity protected by federal law—is no joke. Based on actual and threatened terrorist incidents, the mail receives a lot of scrutiny as it works its way through the system.

Items that may leak or emit an odor, and parcels that feature provocative phrases, photos or drawings, letters cut out from magazines, or do not have complete return addresses, are going to be intercepted and inspected, plain and simple.

Avoid delays in your mail and visits from campus police and U.S. postal inspectors, as happened to a student last week.

Again, welcome back and have a safe week. ♦

## HOPE: Possible scholarship problems

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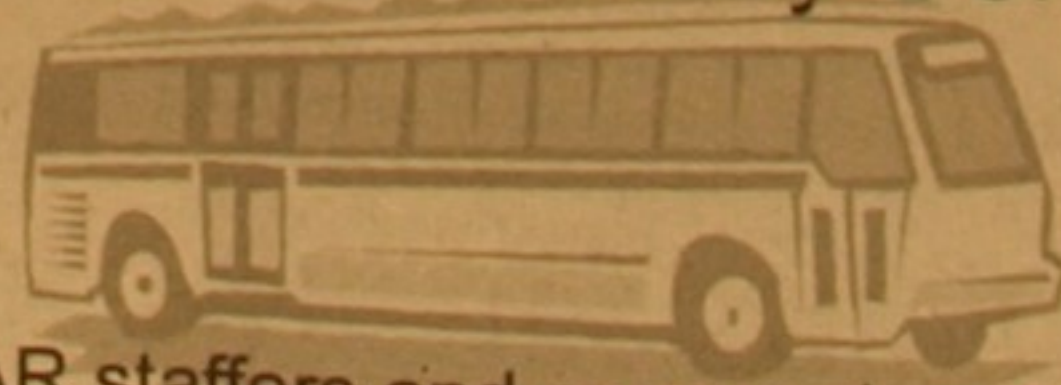
electrician and a secretary \_ are sending to school. Like many college students, Young's sister, Ashley, a junior at West Georgia College in Carrollton, lost her HOPE scholarship after the first year, unable to maintain a B average. While Brittany Young has maintained a 3.0 GPA, under the proposed legislation she would lose the scholarship if her average falls even slightly. "I would just have to get a loan," Young said. "But I would rather not have to worry about paying a lot of money back after I graduate."

The HOPE scholarship, instituted while Democratic Sen. Zell Miller was governor, is

one of the state's most popular programs, saving families—regardless of income—thousands of dollars to send their children to college. Some students said cutting the book and fee payments would cause hardships that they might not be able to overcome. Two years ago, Frankye Pope, a 61-year-old grandmother, retired from her post office and enrolled at Morris Brown College to pursue her degree in organizational management. During her second semester of her second year, she qualified for HOPE, but the college lost its accreditation, and Pope, like hundreds of other students, was forced to drop out.

"It was a lifelong dream to go to college and HOPE was helping me fulfill that dream," Pope said. ♦

## Special Technology Access Resource Center Tuesday, April 6 from 11am-1pm Joe Morgan University Center Plaza



Named by STAR staffers and commonly referred to as "The STAR Center on wheels" by many staffers and consumers alike—that is exactly what the Access Express is. It provides computer access evaluation, workplace accommodations, and assistive technology evaluations to those in need of the services provided, but are unable to access it.

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This event will be sponsored by the Office of Disability Services

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(Use APWeb to Re-Apply)  
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\_ Go to Housing Office Options  
\_ Follow the prompts

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Good Morning APSU

Peay Community

Photo Contest for APSU students

What do you think represents Austin Peay? Student publications is holding a photo contest for students to express how they see the Peay. The theme of the contest is "I see Austin Peay". Applications are being picked up in the Student Affairs office (UC 206). The deadline for entries is Wed. April 14. For more information contact Kristy Galbraith at 221-7375.

Zeta Nu Meeting

Lambda Epsilon Zeta Nu will meet on Friday, April 2 at noon in UC 212. You are invited to attend and see what Zeta Nu is all about. For more information contact Stacy Francis at 216-4631 or e-mail [sfrancis14@apsu.edu](mailto:sfrancis14@apsu.edu)

Library Satisfaction Survey

Take the Library Satisfaction Survey the week of March 29-April 2. The survey is posted under "New & Noteworthy" in the library homepage. For more information contact Don Carlin at 221-7375 or e-mail [carlind@apsu.edu](mailto:carlind@apsu.edu)

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## OUR TAKE

### Mutiny in Washington becomes necessary as White House keeps mum

While we were away during spring break, some interesting events transpired in Washington.

Former White House counterintelligence chief, Richard Clarke was a presidential aide through the Reagan, Clinton, and Bush administrations. However, he quit the current term in office because Bush had allegedly ignored terrorism and failed the American people in the War On Terror. He wanted to make it clear that "the issue is not me." He believed that saving his job was not worth allowing America to be in the dark about neglected responsibilities.

His book, "Against All Enemies," has made accusations claiming that beginning in the Clinton administration not enough attention was paid to certain threats from al Qaeda. He went even further by saying that the day after Sept. 11 2001, a meeting with Bush left him with the impression that he was to come back with evidence showing that Iraq was somehow responsible for the attacks of 9/11. According to Clarke, Bush was adamant about incriminating Iraq despite other possible hosts of the source.

This alleged conversation was supposedly held in very specific and private company so we may never know exactly what was said. However, what we do know is that the White House is keeping its collective mouth shut as usual. This bears resemblance to the CIA operatives leak of intelligence and once again they are refusing to talk.

In these matters, Condoleezza Rice is responsible for handling such accusations but the White House is telling her not to talk. She did recently defend her silence but agreed to answer questions to the 9/11 commission behind closed doors. Clarke has asserted that

people such as Senate Majority Leader, Bill Frist are also focusing too much on Republican National Committee "talking points" and not looking enough at the facts.

Concerns that Clarke is a political opportunist who has wavered in his support of Bush and has simply been plotting against the president could be true. Yet if he is correct in his accusations, then you must remember what Clarke pointed out on Meet the Press this weekend. The point discussed was that former Republican presidential adviser Pat Buchanan was talking about White House policy Saturday when he stated that you may disagree with White House policy "but when you are asked to defend that policy you defend it."

This only goes to support the other critics of this administration and how the silencing of opposing testimony has cut off the flow of information. If nothing else is clear it should be obvious that the White House is in essence blacklisting certain people to keep their positions squeaky clean, when in actuality they are ignoring a public that seeks the truth and is not receiving it.

Pay attention to the fact that the White House has maintained two habits in dealing with critics such as Clarke, David Kay, and Paul O'Neill. First the goal is to demean the character of the critic and the next step is to deflect the argument by not responding to it. At the heart of this matter is nearly 3,400 WTC victims either dead or wounded due to ignorance. If the information was there in specific, it would take an inhuman monster not to respond to such a possibility, even if it was just that. Consider this fact then decide if you want to keep paying the people who could have possibly prevented the worst tragedy we have ever befallen as a people.

### Despite Clarke's claims the truth about 9/11 may be lost

Last week former counterterrorism official Richard Clarke testified before a committee that the White House ignored information pointing to the September 11 attacks. These new claims have come about at the same time as the release of Clarke's new book, "Against All Enemies." However, in

July 2002 in a meeting with the House and Senate intelligence committees, and in a press briefing in August 2002, Clarke spoke positively about Bush and his administration.

As reported by Newsweek, when Clarke was asked which remarks were true, he responded: "I was asked to highlight the positive aspects of

what the administration had done and to minimize the negative aspects of what the administration had done. And, as a special assistant to the president, one is frequently asked to do that kind of thing. When you're on the staff of the president of the United States, you try to make his policies look as good as possible."

Two of the hijackers of the planes used on September 11 had attended a suspected al Qaeda meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in January 2000 and then flew to the United States.

Clarke states the CIA never gave this information to him or the counterterrorism team before the attacks partly because Bush and the White House did not stress the al Qaeda threat throughout the government or its agencies.

He also claims that had he known this information he would have started a nationwide manhunt for these two men and potentially found them or frightened them into not going forth with their plans.

Keep in mind, these men were potential terrorists, and had not acted heinously, thus what charges could have been filled against

### Antidepressants causing more problems than they're solving

Practicing the wise caution that, first, medicine should do no harm, the Food and Drug Administration recommended that 10 antidepressant drugs carry a warning that they may cause suicidal tendencies.

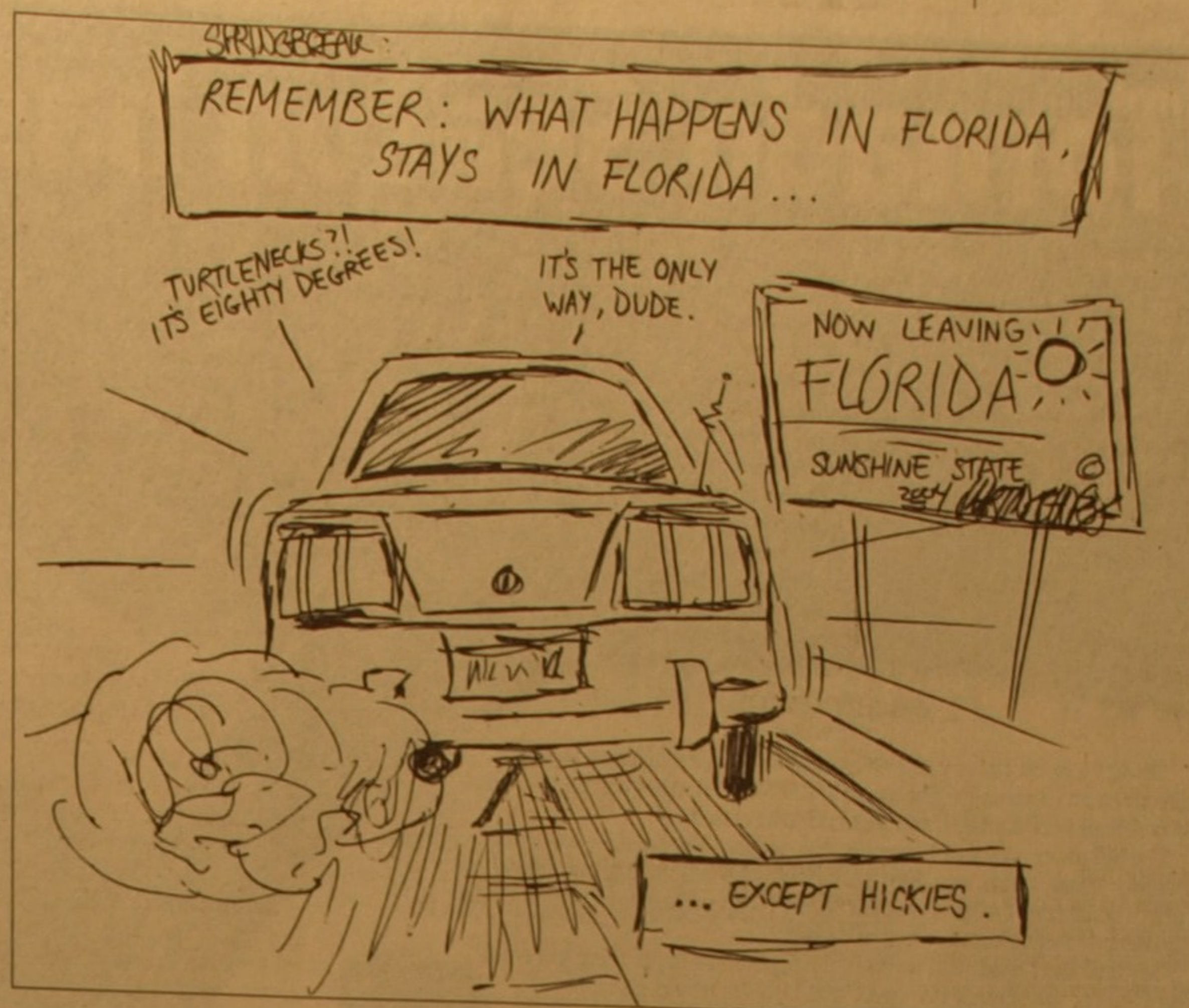
Though there is no absolute proof of a link, the agency decided that anecdotal evidence was persuasive enough to make patients, and their doctors, aware of this possible risk.

Antidepressants are the most commonly prescribed medications in the United States, with perhaps as many as 30 million Americans taking the drugs. Worldwide, they are a \$12 billion industry. These medications help millions of people lead normal lives, but for

some patients the cure can be deadly. Since 1990, doctors have encountered cases in which people who were not suicidal before taking the drugs tried to injure or kill themselves soon after beginning treatment.

More frightening, a large number of the patients were children and teens, who were given the drugs even though these were never proven safe for young people. The FDA's advisory is a harsh dose of reality for physicians who prescribe these pills without proper monitoring.

Now they will have no excuse to dish out the drugs as a quick fix because the word "suicide" will appear prominently on the warning label, rather than in a long list of side effects.



By MARTY FOX

## YOUR TAKE

### To the Editor:

I really did not know who I should write this letter to, but I thought I should at least express my opinions of disgust! Recently, while reading The All State, I came across the article expressing opinions about the entire Greek community.

First of all, I would like to state that I am not a member of the Greek Community, so I can say this without bias. The first point I would like to make is that the article is wrong. How, you may ask?

It is wrong in the fact that whoever wrote it did not feel confident enough in their opinions to sign their name. Instead, the person who wrote it stated that the entire staff felt the same way as he or she did. I, however, know some staff members who happen to be in a Greek organization, and after speaking with them, I realized that whoever wrote this article made that fallacy up.

The next part of the article that I have a problem with is the part that basically says that Greek organizations are bad because they exclude people. If that is the case, then Austin Peay needs to condemn nearly every organization on campus including The All State. For example, an application is required to join the staff.

If you do not have the qualifications, then you do not make the staff, as it should be. If you are not a political science major, you cannot be a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society.

The list goes on and on, yet no one writes articles in opposition to those organizations because of all the good things they do. This brings me to my

next point. Greek organizations choose people based on grades, character, willingness to do community service, and other factors; however, Greek organizations are condemned before they are given a chance.

The fact of the matter is that Greeks make up a large part of many leadership roles on campus as well as being academic scholarship recipients. Greek organizations also have a dedication to helping others.

Every organization does community service, and every Greek organization raises thousands of dollars for the organization of their choice during Philanthropy weeks. I would like to know exactly what community service The All State does.

All I am saying is that The All State needs to think before they print such an outrageous article, and if they are going to print it, they need to take pride in what they wrote and not try to pass it off as every single person's opinion. Now, I will take my own advice. Sincerely,

Krista Bristol  
Freshmen  
Political Science major

### To the Editor:

Reply to: "Republicans need to come out of the closet." Katie Gordon You say that yourself along with millions of Christians in America, believe that "marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. You also say, "I do not agree with gay marriage" and "Not allowing gays to marry is in no way discrimination." Well if it is not discrimination, what is it?

Not allowing gay/lesbian people to marry would be as if the government said Christians are not allowed to marry anyone else but other Christians. Yes, there are a lot of Christian people in this world. Everyone knows though, that a lot of people can say they are Christians, but their actions show different.

Just because you are of Christian belief does not mean there cannot be other views out there. Most Christians, in my opinion, believe that their beliefs are the only right beliefs. Who is to say what one person does in their life is wrong?

NO ONE but that person! Gays/Lesbians should not have special benefits because they should be treated equally. If they do choose to marry, they should accept the consequences that come along with it.

They should have to work hard and provide for their families just as everybody else. Yes, a lot of gay/lesbian people complain that they cannot get a job because of their sexual preference. Anytime someone makes a huge deal out of something, so does everyone else.

If they did not make such a big deal about being gay/lesbian, no one else would really care. Gays/Lesbians need to accept the consequences of their actions and not make a big deal of the situation.

They should just accept that they are gay/lesbian, be happy, and work hard. They do not need someone with different beliefs telling them what they are doing is wrong.

Rachel Brown  
Freshmen  
Undecided

## Gays don't need to taunt the right to make their point

By CHRISTEN COULON  
Guest Writer

Slavery, prohibition, women's suffrage, abortion, drugs and social welfare are but a few of the issues that have driven a moral wedge through our nation during its 227-year history. The newest issue yet to divide the American Psyche is gay marriage. A part of our nation is polarized by this issue but not everyone. A lot of America simply doesn't care, and that is the way it should stay.

While I believe the adage that no one is truly free while others remain oppressed, I have a hard time seeing the oppression. Who is being oppressed? Straight or gay, no one is allowed to marry someone of the same sex. The law applies equally to all people, so how can it be unfair? Gay people can get married. Just not to someone of the same sex.

This is first and foremost an acceptance issue. A piece of paper and a wedding band aren't going to change the hearts and minds of the American people. And it will never change the mind of the church. You can't rewrite the Bible. It says what it says. You can't sue God for discrimination. If you don't like what He says simply find a new religion, don't try to force a religion to accommodate you. We do have separation of church and state in this country, but when the state

chooses to incorporate a religious ceremony into law that separation blurs, and it would be unfair to the majority for the state to overlook the religious aspects of the law.

And the fact is, gays don't want civil unions, they want marriage. They want the state to tell the church, and everyone else that they're normal. But the state cannot regulate morality. If it could, the war on drugs would be over. Right now, gays have equal rights. But they want equal treatment, and I'm sorry they don't get it. I really am. I would like to see a nation where people could accept gay marriage or at least same-sex civil unions, but I know America isn't that nation right now. What would be truly unfair would be to hijack the moral fiber of the majority to appease a small group.

This being said, the states-rights angle of this issue cannot be ignored. In states where gay marriage is legal, it's legal. And here is where the issue becomes really tricky. Kansas cannot invalidate a Vermont marriage license. If you're married in one state you're married in all. The constitution is very, very clear on this. And no amount of creative lawmaking, short of a full-scale federal constitutional amendment will change this.

So in all reality the gays have won the day. Except they continue to fight. They can marry, and slowly but surely

people's attitudes about gays are changing. But they keep pushing. Against all good sense they keep pushing. They have pushed so hard they have allowed serious public discussion of a hateful anti-gay marriage amendment, once reserved for the lips of hate-mongering demagogues.

Yes, they have made progress for their cause, but at what cost. They have shifted talk of an amendment away from the lips of crazy ultra-conservatives and religious wackos to the lips of the president. If they don't watch out they are going to push until the public gives the wackos their amendment. Here is where I get upset. Allowing one insane amendment could literally open the floodgates.

Then where do we stop? Flag burning, immigration, abortion, concentration camps, who knows? Congratulations, Gay America, you have come a long way in such a short amount of time.

But for your own sake and for everyone else's take a break. Please stop taunting the religious right. Just sit back with the rest of us and have a good laugh as your biggest opponents hang themselves with their message. The nation has bigger fish to fry right now, so the best thing you can do is keep your issue off the front burner.

## WE WANT YOUR OPINION

Send your letters to the editor in a Word document to [theallstate@apsu.edu](mailto:theallstate@apsu.edu) by 4 p.m. on Friday. Please include your name, classification and major or job title.

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### Now:

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The Humane Society of Clarksville-Montgomery County is looking for volunteer foster homes for its new program of foster care for dogs and cats up for adoption.

### Mar. 31:

Mel Chin will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center Auditorium as part of a Visiting Artist Lecture Series. For more information call 648-5780.

### Apr. 1:

Austin Peay State University's Ken Shipley, assistant professor of art, presents "Evolution of a Potter." He will discuss his experiences as a potter at noon, Thursday in the auditorium of the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center, Clarksville.

### Apr. 4:

The 26th Annual Queen City Road Race will be held at APSU's Governors Stadium. The race features a 5K run among other races. For race information call 645-7476.

### Apr. 6, 7:

Money Matters Workshop will be held Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 12:45 p.m. with Emily Schmittou in UC Rm. 312. For more information contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 221-6162.

### Apr. 7:

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Health Fair from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the UC. We have a wide variety of health and wellness resources from both on campus and the greater Clarksville community. For more info, contact 648-8042.

### Apr. 14:

Deadline for student publications photo contest. Entries must reflect your reflection of APSU. Pick up applications in UC 115 or UC 206.

### Apr. 15:

The deadline for the accepting of scholarships for the National Hispanic Explorers Scholarship Program. Contact Dr. Magrains at 221-7847.

# Tornado Season has sprung

By WHITNEY JOY  
Staff Writer

On 4:25 a.m. on January 22, 1999, Austin Peay State University was hit directly by an F4 tornado. The storm left APSU with major damages - 22 out of 36 buildings were damaged and four had to be closed.

The bell tower on top of Browning that students observe daily was ripped off by the tornado's strong winds, one third of Harned's roof was missing. Archwood, the current residence of APSU President Sherry Hoppe, was in total ruin, and Clement experienced a significant amount of damage.

"My husband David, who works in the psychology department, got word that Clement was severely damaged," said Debbie Denton, assistant director of marketing and public affairs.

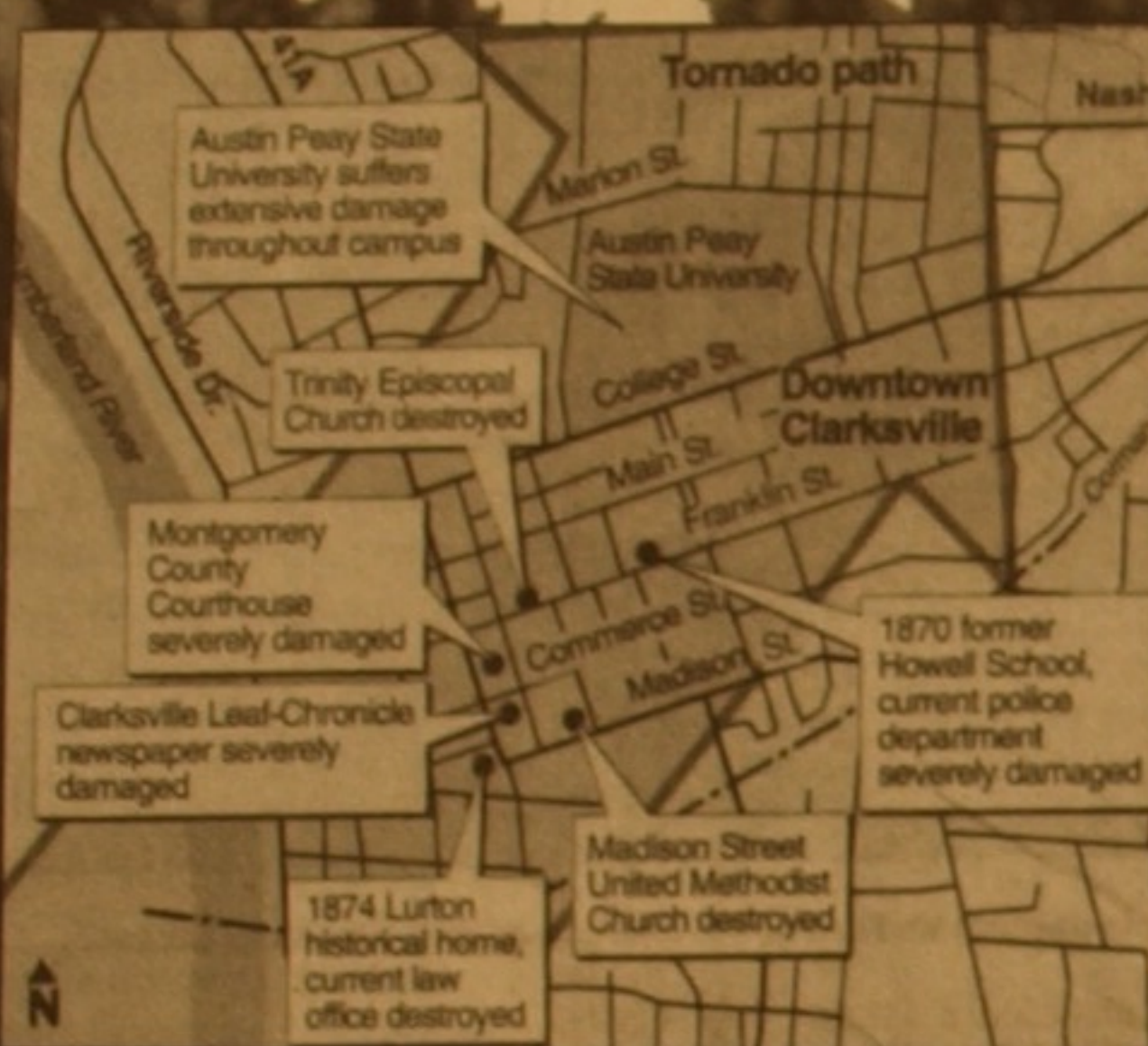
"The saddest building to see was the courthouse. In fact, we stood there in tears because that beautiful building was ruined. When we finally made it to

campus we saw a gaping hole in Clement and dozens of uprooted trees. Debris was everywhere. My husband and I... went into Clement to see if we could salvage anything. Water was everywhere, but we managed to save Dr. Nanci Woods's computer which contained years and years of research."

Wes Jarrett, former Harvill Hall resident said in his article, "Surviving the Storm in his Own Words," "The tornado didn't sound like a freight train. It sounded like a bowling alley, because you heard

crashing. It was a giant roar with things crashing against each other. Afterward, [no one] said a word. Once the tornado had passed, there was an eerie change of air. It felt like all of the air was being sucked out of the hallway, and it got cooler. Then the fire alarm went off. We had to stuff blankets into the air horns to deaden the sound."

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Tornado path during the twister that hit Clarksville in Jan. 1999.

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## 10 ways to recycle The All State



placemat



furniture level



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## Home fitness works out

By LISA LIDDANE

The Orange County Register (KRT)

Three months into the year, and some of you might have already stopped going to the gym. Maybe it's just not working out because you aren't having fun. Or perhaps there's been a change in your life that makes it more difficult for you to go to a health club.

You might want to consider working out at home.

Here's what you need to consider before you step into the world of home exercise:

### PICK YOUR INSTRUCTION

Unless you're a seasoned exerciser with a vast knowledge of how to design and progress with an exercise routine, where are you going to get guidance? Remember, you'll need a simple routine for starters, but after you become proficient, you'll need to challenge your body.

### THINK ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE FITNESS PROGRAM

Start by making short-term goals to last no more than six months, Kravitz suggested. Shoot for three months. Whether you're a novice or an advanced exerciser, your regimen should ideally include strength-training, cardiovascular conditioning and flexibility training. That sounds like a lot, but you can divide these into smaller bites. If you're a beginner, you can start with walking. After one month of regular walking, begin weight-training. Then, add stretching exercises after one month.

If you're an intermediate exerciser, here is an example of a schedule: five days of cardio, two days of strength training, each session lasting 50 minutes, including warm-up. End each session with 10 minutes of stretching or a few yoga positions.

### MAKE A PLAN ON HOW TO STAY MOTIVATED

Keep a fitness log or diary to plan your workouts and track your progress, Kravitz said. Variety is key, whether it's in your fitness video/DVD collection, routines, or the music to which you exercise. Before you reach a point at which you're not getting results or you're getting bored, hire a personal fitness trainer to guide you to the next level of fitness. Try working out with a partner, whether it's a family member, a friend or neighbor.

### ASK WHAT CARDIO ACTIVITY YOU LIKE

What activity do you find a lot of fun? That's the one you're likely to stick with, said Jay Blahnik, a fitness consultant based in Laguna Beach.

It's doubtful that you'll like walking on a treadmill if you've never liked walking outside. "People make the mistake of thinking that if they get the equipment, it will make them want to exercise," he said. "But they haven't asked themselves first what activity they enjoy."

Go to a store that sells fitness equipment, and take your time trying out different machines. Don't feel pressured to buy without

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Apr. 5:

Tickets for The Nashville Film Festival go on sale Monday, April 5. NFF is announcing its 35th annual festival and competition that will take place at the Regal Green Hills Cinemas 16.

Apr. 15, 17:

The Nashville Opera Association presents "Salome" by Richard Strauss. The scandalous opera includes murder, lust, jealousy, and revenge; common themes on the opera stage. The opera will be at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Student priced tickets are available.

Apr. 23:

Rod Stewart in concert for the first time in over three years. The Rock-n-Roll Hall of Famer hits the stage at the Gaylord Entertainment Center at 8 p.m.

Apr. 25:

The band, "Everytime I Die" will be playing in at the Exit-Inn at 7 p.m. The concert is \$10 and is for all ages.

# Ephedra banned, replaced



Ephedra and ephedra-like products are often seen lining shelves in stores across the country. Consumers may see many changes because of the new laws passed to ban ephedra and ephedra alkaloids.

TOM VAN HOOSER/STAFF

By SHAUN COPELIN  
Staff Writer

Ephedra is an herb that naturally grows worldwide in desert areas. It is also called Ma Huang and was first used as a Chinese herbal medicine. It is more commonly used today in diet and energy pills.

On Feb. 6, the Food and Drug Administration ruled to prohibit the sale of any diet supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids (ephedra). This ruling went into effect since March 5, or 30 days after the publication date.

The hazards of using ephedra first gained widespread publicity around this time last year when 23-year-old Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler collapsed and died of heatstroke during spring training. Bechler was using an energizing product containing ephedra and his death has been linked to the product.

Dietary supplements containing ephedra were initially marketed to help with weight loss, boost sports performance and provide energy. However, the FDA found little positive evidence regarding the drug's performance, except for short-term weight loss.

It was found there were negative side effects; it raises blood pressure and otherwise stresses the circulatory system.

Ephedra has become a thing of the past because the drug presents an unreasonable risk of illness or injury including stroke, heart attack and death (over 155 deaths have been

linked to the drug ephedra).

Tommy G. Thompson from the department of Health and Human Services said, "this FDA rule reflects what scientific evidence shows - that ephedra poses an unreasonable risk for those who use it."

Many companies providing diet supplements have already removed the drug ephedra from their products. Some companies chose to alter their current products to work around the current law, like the diet pill Metabolife, which no longer has ephedra in it.

One of the current alternatives to ephedra that has featured ads with the former model Anna Nicole Smith is the new diet pill Trimspa.

This new alternative uses the natural appetite suppressant Hoodia Gordonii.

Not all companies adapted to the changing laws as easily. Some manufacturers planned to use legal action when the ban was first proposed, due to the expected loss of revenue in the diet industry.

Millions of users were also outraged by this banning, saying they feel that shutting down an entire business community on the grounds that some people have been harmed by its product is unjust.

The FDA remains firm on the new ruling and plans to enforce this new ban heavily, vowing to take "swift action" on anyone selling dietary supplements containing the drug now that the ban is in affect.

# Tornado: aftermath, safety

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Kathleen Hunt, senior sociology major wasn't on APSU's campus at the time but she remembers the aftermath of the tornado.

"My dad worked for the Clarksville police department and the upper right corner of the police headquarters was destroyed. The part that I'll never forget is hearing the 911 dispatcher screaming on the police scanner. They were in the stairwell and opened the door and witnessed the tornado."

Tornadoes can occur at any time of year, but in southern states peak tornado season is March through May. Since this is the case, APSU has prepared for these situations.

During a tornado warning, students are advised to go to the lowest level of the building and protect themselves especially if they see it

coming. Once the Campus Police have been alerted to the tornado warning, they will activate the Campus Tornado Siren for three minutes.

They will then notify the RAs as quickly as possible and direct them to evacuate residents to the lower area of the residence halls as soon as possible.

Open-air buildings (Cross, Rawlins, Killebrew, Meacham, Two Rivers) should be evacuated to buildings that have enclosed hallways quickly.

If time does not permit them to do so, residents should move to the bathroom area and take cover. Campus police will announce an "all clear" as soon as the danger has passed.

# Fitness: time-saving tips

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having evaluated all your options. If you're a former gym member, ask yourself what machines or activities you enjoyed spending time on at the gym. Choose a home version of one of those machines or buy an exercise video on the same activity you enjoyed in a class

setting. And if you've never been to a gym, one way to try out exercise machines is to get a guest pass at a health club to get an idea of what you enjoy, said Mike Mays, communications director for the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association.

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## ASTAR Program

July 11 - 17

ASTAR Leaders must meet the following criteria:

- Must be African American
- 2.5 GPA or above
- College student with 24 credit hours
- No formal discipline record
- Two letters of reference
- Demonstrate leadership
- Previous work experience with youth
- No Criminal Record
- Cannot be enrolled in Summer II
- Must reside in housing during program

## NYSP Program

June 1 - June 30

Program Aides must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school graduate (some college preferred)
- No formal discipline record
- No Criminal Record
- Cannot be enrolled in Summer I

## Transitions

June 7, 8, 17 and 18  
July 8, 9, 22 and 23  
Aug. 26

Transitions Leaders must meet the following criteria:

- Must be APSU student
  - 2.5 GPA or above
  - No Criminal Record
  - No formal discipline record
  - Leadership 3000 class taken/registered
- NOTE: Aug. 27, 28 and 29 - Fall Transitions/Welcome Events



NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM



If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please stop by the Office of Student Affairs, located in the University Center, room 206 to pick up an application. Deadline for applications is April 2nd. Successful applicants must be available to participate in a "Carousel" selection process on Saturday, April 17th, and must attend all training sessions (TBA).



## UP NEXT

Upcoming Gobs and Lady Gov events:

## MEN'S TENNIS

Friday, Apr. 2:  
@ Eastern Illinois

Saturday, Apr. 3:  
@ Depaul

Wed., Apr. 7:  
vs. Western Ky.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tuesday, Mar. 30:  
vs. Southeast Missouri

Saturday, Apr. 3:  
@ Eastern Illinois

Tuesday, Apr. 6:  
@ Lipscomb

Thursday, Apr. 8:  
vs. Murray State

## BASEBALL

Wed., Mar. 31:  
@ Vanderbilt

Saturday, Apr. 3-4:  
@ Samford

Wed., Apr. 7:  
vs. MTSU

## SOFTBALL

Wed., Mar. 31:  
vs. Alabama A&M

Saturday, Apr. 3-4:  
@ Morehead

Wed., Apr. 7:  
@ SEMO

## TRACK & FIELD

Saturday, Apr. 3:  
@ April Fools Meet

Friday, Apr. 9-10:  
@ Sea Ray Relays

# Teams fall in first rounds of tournaments

## Gobs fall to George Mason, Lady Gobs to Louisiana State

AP SPORTS INFORMATION - A wild scramble for a loose ball led to a late tie-breaking three-point shot as George Mason defeated Austin Peay State University, 66-60, in National Invitational Tournament play in the Patriot Center.

The loss ended the Gobs season at 22-10. With the game tied 57-57 with less than two minutes left, the Governors tipped a ball away in the backcourt. In the ensuing scramble, point guard Terry Reynolds recovered the loose ball and found Lamar Butler along the left wing. Butler knocked down his fifth three pointer of the night, giving the Patriots the lead for good with 1:26 left.

"We nearly had the steal because of great hustle on the defensive end and it turned into a three for them," APSU coach Dave Loos said. However, it was that hustle on the defensive end that helped turnaround an early 10-point deficit into a halftime tie, despite foul trouble that sidelined the Gobs top three inside people-Josh Lewis, Adrian Henning and Zac Schlader. APSU outscored the Patriots, 10-2, in the final two minutes to make it a 29-29 halftime contest.

The Gobs methodically took the lead early in the second half, going up 36-31 a little

more than three minutes into the period. George Mason came back to take the lead at 41-40 before the Gobs held a 44-41 advantage after an Anthony Davis jumper. But George Mason, utilizing fullcourt pressure, would score the next eight points, including a pair of three pointers, to take the lead.

APSU would trail by as much as six points before rallying to tie the game. Josh Lewis tied it 55-55 with a dunk before Zac Schlader tied it at 57 with another dunk, breaking free inside after a pass from Anthony Davis.

The Gobs outshot George Mason 45.1 percent to 41.8 percent but 19 turnovers, several unforced, led to the Governors undoing.

"The effort was just terrific but the execution was not," Loos said. "We just didn't do a good job of protecting the basketball. You could not fault the effort, but you never could with this group."

The Gobs four-year senior class of Henning, who scored 20 against GMU, Josh Lewis and Rhet Wierzb, are the most successful senior class in history, being a part of 81 victories.

In fact, the Gobs 45 wins over the last two seasons are the most ever combined in consecutive seasons. ♦

## BASKETBALL

AP SPORTS INFORMATION - Austin Peay State University women's basketball team had its perceived strength turned against it as fourth-seed and host LSU outscored the 13th-seeded Lady Gobs, 44-10 in the paint on its way to an 83-66 victory, Sunday in the 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship first round.

With the loss, Austin Peay's season ends at 23-8. The Lady Gobs never led in the contest and were behind by seven points, 9-2, just five minutes into the contest.

However, Austin Peay was as close as five points twice in the half's final 10 minutes, the last time at the 7:14 mark when a Carden Cobb jumper made the score 22-17.

A 16-8 LSU scoring run over the next five minutes increased the deficit to 13 points, 38-25, with 1:56 remaining. Austin Peay outscored LSU 5-2 in the final two minutes and trailed by 10, 40-30, at halftime.

A persistent Austin Peay squad returned to the court and quickly put together a 7-2 run in the opening 21/2 minutes, forcing acting LSU head coach Pokey Chatman to take a 30-second timeout with the Lady Gobs within five, 42-37.

The timeout seemed to work as LSU scored on its possession but Ashley Haynes negated that basket with a

pair of free throws at the 17:06 mark.

Things quickly unraveled from there for the Lady Gobs as LSU scored the game's next eight points to build a 13-point advantage, 52-39, with 15:15 remaining. The Lady Tigers were not threatened the game's remainder.

Back-to-back three-point field goals helped the Lady Gobs keep the margin from reaching 20 points and cut the lead to 13 with 1:12 left but the Lady Tigers scored the game's final four points to settle on the final margin.

Kera Bergeron led the Lady Gobs with 20 points, making 7-of-15 field goal attempts, including a 6-of-14 three-point effort. Her six three-point field goals made tied the Austin Peay NCAA tournament record set last year by Brooke Armistead.

Junior guard Cassandra Peek and senior forward Gerlonda Hardin each had 12 points.

Austin Peay was 11-of-24 from three-point range, setting the school's NCAA tournament record for three-point field goals in a game, eclipsing the mark (8) set in last season's loss to North Carolina.

LSU's Seimone Augustus led all scorers with 21 points, shooting 66.7 percent (10-of-15) from the field.

Temeka Johnson added a 17-point, 12-assist double-double effort, the 12 assists breaking the LSU NCAA tournament record.

Hanna Biernacka added 13 points and Tillie Willis chipped in 11 off the bench.

The Lady Tigers shot 51.5 percent (35-of-68) from the field and forced the Lady Gobs into 21 turnovers, 15 by virtue of a steal. ♦



Bergeron



Hardin

## BASEBALL

# Gobs open OVC play with three game sweep over Morehead State

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION - Austin Peay State University's baseball team completed a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series sweep of Morehead State with a 6-4 victory, Sunday afternoon.

The team ran its home win streak to six games with a doubleheader sweep of Morehead State, 6-3 and 8-3 the day before.

The Gobs improved to 15-6 overall and 3-0 in league action while Morehead State fell to 5-16 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

Saturday's first game got off to a quiet start with neither team putting a runner in scoring position in the first three innings.

Austin Peay broke the scoreless tie in the fourth, scoring four times in the frame. After Chris Hyde flew out to centerfield to start the inning, Jared Walker singled, Tommy Smith doubled and Ron Bethke reached after being hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Chris Key batted in the frames first run on a single to right field. The Gobs scored again on Marcus Pearson's groundout to

first base. But it was Matt Ledbetter's two-RBI single that proved to be the eventual game winner.

The second game began with former closer Jeff Mault taking the mound. Mault (5-1) stayed on the mound for the full seven to pick up the win, giving up three runs on three hits, walking two while striking out 12 as the Governors won 8-3.

Alfredo Burken and Jake Peterson began the Gobs' offensive attack with back-to-back one-out singles in bottom of the first.

A Jacob Schroeder single to right field

would score two and the Governors led after one inning, 3-0.

Peterson led the Gobs, going 3-for-3 with a double, scoring twice and picking up an RBI.

The Gobs opened the scoring Sunday in the first after Matt Ledbetter led off the inning with a double off the wall. Alfredo Burken sacrificed Ledbetter to third. He scored on Jake Peterson's ground out to first base.

The Eagles seemed to gain some momentum after closing out the Gobs in the third and took their first lead of the

series in the fourth, scoring twice in the frame.

APSU tacked on an insurance run in the sixth, taking advantage of a MSU throwing error.

Morehead State closed out the scoring in the seventh, plating one run before reliever Adam Carrico recorded back-to-back strikeouts to end the inning.

Ledbetter, Hyde and Walker each had two-hit performances for Austin Peay.

Zac Carr led Morehead State with a 3-for-5 effort as the Eagles collected 11 hits against APSU pitching. ♦

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Organization: SISTERS United  
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March 29, 5 pm, UC Ballroom, Safe Sex Documentary, refreshments served  
March 30, 3 pm, UC 303, Health Department Presentation, refreshments served  
March 31, 7 pm, UC 303, Health presentation, pizza served  
April 1, time/location TBA, speaker on safe sex, refreshments served

Event: Speaker in conjunction with annual social work conference

Organization: Social Work Club  
Dates/location/program:  
April 14, 11 am, UC 303, 305 and 308, speaker will address diversity and issues surrounding it.

Event: 1950's Sock Hop

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