

Peay Pod could be replaced by new store

By DANIEL GREGG
Staff Writer

The Peay Pod C-Store, located in the basement of the University Center, may be moving to a new location in the 200 building of Hand Village.

“This new store would eventually replace the old Peay Pod store,” said Mary Moseley, assistant director of housing and resident life.

The store in the UC would remain open until the completion of the one in Hand Village.

Some students feel that relocating the store would better cater to students who live on campus.

“Resident students would receive the most use

out of the C-Store,” said junior Sarah Perkey, a political science major.

The closer location benefits Hand Village residents especially, who are the largest group of resident students on campus.

“The location would be more convenient by being closer to walk to,” said junior Seth Blackamore, a business management major.

“Much like Austin’s Diner, the store would be accessible to all students without having to use your student ID,” Moseley said.

In order to place the store in the building, a wall would have to be constructed to keep non-Hand Village residents from accessing the commons

area of the building. One student said that moving the store out of the UC is not the best idea.

“The Peay Pod store is perfectly fine where it is, and the move is bias to Hand Village residents,” said freshman Amanda Reed, a political science major. Another student said that moving the store to another location in the UC would make its presence better known.

“The location of the store currently is not good. I’m a senior, and I’ve never been there. I forget it is even in the UC. If the university kept it in the UC, but moved it, more people would go there,” said senior Liz Borsavage, a political science major.

The area where the Peay Pod is located could be used in a number of ways. What will happen with the space is to be determined when it becomes available.

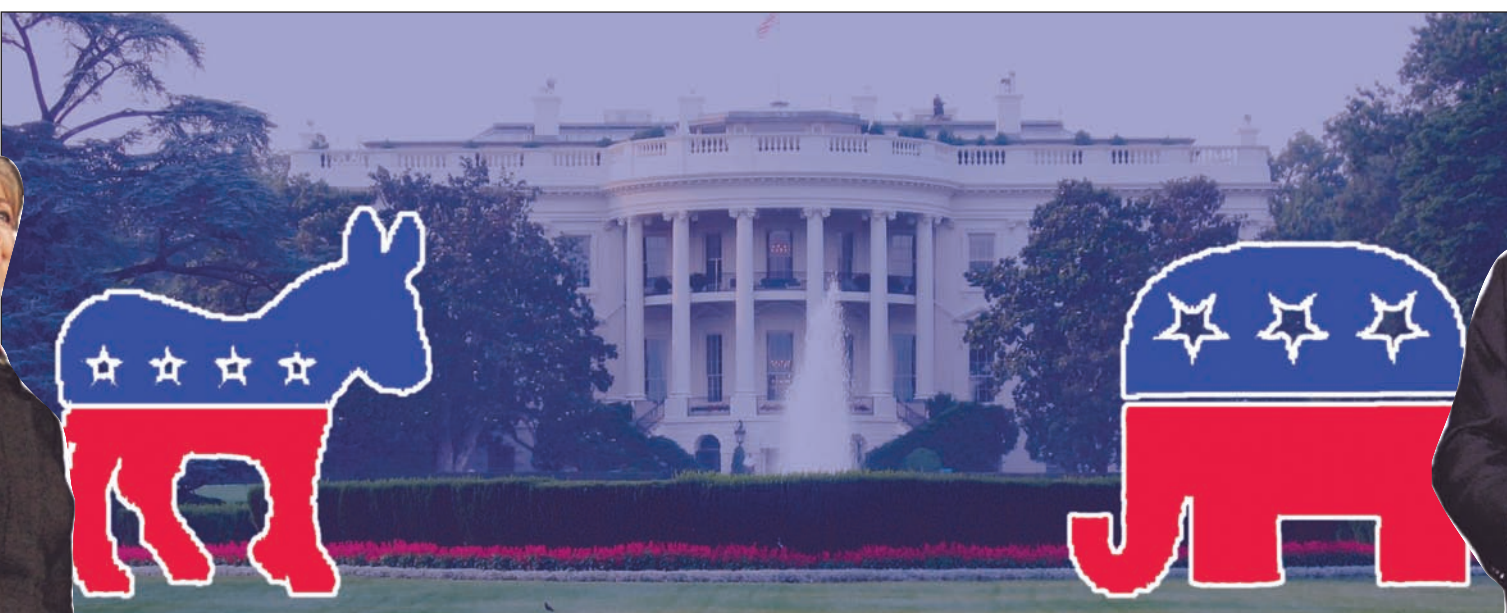
“Anything that goes in there will be student-oriented,” said Andy Kean, director of university facilities.

“The decision is still being processed and there is no set date for the opening of the new store,” Moseley said. “First the school wants to get information from students so that there is a balanced view on the idea, using surveys and even the resident assistants to gather opinions of the new store location,” Moseley said. ♦

ELECTION 2008: SUPER TUESDAY



Tennessee takes **turn** in primaries



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

By JAKE DAVIS
Guest Writer

Votes hard sell to Tenn. youth

The presidential primaries are just around the corner for Tennesseans, and many are asking themselves who would make the best candidate. Young people will play an important role in this decision, said Linda Barnes College Democrats faculty adviser.

In the past, 18 to 30 year olds have showed low voting records, but in 2004 that changed. In the 2004 election more youth voters showed up at the polls than senior voters (ages 65 and older). In a 2007 CNN election poll, approximately 20.7 million young voters showed at the ballot last election.

It has not been determined that trend will

continue in the 2008 primaries and election. According to Civicyouth.org, Tennessee youth voting increased 10 percent in the 2004 elections. However, some feel the momentum may not translate to high voter turnout in Tennessee’s voting booth this year.

“One of the differences is that Tennessee is not getting the publicity of Iowa, New Hampshire or South Carolina,” said David Kanervo, College Republicans faculty advisor. Tennessee compared to other states has seen greatly smaller numbers of young voters than other states. Tennessee ranked 49th when compared to other states’ youth turnouts. Excitement for the candidates seems to be higher this

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By JARED COMBS
Staff Writer

Election rules differ by state

Tennessee will be one of 24 states who on Feb. 5 will vote to see who they want to be their party’s presidential candidate. In each state the rules for voting are different.

“Voting in the primaries should be important to everyone,” said Vickie Koelman, administrator of elections for the Montgomery County Election Commission.

Few voters had a hand in the last election season. According to the official results of the 2004 primary, of 67,044 registered voters in Montgomery county at the time of the presidential primaries, only 7,762 voted on primary election day.

According to Koelman, the

election commission expects more participation in this year’s primary as there is no incumbent candidate and this typically raises interest in voters.

The primary process differs from state to state and between parties and it’s complexities serve to deter the interest of many voters.

Some primaries are “open” while others are “closed”. An “open” primary is a vote in which all registered voters of a state are allowed to participate and typically vote within the party of their choice. A “closed” primary is a primary in which voters must register with a specific party prior to selecting a candidate at a polling station.

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Students jump-start careers in Washington D.C. internship

By TINEA PAYNE
Assistant News Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents grants scholarships to four students at APSU to get a head start on their careers in a Washington, D.C., internship program.

The students will spend the spring semester at The Washington Center for internships and academic seminars. There they will have the opportunity to intern with businesses and organizations in the nation’s capital.

TWC was established in 1975, as an educational, non-profit organization, that provides students from across the nation the opportunity to work and learn around government agencies and international organizations.

Students are placed in internships depending on their interests and work up to four and a half hours per week.

Students will also complete a portfolio and attend one academic course per week.

Anthony Haddock, business major, and Jessica Lance, Diana Darks and Frankie Dejesus, political science majors, were the four students at APSU selected for the program.

Dejesus said this opportunity stood out because of the financial aid APSU made available.

“[I] was surprised at the extent that APSU was willing to go. [APSU] backed [me] completely on funding. APSU took this serious.”

Through a Tennessee Board of Regents scholarship, students attending the program received \$6,250 for the spring semester, according to Sara Clement, program manager at TWC.

David Kanervo, professor of political science and university liaison to the program, said the TBR scholarship was started by the state of Tennessee to recruit students from each of the TBR colleges and universities to take part in TWC internship program.

“This is the first time that students at APSU have gone [to TWC],” Kanervo said. The

scholarship covers program and housing fees and additional aid is available depending on the student’s individual placement, according to Clement.

The program places students of all majors and interests in internships.

Kanervo said that the program is not geared only to political science majors.

“It not only coordinates, it’s one application for many internships. They go out and find the internship for you,” Haddock said. “They guarantee you an internship.” This internship is the first for Haddock, who plans to intern at the U.S. Treasury.

“I’m a little bit excited. Anything in government will pay the bills,” Haddock said.

Haddock said he is glad to take the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. while broadening his career perspective. “I think it will give me a ‘leg up’ [and] show me how to actually be professional.”

Kanervo said he encourages students to open

their eyes for internship opportunities like TWC.

He advised students to not be afraid of internships that may not appear to suit them on the surface. “Internships help [students] to see how what [they] are learning fits in the real world.”

He said that this program opportunity shows students a more professional world and can give students the experience employers seek.

“It’s helpful; a lot of employers want experience of some kind,” Kanervo said. “We’ve had a number of students that have worked at the state legislature internship and have had jobs.”

Dejesus, a former intern at Gov. Phil Bredesen’s office, said that internships are important for student success.

He said that more students should apply for TWC.

“[Students] need to apply. It’s fundamental to understand what you are studying. Get out of the books and get into the real world.” ♦

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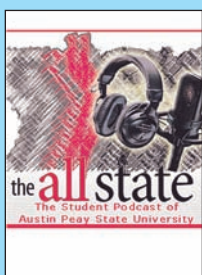
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♦ Last day of early voting is Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Montgomery County Election Commission office.



Candidates put the hurt on health care

By KYLE NELSON
News Editor

During this election season, *The All State* will endeavor to present the positions of the presidential candidates on the important issues of the day.

This week's topic is health care. All the positions below are attributed to each candidate's Web site.



Barack Obama, D-Ill.

Obama's plan for health care involves three prongs.

One is the introduction of a comprehensive plan offered by the government similar to the one offered to members of Congress.

This would not reject anyone's bases on pre-existing medical conditions or illness, and would allow people to still have health care under their parents after age 25.

Obama's next step would involve reforming how health care is handled. This includes establishing a national watchdog agency over the private health care companies.

This agency would ensure that the all plans were, "as generous as the new public plan and have the same standards for quality and efficiency." Obama's third step involves lowing the cost of health care by reimbursing providers for the catastrophic costs that would be used to lower the insured's premium

For more information visit www.barackobama.com.

John McCain, R-Ariz.

McCain supports a reform that includes individual health care programs and increases the competitiveness of insurance companies.

McCain's Web site says, "While we reform the system and maintain quality, we can and must provide access to health care for all our citizens — whether temporarily or chronically uninsured, whether living in rural areas with limited services, or whether residing in inner cities where access to physicians is often limited."

McCain also wants to vigorously enforce federal law in order to prevent collusion and deceptive business practices. For more information visit www.johnmccain.com.

Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y.

Clinton's plan includes a government health care plan comparable to that offered to members of Congress, and the introduction of reforms to keep health care affordable and prevent people from being rejected. Families would receive tax credits to help pay for their premiums.

Small businesses would also receive tax credits in order to provide health care coverage for their employees.

For more information visit www.hillaryclinton.com

Mike Huckabee, R-Ark.

Huckabee's plan advocates changing the American health care model from a reactionary system to a preventative system. Huckabee's Web site says that 80 percent of health care costs are due to chronic diseases and that trying to prevent these would lower the cost of health care.

Huckabee also promotes changing from a system where the employer offers health care to one where individuals purchase their health care. For more information visit www.mikehuckabee.com.

John Edwards, D-S.C.

Edwards is a supporter of universal health care that would ensure that every American is insured.

His plan would require businesses to either insure their employees or help to finance their employees' insurance.

The plan would advocates the creation of regional health care markets to increase the buying power of consumers. For more information visit www.johnedwards.com



Mitt Romney, R-Mass.

Romney's plan involves a, "Federalist approach to make quality, affordable health insurance available to every American." His plan advocates reforming the tax code to make health care expenses tax deductible and use the money afforded to emergency rooms for "free care" to the uninsured and redirect it to help the "truly needy" buy affordable health care. For more information visit www.mittromney.com.

Ron Paul, R-Texas

Paul is against a universal health care system but also believes that the U.S. health care system has turned into, "a federally-managed disaster." Paul supports making health care expenses tax deductible and eliminating federal regulations that "discourage small businesses from providing coverage."

He also supports doctors being able to negotiate with insurance companies to drive down costs. For more information visit www.ronpaul2008.com. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Non-Trad Student Breakfast

Are you a non-traditional student that wants to have your ideas heard? Want to know what services APSU has for especially for you? Come to the non-traditional student breakfast at 7:15 a.m. on Jan 30 in the UC Cafeteria.

Great Change Day

All residents who would like to change their Spring 2007 room assignment can stop by the Office of Housing/Residence Life and Dining Services for another Great Change Day from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Jan. 30 in Miller Hall Room 121. Check your hall lobby for more information. If you have questions contact Sue Fort at 221-7444.

Foy Center Anniversary

University Recreation is hosting an open house from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 30, celebrating the anniversary of the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center grand opening. Refreshments will be served and prize drawings will be held with a grand prize drawing for a portable DVD player.

Pop-A-Shot

Bored? Govs Programming Council can help pass the time while supporting the Govs Coming Home basketball games. GPC will have a "Pop-A-Shot" game from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 31 in the University Center. Stop by, shoot some hoops and get a free knit cap and mini basketball.

Congress comes to Campus

Senator Rosalind Kurita, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, will be coming to APSU to speak about how students can engage in green legislation at 6 p.m., Jan. 31 in Kimbrough's Gentry Auditorium, sponsored by SOARE and XEM.

Black History Bowl

The Black History Knowledge Bowl will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 in Clement Auditorium the bowl will test contestants knowledge of black history. Prizes will be handed out.

Unity Celebration Dinner

The celebration will feature special guest Nikki Giovanni — poet, writer, distinguished professor at Virginia Tech. The event will take place 6 p.m., Feb. 7. Advance tickets are required for entrance, but free to students, faculty and staff with a Govs ID. Tickets will be available Jan. 22 in the Office of Student Affairs, UC 206.

One Night Stand

Do you want to get involved in the campus community? Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? One Night Stand is accepting applications for 2008 executive committee members until Feb. 15 For more information contact Melissa Davis at 221-7838.

Voting: Process is both open, closed

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"We have what is kind of a hybrid of the two," Koelman said. "Voters have to declare a party before they are sent to a voting machine."

Tennessee's primary process is most often referred to as "open" as voters are not required to declare a party prior to arriving at a polling station.

Voters are, however, asked to declare a party before entering a voting machine. Voters may change their party selection from one election to another. The primary process also differs between parties.

The Democratic Party commonly distributes its delegates proportional to the primary vote while, in some states, the Republican Party utilizes a winner-take-all system, or some combination of the two systems.

Tennessee is again an example of a hybrid between these two systems.

In Tennessee the Democratic Party holds a proportional primary while the GOP uses a winner-takes-all system if the winning candidate obtains a majority vote, but proportionally distributes its delegates when there is no majority consensus.

After the delegates are distributed they vote at their party's national convention, in accordance with the voters of their state.

According to Koelman, to spite the complexities of the primary process voters should take interest and play a part in this very important part of the presidential election process.

"It always depends on what's on the ballot, as to what the turnout is," Koelman said.

With this term's ballot loaded with a divers field of personalities, voter turnout should be considerable.

"I didn't vote in the 2004 election at all," said Doug Mitchem, English major. "But I feel that there is a lot at stake this time around. Primary voting is important. If you only vote in the final election then someone has already done most of the choosing for you."

3,516 Montgomery county citizens have already voted via absentee and early vote, which ends Jan. 31.

For a list of Montgomery County polling stations and more information on the primary voting process visit www.votesmart.com or www.montgomerycountyttn.org/County/election/electioncomm.htm. ♦

Primary: Voters excited or grumbling

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year than past elections. Democrats especially seem satisfied with their frontrunners.

"I'm sensing from people excitement about this election," Barnes said. On the other side of the aisle however, there seems to be some concern over who will be the candidate.

"There has been a big excitement on the democratic side, democrats have been pleased about their choices; I've heard more grumbling with republicans," Kanervo said. The issues of this race also seem to be a factor driving young people to the ballots, according to Barnes. The biggest issue affecting young people is the economy according to both Kanervo and Barnes. The

awareness seems to be growing on the campus as observed by Barnes. The younger generations political interests seem, to come from activist groups such as Youth Voice in Reno, Nevada.

The Nevada Review ran a story on this group. "Ryan Costella, 24, came up with the idea for Youth Voice. He said he quickly found out he isn't alone. So they made Youth Voice a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing activism among young people, whether they are right, left or not certain yet."

According to the *Nevada Review* groups like these are pushing younger people to be politically active. In Clarksville, specifically, there is a Ron Paul, and Barack Obama action group. ♦



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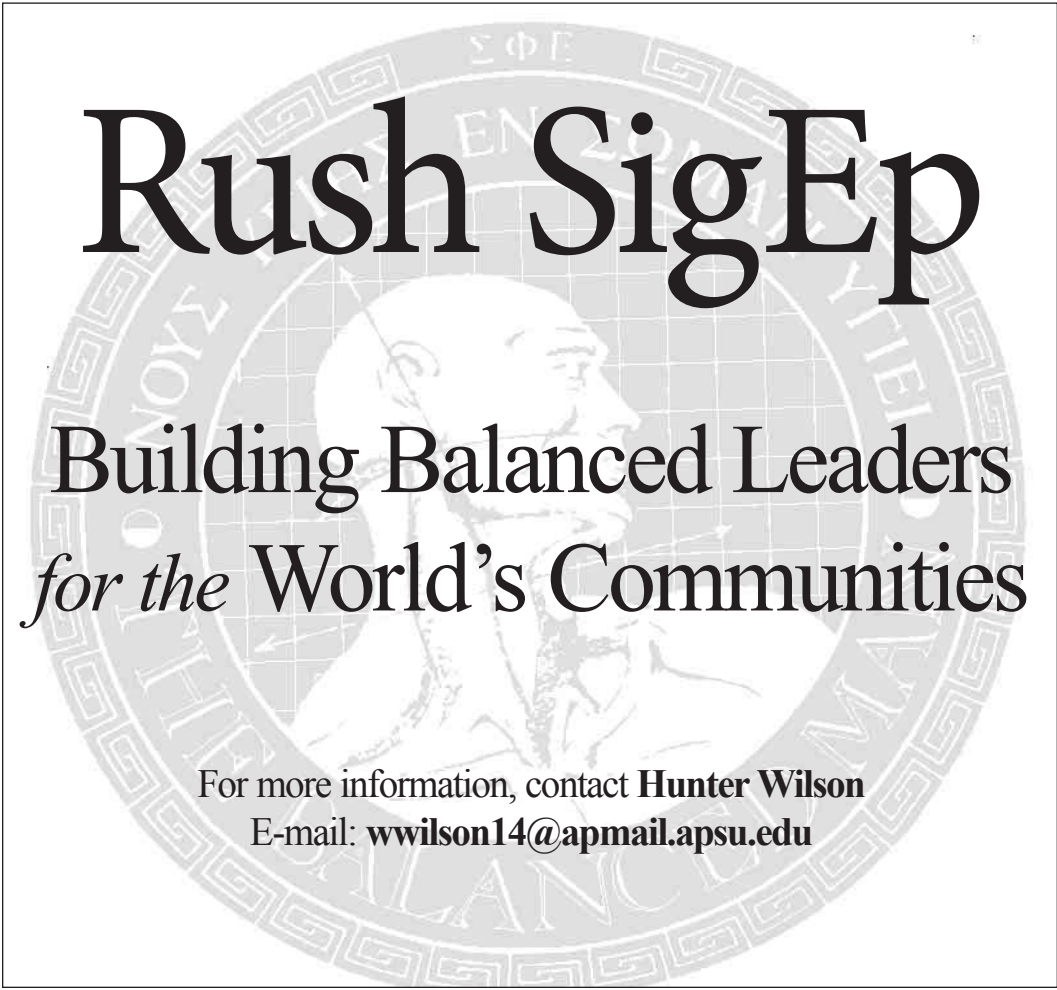
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OUR TAKE

Smoking fines work well in theory

Editorial Roundup

THE ISSUE:
APSU will adopt a smoking fine policy to help enforce the smoking ban on campus.

OUR TAKE:
This sounds good in theory, but will the fining policy be enforced? We're skeptical.

In last week's issue, Chief of Police Lantz Biles expressed his opposition to the Tennessee Board of Regents policy involving the smoking citations. More specifically, he opposed the provision that required the campus police to enforce the policy, which starts July 1. The policy, which will help keep the campus clean of cigarette butts, will be enforced not only by the Campus Police, but also by Campus Security and the Safety Patrol.

The All State favors the smoking policies that aim to clean up the campus, improve health and prevent forest fires. We believe these are

achievable goals — in theory. But there's a difference between liking a policy and knowing that it won't work realistically, much like Ron Paul and his policy of eliminating the IRS. Implementing this smoking policy is not as simple as giving a parking ticket (leave it to facts to get in the way of progress), and we think this is what Biles was suggesting in his last interview when he expressed his "opposition."

After all, giving a parking ticket is rather passive when compared to fining someone for a smoking violation. Now that's rather active because the enforcer must actively

interact with the person and say something to the effect of "Sir, I'm going to have to fine you \$25 for smoking. Please show your Gov's card or license." We are not too confident that the students who work for the Safety Patrol are going to really fine their peers and classmates for smoking. We don't really think the police officers of our campus are going to appreciate being assigned with this menial task of policing students' smoking habits. And we don't think that the responsibilities of campus security technically extend to the security of the students' lungs. Furthermore, we

would like to add that conveniently placed ashtrays and covered structures within the smoking areas would be a better alternative of the smoking ban than the smoking fines.

Granted, we think that everyone should abide by the policy when it goes in effect, but what we think should happen and what actually happens rarely coincide. Sad to say, the indifference of the many, overpowers the ideas of the few. We want to wish the administration and police department good luck in making sure the policy will be enforced. ♦

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Don't count Fred out yet

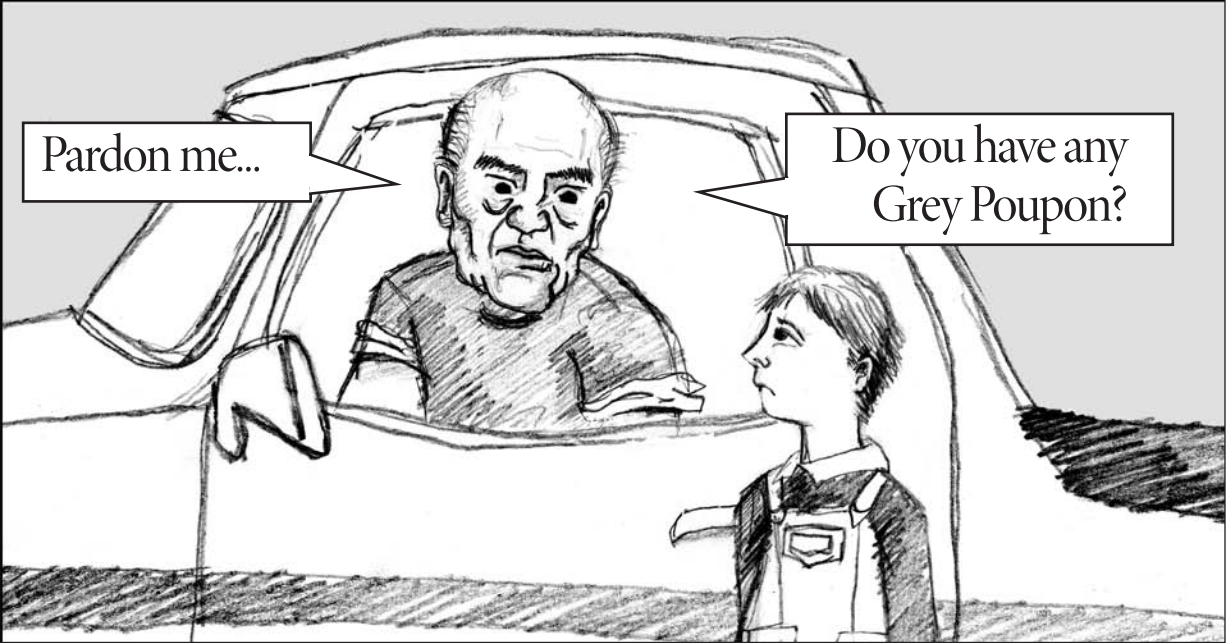


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Good Ol' Boy Thompson may yet snag the vice presidency for '08

He's lazy like a fox or maybe just lazy. But let's not get too ahead of ourselves. Before Fred Thompson finally entered, and recently dropped out of the race for president, way before, back in the fall of 2007, *Newsweek* magazine (9-10-07) had Fred on its cover. This same Fred had just very recently decided that, yes, after months of setting up an "exploratory committee" (the committee was "exploring" so long you'd think they were searching for the Holy Grail) he would enter the race for president as a Republican candidate. Like the girl or guy you always dreamed about dating but knew it would never happen, Fred "Good Ol' Boy" Thompson had finally accepted the people's invitation to go a-political courting. It wasn't the first time he had to be literally talked into putting his name on the ballot.

When U.S. Sen. Howard H. Baker vacated the Tennessee seat in 1984, Thompson, a friend and former campaign manager of Baker's, as well as an appointed counsel on the Senate committee holding Nixon's impeachment hearings in 1974, was approached as a possible candidate. Fred, who at the time was getting fairly consistent acting work, essentially playing the same character — the grizzled, world-weary political insider with a southern drawl — and who was also getting even better paid lobbying gigs, deflected the attention. As he put it, "The hassle factor is up, and the pay is down."

Ten years later, in 1994, a U.S. senate seat in Tennessee again became open with native son and former Senator Al Gore playing the v.p. to Bill Clinton's p., and again, Fred's name surfaced as a possible candidate. Said political insiders, "he looks the part, he's got a great political voice, full of gravitas," (as commentators call it) and he has "the Hollywood name recognition and image." Fred seemingly had the whole package.

But just one thing seemed to be missing, and it was the one thing that would continue to dog Good Ol' Boy Fred for years to come. Did he, as commentators also like to say, have the "fire in the belly?" Did he have the real burning, all-consuming desire to endure the endless "retail politics" that go along with getting yourself elected by your neighbors and new-found friends? In other words, did he, could he, smile at countless county fairs, hot-dog eating contests, church socials, and yes, even the surreal American events like the Miss Dairy Butter Pageants that candidates seem to have to visit end up at in their quest for public office.

Hillary Clinton has the fire in her belly so much, it seems like it could alone be the cause of global warming. Really, if you woke her up at 3:00 a.m. and promised her she'd get an extra vote if she stood out in subzero degree weather, with nothing but her frozen smile to keep her warm in front of an all-night truck stop, is there any doubt she'd grab the nearest "Hillary political pants-suit" and beat you to the spot? Sen. Obama, Edwards, McCain, can't you just see they want "it" so bad they can taste "it?" But, Fred? Even in 1994, he was very hesitant to run, then, when he finally caved in to good friend Baker's persuasive powers, he was getting the "Good Ol' Boy" knocked out of him by an opponent who called Fred a "Gucci wearing, Lincoln-driving, Perrier-drinking, Grey-Poupon spreading, millionaire Washington special interest lobbyist." Ouch. Who likes Grey-Poupon anyway? Fred didn't shed this very non-Tennessee, non-Good Ol' Boy label until he decided to rent, that's right, rent a beat-up Chevy King Cab truck and traded in his pressed suits for rolled-up shirts, loose-fitting jeans, a "Johnny-Cash style cowboy belt" and some dusty boots. Fred had gone back

to his real roots, sort of.

Fast forward: Summer of 2007

Fred is again wavering, undecided if he wants to make the commitment, endure the dairy shows and the church socials and the long days of shaking hands, holding babies, smiling and calling the church grannies "Honey" and the "Just Git 'Er Done" men "Buddy" and then folding his 6 feet 6 inches tall frame into a cramped campaign van to get to the next stop and do it all over again. But this time he has another muse besides Howard Baker to try and light his political fire. Jeri, the one-time GOP public relations specialist, the much younger (24 years younger than Fred, who is 65), very blonde wife, the "trophy wife" as scribes would sneer during the campaign, wanted Fred in the Oval Office even more than he did, said campaign insiders. And so, Fred ran. Well, jogged a little bit. When his friends, rivals and colleagues like John McCain, Mitt Romney, Rudy Guiliani, Ron Paul and Mike Huckabee had already staked out their political positions, tested their messages, polished their campaign stump speeches and kissed more babies, shook more hands and posed for more pictures with the proud owner of the champion steer or hog at the 4-H club than Fred probably had in his entire political life, he formally entered the race.

And, like the "trophy" date back in high school, the dream of many Americans, many "Fred-Heads," had come true. And like reality, it was all rather underwhelming. It's not like Fred got drunk and tossed his cookies in the rented prom limo or anything, it's just that well, although Mom and Dad thought he was snazzy and photographed sharp, when we were "alone" with Fred, he didn't have too much to say, and when he did speak he wasn't all that commanding or informed or charismatic. Where were the grizzled, powerful guys he played in "Hunt For Red October" or "In The Line Of Fire" or even the wise, old crafty Arthur Blank in "Law & Order"? Oh, right, those were make-believe parts. The less-scripted Fred came off in his brief campaign for president as likable, not overly informed but no real dummy either, he dished up some tasty little chestnuts about America but served no real, complete vision, and maybe, not so coincidentally didn't have a catchy campaign song or slogan. Most of Fred's campaign material simply said, "Fred Thompson for President, 2008." Later, when aides finally crafted "The Clear, Conservative, Choice," or the "Fred Message," it didn't seem to catch fire with the voters. Once again, the ol' lack of fire problem.

But fear not "Fred-Heads" it doesn't take nearly as much "fire in the belly" to become vice-president and the remaining GOP hopefuls would be hard-pressed to find anyone who could play the part of our nation's second in command as well as Fred Thompson. He has literally made a very rewarding career out of playing the part of the grizzled, Washington insider, in movies, television shows, and for a brief time, actually inside Washington DC. He may yet be called upon to play his most important role ever, the man who is but a few heartbeats away from being the president. John McCain could do worse. It's just that "Law & Order" will never be the same without Arthur Blank, aka Fred Thompson, offering down-home, folksy sayings like "That dog just won't hunt" to Jack McCoy. In other news, Dennis Kucinich also ended his most recent campaign to be president. And, the sound heard recently, was the wall coming down. ♦

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Remember 'Pocketman'

Kucinich leads positive path to follow

"... You may say I'm a dreamer / But I'm not the only one / I hope someday, you'll join us / And the world will live as one ..."— John Lennon

"Imagine." It's a rather fitting time for this tune in the Dennis Kucinich camp. After his recent bail out from the 2008 presidential race, that's all we can do. "Pocketman" may be out of the running, but what he has offered to the race is far more substantial than what the other candidates have brought to the table thus far. Consistency. Sincerity. Integrity. Edwards, Obama, Clinton. Are you taking notes?

Also, Kucinich was the only one with the guts to pursue the option of impeachment against the soon to be extinct, heartless dinosaurs of the Bush administration.

The following response from Kucinich on the matter of impeachment came when he appeared on "Democracy Now!" and Amy Goodman asked him to share his thoughts on the subject: "I think that we need to make sure that this president understands that he can't do whatever he wants, that he is bound by the Constitution, that he is bound by national and international law."

Hopefully what the relative longevity of Kucinich represented was a turn of the tide for the voting public and a statement to our largely government-filtered mainstream press.

"I think that we need to make sure that this president understands that he can't do whatever he wants, that he is bound by the Constitution, that he is bound by national and international law."

Dennis Kucinich

Realistically though, I'm afraid it's politics as usual — i.e., values compromised. Considering the bigger picture, there were good reasons to have voted for Kucinich.

Simply keeping Kucinich in the debate and alive in the minds of the viewers and potential voters at home is a positive statement of its own merit. However, Kucinich was not kept in the front of our minds. How do most of us remember him? Think about it. His candidacy was plagued with pundits of the highest caliber, pulling petty smear tactics, knowing full well how ridiculous questions about UFOs would reflect in the minds of the voting viewers. These questions were irrelevant and only made him appear silly.

The corporate press knows the game. They know as well, the power they hold to control the debate. In the cases of Kucinich or Mike Gravel or Ron Paul, the objective of the media giants like NBC, ABC and Fox was to devalue any legitimacy and credibility these candidates hold by excluding them from these debates. They do so by creating ridiculous and unprecedented criteria, to ensure that only the top dogs will get to bark. Make no mistake; money determines legitimacy and Kucinich had raised very little in campaign funds. But he also held no debt through his campaign. I say again, integrity.

In terms of voting records, Kucinich had been consistent and clear in his intentions and direction. He would immediately end the war and freeze the funding for it, in addition to voting against the war and the PATRIOT Act, Kucinich has proven he's dedicated to the interest of the American public.

For example, perhaps one of the single largest motivators for people to get out and vote in November will be Americans' receiving access to health care. Pocketman would have played the Robin Hood to the American public, had he been elected or had his ideas even been given consideration at all.

Since the World Health Organization ranked our health care system 37th in the world, it seems only reasonable that the Conyers- Kucinich bill (HR 676) should be on the table as a real option that would save money by putting medical decisions back in the hands of the patient and doctor and taking the profit factor out of health care. The new universal, single-payer health care system would cover every citizen from the time they were born to the time they die and pick up the check to boot.

Yes, we could imagine a much better world with a man of such solutions as Dennis Kucinich. Some people thought that Kucinich was not electable because his voice didn't carry far enough or loudly enough. In the words of NOFX, another great song, "... Sometimes the smallest softest voice carries the grand, biggest solutions."

My simple suggestion for next time another Kucinich comes along?

Listen. Can you hear the wall falling? ♦

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Name game ends

Women should keep their maiden names and break free of the patriarchy — or not



Tanya Ludlow

According to the Lucy Stone League, an organization dedicated to equal rights for women to retain, modify and create their names, approximately three million U.S. women “abandon” their names each year when they marry. This accounts for over 90 percent of marriages overall. Although changing one’s maiden name and adopting a husband’s surname is generally deemed to be part of our country’s cultural traditions, some see this tradition as having insidious implications. An article in *Sister*, a feminist magazine published by Columbia University, notes that this “Tradition of name-abandonment,” is “one of the most powerful tools used by the patriarchy to deny women not only equal rights but personhood.”

In contrast, consider the advice given on the official home page of Shaadi, the UK’s largest Asian “Wedding Portal,” which is a rather silly euphemism for a mail-order bride service: “A counter argument to this would be that any woman whose self-esteem is so precarious that it hinges on which surname she attaches to herself has bigger problems to worry about!”

In the spirit of unsubstantiated argument, the Web site adds, “If you’re willing to take him for better or worse, for richer or poorer, why not take his name along with the whole package as well?” I suppose judging the merits of these two arguments, on opposite ends of ideology, is not too helpful unless you, yourself, happen to be either a feminist or a mail-order bride.

For the average American woman, deciding whether or not to adopt a husband’s surname often comes down to matters of practicality. On the one hand, the cultural tradition of relinquishing a maiden name upon marriage can make keeping it socially awkward, especially after children are added to the equation. After all, families

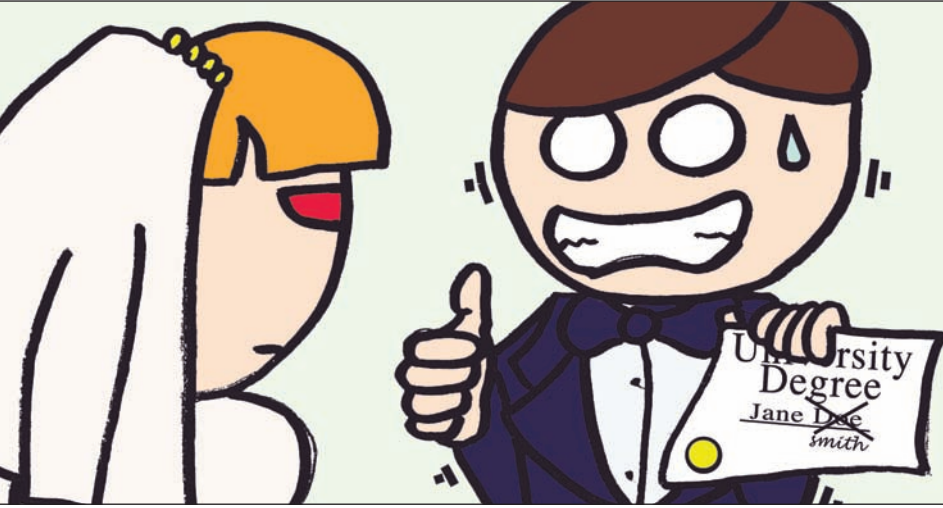
are usually defined by sharing a common name.

Conversely, if one has already accomplished a lot under a maiden name, such as earning a degree or having a career for example, changing one’s name interrupts continuity and can cause confusion. I, myself, did not change my maiden name after I married because I feel I can prove my commitment to my husband in other ways, such as bringing to fruition his genetic destiny at some future and yet to be determined date. Although there have been uncomfortable moments — when you tell some people that you kept your maiden name, wild images of hairy-legged women burning their bras in Washington spring to the forefront of their minds — generally I have found that people respect a woman’s right to keep her maiden name if she so chooses.

If a woman decides to take on her husband’s surname, I do not think she should feel bullied into doing something she isn’t comfortable with. A strong woman does not want to run the risk of appearing treacherous to women’s rights, or unwittingly supportive of the patriarchy. Although practicality is an issue to consider, one of the main reasons I kept my maiden name was because I am simply attached to it. I inherited it from my father (who is a part of the heinous patriarchy) along with his ears and deep-rooted mistrust of the government. So ladies, keep your maiden name.

Or don’t. In either case, you can always change your mind in the future. Hillary Rodham Clinton did not add her husband’s surname until 1982, seven years after they married. She did so because he lost his re-election bid for governor of Arkansas in 1980 to Frank White, who reminded conservative Arkansas voters that his wife was “Mrs. Frank White.” After Hillary Rodham tacked Clinton onto her last name, Bill Clinton was re-elected. How is that for expediency and practicality? ♦

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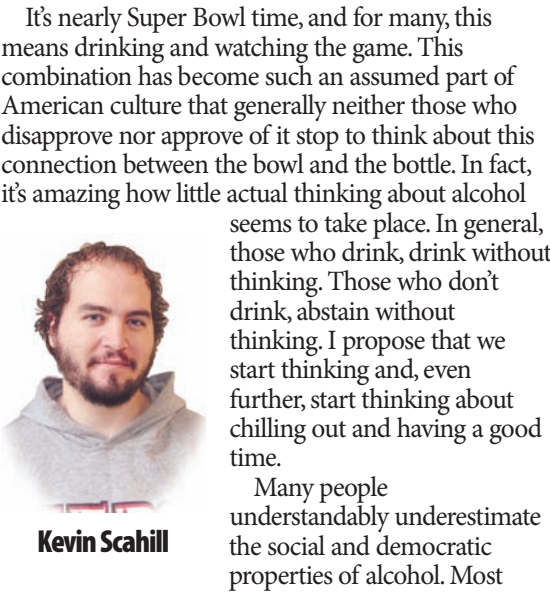
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Lower your inhibitions

Social properties of alcohol and the Super Bowl



Kevin Scahill

It’s nearly Super Bowl time, and for many, this means drinking and watching the game. This combination has become such an assumed part of American culture that generally neither those who disapprove nor approve of it stop to think about this connection between the bowl and the bottle. In fact, it’s amazing how little actual thinking about alcohol seems to take place. In general, those who drink, drink without thinking. Those who don’t drink, abstain without thinking. I propose that we start thinking and, even further, start thinking about chilling out and having a good time.

Many people understandably underestimate the social and democratic properties of alcohol. Most people, however, have been to those social gatherings that seem dominated by the prettiest girl or the funniest guy. Many of us have seen, or been, that person who desperately wants to interact but is too shy. Social gatherings combined with alcohol creates a democratic environment in which everyone is more or less equal. This puts everyone on even ground and makes socializing more accessible.

My argument is basically this: Throughout our lives we begin to lose our sense of wonder about things and sense of connection to things, so (assuming that these things are worth having) we need to work to get them back. Even our happiness becomes gray and reserved. If you find yourself inhibited from opening up and merrily connecting with the strange and wonderful human beings around you, then maybe it’s time that you lowered your inhibitions for a little while. I’m not saying that drinking is the only way to do this or even the best way, but it is an easy way to get on that path. Say what you will, drinking can lead

to enjoying things you wouldn’t normally enjoy even though you probably should enjoy those things normally. It helps to blur lines between people. Every girl becomes pretty and every guy becomes hilarious, and drinking often pushes you to the next important step of actually interacting with the mysterious and awesome souls around you. It will sound like a paradox, but if your beer goggles help you to see something wonderful in everything when you normally wouldn’t, then it’s through your beer goggles that you’re actually seeing clearly. As William Wordsworth said, “The world is too much with us,” and we would probably all like to be “surprised by joy,” just like C.S. Lewis.

Regardless of one’s creed, it should probably be the goal of everyone to love every molecule. Alcohol won’t do this, but it will sometimes give you a glimpse of what the world should look like to you. As I hope to deal with in later writing, too much alcohol can possibly even be counterproductive to this goal. That having been said, I think a stumbling, drunken step in the right direction is better than no step at all, and only you really know what direction your life is going right now.

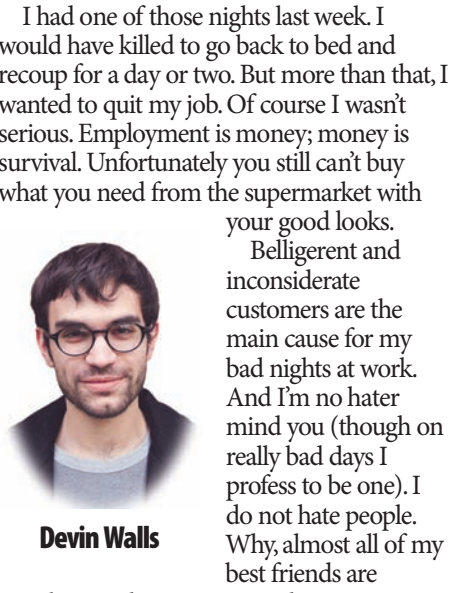
I completely understand the position of those who dislike the idea of losing self-control. I like being in control of myself and retaining possession of all of my faculties. Still, it’s important to keep all things in moderation. Strictly speaking, this includes keeping moderation in moderation. Obviously, I am not condoning anything illegal like underage drinking or anything in excess. Alcohol in excess has been and continues to be a part of tragedies and heartbreak in America. Like most people (unfortunately), I had a friend who was killed by a drunk driver.

In closing, as G.K. Chesterton said, “No animal ever invented anything as bad as drunkenness — or so good as drink.” ♦

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Shop with some civility

Working retail is tough enough without belligerent customers



Devin Walls

I had one of those nights last week. I would have killed to go back to bed and recoup for a day or two. But more than that, I wanted to quit my job. Of course I wasn’t serious. Employment is money; money is survival. Unfortunately you still can’t buy what you need from the supermarket with your good looks.

Belligerent and inconsiderate customers are the main cause for my bad nights at work. And I’m no hater mind you (though on really bad days I profess to be one). I do not hate people. Why, almost all of my best friends are people. But I have got to say that every negative experience I have had at my job(s) have been caused by customers.

I worked at a radio station (never dealt with people) where there were no stringent rules, and now I work at a chain bookstore. It’s strict with its policies, but I have never found it to be unfair. The only thing that keeps me from liking my previous job better is the whole “public” thing.

When you work with people of the public, eventually you’ll get a rotten one, and boy does it suck. It is almost guaranteed because there are so many out there. And they are training their children to follow in their footsteps. A lot of people who come in let their kids wreck the children’s books section without cleaning up. I actually had a customer once whose young son had an armful of picture books (the thin ones, and a lot of them). She looked at him and said (and I’m paraphrasing), “Son, we’re leaving. Give those to the gentleman [me] so he can put them back.” I’ve seen the same thing happen

at restaurants where kids think it’s okay to be messy just for fun. Not to say that it is not my duty to shelve those books, or a waiter’s job to clean that table, but where is the effort on the customer’s part? Just some sign of appreciation would be nice. That is the problem though; they treat people in retail and food service like machines.

I’m just glad that I (theoretically) will not be dealing with these children as adults in retail. I would probably be sent to prison for attempted murder.

Case in point, around Christmas I had a customer who came in and wanted a book we did not carry. I explained to the customer that I could order the book but because of the holidays it would not arrive until late December (too late for a Christmas gift). The customer flew into a rage and blamed me for the situation. I tried to calmly explain our shipping policy, which resulted in the customer’s demanding to see my manager. Several weeks later, I met this person in “real life” and found it very difficult to look past my first impression. In short, we are not friends. What is better is that later on I ended up at a restaurant with this person as my waiter. I am not vengeful, but I enjoyed seeing this person go out of his way to be nice to me.

The sad part is that it does not have to be that way. All that the experience needs is a bit of human compassion on both parts. If the customers are nice to retail workers like myself then we’re more likely to do all we can to help them. If customers would start seeing us as people too, rather than workers who must help them no matter their attitude, then the entire situation could be pleasant. Let’s not lose sight of the fact that we are all human, and we all feel pissed off sometimes, but that never allows for a lack of decency. ♦

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Workshop unites culture with dance

By MARSEL GRAY
Assistant Online Editor

Dance, culture and laughter came together Saturday, Jan. 26, when professional, amateur, young and old dancers enjoyed the first World Dance Workshop.

Senior Ashley Lyle, Human Health and Performance major, and Gwen Atkinson, a local belly dancer, have spent the last few months organizing and planning the event.

Lyle started dancing over a year ago when a friend suggested she take a dance class. Belly dancing and Latin dance styles soon became some of her favorite dance forms.

“Belly dancing is about sisterhood; accepting the body with its flaws and accepting the beauty of womanhood,” Lyle said.

The World Dance Workshop was held at Natalie’s Dance Network, a dance studio in downtown Clarksville.

Natalie Walker, an APSU alumna, has owned Natalie’s Dance Network since she was 17. She’s been dancing since she was four.

“I’ve danced all my life,” Walker said. “I don’t know any different.”

Natalie’s Dance Network served as a great place for the workshop.

“God doesn’t give you more than you can handle,” Walker said, relating her personal motto to her achievements.

The day was filled with different types of dances, such as Hip-Hop, South Indian Dance and Salsa.

Lyle said the purpose is to, “spread the love of dancing



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Latin mix was one of the many dance styles people could learn at the first World Dance Workshop.

and bring culture unity.”

The workshop wasn’t just about teaching different

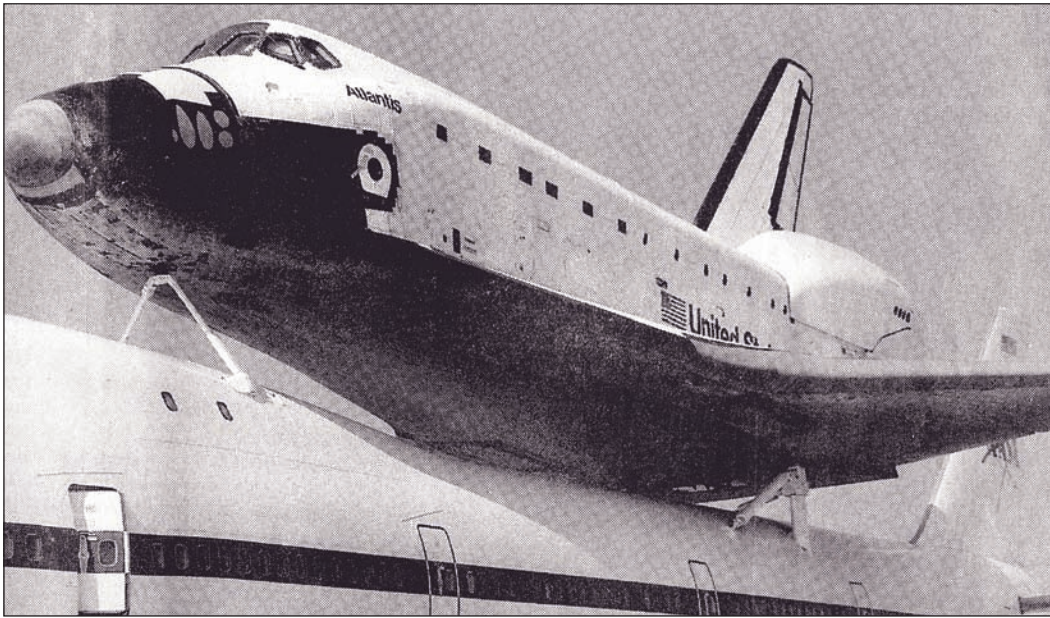


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Though each workshop lasted less than an hour, participants were carefully instructed in the finer points of dance movements ranging from Hip-Hop to Salsa.

Remember when . . .

Topics that were highlighted in past issues of *The All State*



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The space shuttle Atlantis must be hoisted onto a Boeing 747 jet by a series of cranes. The shuttle was at Fort Campbell for an entire weekend, awaiting the submission of Hurricane Georges.

“There are misconceptions about belly dancing,” Lyle said. “It isn’t about sensual desires, it’s about socialization.”

Participants were also able to purchase an assortment of belly dancing outfits.

The workshop’s classes were taught by a variety of instructors from the Clarksville and Nashville area.

Angel Gonzalez, a Salsa instructor at APSU, brought her expertise in Latin American dances to the workshop, while Nadiya Brown, also of Clarksville, demonstrated the finer movements of belly dancing.

While the aim of the workshop was to bring in the public, many of Walker’s

students came out to participate in the event.

Allyson Boothe, a sixth grader at New Providence Middle School and one of Walker’s students, has been dancing since she was 3 years old.

Her mother, Shelia Boothe, said, “we tried to get her [Allyson] into other sports, but she’s dedicated to dancing.”

Written upon an artistic display from Walker’s ten-year recital are the words, “To dance is a dream.”

Indeed for many of Natalie’s students, this slogan is true. For the people who came to the workshop to try something new, one more part of their dream has been realized. ♦

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Hispanic Cultural Center Spotlight

alba QUATTLEBAUM



Alba Quattlebaum was born in Sogamoso, Colombia. A sincere love of people encouraged her to pursue a doctorate in dentistry. Alba graduated and practiced in Colombia for several years.

She met her husband, Philip, a contractor for the U.S. Military, when he came to her office for an emergency dental appointment. The two eventually married and moved to the U.S., making Arkansas their home for four years.

Someday I want to publish a book about the experiences I have had.

those she loves the most, her family. “I didn’t want to sacrifice time with my family for a profession,” Alba said.

Alba decided to pursue other interests and began teaching Spanish at Hendrix College in Arkansas for a season. She thoroughly enjoyed this experience and realized she wanted to enter college yet again to study education and eventually teach Spanish at the university level. “Someday I want to publish a book about the experiences I have had,” Alba said.

When asked about her feelings on the decisions she made that have brought her to where she is today, Alba said, “I feel that I was able to let go of a dream, but it has allowed me to open doors to talents I never knew I had.”

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Young lives of Renfro, Ledger cut short

By **SAMANTHA PARIS**
Staff Writer

With the recent deaths of Heath Ledger and Brad Renfro, people are asking, “Do the good die young?”

Two promising young actors, dead within the same week, is cause for such a question. The causes of their deaths are unknown at this time, but both cases are rumored to be drug related.

Renfro, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., was found dead Jan. 15, in his Los Angeles home. He was 25 years old.

Renfro was discovered at the age of 10 by Joel Schumacher, director, and was immediately cast in his first major motion picture, “The Client” starring Susan Sarandon and Tommy Lee Jones.

After the success of “The Client,” he landed other great roles.

He had a touching role in the 1995 movie, “The Cure” and then showed off his comedic talents in the Disney movie, “Tom and Huck.”

Renfro would later go on to win *The Hollywood Reporter’s* Young Star Award in 1995, and was nominated as one of *People Magazine’s* “Top 30 Under 30.”

Renfro became one of Hollywood’s most popular young actors. Recently, his career had begun to fade as he struggled with drugs and alcohol.

With the shock of his untimely death,



Brad Renfro, left, was found Jan. 15 dead in his Los Angeles home. Heath Ledger, right, was honored at the 14th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards on Jan. 27. He was found dead Jan. 22 in his Manhattan residence.



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everyone was stunned again at the unexpected passing of Heath Ledger.

News broke Jan. 22 that 28-year-old Heath Ledger was found dead in his Manhattan apartment by his housekeeper and a massage therapist.

The exact cause and circumstances surrounding his death are still unknown.

Ledger is most widely known for his Oscar-

nominated role playing a homosexual cowboy, Ennis, in “Brokeback Mountain.”

Before “Brokeback Mountain,” Ledger acted in “A Knight’s Tale,” “The Patriot” and “Monster’s Ball.”

He also starred in, “10 Things I Hate About You.” This was the movie that broke the ice for Ledger.

Most girls couldn’t help but love his

mysterious, bad boy character who ended up falling for the less popular, shrewish sister.

It is not a typical teen movie because it’s a remake of the classic Shakespeare play “The Taming of the Shrew.”

Ledger’s most recent work was the drug-addiction drama “Candy” and an incarnation of Bob Dylan in “I’m Not There.”

Before his death, Ledger was finishing up on two films.

In “The Dark Knight,” the sequel to the blockbuster “Batman Begins,” Ledger plays Batman’s infamous foe, the Joker.

“The Dark Knight,” now in post-production, is still set to release July 18.

Another project was “The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus,” a Terry Gillian film.

Last year, Ledger split from his wife Michelle Williams whom he met on the set of “Brokeback Mountain.” They have a 2-year-old daughter, Matilda.

Both deaths bring sadness. The death of two young actors is a shame in the world of entertainment.

The person is robbed of growing old and having the wealth of experiencing life to the full. So the question remains: Do the good die young? The answers to be yes.

Although they will never get to realize their full potential, these two actors will be remembered for the legacy they built in such a short time. ♦



Quest for oil brings ‘Blood’

By **DUSTIN KRAMER**
Art Director

Greed. It can destroy you. One’s lust for money, power or material possessions can obliterate one’s sense of self and create a monster that cares not for their family, friends or any person, living or dead. It will kill human empathy and can even end lives.

“There Will Be Blood,” director Paul Thomas Anderson’s loose adaptation of Upton Sinclair’s novel “Oil,” explores human greed and what it can do to families, communities and individuals.

Daniel Day-Lewis plays Daniel Plainview, a turn-of-the-century oil tycoon from California.

In the film Daniel must deal with Eli Sunday (played disturbingly well by Paul Dano), a local faith healer and member of the family that Daniel buys land from to begin drilling for oil.

Tensions mount when Daniel does not make good on the promised money to the Sundays once the drill

begins producing.

This film delivers on every level. Daniel Day-Lewis gives what might be the best male performance thus far in any film of this decade and is supported by cast that gives nothing less than inspiring performances.

Daniel Plainview’s ultimate fall is beautifully orchestrated and perfectly paced as he slowly loses everything to his greed.

There is a moment in which Daniel’s drill has a blow-out and catches fire, causing his son to go deaf as he is very close to it when it happens.

It is at this point that Daniel loses the ability to physically communicate with his son, symbolizing a loss of communication on an emotional and psychological level.

If there were only enough space to talk about how beautifully shot this movie is.

Here’s hoping you’ll find out, because this is a movie you should be watching. ♦

Watching ‘Atonement’ requires tissues

By **TANYA LUDLOW**
Assistant Perspectives Editor

It’s hard to adapt a book to film. Chunks are cut out, things are added in order to make the work more palatable to movie viewers (and to fit a reasonable time allowance) and the end result often pales in comparison to the original work.

This is not the case with “Atonement.” Director Joe Wright has managed to translate Ian McEwan’s devastating novel into a film that stands on its own merits.

The film opens on a stiflingly hot summer day in 1935 England. From a window, 13-year-old Briony Tallis, played by Saoirse Ronan, witnesses an episode between her elder sister Cecilia, played by Keira Knightly, and the son of their housekeeper Robbie, played by James McAvoy.

She misinterprets the erotically charged moment as something sinister.

This inspires a lie that will tear

Cecilia and Robbie apart, and leads an adult Briony on a lifelong path of redemption.

Although the plot is simple enough, it, and almost every other aspect of the film, is executed with a deftness that makes the entire work utterly convincing.

In particular there is a scene at Dunkirk, an immense British evacuation off the coast of France during World War II, which is able to capture the confusion, brutality and senselessness of war in all of its surrealism.

Although the plot is centered on a tragic love story, “Atonement” is no corny tearjerker.

The themes of innocence, guilt, forgiveness and redemption will give your intellect a workout as well as your emotion.

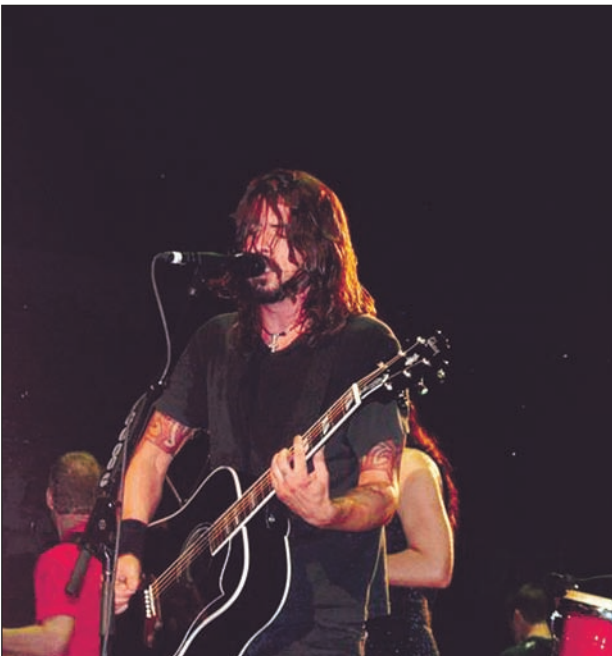
That being said, it would be wise to keep a box of tissues handy while one watches this movie, in case something falls in your eye. ♦

Foo Fighters rock Nashville

By **JESSICA BAIRD**
Guest Writer

“You gotta bring some extra ammunition when you play a town like this,” said Dave Grohl, lead singer of Foo Fighters, during their sold-out Nashville performance on Saturday, Jan. 26. The band not only brought “extra ammunition,” they brought a powder keg of high octane, fist-pumping rock ‘n’ roll.

Opening the show with “Let it Die” off their 2007 release “Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace,” the band’s energy, and the crowd’s enthusiasm, never slowed down. “There’s a lot of stuff we have to try and fit in to this rock ‘n’ roll extravaganza,” said Grohl. The near two-hour performance featured songs



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Dave Grohl, lead singer, along with other bandmates will perform at the 50th Grammy Awards Feb. 10.

which he sings the lead vocal. This song was another high point of the evening, with Hawkins’ gravelly voice harkening back to pure 1970’s classic rock.

“All My Life,” the first single released off the band’s 2002 album “One by One,” served as the final song of the night with Grohl growling, “It’s the last song. Let’s dance!” The crowd obliged with arms raised and heads banging.

In addition to stellar live performances, Grohl, Hawkins, guitarist Chris Shiflett and bassist Nate Mendel recently received five Grammy nominations for “Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace,” including Album of

the Year, Record of the Year, Best Rock Song, Best Rock Album and Best Hard Rock Performance.

The band is scheduled to play “The Pretender” during the 50th Annual Grammy Awards. The performance will be part of “My Grammy Moment,” a contest in which unsigned musicians can enter for the chance to perform onstage with Foo Fighters during the award show. John Paul Jones, of Led Zeppelin, will conduct the orchestra comprised of winners.

To view submissions and vote for the winner, log on to www.youtube.com. The 50th Annual Grammy Awards will air Feb. 10 on CBS. ♦



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Taylor Hawkins, the drummer, is shown singing their song “Cold Day in the Sun.”

Weekend Box Office Results

1. Meet the Spartans	\$18,725,000
2. Rambo	\$18,150,000
3. 27 Dresses	\$13,600,000
4. Cloverfield	\$12,700,000
5. Untraceable	\$11,200,000

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NONA’S COOKING ‘SUPER BOWL STYLE’

BLT Dip

1 large tomato chopped
1 pound of cooked bacon
1 cup sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise
1 round loaf of sourdough bread

In a bowl, mix all ingredients. Cut top off of round loaf. Scoop center out of bread and put the extra pieces to the side. Spoon dip into bowl and place extra pieces of bread around bowl.

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Beer Cheese Dip

1 package Velveeta cheese
1 1/2 lbs ground beef
1/2 can of beer (not light)

Cook ground beef until brown. Drain excess liquid. Place Velveeta cheese, ground beef and 1/2 can of beer in a crock pot. Set on low. Stir occasionally until the cheese is completely melted.

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Pigs in Blankets

1 package Little Smokies sausages
4 packages biscuits

Preheat oven as to the instructions of the biscuits. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Cut biscuits in half and pat out until flat. Wrap around little smokies and place on greased cookie sheet. Bake until light golden brown. (Time varies according to oven.)

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AW, MAN. OKAY, MOMMY...

...IT? IT? WHERE ARE YOU?

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by Melina Peavy

3rd Eye

TORTURE...

What's all this? Why are my eyes taped open?

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(T.V.)

by Jennifer Otto

Girls & Sports

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Preseason Jam ignites intramural sports



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Marcus Swint throws down a nasty jam for the judges and the crowd in the Foy Fitness Center in the dunk contest. Swint won the competition.

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

The spring intramural sports season kicked off with its annual Preseason Jam. On the first basketball court inside the Foy Fitness Center at APSU, spectators lined the walls to watch some of their braver peers participate in a three-point shootout, a free throw

shootout and the fan favorite slam dunk contest.

The event began with the three-point shootout. Twelve shooters tried to find the range behind the three-point arc while the unforgiving crowd laughed at each missed shot. Tyrone Johnson impressed the masses by smoothly making 8-of-10 shots in the first round.

Johnson was one of five shooters who made it to the second round. Instead of shooting 10, the shooters had to make the most of five. Ryne Sexton set the bar, making 3-of-5. He had everyone beat until Johnson stepped back on the court and drained 4-of-5 for the win.

"Just having fun, just shooting, that's all," Johnson said. "That cat before me shot three out of five, so I knew I had to get better than him. I just tried to put all of them in."

Next came the free throw shooters. The free throw shootout had the same rules as the three-point shootout. Xavier Boyd eliminated a smaller field of shooters by first making 7-of-10 and then making 4-of-5 in the last round.

"I just went with the flow actually," Boyd said. "I'm a pretty good straight-forward shooter. It wasn't hard for me to make the shots."

Both Johnson and Boyd received intramural T-shirts for winning the shootouts. They also earned the privilege of being judges for the slam dunk contest.

Five men stepped up to dazzle everyone with their dunking skills. After the first two competitors missed their first dunk, Winfred Russell got the crowd cheering when he bounced the ball above the rim and then threw down a one-handed dunk. 6-6 APSU golf

team member, Grant Leaver, followed Russell's example. He threw down a two-handed dunk, grabbing the ball after one high bounce above the rim. The rest of the field missed their first round dunks.

In the second round, Marcus Swint took over the contest. He got everyone's attention when he jumped over Sexton and slammed a one-handed dunk. For his third dunk, he pulled a 360 in front of the rim before delivering it with authority.

Leaver was the only other competitor to complete another dunk. After pulling off a stunning two-handed reverse dunk, he and Swint advanced to a one-on-one dunk off to determine the winner.

Leaver started the finale by stretching his long frame along the baseline for a straight forward two-handed dunk. Swint countered by bouncing the ball off the glass above the rim and then dunking it, reversed, with two hands. The judges put up tens, the crowd cheered and Swint walked away the winner.

"It feels good. It was great," Swint said. "I missed the first one. I didn't know what to do because they made me go first."

Swint threw down some extra dunks for the crowd after the contest. Overall, the Preseason Jam succeeded in whetting the appetites of the intramural sports fans. ♦



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Top: Judges hold up scores after one of Grant Leaver's dunks. Leaver took second place in the dunk contest.



Left: Tyrone Johnson defeated 12 shooters in the 3-point shootout. Johnson made 4-5 in the last round for the win.

Countdown to Super Bowl XLII transforms world

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

Who does not know Super Bowl XLII is coming? At www.NFL.com, there is a timer counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the game starts at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

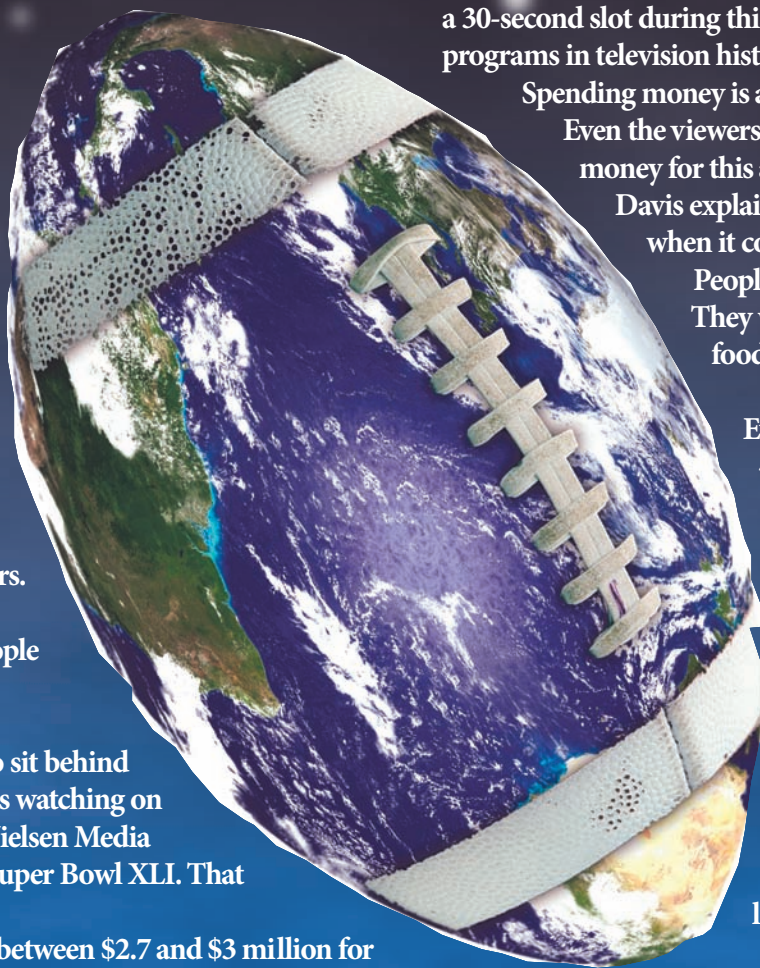
The counter is just like the digital display counting down in the heads of the 73, 000 ticket holders lucky enough to squeeze into the sold-out event.

The 52-man rosters of both the New York Giants and the New England Patriots are more than ready to strap on the pads and play. Obviously, all the coaching staff, owners, friends and their family share the same desire as the players. Including television production crews, groundskeepers and vendors, there are a lot of people getting ready for Super Bowl XLII.

But that is just at the site of the event.

In addition to the guy who spent over \$12,000 to sit behind the Patriots bench, there will be millions of viewers watching on millions of multi-sized televisions. According to Nielsen Media Research, 93.2 million different viewers watched Super Bowl XLI. That game didn't have a team trying to change history.

Maybe that is why advertisers are willing to pay between \$2.7 and \$3 million for



a 30-second slot during this year's Super Bowl. Considering the 10 most watched programs in television history are all Super Bowls, the money will not be wasted.

Spending money is a Super Bowl tradition.

Even the viewers at home are dishing out vast amounts of time and money for this annual event. An article on Associated Content by Os Davis explains how the Super Bowl is second only to Thanksgiving when it comes to food consumption.

People are spending \$55 million on food for the Super Bowl. They will also spend over 10 million man-hours preparing the food. What kind of food?

Everyone loves to snack on popcorn, chips and dip. Everyone is eating approximately 15, 000 tons of chips and 4,000 tons of popcorn. In addition, over 12 million pounds of avocados are sold for everyone's super secret, spicy guacamole.

Regardless of where they are watching, or what they are eating while they are watching, everyone is getting ready for Super Bowl XLII.

Ultimately, fireworks will explode, singers will sing and one team will walk away with the \$25,000 Lombardi Trophy made by Tiffany and Co. of New York.

When the world releases the breath it is holding in anticipation of this years spectacle, it will probably smell like chicken wings. ♦

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Govs, Lady Govs mauled by Samford Bulldogs over weekend

Govs fall short in Samford

By NIKITA TANKS
Guest writer

After a three-game winning spree, the APSU Govs lost to the Samford Bulldogs Saturday 49-63. With only one player, Derek Wright, scoring in double digits, the Govs struggled the entire game to catch up to Samford's substantial lead.

Wright finished the game with 17 points, two assists and two steals in the game. At the 13:11 mark in the first half, Wright made a three-pointer that cut the Bulldogs lead 12-6. Afterwards, Todd Babington stole the ball and was fouled. Ernest Fields made a short jumper on the ensuing play to cut the lead down to just four, but the Govs never closed the gap completely.

With 4:34 left in the first half, Bulldog Josh Bedwell made a three-pointer that gave Samford a double-digit lead, 27-16. After two missed free throws and a come-back jump shot by Fernandez Lockett, the Govs went into halftime behind Samford 39-20.

The Govs shot only 29 percent (5-17) from the field in the first half, while the Bulldogs lit up the court shooting 60 percent (15-25). Three Samford players scored double-digit points in the game. Joe Ross Merritt led all players with 19 points. Trey Montgomery scored 17 and Bedwell added 16.

The Govs opened up the second half with a 7-2 run. Bulldog Travis Peterson ended the run with a dunk that made the score 43-29. Two consecutive steals by the Govs set up another Wright three-pointer. The shot cut the Bulldogs lead down to 11 points. That would be as close as the Govs would get throughout the rest of the game.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Gov senior Derek Wright surveys the court while dribbling. Wright scored 17 against Samford.

Kyle Duncan made the last three-pointer for the Govs with just over one minute left in the game that cut the lead to 14 points. With the clock winding down, senior Thomas Janusauskas hit two free throws to make the final score 49-63.

The loss drops the Govs' record to 13-8, 9-2 in the OVC, but still keeps them at the top of the conference. After one more road game against SEMO that will be televised by ESPNU Tuesday Jan. 29, the Govs return home to face rival Murray State Thursday, Jan. 31.

The Govs lost to Murray State in Murray, Ky., earlier this month 70-82. Murray State is currently ranked second in the OVC (12-7, 8-3 OVC), just one game behind the Govs. ♦



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Lady Govs senior Kerri Reese leaps for the ball. Reese scored a season best 17 points against the Lady Bulldogs. APSU lost to Samford 64-46.

Bulldogs overpower Lady Govs

By GINGER MCQUISTON
Guest Writer

Falling 64-46, the APSU Lady Govs' play wasn't focused enough to take down the Samford Lady Bulldogs. After committing 12 of their total 16 turnovers in the first half of the game, the Lady Govs would finish shooting only 38 percent from the field (18-47). Of their total 46 points, 23 came from players off the bench.

Kerri Reese led the Lady Govs with 17 points. Janay Armstrong added 12 points and eight rebounds.

Four Lady Bulldogs scored in double-figures. Chika Okoli earned a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Monica Maxwell produced 12 points, Alex Munday scored 11 and Emily London added 10.

The Lady Govs were never able to take control of the game. They tied Samford three times and gained the lead twice. However, every move the Lady Govs made was matched or surpassed by the Samford Bulldogs.

With 1:45 left in the first half, Alex Bivens made a three-pointer which cut the Samford lead to four, 26-22. It was one of only three, 3-pointers the Lady Govs were able to make the whole game.. Conversely, the Lady Bulldogs shot 40 percent (8-20) from three-point range. At halftime the Lady Govs trailed the Lady Bulldogs 29-22.

Lady Bulldog Emily London opened the second half with a three-pointer. It started a 6-2 run for Samford. The Lady Govs were never able to get closer than 10 points the rest of the game. The Lady Bulldogs led by as much as 20 points, 62-42, with less than three minutes left in the game.

This was the Lady Govs' second road loss in a row. The Lady Bulldogs will face APSU again this season when they come to the Dunn Center Saturday, Feb. 9. The Lady Govs return home Thursday, Jan. 31 to play Murray State at 5:15 p.m. They lost to Murray State in Murray, Ky., earlier in January, 59-81.

With 10 games left in the season, the Lady Govs are 5-14, 2-8 OVC, currently ranked ninth in the OVC. ♦