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Nominees eager to win Homecoming crown

By TANGELIA CANNON
Staff Writer

Homecoming Court 2006 was announced at least night's pep rally; the initial 12 have been narrowed to 10. See www.theallstate.com today for the final results.

The nominees for king were Landon Bevier, Scott Cochran, Nicholas Lee Craig, Jared Kirby Epps, Thomas Phy and Kelvin Pollard II.

Queen nominees included, Stevie Artz, Morgan Halfhill, Elizabeth Anne May, Optimum Beatrisa Robinson, Elizabeth Anne Young, and Diana Wooten.

"The court is selected by a popular vote of the students, conducted online by the SGA," said Shaun Ketterman of Student Life and Leadership.

The nominees are appreciative of the chance they have been given to represent APSU.

"All my life I have desired to do the best and achieve the unthinkable. Being nominated as homecoming queen made me realize that college is about becoming more and taking risks," queen nominee Robinson said.

Homecoming court was announced Oct. 31

"I love this campus and the fact that you can make a difference. There is something for everyone here,"

— Morgan Halfhill, queen nominee

during the Homecoming pep rally.

"For me being Homecoming queen is unimaginable; I'm just so completely excited to be nominated for court. But, if I were given the opportunity to be Homecoming queen, I would be proud to represent my university in such an important role," said Young.

After selection, each person in the court participates in an interview. Afterward, a committee of students, faculty, staff and alumni make a final vote for the winner.

"The person selected is supposed to embody the ideals and values of Austin Peay," said Wooten. "Student Allocations, a division of Student

Affairs, provides money for the Homecoming king and queen to plan and carry out a program in the spring that shows and unites spirit in and around the school," Young said.

However, this is just one of the obligations that being crowned entails. The king and queen are student ambassadors. They participate in community service and strive to be good role models, among other things.

"It would mean a great deal to me if I had the opportunity to represent this university as Homecoming king. Austin Peay has given me so many things and helped me grow in so many ways. It would be my honor to be an ambassador for the school," said Bevier.

Those interested in a nomination for next year's Homecoming Court must be a full-time junior, senior, or graduate student in good standing with the university with at least a 3.25 GPA. The second step in becoming a candidate is to be sponsored by at least one campus organization and to have the adviser of that organization write a letter on the candidate's behalf. ♦

Queen nominees



Stevie Artz



Morgan Halfhill



Elizabeth May



Optimum Robinson



Diana Wooten



Elizabeth Young

King nominees



Landon Bevier



Scott Cochran



Nicholas Craig



Jared Epps



Thomas Phy



Kelvin Pollard

Event-filled Homecoming week provides something for everyone

By TINEA PAYNE
Staff Writer

Colleges and universities look forward to the days where students, faculty, staff and supporters celebrate their loyalty and allegiance to the university while enjoying life on campus.

Homecoming 2006 is Austin Peay State University's chance to appreciate all the school has to offer.

This year's theme, "Celebrating Music in America," promises dancing, talent shows and numerous musical performances.

Homecoming began Oct. 27, and continues through Nov. 4. The week kicked off with the "One Night Stand" dance marathon.

Freshman Jessica Chandler, 19, political science major, enjoyed the event. "It was really active, we didn't have a chance to sit down," Chandler said. "A lot of dancing, games... always something to do." She said quite a few students participated in the event last Saturday. "About seven to eight students from each organization were there."

Shaun Ketterman from the office highlighted the role that Student Life and Leadership in the planning of Homecoming events. "This year, most of the events that are happening during Homecoming have been selected by the office of Student Life and Leadership and Alumni and Annual Giving," Ketterman said.

Student Life and Leadership also has a hand in selecting the musical theme. Ketterman said that the Homecoming theme was chosen by a committee of faculty, staff and students.

Some students are amazed at the numerous events this week. "I had no idea all this was going on. I didn't know we had laser tag... I'll probably get into that," said Daniel Swenson, 20, sophomore physical therapy major.

The Govs linebacker is also psyched about the upcoming Nov. 4

"This corresponds with part of our core purpose in improving the quality of student life,"

— Nick Pitts, SGA President

Homecoming game against North Greenville, Saturday. "We need more people there, we want a full house," Swenson said.

Nick Pitts, president of the Student Government Association, encourages students to get involved in this week's Homecoming events.

"I would encourage them to try to attend an event this year. There are events for everyone, and you will walk away with a smile," Pitts said. "It is time to showcase the beauty of our campus, the diverse organizations, the creativity of the students and many other characteristics which make Austin Peay great," Pitts said.

SGA is also in charge of the Homecoming court nominees. Six young men and six young ladies, each representing their respective organizations, were nominated for Homecoming court this year.

Jeremy Smith, SGA secretary said the court election is a new role for SGA. "Just this year we have started overseeing the Homecoming Court elections for the first time in several years."

Homecoming 2006 is jam-packed with many events, free T-shirts, a parade and parties.

"This corresponds with part of our core purpose in improving the quality of student life," Pitts said. ♦

Your 2006-2007 Homecoming Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Govs Funny T-shirts

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Morgan University Center Lobby. APSU students can have their faces superimposed on the bodies of their favorite music stars. The images then can be printed on a T-shirt.

International Night

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Morgan University Center Ballroom. This event focuses on international food. Sponsored by the International Student Organization. Contact Inga Filippa at 221-7381 for more information.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Video Game Tourney

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Morgan University Center Lobby.

American Patriotic Flagship Concert – A Homecoming Celebration

7:30 p.m., in the concert theatre, in the Music and Mass Communication Building. \$50 general admission, student tickets are \$10. Enjoy an array of American and patriotic music in the award-winning concert theatre. The concert will be performed by the music department faculty and student performers, the APSU wind ensemble and the university choir and chamber Singers. Sherry Hoppe, APSU president will play the piano and Bruck Speck, APSU provost will appear as a tenor. All proceeds will benefit scholarships and ticket costs are tax deductible. Reservations encouraged. For more information, call 221-7818.

Laser Tag

6 p.m. to 10 p.m., in the Memorial Health Building.

Friday, Nov. 3

Cook-out/pep rally and step-off

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Morgan University Center Plaza. Join the APSU and cheerleaders and pom squad in cheering on the Governors football team. There will also be a traditional Greek step-off and a cook-out afterward. Contact Student Life and Leadership, (931) 221-7431.

MTV's 'The Real World' with MJ Garrett and Ruthie Alcaide

5 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Clement Auditorium. Two "Real World" cast members will discuss topics that affect college students — tolerance, diversity and alcohol awareness. Students will have a chance to interact with Garrett and Alcaide during the question - and - answer session of the program. Contact Student Life and Leadership, 221-7431.

APSU vs. Eastern Kentucky (volleyball)

7 p.m., Dunn Center, free.

African-American Alumni Mixer

7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Riverview Inn Dining. Light refreshments, cash bar. Contact Alumni and Annual Giving, 221-7979 for more information.

Athletic Letter-Winners Reunion

8 p.m., at The Front Page Deli, located at 105 Franklin St. Admission is free, there will be a cash bar. Hosted by APSU Athletics Office. Contact Athletics 221-7903 with any questions.

Homecoming Street Dance

8 p.m. to midnight, free admission. Reunite with friends and dance the night away at the corner of University and Main streets to music by Mike Robinson. Food and beverages for sale. The event is sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville and the Burrito Bungalow. Open to the public. Contact the Alumni and Annual Giving Office at 221-7979 for more information.

3rd Annual Black and White Affair

9 p.m. to 2 a.m., location to be determined. Advance tickets \$5 single, \$9 couple; day of event \$7 single, \$13 couple. Sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council. Call 221-6230 for tickets and/or more information.

Saturday, Nov. 4

2005 Homecoming 5K Run

Homecoming Scholarship 5K Run at 8 a.m. Registration \$20 in advance, \$25 day of race. Open to runners of all ages. Fee includes T-shirt and refreshments; prizes and cash awards. Contact the Alumni and Annual Giving Office at 221-7979 or for an entry form.

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The parade will go through main campus and a portion of downtown Clarksville. Free and open to the public.

Homecoming Tailgate Lunch

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on the corner of Marion and Drane streets. Free and open to public. Stop by after the parade for free food, music and APSU fellowship. The event is sponsored by the APSU National Alumni Association, Student Life and Leadership and University Advancement.

30th Pearl Anniversary Celebration

10 a.m., location to be determined. Tickets are \$25. The Kappa Rho chapter is planning a tradition to have members wear chapter jackets. For more information or to order a jacket, contact wither Vanessa Vellon at 436-3006 or e-mail her at vvellon14@apsu.edu or contact Optimum Robinson (901) 412-3482 or e-mail her at orobinson14@apsu.edu. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

APSU vs. Morehead State (volleyball)

11 a.m., Dunn Center, free. Graduating Seniors Recognition Day also.

First Ever Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority Homecoming Brunch

Noon, at Shoney's Restaurant on Second Street. The alumni members of the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma will be hosting its first ever Brunch celebrating 23 years of on-going community service and sisterhood at APSU. All Alumni and current members of the chapter are invited to come out to fellowship with one another. RSVP to Jasmine Hall Jones (jonesj@apsu.edu) at 721-6181 or Makeba Webb (webbm@apsu.edu) at 302-5032 by Nov. 1.

Homecoming Game

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Governors Stadium. The game is open to the public. Special activities include presentation of the seventh annual National Alumni Association Wyatt Award. For admission prices, contact the Athletics Ticket Office at 221-7761.

African-American Alumni Chapter Reception

4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Morgan University Center Ballroom. The event is free. Contact Alumni and Annual Giving at 221-7979 for more information.

Nursing Reception

4:30 to 6:30 p.m., McCord building lobby. The event is free. Sponsored by the Nursing Alumni Chapter. Tours of the new state-of-the-art labs and classrooms will be offered. Information on RN-BSN tract and RODP master's in nursing program will be available as well.

Greek Alumni Homecoming Bash

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill \$10 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages will be served. Advance reservations are requested. All Greek alumni are encouraged to reunite at this special informal reception, sponsored by the APSU National Alumni Association and Budweiser of Clarksville.

2006 Homecoming Step Show

7 p.m. to 10 p.m., in the Memorial Health Gymnasium (Red Barn). Tickets on sale at the information desk in the Morgan University Center. Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$16 the day of show. Sponsored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Election 2006

Democrat



Phil Bredesen

48th Governor of Tennessee. Bredesen has held office since Jan. 18, 2003.

Born: Shortsville, N.Y.

Education: Bachelors degree in Physics from Harvard University.

Family: Wife-Andrea, son-Ben.

Issues:

- Healthcare
- Jobs
- Safe communities
- Ethics
- Education
- Conservation
- Budget
- Agrichculture

— This information was taken directly from the candidates Web site at www.bredesen.com.

Republican



Jim Bryson

Senator for the 23rd Senatorial District since 2002.

Born: Russelview, Ark.

Education: Bachelors degree Baylor University. Masters in Business Administration from Vanderbilt University Owen

Family: Wife-Carol. Adopted daughters-Maria and Nadia, and one adopted son - Nicholas

Issues:

- Illegal immigration
- Education
- Taxes
- Ethics in leadership
- Supporting culture of life

— This information was taken directly from the candidates Web site at www.brysonforgovernor.com.

Governor



Harold Ford Jr.

Elected to Congress in 1996 and maintained his seat since then.

Born: Memphis, Tenn.

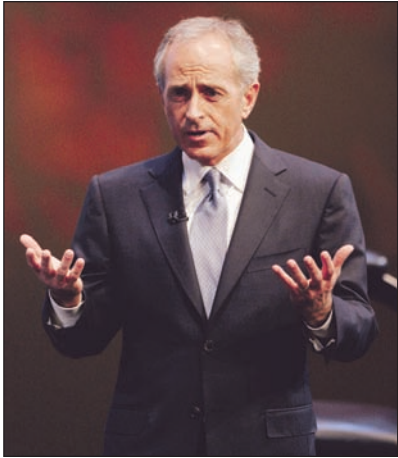
Family: Single

Education: Bachelors degree from the University of Pennsylvania. 1996 graduate of Michigan Law.

Issues:

- Education
- Affordable health care
- Technology
- Balanced budget
- Protecting workers' pensions
- Energy self-suffiance

— This information was taken directly from the candidates Web site at www.fordfortennessee.com.



Bob Corker

Previous mayor of Chattanooga.

Born: Orangeburg, S.C.

Family: Wife - Elizabeth. Two daughters - Julia and Emily

Education: Bachelors degree in Industrial Management from University of Tennessee in 1974.

Issues:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Iraq
- Jobs
- Immigration
- Ending reliance on foreign oil
- Taxes
- Banning gay marriage
- Wants to stop runaway spending in DC

— This information was taken directly from the candidates Web site at www.bobcorkerforsenate.com.

Senate

Politics an afterthought to intermittent voters

Study shows guilt plagues those 1 in 5 Americans who never find time to vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call them the occasional voters. They mean to take the time and go to the polls, but politics is an afterthought and they never get around to voting. These intermittent voters account for about one in five in the country, according to an Associated Press-Pew poll.

These voters share some attributes with more consistent voters. They have the same sense of duty and feel guilty when the election goes by and they didn't vote. Those elements make them a bloc of untapped voters in the Nov. 7 midterm elections, when turnout is critical.

Other characteristics of these voters: They are less economically well-off than regular voters, less educated and definitely not as politically savvy.

Intermittent voters are less likely to be strong supporters of any party. Only 38 percent of intermittent voters say there is a great deal of difference in what the parties stand for, compared with 47 percent of regular voters.

"I try to vote every time, but I'm more likely to know enough about a presidential election and I'm more likely to vote in a presidential election," said Perry Marlette, a 24-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., woman working as a nanny. "I'm getting into a pattern of being a voter every time. I'm educating myself more."

The intermittent voter is less likely than a regular voter to talk politics with friends and family, and less likely to feel intensely about President Bush, Iraq or terrorism.

One such voter, Joe Beaudoin, a government worker

from Monticello, Ky., said he's becoming more dedicated to elections as he gets older.

Beaudoin, 27, has missed some elections because he was moving from one town to the next, but he's gotten more serious "as maturity came along, after graduating from college, getting married, paying taxes and getting a job."

With voters far more likely to feel frustrated and angry this year than they were in late 2001, those recruiting voters on both sides are targeting the intermittent voter in what may be high turnout for a midterm election.

"We are focusing more on voters who voted in 2004 but not in 2002," said Karen Ackerman, political director of the AFL-CIO, which has committed more than \$40 million to turning out the vote. "We're putting more emphasis on why this election is important."

Republicans are making plans to deal with a voter base that is less enthusiastic than Democratic-leaning voters. That extends to the intermittent voters, with intermittent Democratic voters inclined to say they're more enthusiastic this year, by 44 percent to 38 percent, and Republicans who are intermittent voters saying they are less enthusiastic, by 36 percent to 28 percent.

The GOP will follow the same strategy it has used with success in the last two elections, said Michael DuHaime, political director of the Republican National Committee. Four years ago, the GOP turned out many of its intermittent voters using such techniques as carefully targeting potential voters, contacting them repeatedly and getting a commitment that they will vote.

The stakes for recruiting intermittent voters are high for both political parties. In 2002, about 40 percent of the voting age population, or about 77.5 million people, turned out to vote. Just two years later, more than 122 million, or 62 percent, turned out in the presidential contest.

The parties' focus on intermittent voters doesn't mean they won't spend time contacting the 35 percent who describe themselves as regular voters.

Regular voters are more likely to be white, older, better educated and with higher incomes. They talk politics regularly with friends and family and at work. They have a vested interest in what happens in their community and country.

"I always vote. If you don't vote, you don't have an opinion," said Vermont retiree Bob Cosgrove, who remembers one time he didn't vote. "It wasn't my fault. I was working and I couldn't get to the voting polls. My shift had ended and my boss asked me to stay late."

Less attention will be paid to the almost half in the poll who can generally be considered nonvoters — either they aren't registered to vote, 15 percent, or are registered and rarely vote, 30 percent, according to the survey of 1,804 adults, including 1,503 registered voters. The poll was conducted Sept. 21-Oct. 4 by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Those who aren't registered are much more likely to be young adults, to have children, to be less educated, to have lower incomes and be less religious. That profile of nonvoters can make it tougher for Democrats to turn out their supporters, but Democrats are very energized this year.

Just as nonvoters are poorly connected to politics, they are likely to be disconnected from their communities, the poll found. Nonvoters are less likely to trust others, less likely to have a strong support network of friends and family, and less likely to be

established in their communities, the poll found.

Frustration is threatening to turn Tasha Collins, a 21-year-old nonvoter from Concordia, Kan., into an intermittent voter — at least.

"I'm kind of frustrated because innocent lives are being put at stake in Iraq," she said. "I'm not sure I'm going to vote all the time, but I think I will this year because I don't agree with the war."

For more information visit the Pew Research Center: <http://www.people-press.org>. ♦

Statistics for 18 to 24-year-old voters

- In 2004, 47 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds voted while 66 percent of citizens 25 and older voted.
- In 2004 youth voter (18 to 24-year-olds) turnout was highest in Minnesota (69%), Wisconsin (63 percent), Iowa (62 percent), Maine (59 percent), and New Hampshire (58 percent).
- Young women voted at higher rates than young men in the 2004 election. Fifty-percent of women voted while only 44 percent of men did.
- In 2006, young people were more likely than adults 30 and older to identify strictly as independents and least likely to identify as Republican.

—Youth Vote Coalition

Enrollment at all time high

By APRIL MCDONALD
Senior Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University has made it to a milestone of 9,000 enrolled students, and is already looking for the numbers to increase.

The enrollment, including main campus and Fall I and Fall II at the APSU Center at Fort Campbell, is 9,105 to date.

“The Office of Admission has been encouraged to reach 10,000 students by 2008 and we will continue to work toward that milestone,” said Amy Deaton, assistant director of admissions.

“Because Austin Peay and all state schools in Tennessee are enrollment driven for funding, it means that we have more money,” said Harriet McQueen, dean of enrollment management and academic support. “When we prepare our budgets for an upcoming academic year, we always have a basic budget and then an additional budget that will add programs and services as enrollment increases.”

This increased enrollment number begins to make some changes for APSU.

“I don’t know that there is an exact definition for small, medium and large [universities],” McQueen said. “But our academic programs, services, athletic program, etc. suggest a medium-size university.”

The added number of students could mean many things for all of the students at APSU.

“Technology will play even a greater role than it now plays because we are not likely to receive funding for new classrooms,” McQueen said. “The growth in online courses at APSU is unparalleled in Tennessee. Hybrid courses [meeting the class one day each week and having the class online another day] permits the same classroom to be used for two classes.”

Helpful links

- America’s Best Colleges:
www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings
- Top 100 universities in the world:
www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2389106,00.html

However, some students have expressed concern over other issues that the additional students may bring.

“I’m worried about parking,” Jennene Cook, a junior education student, said. “I think they need to take money out of their landscaping and make a three or four story parking structure.”

Yet other students look at the other side of things. “I think it’s good that we’re growing,” said Michel Covington, a sophomore art education student. “It gives us an opportunity to grow into the community more.”

US News and World Report lists APSU as having a large student body and being selective in its admissions. This selectiveness comes from the newest admission policy implemented beginning with this fall semester. The new policy requires students to have a 20 ACT and only one remedial class, or for non-traditional students a compass exam that requires only one remedial class. Anything below those requirements means a student can only be admitted on a probationary status, which limits the number of hours a student can take and a minimum GPA must be maintained.



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF

Tables are sometimes hard to find in the cafeteria this semester. APSU enrollment has hit a record high of 9,105 students and shows no signs of stopping. School officials hope this trend continues well into the the future.

Yet, as with any university, growth is necessary. “Growth is healthy,” McQueen said. “In a growing area such as the one in which we are located, we would be expected to grow.

As the high school population increases, we [APSU] should expect to grow. So reaching 9,000 students is a milestone, but it is also a stepping stone to an even larger goal.” ♦

Historian speaks on WWII

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Michael Birdwell, an accomplished historian on the life of Alvin York, came and spoke to Austin Peay State University students Oct. 26 in the Kimbrough building. The event was sponsored by the history club and many students attended the event.

David Elola, a freshman history major said it was, “absolutely amazing,” and chemistry major Cody Fisher-Schmidt said that it was, “informative,” and, “particularly interesting.”

Birdwell explored the life and death of the World War I hero Alvin York. He spoke of York’s early days as a conscientious objector and how in 1918 he and six others captured 132 Germans in the Ardennes Forest. Here is where Birdwell has made a name for himself. He and a group of historians discovered one of the machine gun nests that York and crew took out in 1918, which added concrete evidence to verify York’s account.

Later on he delved into York’s postwar activities such as his predicting war with Japan in 1938 and his involvement with World War II and pointed out that he was more active and more important to the second war than he ever was in the first. The biggest thing that Birdwell stressed was York’s desire to reform the Tennessee education system.

Birdwell was invited to come and speak by Gregory Zieren, professor of history, and the event itself was orchestrated by Dewey Browder, chair of the history and philosophy department and Minoa Uffelman, assistant professor of history. Initially he was brought in as a guest lecturer for a masters course in military history on how to do research for World War I. Then it was decided that he would also give the lecture in the Gentry Auditorium on the life of York.

“We figured we would make him sing for his dinner,” Browder said at the end of the presentation while Birdwell said, “We wanted to get the most mileage out of him as he could.” ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/STAFF

Historian Michael Birdwell discusses Alvin York last Thursday. York was a prevelent figure during WWI and WWII.

Smoking penalty issue burns in Faculty Senate

By APRIL MCDONALD
Senior Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Faculty Senate held its meeting on Oct. 26, with Faculty Senate president John Foote presiding.

Academic Council

The Senate resolution that came forth concerning DSP students enrolling in 3000-4000 level classes is being looked into further by Harriet McQueen, dean of enrollment management and academic support.

“The departments will get a list before the transfer student arrives, then the department chair will talk to the students and if they approve they will then send an e-mail to the registrar’s office allowing it,” said Faye Ziegler, representative to academic council.

However, this is not final, the statement was very general, and there is still some confusion as to whether the list will go to the department that the student is majoring in or the department the class is in.

The discussion will continue after McQueen’s conclues her study on who this will affect, and how often it is actually a problem.

Deans Council

The cost of paying faculty to come in during the summer to advise is \$40,000 and is paid for with new student fees.

“Harriet McQueen suggested hiring some professional advisors to come in if a department just wants their freshman to take core classes,” said Kay

Haralson, DSP professor, and representative to the deans council.

The senators also discussed the possibility of requiring professors who are teaching summer classes to advise students at one or two of the summer welcomes.

Dean’s council is open to suggestions, but would like to save money at the same time. There was much discussion between the faculty on how various aspects were in the past, and suggestions they may make to better the future.

Smoking Policy

Patrick Perdew, DSP math professor, and faculty senate secretary presented the “sanctions for violations of the smoking policy” as a mainly informational item. Information was provided to the senate about this smoking issue to include:

- There are penalties for violations of the smoking policy, and if a student is noncompliant after being made aware he or she is in violation there are other penalties for such noncompliance in the Code of Student Conduct.

Such non-compliance would include not showing his or her student ID upon request.

- If violations of the smoking policy continue, the policy may be changed so that even more restrictions are placed on smoking.

Faculty and staff were encouraged to ask anyone smoking in a non-designated area to mention the smoking policy to the person. ♦

Senate meeting in a minute

- There are currently state-wide meeting on the pandemic flu.
- All post-retirement packages have been approved if persons followed standard procedure.
- The tuition changes are in sub-committee, the vote has not been favorable for the change.
- Obituaries will be added to the daily annocements when possible.
- E-follett bookstore contract ends this school year.
- All approved moving the section of the constitution concerning movement of departments between senate areas being moved into the by-laws which are more easy to change.
- There is an online tutorial for the e-dossiers that professors are required to submit. Michael Becraft, special assistant to the provost, stated that they encourage professors to start early. The due dates are Jan. 12, and Jan. 19.

WORLD BRIEFS

Castro out to prove health

HAVANA (AP) - Photographs of Fidel Castro standing and talking on the phone were published Sunday in Cuba’s state-run media, a day after the ailing leader appeared in a video to dispel rumors he was on his deathbed.

The Communist Youth newspaper Juventud Rebelde dedicated its front page to the Cuban president, printing a blown-up picture of a pensive Castro with the title “Always fighting for something, and fighting with optimism!”

The 80-year-old Cuban leader, who temporarily ceded power to his brother Raul in July following intestinal surgery, had not been seen since mid-September when photographs of him receiving world leaders at a summit in Havana were released.

The latest photos apparently were taken during the filming of a video broadcast Saturday, in which Castro, looking thin and tired, was shown walking slowly but steadily in an unidentified room and reading in a loud voice from Saturday’s edition of Granma, the Communist Party daily newspaper.

“They’ve declared me moribund prematurely,” he said. “But it pleases me to send my compatriots and friends this small video.”

He said his recovery would be prolonged and not without risk but added he was making good progress. “I am coming along just as planned ... I feel whole,” he said. “I’m not the least bit afraid of what will occur.”

He called rumors of his death ridiculous and insulting, claiming they were the work of his enemies. “Let’s see what they say now,” he said.

Castro, dressed in a red, white and blue track suit, said he was trying to help those currently in charge of the government as much as he could while he recovers.

“I participate in the most important decisions with my comrades from the leadership of the (Communist) Party and the government,” he said. “I do everything possible to support my comrades, and to be useful.”

The rumors “motivate me to work, to fight,” he said. The Cuban government has treated Castro’s ailment as a state secret, and rumors that he may have died had intensified in recent weeks. He has not made a public appearance since July 26, a few days before he underwent surgery.

Cuban officials attending the inauguration of a ballet festival Saturday night said they were thrilled to see the images of Castro.

“This is excellent news for everyone — all Cubans, and all of Cuba’s friends,” Vice President Carlos Lage said.

“We are really happy to see that Fidel is better and that every day he’s moving forward,” Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said. “He’s not been lost, just working on his (recovery) plan.”

The video shown Saturday came a day after Castro’s close friend and ally Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said the Cuban leader was walking and taking trips at night into the countryside.

Bolivian President Evo Morales said Saturday that Castro would return to office “in two or three weeks.”

A top Cuban official previously said he expected Castro back at the helm by December, when the country plans to hold a belated birthday celebration for the leader, who turned 80 on Aug. 13. ♦



Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

International Night

International Night, hosted by Student Affairs and coordinated with ISO, will present information and entertainment from various countries around the world. The event takes place Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

NAACP non-perishable food deive

“Students Helping Students,” sponsored in partnership with the Sociology Club, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, will receive non-perishable donations until Thursday, Nov. 16. Donation containers are available in various locations on campus, such as the Morgan University Center lobby, the African American Culture Center and several residence halls. Items such as canned foods, cake and bread mixes, cookies, crackers and stuffing will be accepted. Any monetary donations are to be made payable to NAACP College Chapter. Referrals are being accepted, and nomination forms can be requested by calling (931) 221-1242 or e-mail at evansk@apsu.edu.

Flu shots available

Flu shots will be available at Boyd Health Services 7–11:30 a.m. and 1–2:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 1 while supplies last. The shots will cost \$30. Call 221-7107 for more information.

Tutors sought for spring

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

Students helping students referrals now being accepted

The NAACP College Chapter, in partnership with students, faculty and staff to identify students with families to receive holiday food baskets. The deadline to submit the forms is Nov. 8. Contact Kathleen Evans at 221-1242 for more information.

Weekly SGA Round-up

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

The SGA meeting on Oct. 25 produced a few resolutions for students to look forward to.

Fish Tank v. Chartwells:

On Wednesday, SGA voted to force Chartwells to select another location for their Einstein Bros. Bagels kiosk slated to be installed in the Sundquist Science Center this Christmas. The vote entails that Chartwells select another location that does not require them to move the salt water fish tank. The resolution was passed by a near unanimous vote, with one abstention and none against.

Harvill Multicultural Center

This resolution introduced by Deanna Hensley is designed to make Harvill Hall an “international learning community.” This would be done by making at least 25 percent of APSU “designed to promote multicultural awareness and appreciation.”

Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)

The TISL is essentially a mock state legislature that allows students to understand the working of state government firsthand. This resolution was written and brought to the floor by freshman senator Chris Drew, and was written to send a delegation from APSU to the TISL every year.

This resolution would have SGA notify students of the TISL event and would place a link to the TISL Web site on SGA’s webpage. ♦

OUR TAKE

And The All State endorses...

Are you tired of all the mudslinging, image promoting and downright avoidance of the issues both U.S. Senate candidates are guilty of? Bob Corker and Harold Ford, Jr. are the premier candidates duking it out in a race that could determine which party holds the majority in the U.S. Senate. This is the time of year where every newspaper in the country endorses the candidate they deem most fit to represent their views, but we at *The All State* have a different perspective on what should be emphasized. We will not promote a candidate by bringing attention to the faults of the other. We will not endorse an image that a candidate wants you to buy into. We will not rely on the previous history of political stances taken by each candidate. But we will shed light on where each candidate stands in relation to the issues and how we feel about those stances.

We are disenchanted with the methods each political candidate has taken to gain support, for we see that an election should be a battle of ideas and not anything else. Recently a survey was conducted among our editorial board, where each candidate's views on the issues were presented. Anonymity was key. In the survey, the views of the issues were placed in such a way where the editors had no way of directly knowing which candidate endorsed what. The stances on the issues were all derived from each candidate's campaign site or from the nonbiased Web site www.ontheissues.org. Of the issues, surveyed we felt that the top five most important to us included abortion, education, health care, jobs, and Iraq. The results were intriguing.

Harold Ford, Jr. gathered almost a full consensus of support on the issue of abortion, winning 89 percent of the editorial board vote. Ford's stance on abortion strays from the typical democrat stance as he happens to be pro-life. He gathered the majority of support from the editors because of his focus on expanding programs to support pregnant women and assist new parents. We approved of his vision to eliminate the reasons why abortion is the tragic choice taken.

In the issue of education, we also sided (78 percent to 22 percent) with the approach taken by Ford. Rather than supporting Corker's stance to promote incentives (bonuses) given to high-performing teachers, which had positive results during Corker's tenure as Chattanooga's mayor, we

Want to know where you stand in relation to the candidates and the issues? Go to www.theallstate.com, take our survey and get informed.

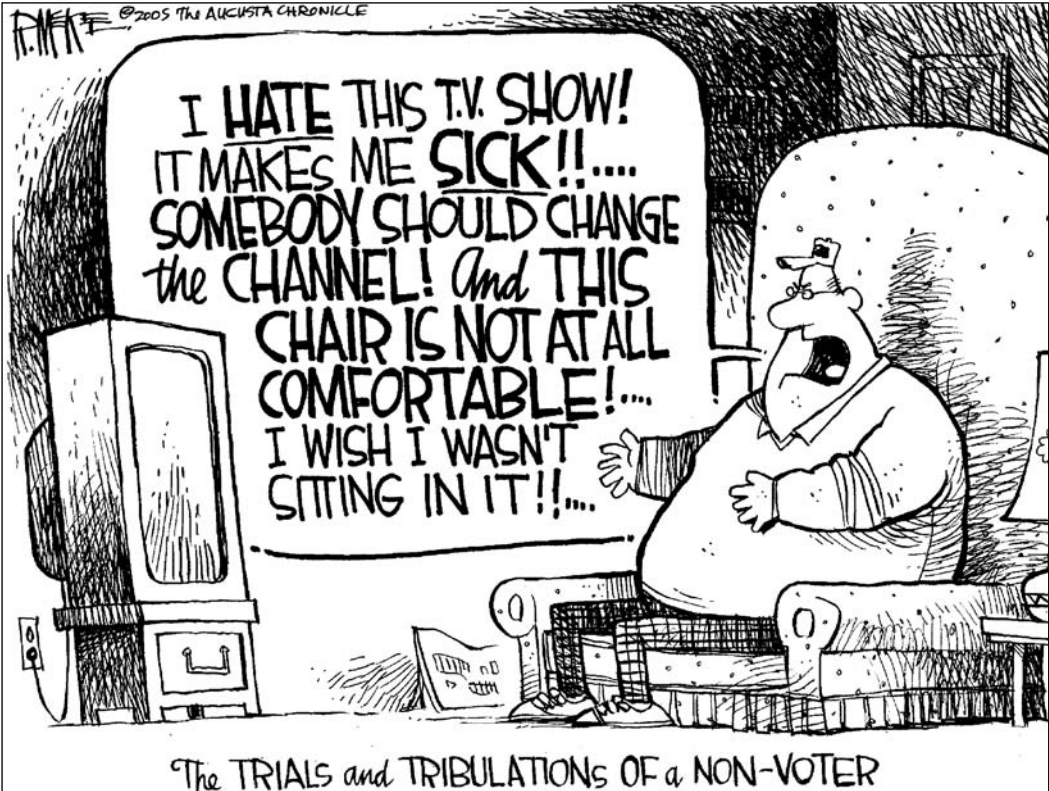
felt Ford had a more developed plan for improving the educational system. Ford promotes the 21st Century Innovation Act which creates competitive scholarships to those majoring in science, math and engineering in exchange for five years of teaching service in public K-12 schools. Ford also promotes the expansion of Our Service for School Act. This act would expand college access by providing paid tuition in exchange for the inability to tap into Social Security until the age of 70.

Iraq is a big issue in the upcoming election, if not the biggest. The All State endorses Corker's stance taken by a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent. Corker proposes that the United States should establish security by focusing on hotspots, like Baghdad, then weaken and disarm private militias. Corker also pushes the continuance of training Iraqi forces, boosting their capacity in numbers and strong Iraqi forces that are capable of fighting at a level similar to that of the U.S. forces.

Jobs were another issue on our high priority list. By a slim margin of 56 percent to 44 percent, we support the vision of Ford. Both candidates agree that minimum wage needs to be increased, but we tend to agree with Ford's stance in increasing education funding to attract higher-paying jobs to the United States rather than Corker's vision to reduce taxes and regulations on business to promote growth.

Health care is also high on what we hold dear. This issue was another topic where Ford almost gathered a full consensus (89 percent to 11 percent). Ford envisions a universal system where all U.S. citizens meet eligibility for health care. Ford promotes government interaction, which would allow Medicare and Medicaid to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies and allow their enormous purchasing power to lower the prices of healthcare.

We at *The All State* do not endorse a particular candidate, but encourage you to get out and get informed on what each candidate represents. Find out where each candidate stands, then make a judgment on what issues mean the most to you. Get out and vote! ♦



YOUR TAKE

Shame on you *The All State*

Being an SGA Senator, I was there when the green power legislation was introduced and discussed. The things you said in your article were not completely accurate. You said "The majority —approximately 30 percent — indicated that they would be willing to pay a \$10 fee in order to receive green power on campus, even though the majority indicated they did not know about the programs like the one at Middle Tennessee State University

has instituted on their campus." For one, it is \$10 per semester, and not all of the money would be used at Austin Peay State University. In the original legislation, it was not said how much money would go where. When Ms. Cameron discussed it with us, the majority was going to TVA, not APSU. The reason why it was not passed, was because the students would not know what exactly they were voting on and where the money was going to go. After talking to many students

who participated in the vote, they thought that all the money was going to APSU's campus to be spent on more energy efficient light bulbs and solar panels. After speaking to Ms. Cameron today, she told me that she will reintroduce this legislation with a solution on allotting the money. I feel your article was misleading, because you made it sound as if it would just be \$10, and APSU would definitely receive green power.

SGA Senator Anthony Amis

The Revenge of Michael J. Fox

Question: What do deer-heads, playboy bunnies, horny women in the Navy, "macaca" and whether Michael J. Fox was faking "it" all have in common? Answer: These are all political hot topics that just may determine who will control our U.S. Congress come

Nov. 8, 2006. Give yourself a bonus point if you also knew that Rush Limbaugh will figure prominently in the outcome. Unfortunately so for republicans. But first, let's provide a wee bit of background for the uninitiated.

What's at stake? Nothing short of who gets to call the shots in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and who gets to suffer loudly in misery for at least the next two years. Will we see more (could we see any less?) of Dennis "Don't blame me for Foleygate" Hastert as the Republican Speaker of the House or will it be Nancy "I'm the conservative right's worst nightmare" Pelosi, the current House minority leader (D) from that oh, so not politically correct city by the bay, San Francisco. Yep, the good guys v the evildoers, depending on what side of the political bed you sleep on and of course who you share your bed with and why.

To the numbers Jeeves, my good man, to the numbers. There are 435 Seats in the U.S. House and all are up for grabs this coming election. If the democrats come out on top by 15 seats it's Nancy P. who will wield the big gavel. In the U.S. Senate, 33 of the 100 seats are contested and the dems need plus 6 seats there and before you can say pinch me Pat Robertson, a bloodless coup will have transpired in the Dome that Strom Thurmond built. Even worse (for republicans), Teddy Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, John Kerry and Howard "primal scream" Dean would then be in leadership positions and "Halloween-Bent" on making life ghoulish (even more so) for Dubya. But before all of you card-carrying dems get too Texas-Giddy, let's take a closer look at the races that may truly decide just who gets bragging rights. First, the "gang of four" that may decide the U.S. Senate control — Virginia, Missouri, New Jersey, and our very own volunteer state of Tennessee.

In Virginia, Senator George Allen (R), was seen as a heavy favorite to be returned to DC. This was before his campaign managers actually agreed to let him speak to people in public. Since then he has been backpedaling faster than Lance Armstrong at a Paris press conference, dealing with issues like whether he repeatedly called blacks a racial slur that rhymes with trigger (sorry Lone Ranger), whether he stuffed a dead deer-head in the mail-box belonging to a black family and to the fact he called an Indian student "macaca" (a racial slur) at a political rally. Did I mention he became visibly irritated and initially denied he was born of Jewish heritage prior to his later acknowledging this fact? No, perhaps he just thought the reporter who questioned him was full of macaca. Needless to say this race is now a virtual coin toss. His opponent, Jim Webb, a former Navy Secretary, though is no political angel. He once referred to the U.S. Navy as "a horny woman's dream,"

and insisted that all women were mentally unfit for combat. Hey, way to court the female vote, Jimbo.

Moving our compass to the "show-me-state," a controversy has erupted over a political ad Michael J. Fox shot in support of stem cell research (and for the democratic candidate for Senate). In the ad Fox is shaking visibly. Rush Limbaugh has accused him of "faking it" and actually made his own funny movements which looked a lot like he was mocking Fox and the ravages of the disease. Memo to Rush: Are you truly mean-spirited or are you just off your own meds? Either way, the polls seem to suggest sympathy for Michael J. Fox. Round one goes to Alex Keaton and not the Rushster.

Q. What do deer-heads, playboy bunnies, "macaca" and Michael J. Fox all have in common?

A. Read this column and find out!

In New Jersey, the talk is over a republican ad that just may imply that the "Italian Mob" is backing the democratic candidate. Perhaps the RNC just can't get enough of the "Sopranos" reruns, but here's a sure-fire recipe to lose in Jersey. Make fun of Italian-Americans, the Mob and the Sopranos, all in one ad. Maybe next year. Make that six.

Finally, closer to home, we have the national upheaval over RNC ads that may just be playing upon deep-seated tension over inter-racial relations between white women and black men. Or, at the very least, implying that democratic candidate Harold Ford is far too cozy with playboy bunnies and porn producers to be elected to any public office in Tennessee. To republican challenger Bob Corker's credit, he claims to also be disgusted by the ad. However, like a cowboy with two left feet at a Tennessee waltz, he hasn't exactly been nimble in making sure this particular ad gets off the political dance floor. Ford has a shot at making history as the first African-American since reconstruction to serve in the Senate from the South, Corker has a shot to turn his Chattanooga Mayoral choo-choo into a Senatorial express. Stay tuned.

Finally (no, really), history suggests that Americans tend to get more, not less conservative as election day arrives. Something about terrorists, Dick Cheney and aiding and abetting, perhaps. Either way, look for a very tense day and night for both parties come November 7, 2006. Why not join the fun and vote? Will we all be humming "I left my (bleeding) heart San Francisco" or "Sweet Home (to Denny Hastert) Chicago," afterwards? It all depends on us! ♦

What do you think? Send your e-mail election predictions. We'll print the closest one and give a little prize to the winner. E-mail your predictions to rabidouxxg@apsu.edu

Halloween atmosphere lingers as we prepare to vote our fears

If somehow you missed out on Halloween, if the parties and Trick-or-Treaters passed you by last night (or if you were otherwise occupied by work or the spectre of onrushing due-dates for term papers not even yet begun), don't worry. Halloween has been extended this year by a full week.

Evil spirits are out and about on this All-Saints Day, heedless of the bells that tolled last night signaling their usual departure time. The ghosts of past misfortunes — racism, war, corruption and a host of other ills — have been invited to hang around for a while, called forth by the necromancers of political sorcery whose need for an ongoing atmosphere of fear requires their presence for a little longer.

After all, elections come down to this; we vote our fears or, more rarely (in better times), our hopes. In this year 2006 the driving force on the national level is fear. Each side in this battle accuses the other of fear-mongering and in each case they are, unfortunately, right. There are no promises of "Morning in America" or Kennedy-esque visions of shining tomorrows. There is only a choice between one set of fears or another.

The sorcerers on each side warn us of the dire consequences that will entail a wrong choice. Choose wisely or the sick will not be cured, the poor will starve, dissenters will be herded into camps, your cities will be drowned beneath the waves of rising oceans, crops will burn under a merciless sun, hurricanes will turn the coastlines into visions of post-nuclear Armageddon.

On the other hand, choose wisely or hordes of orcs will invade from the south and ravage the land, dark and wild-eyed men will bring your towers down, an artificial sun might be seen to rise someday in your city, your churches might have their

crosses torn from their steeples and replaced by the sign of the crescent moon, women will be veiled and made to go about in black.

Viewed in the light of day, most of these fears stand revealed as something less ominous than they appear in the darkness of night. After all, at night a porch-light can turn a spider's shadow into something truly monstrous. A streetlight shining through a window can turn a mouse into a giant child-devouring rat-shadow on the wall. In the darkness, a gust of wind can make somnolent trees come alive. Alternating moonlight and shadow on a tombstone might suggest something to the imagination that causes a nameless fear to rise up from the pit of the stomach.

It is the atmosphere of fear that lends power to these imaginings. In the darkness we find our hand groping along the wall for the electric light-switch, knowing that if we can just reach it our fears will be dispelled. The shadows will recede and their sources will be old and familiar things that we can deal with rationally. Once the lights come on, that is.

Unfortunately, the sickly bluish light that emanates from our TV sets is far better suited to casting shadows than to dispelling them. In trading our old sources of illumination — books, newspapers, magazines, and simple conversation — for the moonlight glow of television, we have placed ourselves in the sorcerer's dark world. We see the world they want us to see, where familiar problems are magnified to terrifying proportions.

We grope for our internal light switch, but we have forgotten where it is. Many of us will walk into our respective polling places in darkness and will vote for our fears, which under the circumstances seem more real to us than the reality of our own lives.

In this extended season of fear, illuminated only by the flickering candlelight glowing fitfully through pumpkin eyes and mouths, the bright and hopeful spirits of Christmas Past and Present will have to sit this one out. The dark spirit of Christmas Future, however, should find himself right at home, hovering over the shoulders of voters who wonder if these shadows can be changed by pushing one or another button, or whether it even matters anymore. ♦



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The word on the street says Johnny Piper is the mayor Clarksville needs

By JENNIFER JESSOP PAGE Guest Writer

I like Johnny Piper because of the qualities he harbors, and these same qualities are what Clarksville needs. A saying that comes to my mind to describe him: "Detail is the difference between just living and being a professional." In other words, I like Piper because he does more. I have a number of mental markers in my time getting to know him that qualify this "more" I'm speaking of.

The first one that stands out in my mind is him not waiting at his door step to be picked up, but instead propelled himself to intercept his ride. It wasn't a matter of saving any real time, it was a matter of eagerness and being ready. He is a person on the move.

I also like Piper because he wants more. At a diner he ordered a double cheeseburger for a single cheeseburger price. He didn't want a double cheeseburger, just a cheeseburger with double the meat and cheese. I like Piper because he speaks up to make things better.

I like Piper because he is willing to deal with issues directly. At the Montgomery County Voters' Political Rally, Piper didn't let obscure politics cloud the real issues. He made a move to confront and address the political shadow that blanketed and hid what was underneath. He interrupted the wrong direction of takeover politics. He has a leader's voice.

Another way I have come to know Piper is by the people that he has around him. A woman comes to mind by the name of Sue. Sue is no nonsense, honest and dedicated. She is not about campaign mania or getting attention; she is old-school. Sue set out a personal goal to canvass her neighborhood, which is quite large, and has accomplished this feat a little at a time. Because she believes in the same things that Piper believes in, passion drives her spirit.

Piper cares. He's not only approachable, but you get the feeling you could discuss anything. When I first started with Piper's campaign I went around to dig up all the views I could to learn the

issues. I approached Piper with all I gathered. I was surprised at my ease of disclosure with him without really knowing him. I knew he was listening. This ease of personable dialogue is a staple of his personality. He inspires a collaborative spirit. At his staff meetings he always asks everyone individually what they think, and the responses are varied. Each of the concerns or ideas is given attention. I see the strength of the campaign's voice coming from this kind of collaboration, a gathering and sorting through a diverse collection of insights and choosing courses of action based on which idea takes hold of the majority. It's thoughtful planning from a pool of options.

My father articulates leadership best as he says leaders don't really lead, they follow. Not in weakness, but in strength. A leader believes in people, listens to where they want to go, and does all they can to help them get there. I like Piper because he has the leadership skills that Clarksville needs. ♦

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Marriage is an issue of rights, not God

Homosexuals are not asking for sanctity, they are asking for rights. The issue of gay marriage is not really an issue but is more of a contradiction in terms. The fight at hand has nothing to do with whether or



Perspectives
Sarah Bullock

not God will recognize a man and a man as a couple. The issue is about same sex couples in America being treated like couples, or, to put it another way, as equals. And why shouldn't they? The first thing America has to do is stop calling it "gay marriage."

The minute you do this, every evangelical Christian and southern pulpit will protest the evils of society and make it their responsibility to pass laws to amend the Constitution and ban such evil. This is completely unnecessary. What Americans should care more about is equality and freedom.

There are over 2,000 federal benefits of marriage that heterosexual couples take for granted everyday. The number is too great to mention but, according to www.nolo.org, a very useful legal information Web site, they include employment benefits, legal benefits and protections, medical benefits, death benefits, family benefits, consumer benefits, tax benefits, estate benefits, governmental benefits and housing benefits. If the only legal connection to someone is your address, you are not eligible for taking family leave to care for your partner while they are sick or for receiving military benefits if your partner is in the military or even for making medical decisions if your partner is near death. You cannot even open a joint account at a bank or have a family health insurance plan. The list goes on and on... Every benefit I have listed has absolutely nothing to do with religion. There is no commandment against a same sex couple filing taxes together.

THE ISSUE

Same-sex marriage. It's on Tennessee's election ballot.

WHY IT MATTERS

Some view it in terms of equality, while others view it as conflicting moral duties.

WHAT'S NEXT

Nov. 7. Get out. Vote. And have your voice heard.

"Call it marriage, call it civil union, call it cheese sandwich if you like. Just don't ask your girlfriend to cheese sandwich you."

Many states have, in fact, seen this logic and allow same sex "civil unions" which include the benefits and not the title of "marriage." These states include New Jersey, Vermont and Connecticut while states like Massachusetts quote irrelevantly include the name of "marriage." New York, Washington and even California not only ban gay marriage but also gay rights as in "civil unions." Tennessee is trying to count themselves among the latter.

On Nov. 7, there will be an amendment to the Tennessee Constitution on the ballot that clearly states that the institution of marriage be between a man and a woman. It also states that any marriage of any other kind made in another state would be void in the state of Tennessee. Luckily, it only uses the word "marriage" as the sacred, unchangeable heterosexual institution. It does not matter what you vote on No. 1 because it does not affect gay rights in the least. It affects terminology. Call it marriage, call it civil union, call it cheese sandwich if you like. Just don't ask your girlfriend to cheese sandwich you. She might think she's not up to date on the latest slang for... you know.

Don't worry. Every time a culture changes their rules about marriage there will always be people prophesizing polygamy, incest and the wrath of God. (Before you read this next statement, please stand on top of something rubber.) This will not happen. Polygamy is based on a patriarchal society. Same-sex marriages are based on a society in which each gender is treated equally, so to say that equality will bring about male dominance is illogical.

What you are asking homosexuals to do by denying them a civil union is immoral. When a homosexual wants to spend the rest of their life with their partner, all they can do is tell each other. There is no ceremony, there is no legal bond and there is no promise. When I reached "womanhood," my parents made me promise to save the act of intercourse for when I was married. I have always cherished this expectation and hope other parents instill these same values. Homosexuals do not have this luxury and, therefore, have no excuse for chastity. Also, imagine how important it was or will be to publicly proclaim and vow fidelity to your counterpart during a ceremony. What we ask homosexuals to do is live together without any legally binding contract and to hope they die at the same time. If this doesn't happen, imagine not being able to say goodbye to your dying love because the hospital only allows family members to visit and if they die, not being able to have any share of their property, wealth or say in what happens to the body. This is what we ask them to bear: injustice. The only thing we should really be asking them is if they prefer "civil union" or "cheese sandwich." ♦



JOHN LUDWIG/STAFF

The proposed constitutional amendment that Tennessee voters will consider on November 7, 2006 will be as follows:

The historical institution and legal contract solemnizing the relationship of one man and one woman shall be the only legally recognized marital contract in this state. Any policy or law or judicial interpretation, purporting to define marriage as anything other than the historical institution and legal contract between one man and one woman, is contrary to the public policy of this state and shall be void and unenforceable in Tennessee. If another state or foreign jurisdiction issues a license for persons to marry and if such marriage is prohibited in this state by the provisions of this section, then the marriage shall be void and unenforceable in this state.

— TENNESSEE EQUALITY PROJECT
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Same-sex marriage. Eww, that's gross

When I think of all the good things politicians could actually be spending their time on, devoting their career to or doing to make the world a better place, one issue



Perspectives
Rich Beimer

never comes close to making the cut; that issue is gay marriage. The opinions you are about to hear, well, you may not wish to hear. It's not because my opinion is invalid, but it is simply because I am gay. And I dare say, I have found that people who actually have

something to say are most likely the opinionated few whose opinions, more often than not, are never heard.

But bollocks to that. I have things to say. I've got a whole world of things to say. And some of these things might even be pertinent. So let's begin.

First of all, what is the difference between gay marriage and ungay marriage if either can just as easily be undone as they were done? When I was growing up and I asked my dad why people got married, he told me, "Because they love each other." Well, if one can get a quickie divorce just as quickly as they had their prenuptial signing and Las Vegas wedding in an Elvis chapel, then really, how much of marriage has to do with love?

Next, it is not as though gay marriage is illegal. After all, we have Vermont and Massachusetts. Not good enough? We also have San Francisco and Portland, Ore., if you're more into that west coast thing. Still

not good enough? Go to Hawaii. Or if you are not so crazy about the sun or the ocean, there is always Toronto. So, it is not exactly as though gays cannot marry. Frankly, if Tennessee does not want to allow gay marriage, I say fine. And if I should marry, I'll take my money to Vermont and have a damn fine honeymoon there where my gay money is appreciated.

Lastly, as I do not want to get off on a rant, do all gay people want to get married? No, and I can say that confidently because I am not sure that I ever want to be married. I certainly do not need to be married. Sure, the health benefits would be much better and I would probably get a laugh out of any mention of "my husband." But there are more important things in life.

Personally, I am not sure that I believe that gay marriage should be legal. I too, feel much in the same that I do not think two lovelorn schmucks should be able to marry just because they "love each other." If "love" made a marriage, Britney Spears would probably still be married to that friend of hers from Patchquaw, Lose-e-anna (just like she pronounces it) and nobody else would ever get divorced either. So here is what I say: if you love each other, then move in together. See how much you love each other then. You want to start a life and a family with this person? Get married.

In closing, I simply have one thing to say to anybody who still cares to listen. Marriage is strange. Gay marriage probably stranger. Yet, divorce, the most likely end to a marriage, is perhaps the most commonplace and also the best understood. And if that pisses you off as much as it does me, then I have one last thing to say. Do something about it. ♦

All men are created equal, well except for some

By CARRIE BURGGRAF

Guest Writer

Love. Anyone who has experienced this feeling will tell you that it is an indescribable, one-of-a-kind emotion that everyone wants to feel at some point in their lives. So when you do finally achieve this feeling and decide to settle down, the next step would most likely be to get married. This seems normal to all of us, and most people dream of marrying that one special person someday. However, what if you were banned from this special bond by law in a country that promotes "freedom and equality to all?" I believe every one of you would be outraged and confused all at the same time. This is exactly what is happening throughout the United States as more states are passing bans on same-sex marriages.

The debates on this topic are abundant, often times endless. They definitely vary in looking at the issue from a religious or a political view. Those who quote the Bible in order to oppose same-sex marriages are only picking certain passages in which to listen. The Bible clearly states some arguments, but it is also a little fuzzy on others. Actually, it also has controversial passages on both slavery and inequality of women. In that case, do these same people support slavery still and believe women to be inferior? If not, they are again picking which passages to follow. Now, I'm not saying that you shouldn't read or listen to the Bible. I am just saying that, religiously speaking, there

are holes in both sides of some major issues.

As for the political side of the whole debate, many people are looking at the benefits for married couples. If a man and woman can get all the monetary gains just for being married, why can't a same-sex couple? You do not have to morally support gay marriage in order to support their rights. It is not exactly about what is right but instead what is fair. Many people used to think that African Americans shouldn't be allowed to marry. Actually, it wasn't until after the Civil War that they were granted this right by law. Even worse, mixed race couples didn't get the right until 1967. If that amazes you, then think about what we are doing to same-sex couples. In a nutshell, we are discriminating against them. Back then it was based on race and color, and now it is based on sexual orientation. I thought America was supposed to be "accepting" of others?

So now you have a choice. Tennessee is putting this issue on the ballot in the next election. You can go out and refuse to accept same-sex marriage because you don't think it is morally right or that's the way you were brought up; or you can accept that times change and with that, so must some laws. It was popular to own slaves at one time. It was popular to degrade women. It is now popular not to support homosexuals. Why don't we go against the mainstream and open our minds to maybe what is off the beaten path for once? ♦

Laws cannot govern love

Within the depths of Congress, there is a potential social disaster in the works. Tennessee Legislature is now attempting to make an amendment to the constitution that defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman.



Perspectives
Ricky Young

Those in the category of homosexuality are outraged at this because it will ban them from getting married to the ones they truly love. They fear this one more step towards a totalitarian state ruled by ethics that suppresses things like true

love and dictating to them what is normal.

This situation is where the spotlight shifts from the gay community to the conservative Christians. Some homosexuals blame Christians and conservatives for being homophobic bigots that wave their "religion" around as an excuse to persecute those that they are afraid of. I have always learned that people attack that which they are afraid of. It has happened to everybody: to the Jewish, the African Americans, the Muslims, the mentally ill and so on. Some people in the gay community believe they live in a world that hates them and are persecuted by those that fear them. They believe that all Christians are homophobic and are ready to persecute them for their beliefs.

I believe that the problem here is not homosexuality, but rather the fact that Christians, which persecute homosexuals, spend too much of their time beating people over the head with the scriptures and not reading them. The Bible, to me, teaches love and respect towards others even if we don't understand them. I don't believe I've read anywhere in the Good Book that we should persecute and add more problems to the mix when we should get to the core of the problem immediately.

"There must not be

a law made by man

to govern emotions,

especially love."

I was always taught that love is patient and kind. The first three fruits of the spirit are love, joy and peace. I did not say hate, fear and schism. For example, I think that if we wanted everyone to abstain from sex outside of marriage, we should have taught abstinence in church and not wait for the schools to teach it. If we hate what the world is teaching everyone, the question is, "What example have we or the church shown them?"

The gay community hates Christians because we act like hypocrites. We carry the Bible in our hands, but do not know enough about what is in it to support our views. We are like parents that tell a child we love them while we are abusing them. I totally believe that if the "sinner" feels someone in the church show love for him or her, the "sinner" would have stayed in church. Now they are so mad at us, "the righteous," we can't invite them into church if we write special invitations!

If anyone is to blame for homosexuality, it is the "Christians" who did not show an example of anything better. The best way to teach is by doing, but when we tell the world that we are Christians, we instantly do something contradictory. We are worse off in the world than the "sinners" are. If all homosexuals are going to Hell, it is the church's fault for persecuting and alienating them, rather than caring for them. Their blood is on every false Christian's hands. If we had the ability to save someone from shooting themselves and did not, it is almost as if we pulled the trigger ourselves.

To my friends in the gay community who are reading this, I wish to apologize personally for the fake Christians that persecute you so unduly. I also want to say that the Messiah that they portray is false and that they do not know what they are talking about. They speak for Jesus while they strife His "true words."

To my fellow Christians out there, I would like to offer an idea that might work. If you do not know what being a true Christ follower is all about, please don't call yourself a Christian, and if you do find out what being a Christian is all about, try acting it.

People of Tennessee, I can tell you only one thing: Congress, the State nor the Federal Government cannot and should not settle an issue of the heart and soul. There must not be a law made by man to govern emotions, especially love. This conflict can only be resolved by an untrammelled flow of love in an open forum. Most importantly, I'd like to impart on you the thought that maybe instead of burning books we should read them. Instead of destroying bridges, we should build them. Instead of living in ignorance, we should be unprejudiced about new ideas. And most importantly, instead of spouting dogma with our mouth, we should live it with our lives. ♦



Peay on the Edge

Cave calling

We bid farewell to our recently departed features editor, Jason Drumm this week who has moved on to conquer the world in other spheres. We wish him all the best, knowing that we will see him in class tomorrow.

Quote o' the day

"Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life. Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something."
—Henry David Thoreau
—www.quotationspage.com

This day in history: 1938

"War of the Worlds" panics millions
Radio program Mercury Theater on the Air presents Orson Welles' production of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," a fictional drama about a Martian invasion in Grovers Mill, New Jersey. The program, which aired on Halloween, sparked a panic among listeners who believed the play was an actual news broadcast. Of the six million listeners who heard the show, more than 1.7 million reportedly believed the story was true.
—www.history.com

Not so deep thoughts

Sometimes, you never know, you know?

Word o' the week

virtu /vuh'r TOO noun:
1. love of or taste for fine objects of art.
2. Productions of art (especially fine antiques).
3. Artistic quality.
—www.dictionary.com

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Are you afraid of GHOST?



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF

Misty Parr and Chris Parr stand with their kids, Gabriella and Christopher Parr outside the University Center and join in on GHOST festivities. GHOST stands for Greater Halloween Option for Safer Trick-or-Treating.



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF

A continuous line formed around the University Center Sunday evening for the annual event. Nearly 50 student organizations participated.

By NATALIE GILMORE
Managing Editor/Online editor

Ghouls, goblins and even Disney characters swarmed the campus for Austin Peay State University's annual G.H.O.S.T - Greater Halloween Option for Safer Trick-or-Treating event.

Hundreds of children and parents from around Montgomery-County showed up to trick-or-treat as nearly 50 student organizations lined the outside bowl area with candy, festive costumes and decorative tables.

Some parents brought their children to G.H.O.S.T as a safer method to traditional neighborhood trick-or-treating and some felt the day was more convenient since this year Halloween fell on a Tuesday.

"It was most excellent," said Chris Parr, sophomore, biology major. "I think that it was a safe alternative," he said.

Parr brought along his girlfriend Misty Parr and their two children, Christopher, 2 who dressed as Tigger from Disney's Winnie-the-Pooh, and 8-month-old daughter, Gabriella who came as a plush, red and black ladybug.

"Chris has to work Halloween night, therefore without G.H.O.S.T, he wouldn't have been able to take the kids trick-or-treating," said Misty sophomore chemistry major.

Overall, the event lasted two hours, from 4 to 6 p.m., and sent "little monsters" home happy and energetic, and parents feeling more secure. ♦

Saw III gores, disturbs, scores hit with audiences

By A.J. DUGGER
Staff Writer

Saw III made its gory debut in theaters on Friday, and according to several Austin Peay State University fans, it did not disappoint.

"They took it to the next level," said Brandon McKnight, a senior political science major who recently saw the film. "It's definitely the most gruesome of the three."

The Saw trilogy revolves around a mortal being named Jigsaw (played by Tobin Bell) whose trademarks are his dirty mask, complete with bloodshot eyes, candy cane swirls on his cheeks and a husky voice.

He puts people in horrible death traps, where

pain is normally inevitable, but a very slim chance of survival is always present.

In Saw III, Jigsaw is very ill and dying of cancer. His apprentice Amanda, played by Shawnee Smith, has continued doing Jigsaw's work. However, unlike her mentor, Amanda gives her victims no chance of survival.

This plot is intertwined with another, as a grieving father (Angus MacFadyen) finally gets the chance to punish everyone who was involved in what was his downward spiral. However, people with weak stomachs should probably steer clear of this movie.

The psychological thriller contains very graphic dismemberment, lots of torture and one

incredibly detailed medical procedure.

The death traps are also more creative and merciless this time around, almost making the traps in the earlier Saw films look elementary.

One thing that may get annoying are the constant flashbacks to various moments in the first two movies.

These flashbacks occur without warning, and if someone never saw the first two Saw movies, that person would end up feeling lost and confused.

Still, the film is a very solid one in the eyes of those who witnessed it. The acting was spectacular, the plot was clever and the movie takes off where the last one ended. Regardless,

opinions do vary. "I liked it, but I liked the first one the best," said Nat Subhawong, senior computer science major.

Cassidy Leming, a junior accounting major, also saw the film during its opening weekend. "I think [Saw II] was better. [Saw III] was kind of random," she said.

Director of Saw II, Darren Bousman returned to direct Saw III. On a sad note, the movie is dedicated to the memory of George Hoffman, the producer of the first two Saw movies. Hoffman died last December.

It goes without saying that Saw III would have gotten his approval. Fans of gory, psychological thrillers should not miss this movie. ♦

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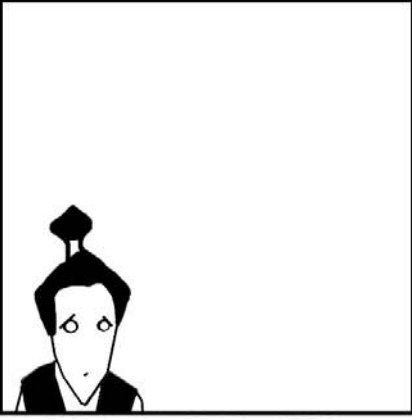
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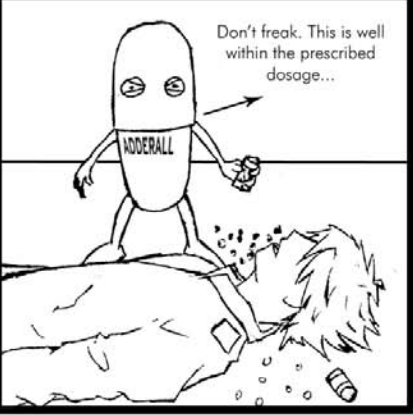
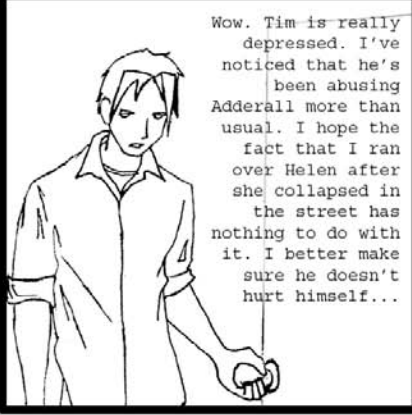
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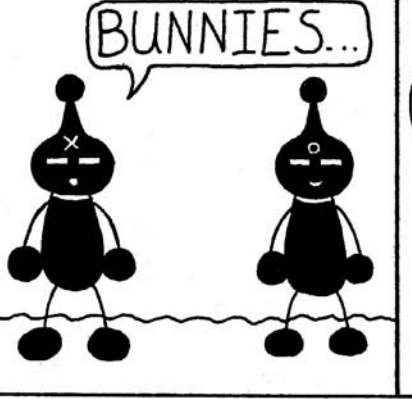
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Governors 2006-07

Governors face tough schedule

Memphis, Illinois highlight 2006-07

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Assistant Sports Editor

Exposure might be an understatement when talking about college athletic teams getting their games shown on ESPN. The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team will not have one but two games shown on ESPN this season.



The first will be against Ohio Valley Conference-rival Morehead State, Jan. 16, at home and the second game on Feb. 20 against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn. APSU head coach Dave Loos is excited about what ESPN can do for his team.

"Anytime you can get on TV, it's helpful for your recruiting," Loos said.

Sophomore forward Drake Reed agreed with Loos and believes it can do nothing but help out the team.

"Playing on national television just builds the national prestige of your school as long as you play well," Reed said, "and it's a good opportunity."

Although the Govs are excited about the chance to play on ESPN, it's some of their opponents on this year's schedule that have them ready to go. National powerhouses Illinois and Memphis highlight the Govs schedule, both teams not far from the top of college basketball. Illinois advanced to the NCAA tournament championship two years ago before losing to North Carolina, while Memphis advanced to the elite eight last year.

"Playing against these teams is going to benefit our team a lot," junior point guard Derek Wright said. "They're two of the top-ranked teams in the country and I think that playing them will help us when we play our conference schedule."

Both teams have a chance to be in the preseason top-25. The Govs take on the Fighting Illini in Champaign, Ill., on Nov. 13, and will face a speedy Tigers team on Dec. 14 in Memphis. The Govs also will be playing Dayton, who has been in and out of the top 25 the last few years, on Nov. 11.

"Playing against better competition will really help us get better as a team," returning junior Brandon Harrirod said. "If we can hold our own against them we will do well in our conference."

"These guys want to see if they can play against the best teams and the best players out there, and Illinois and Memphis do qualify," Loos said. "These teams will expose our weaknesses so we will know what we have to work on."

The Govs should definitely be battle-tested by the time they take on their first OVC opponent when they play host to Tennessee Tech on Dec. 2. ♦

2006-07 Govs Basketball Schedule	
Nov. 6	Rhodes (Exh.)
Nov. 11	Dayton
Nov. 13	Illinois
Nov. 18	Lambuth (Exh.)
Nov. 25	Arkansas State
Nov. 27	Tennessee Wesleyan
Dec. 2	Tennessee Tech*
Dec. 7	Morehead State*
Dec. 9	Eastern Kentucky*
Dec. 14	Memphis
Dec. 18	Evansville
Dec. 20	Middle Tennessee
Dec. 28	Marian (Ind.)
Jan. 2	UT-Martin
Jan. 4	Jacksonville State*
Jan. 6	Eastern Illinois*
Jan. 13	Southeast Missouri*
Jan. 16	Murray State*
Jan. 18	UT-Martin*
Jan. 25	Jacksonville State*
Jan. 27	Samford*
Jan. 29	Southeast Missouri*
Feb. 1	Murray State*
Feb. 3	Tennessee State*
Feb. 8	Eastern Illinois*
Feb. 10	Samford*
Feb. 12	Tennessee State*
Feb. 17	ESPN Bracket Buster
Feb. 20	Tennessee Tech*
Feb. 22	Eastern Kentucky*
Feb. 24	Morehead State*
Feb. 7	OVC Tournament (1st)
March 2	OVC Semifinals
March 3	OVC Championship

Bold* - Denotes OVC games
Bold/Italic - Televised on ESPN

Battle down low



Junior Justin Hunter (far left), freshman Duran Roberson (second from left), junior Tomas Janusauskus (second from right) and J.P. Felder (far right) all are battling for the starting center spot on the Governors basketball team.

Four Govs centers fight for single starting spot

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Assistant Sports Editor

A major inside presence not only describes what a basketball center is, but also what sophomore J.P. Felder thinks it's going to take to win the starting center position on the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team.

"You have to do anything it takes down low in order to get the job done," Felder said.

Felder (6-7), Tomas Janusauskas (7-0) and freshmen Duran Roberson (6-8) are all fighting in order to become the starting center for the Govs, who lost their starter last year in 6-8 Zac Schlader. Head coach Dave Loos said the job could be anyone's because they all bring something different to the team.

"J.P. brings physical presence with his strength because of his wide body that can battle people physically," Loos said. "Tomas has the length being 7-0, which presents a problem with teams, and Roberson has athletic ability and a wide wing span. The way he blocks shots reminds me of Josh Lewis (APSU's all-time leader in blocked shots).

"We are going to have to use all of the players during the course of the season."

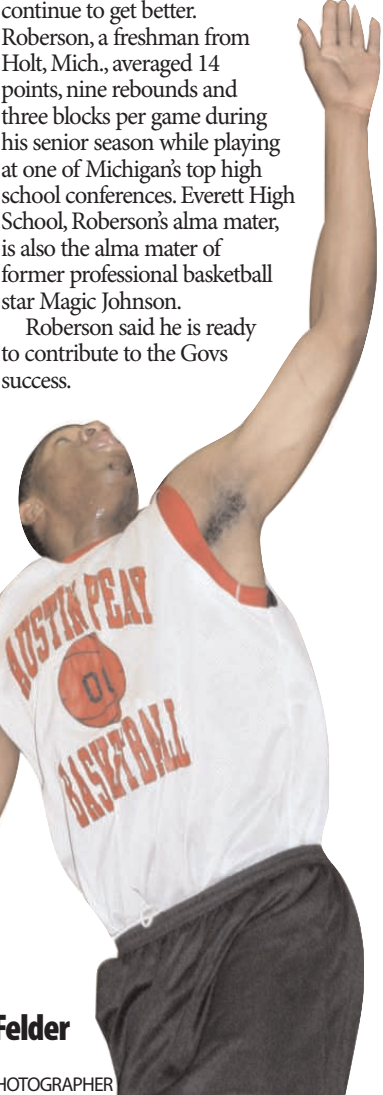
Felder is looking to improve from his freshman year where he played in 29 games, led the team in field goal percentage (60 percent) and was fifth on the team in free throw percentage

(75 percent).

Janusauskus, a junior who played in 18 games last season, wants to continue to get better.

Roberson, a freshman from Holt, Mich., averaged 14 points, nine rebounds and three blocks per game during his senior season while playing at one of Michigan's top high school conferences. Everett High School, Roberson's alma mater, is also the alma mater of former professional basketball star Magic Johnson.

Roberson said he is ready to contribute to the Govs success.



J.P. Felder

PHOTO BY LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

"The practices have been rough," Roberson said. "The physicality of the game is a big difference from high school to college. I feel like a little kid out here in a big city. I'm just trying to improve and get used to it."

Felder agreed with Roberson, saying the practices have been tough, but it's only helping them improve as a team.

"You have to bring everything out here in practice," Felder said. "Whether it's getting rebounds, blocking shots or scoring points, you have to go out there and produce down low. We don't let our jobs get to us off the floor because we are all boys. But on the floor, it's like a job and anything can happen. If the next person has what you want, you have to go get it because it's not going to be given to you. You have to go earn it."

Loos believes the starting center position is one that could change from day to day.

"It really depends on how they practice," Loos said. "No one really has an advantage over another player at this point. The lineup could change depending on who we're playing and how we match up against a certain team."

Janusauskus, whose height can be intimidating against OVC opponents, said it's tough but fun at the same time.

"I'm having fun playing," Janusauskus said. "I don't really think it's about winning the starting center position. It's more about helping the team out. I think the starter will be the player who helps out the team the most. Whoever is playing the best at that moment I think will be starting." ♦

Governors Basketball by the Numbers

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The number of seniors the Govs have on their roster going into this season. This is the first time in head coach Dave Loos' career at APSU that his team did not roster a single senior.

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The number of years APSU head basketball coach Dave Loos has coached the Governors. The number breaks former APSU basketball coaching great Dave Aaron's record for longest tenure at 16.

5

The number of sophomores on the Govs' roster that contributed major minutes last season as freshmen. Each of the sophomores will again play major roles in the Govs' season as they attempt to make up for the loss of two top-scoring seniors.

2

The number of nationally-ranked teams the Governors will face during the 2006-07 season. Not including Dayton, who finds itself in and out of the top-25 on occasion, the Govs will travel to Memphis and Illinois early in the season in preparation for their 20-game OVC schedule.

6

The number the Governors were ranked in the OVC preseason coaches' poll after the loss of guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton and center Zac Schlader. The rank was two spots behind rival Murray State as Samford tops the polls.

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The number of wins the Governors need to reach the 1,000 plateau in wins in the history of APSU's history. The Govs came one win away from reaching the mark last season but fell short after their season came to an end in a loss to Tennessee Tech in the first round of the OVC tournament.

Memphis duo adds athleticism

Fields, Channels next stars from Ridgeway High

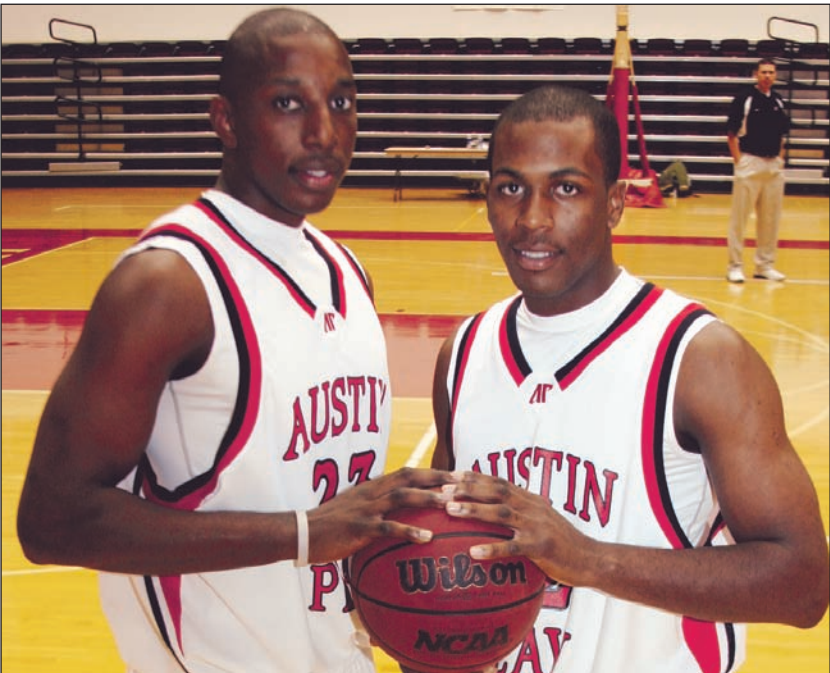
By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Assistant Sports Editor

Memphis has always been a hotspot for basketball talent. Austin Peay State University men's basketball coach Dave Loos, who played basketball at the University of Memphis, knows first-hand what kind of talent can be found on the border city.

It was in Memphis that Loos hand-picked two of his newest members of the APSU basketball team – guard Wes Channels and forward Ernest Fields, who both hail from Ridgeway High School. The two aren't the first players signed by Loos from Ridgeway. Former APSU basketball star Adrian Henning called the Memphis school his alma mater, and both players are compared to the successful Memphis native on many occasions.

"A lot of people compare my game to Adrian's," Fields said. "He did well so I figured I could be successful as well."

Henning, who was a four-year player as a part of APSU's most successful four-year senior class, was an All-Conference forward and set the standard for future Memphis players. His father, Wes Henning, is the current coach at Ridgeway and has won three state championships – 2000, 2002,



Freshmen Ernest Fields (left) and Wes Channels (right) are both Govs signees from Memphis-Ridgeway High School who bring athleticism and chemistry to the team.

and 2005, and he was runner up in 2003. Loos said having the connection with Adrian helped their recruiting process.

"Ridgeway has been good to us," Loos said. "Wes knows a lot about our program and knows how his kids are going to be treated. He knows Adrian had a positive experience, so I think it helped a great deal with recruiting."

In their junior year, Channels' and Fields'

high school team won the district, region and state title, posting a 35-4 record. Fields averaged 17 points, nine rebounds and four blocks per game. Channels also chipped in 17 points, five rebounds and four assists per game. They were also two of the five nominees for the 2005-2006 Memphis Commercial Appeal Best of Preps nominees. Loos believes both players will be impact players in the Ohio Valley

Conference and at APSU.

"Ernest is real athletic and can play around the basket as well as step out on the floor," Loos said. "His jumping ability is going to turn heads. He is going to surprise a lot of people, and I think he will have a breakout year. Wes gives us a big guard who has strength and athletic ability who can score from the perimeter. He is competitive and has good size and can play the one or the two."

According to Fields, having a high school teammate playing with you on the collegiate level helps out their chemistry.

"We signed at the same time and it's pretty exciting," Fields said. "We are used to playing basketball together so we just brought that chemistry up here. We push each other in practice because we know what each other is capable of."

"We never let each other get lazy," Channels added. "One of our goals for this whole season is not to lose a game. It's really all about the team and how we play with each other. I just want to help our team win the OVC Championship"

Both players are excited about going back home to play Memphis on Dec. 14 and having a chance to win bragging rights if they come back with a win.

"We know pretty much the whole team," Channels said. "It will be exciting to go home and play in front of all our family and friends, as well as playing against some of our friends."

The two players, if successful in their freshman season, could add even more Memphis flavor to APSU's basketball tradition. ♦

Basketball Preview

Wright leading pack of young Govs

5-9 junior plays to size of heart, not body



Derek Wright

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

Junior point guard Derek "D.J." Wright has lived in the shadows of former Austin Peay State University guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton for the past two years.

Now, one year after Hampton's graduation, Wright will get the chance to show Ohio Valley Conference defenders what he is made of in a leadership position with the same swagger Hampton brought to the court.

"I'm very confident in myself all the time," Wright said. "Squeaky played his butt off ever since he got here so that's going to be a big spot to fill but I know all of my teammates and the coaching staff has my back."

Going into the 2006-07 season, Wright isn't completely untested. Since his freshman year, Wright has put quality minutes under his belt, averaging 16.2 minutes and 3.4 points per game. Wright added to his contribution to the Govs on the court last season, jumping his average to 17.6 minutes and 6.1 points per game while playing in all 31 of APSU's contests.

But the upcoming 2006-07 season seems to be the 5-9 junior's most anticipated. With improvement physically and mentally, all roads lead

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— Landon Shipley, sophomore guard

to a junior season that can be no less than stellar for the speedy point guard.

"Derek is shooting the ball like never before," sophomore center J.P. Felder said. "He knows the position real well, he has a big heart and he keeps everybody in line so he'll be alright. Like I said, he is shooting the ball real well right now."

Wright, however, will be the leader of a young team that, according to preseason skeptics, have the Govs ranked sixth after the loss of their two leading scorers — Hampton and 6-8 center Zac Schlader who both reached the 1,000-point plateau in their career at APSU.

But Wright doesn't plan to come out firing and sinking baskets, but rather to play the same game he has known all his life.

"There's no pressure," Wright said. "I just play the game the way it's supposed to be played. I've got to take over and not look to score a whole lot of points or even to reach 1,000 points more than just trying to give my team some points and a chance to place in the OVC tournament."

Wright's versatility will definitely be the key factor for his production for the Govs this season.

Opponents have the option to mark the speedster or to concentrate on the inside. Either way, the opposition will not be comfortable with Wright on the offensive.

"Derek has been here long enough to understand the offense," sophomore guard Landon Shipley said. "We have four or five guys with him that know how to come in each night and do what it takes to get a win. Whether it takes Derek scoring two points a night and having 12 assists, or, if they leave him open, he has 20 points and two assists then he will get the job done."

The main factor that Wright forces opposing teams to realize is to not look at the size of his 5-9 frame, but rather look at the size of the leader's heart. ♦

Govs young, candidate for surprise

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

The Dunn Center lights will once again be warmed up. The floors will be waxed, the bulbs in the JumboTrons will be double-checked and the scoreboards will



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be flipped on once again to start the countdown. All these signs point to one thing — Govs basketball is back!

The Govs have always had a strong program and has been the bread and butter of Austin Peay State University for a long time. But this season is even more unique than it has been in some years.

This season's roster does not include a single senior. This is the first time in head coach Dave Loos' historic 17-year stint at APSU that the Govs have not had senior leadership. Does that mean the Govs will be struggling? No, it definitely does not.

The Govs do return nine juniors and sophomores who have played significant minutes for APSU last season and, for some, the past two years.

Overall, the Govs start to a unique season can be summed up by a series of questions that can easily be answered by this sports writer.

What will it mean for the Govs to be lead by juniors? It can only be good since junior point guard Derek Wright will be leading the way. Wright has played a major role for the Govs for two years now behind last season's leader, Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton. Wright could eventually grow into an even better leader than Hampton with two years left with the Govs.

Without 6-8 center Zac Schlader, how will the Govs stack up in the middle? Although the loss of Schlader is huge, so are the Govs' returning centers and forwards. Centers Tomas Janusauskus (7-0) and J.P. Felder (6-7) are battling for the starting spot along with freshman Duran Roberson (6-8).

The meat of APSU's points will come from the team's sophomore class, who each racked up points and displayed their athleticism last season as freshmen.

Players such as 6-5 forward Drake Reed, who terrorized many opponents by blasting their layups or close-up shots into the stands. Sophomore Kyle Duncan smothered his opponents last season, displaying a defensive mind-set that makes Loos overly satisfied.

Even sophomore shooting guard Landon Shipley who spent all last season improving his shooting, especially from outside the three-point arc where he set the Dunn Center record for three-pointers in one game with six.

The preseason polls have the Govs ranked sixth, two spots behind rival Murray State and five behind No. 1 Samford, noting the loss of their two leading scorers in Hampton and Schlader. But everyone knows not to pay attention to such rubbish. The Govs were ranked around the middle of the Ohio Valley Conference pack last year but finished much better than expected.

The Govs aren't receiving much respect going into the season. Along with the preseason rankings, not a single Governor player was named to the first or second team All-OVC.

With their returning players, the Govs are definitely a team vying for an upset in 2006-07. This sports writer predicts it. ♦

APSU lacks seniority



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore forward Drake Reed (2) and redshirt-junior forward Fernandez Lockett (15) both were key players for the Govs' basketball team last season and will be among the top of the returning players on a roster that does not feature a single senior. Lockett and Reed are APSU's top returning scorers after posting 6.6 and 8.3 points per game last season, respectively.

Seniorless team first in Loos' 17-year career

By MICHAEL KELLUM
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The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team will enter the 2006 season without a single senior holding a roster spot, the first time ever in head coach Dave Loos' 17-year career. The Govs lost three seniors last year in Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton, Kareem Matthews and Zac Schlader, with Schlader and Hampton being their leading scorers. This year, the team consists of five juniors, five sophomores and three freshmen. While this could very well be a big advantage in the 2007-2008 season, Loos thinks things are going to be a little different for him this season.

"This is new territory for us," Loos said. "I hope the guys here are pretty good, because they're going to be here for a while. It's an unusual situation but I feel as though we will be alright as long as guys like Reed, Lockett and Wright, who played well last year, continue to step it up."

A lot of the returning players either started or played significant minutes last year, which does help the team experience-wise. The Govs will need

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— Fernandez Lockett, junior forward

everyone to play well, playing a tough schedule this year including two top 25 teams from last year. Any experience is going to help the team out, and everyone wants to step up and help lead, Junior Fernandez Lockett believes everyone is going to help out this year.

"I don't think it really hurts this team overall," said Lockett. "We have all been here before and feel like it's only going to help us grow closer and become more reliable on each other."

Derek Wright, a returning junior and starting point guard, is also looking to take on the senior leadership role. Wright, the shortest

player on the team at 5-9, led the team in assists last year and wants to make sure the team is out there giving their best each game.

"Being a point guard, I feel as though I have to be the leader on and off the floor," Wright said. "I think everyone is going to have to step up, because no one can do it by themselves so all five players have to be ready."

"Everyone has to know their role in order for us to be successful," added junior Brandon Harriord. "Everyone can be in a leadership position. If everybody does their part then I think we will be fine."

The Govs' three freshmen also will look to make an impact, with center Duran Roberson and high school teammates Ernest Fields (forward) and Wes Channels (guard). All three players had successful high school careers. According to Loos, each one brings something different to the team, but he hopes they all can help out in the regular season.

"Roberson has excellent athletic ability and a wide wing span," Loos said. "Channels is a big strong guard who can play either guard position,

and Fields is a terrific athlete."

Whoever takes the role of leader for this young Govs team will have to work hard in order to bring APSU back to the top of the OVC basketball world. ♦



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Raines highlight for APSU at meets



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/STAFF
Anna Claire Raines finished 11th at the OVC Championships and received APSU's first All-OVC honors since 2001.

Govs finish 6th, Lady Govs 9th at OVC Championships

Austin Peay Sports Information

Sophomore Anna Claire Raines was the highlight of Austin Peay State University's cross country teams at the 2006 O'Reilly/OVC men's and women's cross country championships, held at the Southern Industrial Redevelopment Corporation facility outside Clarksville, Saturday.

Raines completed the women's five-kilometer course in 19:17 and finished 11th, receiving second-team All-OVC honors for her effort. She is the first cross country runner to receive any All-OVC recognition since 2001 when Sheena Gooding received first-team All-OVC honors.

Samford senior Katherine Herring won the women's race with a time of 18:27.

The Lady Govs recorded their second consecutive ninth-place championship finish, but with an improvement of 31 points over last year's finish – they posted 221 points this year compared to 252 last year. Eastern Kentucky won the women's team championship with a score of 35 points.

Also scoring for APSU were sophomore Jamie Babb (39th, 20:37), freshman Kate Gauf (51st, 21:23), freshman Breonna Brown (63rd, 21:51) and sophomore Holley Koob (64th, 22:00). Finishing outside the Lady Govs' top five were sophomore

"Anna Claire Raines ran well and I told her going into the race that she could finish in the top-10,"

– Doug Molnar, APSU cross country coach

Melissa Nobbs (68th, 22:25) and Deanna Hensley (80th, 24:51).

"Anna Claire ran well and I told her going into the race that she could finish in the top 10," said head coach Doug Molnar. "She didn't believe it until she got halfway and she said she could do it. She is the first girl to finish as an All-OVC runner for us in a long time, and I'm just really proud on how she ran today."

The Govs cross country team didn't have as good a showing, getting out to a quick start but fading at the end and finishing in a sixth-place tie (148 points) with Jacksonville State, a one-spot improvement over their 2005 finish. Eastern Kentucky won the men's championship with 29 points.

Sophomore Tim Hall led the Govs individuals with a 23rd-place finish, completing the eight-kilometer course in 26:48. He finished more than a minute behind Eastern Kentucky senior Jacob Korir, who won his third consecutive championship with a time of 25:03.

APSU's other scoring runners were junior Josh Yeckering (24th, 26:49), sophomore Ryne Sexton (28th, 27:03), sophomore Antonio Diaz (35th, 27:36) and freshman Sam Nelson (39th, 27:42). Finishing outside the scoring five were junior Matt Rowe (55th, 28:58) and junior Lukas Siska (64th, 30:43).

"I'm extremely disappointed on the men's side," said Molnar. "We were hoping for a top-three or four finish and to tie for sixth on our course was not what I expected. Our guys ran like they were young, but didn't run smart out on the course like they have in practice. We did finish one spot better than last season, but I don't believe this was the direction we needed to go."

Austin Peay will put the finishing touches on its 2006 campaign, Sunday, Nov. 12, at the NCAA South Regional hosted by Tennessee. The APSU men's team, along with selected women's individuals, will compete. ♦

Govs down Charleston, 49-10



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore receiver Lanis Frederick rests on the sideline after the Govs mounted a comfortable lead late in the game during the teams' 49-10 blowout of Charleston (W. Va.). Frederick hauled in six catches for 102 yards and one touchdown as one of eight receivers who made a catch during the Govs' record day.

APSU posts 521 offensive yards

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

Govs' quarterback Mark Cunningham sat back in the pocket time after time and burned the Golden Eagles' defense with a blistering passing game. The 6-4, 200 pound junior's strong arm found eight different receivers during Austin Peay State University's (2-6) 49-10 blowout of Charleston (4-6) to rack up 308 yards and two touchdowns.

"It was all because of my receivers and my offensive line and the backs blocking and running," Cunningham said. "It's an amazing feeling when you sit back in the pocket and you don't have much pressure and the receivers are just stepping up and making catches and getting yards after the catch. I just give all the credit to them."

Cunningham's first touchdown came early in the third quarter on a post route to sophomore receiver Lanis Frederick from 42 yards out. The catch was one of six Frederick hauled in to lead APSU's receiving core with 102 yards.

"Actually, it was the wrong route but it worked and paid off for us," Frederick said. "I'll know not to make that mistake next time just in case he goes the other way."

Cunningham's second touchdown pass went to junior Kevin Carter from the 11-yard line to cap off a nine play, 59-yard drive to extend the Govs' lead to 32 with 8:44 left in the game.

"(Mark) had a great game tonight," Carter said. "He seemed like he was more calm than I have ever

seen him in the pocket. He stood back there and read the pressure, made the right reads and threw some great balls tonight. It was the best game that I have seen him play."

Second-string quarterback Gary Orr, replacing Cunningham late in the game with a comfortable 32-point lead, added a touchdown pass of his own when he found receiver Bruce Belitz wide-open down the right sideline for a 44-yard score.

However, the passing game wasn't the only aspect of the Govs' offense that was working. Junior running back Chris Fletcher led APSU's ground attack with 115 yards of his own on 23 carries, including two touchdowns. The performance was Fletcher's seventh 100-yard game of the season.

The win was the first since the Govs 28-21 victory over Cumberland in Week 2 of the season. APSU also posted 35 points in the second half of the win over Charleston – the first time they have outscored their opponent since the Cumberland game as well.

"It's a relief," Cunningham said. "When we come out and mess up the second half then that's not a direct reflection of our team. Coming out here and doing what we did shows what we're made of."

The win also marked the first time the Govs have won both a home and away game in one season since 2003.

The Govs will host North Greenville Saturday in a 2 p.m. contest for Homecoming in an attempt to win their third game of the season for the first time since 2003. ♦

Govs Chasing Records

Chris Fletcher

Junior running back

Record: All-Time APSU rushing yards record (2,992)

Career Yardage: 2,887

This season: 937

Yards per game: 117.4

Touchdowns: 9

Last game: 115 yards on 23 carries, two touchdowns vs. Charleston (W. Va.)

Next game: Nov. 4 vs. North Greenville

Lanis Frederick

Sophomore wide receiver

Record: Single-season reception yards record (1,033), Single-season reception record (67)

2006 Catches-Yards: 53-823, 6 TDs

Yards per game: 102.9

Yards per catch: 15.5

Touchdowns: 6

Last game: 6 catches for 102 yards, one touchdown vs. Charleston (W. Va.)

Next game: Nov. 4 vs. North Greenville

Lady Govs extend losing streak to 12 at SEMO

APSU will miss postseason for first time in 21 years

By DUSTIN GANT
Staff Writer

It's been a tough season for the Austin Peay State University women's volleyball team. They have dealt with injuries, inexperience and a 12-game losing streak, but they have pressed on and came into each match looking to improve. On Saturday against Southeast Missouri, any notions they had of being a Cinderella Story were erased.

The Lady Govs went to Southeast Missouri on Saturday hanging on for their playoff lives and played a tough match, but were swept in three games, (30-22, 30-26, 30-21). The team was once again led by Kristie Kidman and Ashley Genslak, who finished with 13 and 12 kills, respectively. Dorota Szymaska also chipped in with 11 kills.

Overall, it was efficiency that doomed the Lady Govs, which only put up a .174 attack percentage despite having 43 kills.

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– Corey Carlin, APSU volleyball coach

Head coach

"Transition and back court defense was our main factor in the loss," APSU head volleyball coach Corey Carlin said. "Our defensive discipline broke down."

The loss marks the first time in 21 seasons that APSU's volleyball team has not made the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Their record fell to 3-21, 1-11 in the conference.

The Lady Govs were realistic about their

chances at the postseason before the game, but were at least hoping to play spoiler for the rest of the season.

"We had lost five or six matches that came down to five games," Carlin said. "A few plays here and there and we might have a completely different outlook on the season."

Though the Lady Govs won't be going to the postseason, they can at least end their season on a strong homestand, starting with Eastern Kentucky. The Lady Govs are hoping to finish with a little momentum and are looking to build on some of the positives that they had this season.

"Ashley (Genslak) has always been a go-to player, but Dorota (Szymaska) has really established herself as a smart player," Carlin said. "I also expect Kristie Kidman to have a big season next season."

Carlin plans on keeping his key players in to try and go out with a couple of wins in the books. ♦



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Kristie Kidman posted 12 kills during APSU's recent loss to SEMO.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Ashley Genslak led APSU with 13 kills against SEMO last Saturday.