

Green energy surges



Vice President of SOARE Laura Henry, left, sits with President, Jessica Cameron following the final vote on the decision to bring green energy to APSU. Instead of holding the decision meeting, the group opted to go to The Blackhorse Pub and Brewery for a celebratory meal.

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Students vote renewable energy; SOARE celebrates victory

By TINEA PAYNE
Staff Writer

Students voted in the renewable energy initiative last Friday. Austin Peay State University fees will increase by \$10 next fall.

Students had the opportunity to place their vote on the APSU Web site for or against the renewable energy fee. Students Organized to Advance Renewable Energy (SOARE), organized the vote that would allow a \$10 increase to student fees for renewable energy.

The fee increase will allow APSU to purchase renewable energy alternatives through the Tennessee Valley Authority's Green Power Switch program, which promotes converting 10 percent of existing campus energy source to renewable sources like wind and solar power.

Last Friday, the Student Government Association counted the votes. When all the votes were counted — 691 total — 581 were in favor of the initiative.

Members of the election board motioned to ratify the renewable energy initiative, which means that the board formally gave approval for the initiative's vote.

According to the SOARE Green Bill, 100 percent of APSU's electricity source comes from burning coal, a non-renewable fossil-fuel notorious for its heavy contribution to carbon dioxide emissions.

The estimated cost of campus energy has reached \$1.5 billion. Jessica Cameron, president of SOARE, thinks the environmental problems are an issue around Clarksville.

Cameron said that Clarksville lacks a conducive recycling and renewable energy program.

SOARE encourages APSU to make immediate changes in campus energy usage. Other Tennessee campuses have adopted renewable energy sources.

Diesel vehicles at University of Tennessee at Knoxville are utilizing biodiesel, a source of fuel derived from left-over cooking oil from the campus food service. SOARE hopes to use this source of bioenergy in the future.

SGA senator Chris Drew said the energy problem is not just an isolated cause. "People think that coal is renewable, whereas coal is finite," Drew said.

The SOARE Web site also educates others about ways students can help minimize energy usage.

Installation of solar panels and energy-efficient lighting are among many changes that are possible in the near future. "Students are major contributors to the energy usage," Drew said.

Cameron pushes for students to be aware of energy-efficient changes. Cost is a large, environmental factor when making these lifestyle changes. "The initial price is large, but people don't see the payoff," Cameron said.

When Fall 2007 arrives, smaller, but effective changes will be made on the APSU campus. "Visible changes [to the campus] will not be immediate, but gradual," Cameron said.



Ronald Eyer joins in the SOARE celebration which took place last Friday. According to SGA, money will be allocated by a committee of seven.

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The Alliance to Save Energy Web site gives tips on no-cost ways to save energy. Only using necessary appliances and utilizing natural sunlight are ways to lower energy costs.. Cameron also suggests turning off unused appliances plugged into outlets. "Energy is stored when [appliances] are plugged in. That is why our televisions come on so quickly," she said.

Plans for new energy-efficiency are tentative. According to SGA legislation Resolution No. 7, the student vote results will be brought to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

A committee of seven will be in charge of the energy-efficient choices. The committee will include representatives from faculty, students, finance and administration, Physical Plant and SGA. The committee will re-evaluate the legislation annually. "The committee is not going to waste money. Everyone has a say in this," Drew said.

Coal-fired power plants in Tennessee are some of the oldest in the nation. In 2001, Tennessee coal power plants released 2,420 pounds of mercury, a neurotoxin. ♦

Iran needs to work through 'nuclear case' before UN considers calling off sanctions

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday it needs time to review a plan proposed by the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency that calls for holding off on imposing U.N. Security Council sanctions if Tehran suspends uranium enrichment.

The International Atomic Energy Agency chief, Mohamed ElBaradei, proposed the simultaneous time-out plan during the World Economic Forum in Switzerland in an effort to end the standoff between the West and Iran over the Islamic republic's suspect nuclear program.

"Time should be allocated to see if the plan has the capacity to solve the (nuclear) case," Ali Larijani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, told reporters during a joint news conference with Russia's national security adviser, Igor Ivanov. He did not elaborate.

The Security Council last month voted unanimously to impose limited sanctions on Iran after it ignored demands to halt enrichment. Iran faces the prospect of additional sanctions unless it stops enrichment within a 60-day period that ends next month.

While Iran says its nuclear program has the sole purpose of using atomic power to generate electricity, the U.S. and its allies believe Tehran is secretly developing atomic weapons in violation of treaty commitments.

Ivanov expressed optimism the dispute can be resolved if both sides agree to ElBaradei's proposal. The situation of Iran's nuclear case is critical. Reducing its intensity is our aim," Ivanov said.

"We are currently discussing to remove obstacles from the way of negotiations. All sides should show flexibility and avoid statements that worsen the situation."

Iranian state-run radio said earlier Sunday that Tehran wants Moscow to help mediate the standoff, saying Tehran's leaders are looking to Russia for "new proposals, such as enrichment of uranium on Russian soil."

The Kremlin proposed last year that Iran move its uranium enrichment work to Russian territory, where it could be better monitored to alleviate international suspicions.

Enrichment can produce material usable both as fuel for electricity-generating nuclear reactors and for atomic bombs.

Iranian leaders had said they were interested in the idea, but nothing ever came of it as oil-rich Iran insisted its nuclear project is intended only to produce reactor fuel.

State radio also said Russia pledged to complete Iran's Bushehr nuclear power station on schedule this year.

Russia last year agreed to ship fuel to Bushehr by this March and start up the facility in September, with electricity generation to start by November.

As a U.N. Security Council permanent member, Russia last month forced the body to water down proposed punitive measures that would have imposed curbs on the Bushehr project. But the Kremlin then supported limited sanctions against Iran over its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment.

Ivanov's visit came as Iranian officials issued contradictory statements about progress on expanding enrichment facilities at the Natanz nuclear facility by installing 3,000 centrifuges, which spin uranium gas into enriched material.

Mohammad Saeedi, deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said Sunday that Iran was continuing its nuclear activity according to schedule.

"If we begin to install centrifuges we will publicly announce it," Saeedi said.

Earlier, Hossein Simorgh, spokesman for the Iranian nuclear agency's public relations department, also said new centrifuges had not been installed at Natanz, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Those remarks appeared to contradict lawmaker Alaeddin Boroujerdi, who said Saturday that Iran was currently installing the 3,000 centrifuges.

The IAEA had no comment on the Iranian statements, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said Sunday.

El Baradei said recently he believed Iran planned to begin work in February on an underground facility to hold uranium enrichment equipment.

A senior U.S. State Department official warned Iran on Friday against accelerating its atomic program. "If Iran takes this step, it is going to confront universal international opposition," Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said.

"If they think they can get away with 3,000 centrifuges without another Security Council resolution and additional international pressure, then they are very badly mistaken."

For now, the only known assembled centrifuge operations in Iran consist of two linked chains of 164 machines each and two smaller setups. ♦

Faculty senate begins year

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
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In its first meeting of the new year, the Austin Peay State University faculty senate discussed the developmental studies redesign initiative currently being looked at by the Tennessee Board of Regents and a new academic advising assessment, in addition to hearing reports from council meetings.

APSU hosts

President Sherry Hoppe followed up on previous meetings' news, announcing that APSU plans to host two governor's schools on campus this summer, one in physics and one in homeland security.

The university has been in contact with Senator Bill Frist and will hopefully have 20 to 40 Sudanese men and women attending next fall.

Titans return

APSU is once again in contact with the Tennessee Titans discussing possible arrangements for this summer's training camp. Hoppe said that the university is hopeful of the team's return, with a possible year-long contract, which would mean three weeks of camp at APSU.

The Titans were at APSU for two weeks last summer.

DSP revised

Provost Bruce Speck gave his report on the TBR's plans for

Free tax filing eases toll on public

By TINEA PAYNE
Staff Writer

It's tax filing season once again — that hectic time of the year when competitors fight for business.

There are several methods to follow in completing yearly tax responsibilities.

Hassan Said, professor of business, instructs an income tax accounting course at Austin Peay State University. The course is two semesters and is open to all accounting majors.

The accounting department also offers tax filing to the general public through the Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance Program (VITA).

According to the IRS Web site, VITA offers tax help to low and moderate income individuals who are unable pay the costs of filing taxes.

"Anyone with low income, no business or investments, can file," Said said.

Tax filing, through the accounting department, is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

"The students, generally seniors, will do the taxes," he said.

Tax filing is offered for tax paying individuals with incomes ranging \$30,000 per year or less. According to

Said, higher incomes can be filed as well, depending on exemptions and dependencies.

Students who perform the tax filing are certified by the IRS and have completed two semesters in the tax filing course.

Bring to VITA locations:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security card(s)
- Birth date
- Current year's tax package, if you received one
- W-2

- Copy of last year's federal and state returns (if available)
- Bank routing and account numbers (for direct deposit)

Tax offices

Generally, Americans who own homes and have other collateral rely on Certified Personal Accountants to file their taxes.

Many people recommend going to a tax office or CPA to file for taxes. This is due to complicated tax information and specific household

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situations.

Tiffany Knight, professor of health and human performance, relies on a CPA to file her taxes because she has a more complex tax situation than most students.

“My husband and I have a personal accountant. My husband owns two companies so we have to file a couple times per year,” Knight said. She recommends hiring a CPA in tax situations involving business, mortgage and other situations common of high income households.

Many tax offices are now offering ways to receive money faster. These early refunds can be received without a W-2, as long as the filer has a recent check stub and photo ID.

Jackson Hewitt Tax Services is promoting its Money Now Loan until Jan. 26. According to the Jackson Hewitt Web site, customers can apply to receive fast cash without a W-2 based on the customer’s anticipated refund.

E-filing taxes

The convenience of going to a Web site and filing taxes, rather than driving to a business location and waiting in line, is becoming the norm as major tax firms extend their services to the Web. Several tax firms offer this method. H&R Block and Jackson Hewitt are among several popular tax firms that now offer their services through online software. Both H&R Block and Jackson Hewitt Web sites say that the online version of their respective tax offices is the most accurate for calculating taxes.

Tax filing software can also be purchased in retail stores. Programs such as TurboTax, Quicken and Microsoft Money are among the many. TaxCut, tax filing software by H&R Block, is available both online and in stores.

Aaron Harrell, 23, education major, files his taxes online with TurboTax. According to the TurboTax Web site, TurboTax Online allows customers to select their preferred service (i.e. Basic, Deluxe, etc.) and the systematic guide makes it easy for customers to fill-in-the-blank using their W-2 information.♦

Fast filing facts

HR Block

- Instant Money Advance Loan (until Jan. 31)
- No need to wait for W-2
- Up to \$2,500 dollars instantly
- Only requires most recent paycheck stub & Personal ID
- TaxCut Online
- Online tax filing
- Cost :**
- \$9.95- Basic
- \$19.95- Premium
- \$39.95- Premium + State Refund
- Only pay when you’ve filed
- Free e-File included with purchase

TaxCut Software

- Cost:**
- Premium (download) - \$19.95
- Home & Business CD - \$79.95
- Other Features**
- 156 Locations in Clarksville
- Offers Tax Filing Courses in English and Spanish
- TaxCut Online EZ (for those filing 1040EZ)
- Worry-Free Audit Support
- Offered to H&R e-filers
- Makes sure one is covered in case the IRS questions one’s tax return
- Maximum Refund Guarantee (effective Jan 2007)
- If H&R Block fails to give the maximum refund possible, the tax preparation fee will be refunded

Jackson Hewitt

- Money Now Loan (thru January 26th)
- No need for W-2 until after its received
- Fees deducted from loan proceeds
- iPower Cash Card
- Prepaid MasterCard
- Eliminates the need for a bank account
- Loan refund loaded on card
- Several fees & stipulations apply
- Year-Round Service at All Locations
- Audit Assistance
- Free Copies of your Tax Return
- Amended Returns
- If a filer finds documentation that you think may result in your ability to claim a larger refund after your taxes were filed this year, last year, or the year before, they will amend your return (fees apply)
- Refer-A-Friend Program**
- Get paid for every person you refer to Jackson Hewitt
- Free electronic filing
- 10 Office locations in Clarksville

Helpful Web sites

- H & R Block: www.hrblock.com
- Jackson Hewitt: www.jacksonhewitt.com
- Turbo Tax: www.turbotax.com

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Scholarship raffle

The APSU Foundation is sponsoring a raffle drawing at the Feb. 24 basketball game against Morehead State. The game will take place in the Dunn Center. Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will receive a 2007 MX-5 Miata. For more information or to purchase tickets call 221-7127 or go to www.apsu.edu. Some rules apply.

Latino dance classes

The Hispanic Cultural Center and University Recreation are co-sponsoring Latin dance classes. Lessons are free and begin today, lasting from 3-3:45 p.m. every Wednesday. The lessons will take place in the new Rec Center Studio B, in Room 215.

Etiquette lunch

Have you ever wondered how to eat food in a formal or business setting? Student Life and Leadership is going to show you. The lunch will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 6 in the University Center ballroom.

AIDS Awareness Week

Events to raise awareness will kick off on Feb. 4 and continue through Feb. 8. The week of awareness continues through until Feb. 10. For more information contact Kelvin Pollard or Beulah Oldham in Disability Services at 221-6230.

‘Saw 3’

The Gobs Programming Council is hosting a showing of the movie “Saw 3” for Friday Nite Movie at 8 p.m. Feb. 6 in Clement Auditorium. Free pizza and drinks will be offered before the movie.

Faculty senate: Changes ahead

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revising the developmental studies programs.

TBR is currently discussing ways to change high school and college requirements so that the credits students are admitted to college with are actually the credits and classes they will need in order to succeed in a competitive college environment.

Currently, potential freshmen only need three years of math and two years of a foreign language to be admitted.

What is not specified, however, is the level of math courses a student must take.

This leaves colleges the job of preparing students for classes they

should have prepared for in high school.

In addition, the new program may allow for acceptance of different foreign languages.

This would allow military students to be accepted with such languages as Arabic and Vietnamese, languages they would have received during training.

The new act is still being discussed by TBR, and for APSU, would offer much needed help and flexibility for APSU.

New Software

Speak also brought up the possibility of APSU changing to a new software program, known as Desire To Learn.

The program would run similar

applications as Blackboard.

The cost of the program would be a \$145 thousand dollars a year, versus \$30,000 dollars a year.

Desire to Learn would replace Blackboard.

E-Dossiers

Faculty senate President John Foote discussed a new federal regulation requiring all faculty to store any electronic documents that could be relevant to litigation the university may face.

In order to see that this is taken care of, APSU is setting up a Record Retention Task Force that would assist faculty in making sure that documents are kept in electronic form and are readily available.♦

World Briefs

Ghana, not Sudan, chosen to head African Union bloc

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) - The African Union chose Ghana to head the 53-member bloc Monday, turning aside Sudan’s bid for the second year in a row because of the worsening bloodshed in Darfur.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had opened the summit with a call on African leaders to end the deadlock created by Sudan’s refusal to allow U.N. peacekeepers into the violence-wracked region in western Sudan.

Ban later said he and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir agreed “to accelerate joint African Union-United Nations efforts for the political process and the preparation for a peacekeeping mission.”

Late Monday in Khartoum, Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Sadiq said his country had agreed to cooperate on a “hybrid force” for Darfur, including U.N. troops, although final figures were not set.

Al-Bashir has opposed a U.N. Security Council resolution that calls for some 22,000 U.N. peacekeepers to replace or absorb an African force. The AU has 7,000 peacekeepers struggling to end the fighting.

Sudan came under criticism from Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu, and an aid group said it was pulling out of Darfur because it was unsafe.

Sudanese leaders were adamant that they deserved the rotating chairmanship, but international organizations opposed it, accusing the Sudanese government of taking part in the conflict in Darfur. Rebel leaders in the Sudanese region have said they would stop considering the AU peacekeeping mission as an honest broker there if Sudan was selected.

“By consensus vote, President (John) Kufuor of Ghana has been elected to the presidency of the African Union,” Alpha Oumar Konare, the AU’s chief executive, told reporters in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

Sudan had pushed to obtain the post at last year’s summit, which it hosted, but African leaders selected Republic of Congo’s president in a compromise deal in which he would hold it for a year and then hand it over to al-Bashir. But the deal hinged on Sudan demonstrating progress in bringing peace to Darfur. Instead of calming, Darfur’s violence in recent months has spilled into neighboring Chad and Central African Republic.

“African heads of states will have to stick to their word,” Sadiq had said Sunday, insisting that al-Bashir should have the post.

More than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced in Darfur since rebels took up arms against the central government in 2003.

Sudan’s government is accused of retaliating indiscriminately against civilians and supporting janjaweed paramilitary groups blamed for some of the worst atrocities in the conflict. Sudan’s government

denies the allegations.

The Sudanese government signed a peace agreement with one Darfur rebel faction in May, but violence has worsened.

Sudan and Chad also have been trading accusations of supporting each other’s rebel groups.

In a keynote speech, Ban pressed for U.N. peacekeepers for Darfur and called for aid workers to be allowed to operate in Darfur, as humanitarian agencies said their operations are on the brink of collapse.

Ban, on his first visit to Africa since taking over from Kofi Annan on Jan. 1, held talks later Monday with al-Bashir for about 90 minutes that were “useful and constructive,” according to a statement released at the U.N.

“We agreed to accelerate joint African Union-United Nations efforts for the political process and the preparation for a peacekeeping mission, based on the Abuja and Addis Ababa agreements. He (al-Bashir) reiterated his government’s commitment to implement these agreements.”

Sadiq, the Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesman, told The Associated Press: “What has come to be known as the hybrid force has been agreed on by all parties, including Sudan.”

He said no final agreement on the troop numbers had been reached, although AU and U.N. officials say the U.N. could be sending as many as 10,000 to 15,000. Sadiq said U.N. troops could begin deploying in July.

Sudan has in the past reneged on agreements to allow the U.N. in, and al-Bashir — who has the final say on such matters — was not immediately available for comment.

Ban’s statement also said he expressed his “deep concerns over the continuing violence and deteriorating human right situation in Darfur, which afflicts millions of people.”

“I urged President al-Bashir, as I urge all parties, to cease hostilities, as an essential foundation for a successful peace process, and humanitarian access,” Ban said.

Al-Bashir agreed “to facilitate such access, and expressed willingness to cooperate with international efforts toward that end,” the U.N. chief said.

Ban also said he would send his special envoy, Jan Eliasson, and AU envoy Salim A. Salim to the region in February.

Tutu said in a statement released in South Africa that the Sudanese government and other parties to the conflict “treat the AU peace monitors with contempt.”

“And time and again, they fail to comply with the promises they make to stop the killing,” Tutu said.

“What is needed is an immediate cease-fire, a strengthened force with U.N. troops, and a robust mandate to protect the innocent. But while discussions drag on, people are dying.” ♦



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A view of the Wolf Creek Dam near Jamestown, Ky., is shown in this Feb. 15, 2006, file photo. Worried about a potential dam break that could cause catastrophic flooding in portions of Kentucky and Tennessee, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began lowering the water level on Lake Cumberland last week. The move is part of “emergency measures” intended to reduce pressure on the weakened Wolf Creek Dam, said Lt. Col. Steven J. Roemhildt, commander of the Corps of Engineers’ Nashville office.

Wolf Creek Dam could burst, flooding cities through Nashville

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Managing Editor

Wolf Creek Dam has been leaking for decades, however until recently nothing was done to combat the problem. The dam holds back water from Lake Cumberland – the ninth largest reservoir in the U.S. – and is 5,736 long and 258 feet high.

The possibility of flooding has increased recently and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently attempting to fix the seepage by plugging the leaking spots.

“There is a 15 percent chance of catastrophic failure,” according to Sgt. Charlie Struckel, crime prevention officer.

Struckel sits on the North Middle Tenn. 7th District Homeland Security Board along with Austin Peay State University police chief Lantz Biles.

“Everything for best and worst case scenarios are being looked at,” Struckel said.

If the dam does burst, there is nothing that can be done to stop the water. However, it would take two to two and a half weeks for total flooding to occur. There is a warning system in place to notify people if they are in danger. There will be a reverse 911 call made to

residents in the flood zone. The warning system is organized in three layers: Red means that the water has risen to 385 feet, blue means the water level is at 400 feet and green, which is the worst, means that the water level has reached 415 feet and sever flooding has occurred.

Construction on a new wall is under way, but the job will take eight years to complete. The new wall will be built in front of the old wall. The depth of the two walls will not be the same. The new wall is actually shorter than the old wall, as it is not at the peak of the hill.

Hazard analysis

If the dam were to break, the damage would be tremendous; the following is a general analysis of what would happen.

- 37,540: Number of Clarksville citizens that would be affected.
- 2,406: Total number of Clarksville residences that would be affected.
- 3,715: Total Clarksville properties that would be affected.
- \$398,363,300: Total loss estimate
- \$235,034,347: Total building and contents damage.
- Floodwaters would surpass the tops of houses on Riverside Drive.
- APSU would be safe because the hill between campus and Riverside is so steep. ♦

YoungLife is

Coming to Clarksville!

If you have been a YoungLife leader before or were involved in YoungLife in High School and are interested in becoming a YoungLife leader, call Casey Combs at 931-206-6863 or email caseyjcombs@yahoo.com

OUR TAKE

The All State returns from adventures of Alabama

You may have heard about us — we're kind of a big deal.

Recently, *The All State* attended the "2006 Best of the South Competition" hosted by the Southeast Journalism Conference, and yes, Austin Peay State University cleaned house.

Awards were not only restricted to student publications, but the prestigious award of being named the "Outstanding Journalism Educator" was given as well. This honor went to professor Ellen W. Kanervo.

The All State was well represented across the board. A.J. Dugger, Kasey Henricks and Michael Young all received honors for noteworthy writing. Lois Jones was distinguished for her excellence in photography and Mandy Rogers was commended for her newspaper page design by placing first in the "Best of the South" onsite competition.

The top honor, in terms of *The All State*, came as the winners for "Best College Newspaper" were mentioned. APSU's student newspaper did not receive top honors ... yet. But *The All State* did

receive the South's third best. Sorry Peay fans.

Fear not, though. We learned a lot from the conference and will be sure to apply our newly found knowledge to moving up on that list. Next year we're predicting a sweep.

Any success given to *The All State* can be attributed to everyone involved ranging from the readers to APSU administration. We give everyone our thanks.

Though *The All State's* standing today is due to a collective effort, much credit should be devoted to two people who exceeded the demands of our publication. Without the inspiring dedication of former editor-in-chief Natalie Gilmore and previous adviser Kristy Galbraith, the works of the paper would just not be the same.

Any achievement would not have been possible if it were not for these incredible leaders.

Enough praise cannot be given. *The All State* is only successful because its supporters have made it successful. Thanks. ♦



BY MELINA PEAVY

YOUR TAKE

Feel like addressing a topic or voicing an opinion? Write us and let the campus read "Your Take."

Provide your full name, class and major with your submission.

Send your views and opinions to allstateopinions@apsu.edu

The All State reserves the right to reject inappropriate or libelous statements. With that in mind, don't hold back.

College education hinders MySpace priorities

Got an essay due in 10 minutes? Check. Is your printer malfunctioning? Check. Do you need to bolt to Woodward Library? Double check. Now that you're at the library, have the other students already taken all the computers? Hell, yes! Are half of them on MySpace and Facebook? Absolutely.

The social networking phenomena of sites like News Corp's MySpace and Facebook are finding their way into places where they have no business, like Austin Peay State University's computer labs. Granted, Facebook is a networking site

for students but is not crucial in academic performance. The bottom line is that these networking sites should be trafficked on personal computers and not those harbored within university buildings.

The reason is the lack of relevance these sites have with college life. Students aren't on MySpace and Facebook for academic reasons. They're on it to socialize and therefore should do so during their own time on their own computers.

Too often are Woodward Library and the other computer labs congested with students, half of which are on those sites. And too many times is this the case when students with real scholastic agendas are forced to wait because of it.

Students, specifically those attending APSU, are given both e-mail and Blackboard accounts. This provides the

means to coordinate with other students and nullifies any academic necessity for MySpace and similar sites. With this in mind, would it seem unreasonable if the computer labs restricted internet access to sites like MySpace or Xanga? Theoretically this action would increase productivity among the student population.

Of course there are those who think in opposition of this theory and that's fine. But I still think that I make a sound argument. The computer labs on campus are provided by the college for students to do their work and not to score a hot date for the weekend. Those who reaffirm friendships and keep in touch with distant friends can do so when they're at home and not in a computer lab where students actually have important work to do.

Honestly. What academic value do these sites have? I'm sure some of you are searching Wikipedia right now, so let's consider this question rhetorical.

MySpace and its companion sites are a waste of time and they merely help to instill the lazy lifestyle of America. People used to organize their contacts the old-fashioned way: with a Rolodex.

Using MySpace to keep track of friends is like using a coffee mug with a motorized stirrer to mix in creamer and sugar. How lazy do people have to be to forsake the burdens of a spoon?

But regardless of whether networking sites merely assist its members while belittling the value of their friendships, APSU nor any other college should accommodate these sites.

Anyone who interferes with someone else's academic work by trafficking networking sites should have their collegiate privates bashed with a hammer or the civil equivalent. Maybe I'm overreacting on that part. ♦

Jane Fonda, friends protest Iraq War, Bush's 'Surge' plan

The mere mention of Ms. Jane Fonda's name to many Vietnam Vets, especially those that seem to ride a Harley Hog, is enough to make them forget that her brother, Peter, once made a really cool motorcycle movie with a guy named Hopper a long time ago. In fact, Jane, not Peter's glossy photo, once graced many seedy bars across America. Not her "Barbarella" movie

promo pics mind you, but as in an Osama Bin Laden "Wanted Dead (mostly) or Alive" photo.

She received more death threats in the 1970s than the guy who moved the Baltimore (now Indianapolis) Colts away from their beloved fans in the middle of a night. Why all the residual venom against Jane and why is she back in the news, when to my knowledge, she's pretty much quit the movie biz? Why, indeed?

At the height of the very unpopular and largely mismanaged war in Vietnam, Jane Fonda, long before she became an aerobics video workout queen and even before she was Mrs. Ted "I-own-most-of-the-world" Turner's wife (for awhile, at least) was simply known as "Hanoi Jane." She earned this insidious opprobrium, that's nasty nickname for all of you keeping score out there, because she had the audacity (treason?) to sit on top of a North Vietnamese tank and cavort with the enemy, all in the name of constitutionally protected free speech and protest movement.

While she eventually survived legal troubles, incredibly negative press and word of mouth animosity for such high profile "expression," she has since avoided such star-studded celebrity war protest actions for over 30 years. Until now.

Claiming that she can be silent no more, Ms. Fonda joined her Hollywood compatriots like Sean "Bad Boy" Penn, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins and Martin "Mr. President" Sheen in protest marches and recent rallies against the Iraq War and President Bush's "Surge" plan, on the East and "Left" Coasts. Perhaps buoyed by Mr. Bush's plummeting job approval ratings, hovering around 34 percent (Nixon was at about 26 percent right before he resigned and shortly after he stated that "I am not a crook") and with that "Latte Liberal," aka, Nancy Pelosi now installed as Madame Speaker of the House, opponents of the Iraq war appear more emboldened as ever to force either an immediate end to the operation or a promise of a clear timetable for troop withdrawal. Both of which have drawn Dubya's public and personal ire, as he has loudly reiterated that he, as the commander in chief, and not the Congress, is the "decision-maker" when it comes to war.

Of course, the constitutional framers imbued the U.S. Constitution with divided powers in this crucial area, largely to ensure that neither branch, the

executive nor the legislative could simply dominate policymaking with impunity. No matter how just one's cause was thought to be, or what was thought to be hanging in the balance, the two branches simply had to work together for the good of the people. The chief executive gets to be the civilian head of the armed forces, the Congress writes (or withholds) the checks to pay for the war. That is the theory at least.

Now, with the Democratic Party in control of the House and Senate the simple, yet profound genius of our Constitution will again be tested within the crucible of a determined president, a divided nation, an opposition party and an unpopular war. And Hanoi Jane.

I think I see Mr. Karl Rove smiling somewhere as he probably envisions splicing visuals of Ms. Fonda on a North Vietnamese tank alongside more heroic shots of likely Republican presidential candidate, former Mayor of NYC, Rudy Giuliani during the 9/11 crisis. All set to somber music and even more somber voice-overs (James Earl Jones would be my pick) and run as an attack ad against opponents of this war during the Super Bowl.

Perhaps just for Tennessee he could even hire a playboy bunny "type" model who could invite viewers to "give her a call" if they support Dubya. Hey, such an ad may not get the laughs that Peyton Manning's ads get but it sure would be more politically "mooooving." Sorry. Truly.

Meanwhile, the Democratic presidential hopefuls (and really, who isn't running for President at this point?), are joining Hanoi Jane and Leo DiCaprio in calling the Bush Plan in Iraq "irresponsible," "unrealistic" and in Sen. Joe Biden's words (yep, he's probably running too) such a plan "emboldens the enemy."

Hillary (like Cher or Madonna, is now a first name only celebrity) spent time in Iowa (must be a presidential campaign!) badmouthing the president and auditioning possible sound-bites and slogans. Even the U.S. military is polling about 50 percent for and 50 percent against continued operations in Iraq.

Perhaps the only people in America that seemingly remain steadfast in their unswerving commitment to continued and even long-term military presence in Iraq are Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney. Certainly, presidents in our history have at times known "Leadership Loneliness" in doing what ultimately was right for the country.

Lincoln with the Civil War and the abolition of slavery. FDR with a full commitment to WWII. Bill Clinton in his drive against serial monogamy in the White House. On second thought, two out of three ain't bad.

Perhaps the Bush Administration can still snatch victory from the car-bombed jaws of defeat. Stranger political and military events have occurred.

It's just that, ultimately, any sighting of Hanoi Jane at a protest march can't be a good sign for anyone. And if you drop her name at your local tavern anytime soon, well, let's just say you've been properly warned. But that Peter, still a pretty cool dude. Wonder what he thinks of the Iraq war? ♦

United States of America.

The people of this nation need to have the sole right to declare war on others as they see fit. Recent events in both the technological and political arenas have proven the need for this change. Each time a new president is elected, we put the power to destroy the earth 50 times moreover at his or her fingertips. There are no constitutional guidelines for the appropriate use of these thermonuclear weapons if in deed they ever will be appropriate. Even the limited use of these weapons could bring about world destruction. Current estimates put the amount of thermonuclear warheads at 15,000. Some experts believe as little as 25 to 50 nuclear detonations on the surface are all that is needed to bring about a nuclear winter and create the next mass extinction, of which will include humans.

With these awesome powers comes phenomenal responsibility. Since our tax dollars bought these weapons and our government has control of them, the people of the United States have the responsibility to oversee that there is no improper use by any one branch of the government. Also, since our military is one of the

most technologically advanced in the world, capable of implementing its own form of mass destruction, it is our responsibility to insure our military is not misused. We must close the loopholes that allowed Vietnam and other "undeclared wars."

The constructors of our system of government carefully considered the question of who should have the right to declare war. At that time many believed everyday citizens were too hotheaded and uneducated to make such an important decision. They also believed one man (the president) should not have the power to declare war alone because he might have personal reasons for going to war that were not in the best interest of the nation. Therefore, it was decided that only Congress should have the right to declare war.

A bipartisan Congress voted overwhelmingly to go to war against Iraq. Fear justified making this important decision based on fuzzy pictures of buildings and vehicles. Some independent reports have estimated as many as 100,000 casualties in Iraq to date were unarmed children under the age of 14. Our actions in Iraq may have

also doubled or tripled the number of terrorist in the world, not reduced them. This irresponsible misuse of our military has left us in a vulnerable position.

Russia is slowly rebuilding its military forces with their own stronger capitalist dollars and China has developed the technology to destroy our satellites, both civilian and military. In as little as three hours from the time they fire the first missile, our nation would be crippled and our military in total disarray.

It is essential the people of the United States start taking our military power seriously. We can no longer afford to delegate that power to a few individuals. We need to change the United States Constitution to reflect this.

Before the United States could declare war, a public referendum requiring a two-thirds majority vote should be passed and we need to add amendments that close the loopholes in the laws allowing president's wars. With today's technology and real world political threats, it is time "We the People," stand up and take the responsibility for the use of the destructive powers we have created. ♦

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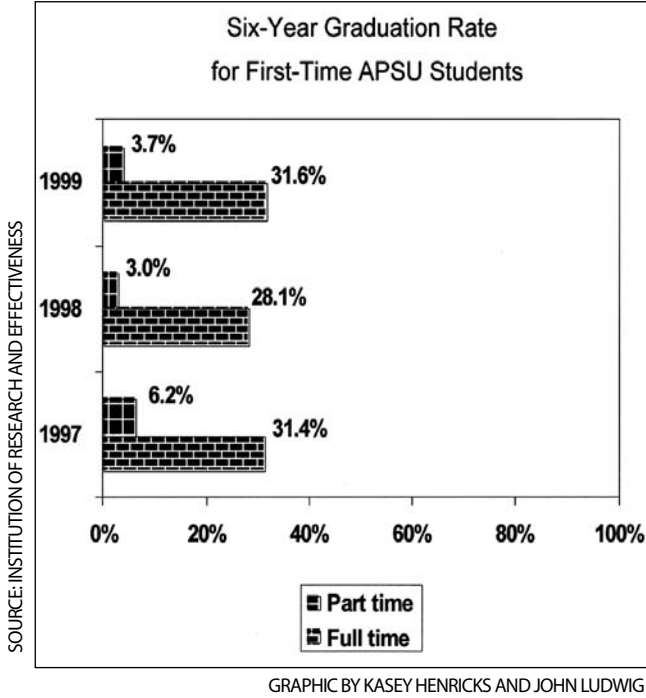
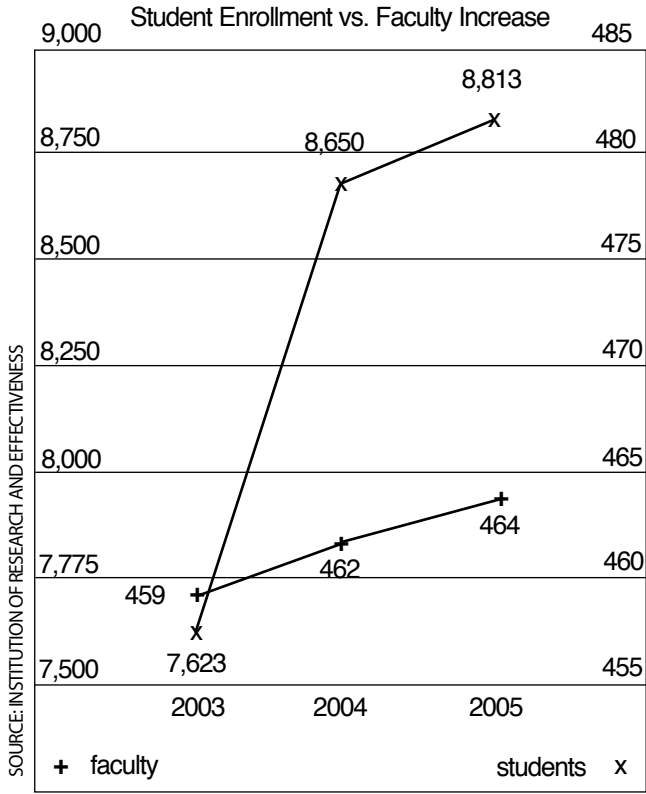
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Quantity does not equal quality



THE ISSUE

Education.

WHY IT MATTERS

Change begins by decolonizing the mind from the traditional ways of thought. Think outside the box.

WHAT'S NEXT

"Don't let the schooling get in the way of your education."

— Samuel Clemens

Has Austin Peay State University lost sight of its priorities? Because of great emphasis on the sheer size of enrollment, the university has become disconnected from the individuals who make up the student body. Part of the reason for this disconnection is the school tends to view students as numbers, rather than persons. APSU carries the description of being "Tennessee's fastest-growing university," but this label should not be the only aspect



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Kasey Henricks

meriting praise. After all, quantity is not quality. Record numbers do not necessarily translate into success or good standing. Many of APSU's high administrative officials are fond of mentioning the student enrollment as being some kind of noteworthy accomplishment, but do not be fooled. Large enrollment numbers yield a false impression when compared with equally important figures, such as: retention rates, graduation trends and student increase compared with faculty increase. When these numbers are viewed in context, a more realistic understanding of the condition of APSU's community becomes clear.

According to the most current data provided by the Institutional Research and Effectiveness Department, faculty employment increased by five instructors from Fall 2003 to Fall 2005. In contrast to the faculty increase, student enrollment surged by 1,190 along the same timeline. How proportionate is five instructors in relation to 1,190 students? This growth translates into a ratio of one new professor for every 238 new students. If APSU is to have sustainable growth that is free of adverse effects, the increase in student enrollment must be matched by its investment in instructors. Currently, the two are far from balanced. Many negative effects stem from this "bigger is better" mentality. The escalation of students without the appropriate investment in faculty shortchanges the classroom experience. The low quality of high quantity is evident as increased numbers translate into more course offerings and larger classes. Instructors and students suffer in such an environment. Stresses are added to the workload of each instructor which inevitably degenerate the classroom experience. Stretching expectations of faculty performance is bound to negatively impact their capacity to do their jobs well. The depth of the material covered may be restricted by the huge class size alone. Such an environment fosters a divide between instructors and students. Instructors become consumed with the workload and students grow indifferent as a result of minimal participation and interaction during class sessions. This growing problem of student-to-teacher ratio does not foreshadow a favorable direction for the already dismal retention rates and graduation trends. So bigger is not better — in our case, bigger is worse.

What is the point of recruiting such large numbers if APSU cannot keep them attending school? If the university wants to retain students, it's going to have to rise above being "Tennessee's fastest-growing university." Just look at the most current data. Less than two-thirds of full-time, first-year students will return after

their first year, while a disturbing 24.6 percent of part-time, first-year students return after their first year. The issue of student retention deserves collective discussion among the APSU community. Involving the administration, faculty, students and community under a think-tank could serve as means to better address the problem.

"As a public institution, APSU has certain obligations to the public — its student, faculty and the greater Clarksville community. Instead of bombarding its public with high-powered advertising for higher enrollment, maybe APSU should consider changing the way it treats the people who allow it to exist."

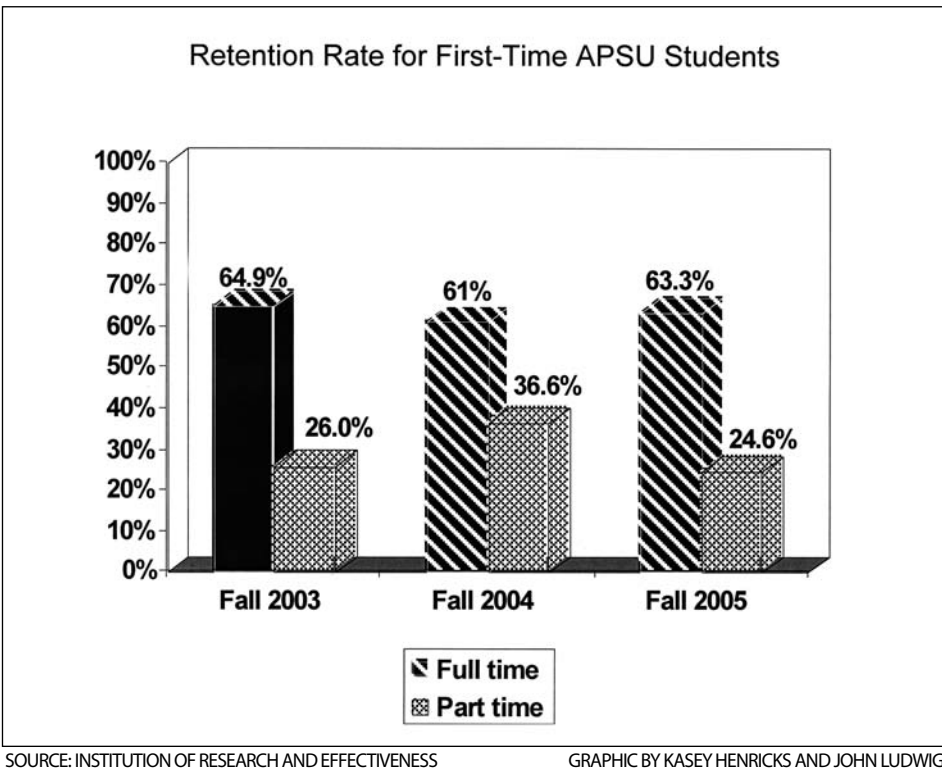
APSU's graduation rates are just as disappointing as its retention rates. The current graduation rate of full-time, first-year students is less than one-third — 31.6 percent. Part-time, first-year students fare even worse with a graduation rate of 3.7 percent. What kinds of implications do these numbers have? Questions must be asked, such as: Why do so few students choose to finish their education at APSU? Are these students transferring to other schools, or are they simply dropping out? What departments tend to put forth the most graduates from APSU? Undoubtedly, other questions can be explored, but the issue seems to highlight most vividly our current accomplishment as an institution (unintentional or not) — quantity instead of quality. With a lack of concern for the personal development of APSU students, the school will have little lasting effect on the career choices and accomplishments of its students, alumni and drop-outs, except perhaps for a lasting negative effect.

Success for APSU's students will not be found solely in the misleading label of "Tennessee's fastest-growing university." A holistic kind of honor will not be found until the school shifts its priorities. As a public institution, APSU has certain obligations to the public — its student, faculty and the greater Clarksville community. Instead of bombarding its public with high-powered advertising for higher enrollment, maybe APSU should consider changing the way it treats the people who allow it to exist. In the spirit of the Rev. Martin Luther King, let's see a move from a "thing-oriented" view of its public, to a "person-oriented" view, where students are seen as individuals with not only the potential, but the need to grow, learn, and change ... and graduate. ♦

Figures Needing Focus			
	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005
Retention Rate for First-Time APSU Students			
Full time	64.9%	61.0%	63.3%
Part time	26.0%	36.6%	24.6%
Six-Year Graduation Rate for First-Time APSU Students			
Full time	31.4%	28.1%	31.6%
Part time	6.2%	3.0%	3.7%

SOURCE: INSTITUTION OF RESEARCH AND EFFECTIVENESS

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Fundamental funk calls for radical redirection of course

This is off the cuff and a more detailed analysis will follow. Education is a major problem today. For those actually driven to attain a diploma with some substance behind it, there is a major problem to be addressed. Rarely is there room for devoting any time to our own personal passions and the things that we love. We get so caught up in the business (getting a job) and other empty pursuits of this life (sitting like a zombie through a class in which you have no interest) that we tend to neglect our passions

and subsequently our identities. Some might be content remaining in the academic environment for the rest of their life, but at times, school and all that it entails seems to distract us from the things that are really important.

Since education is the most crucial motivating force of progress, it is important to address the state of things in that regard. A liberal arts education should be well-rounded and should be demanded but we could propose ways in which we could generate more interest in essential areas of study. Please bear with this call for change. It will require a radical adjustment of thought.

Our accepted structural modes of education should not be so rigorously adhered to. The kind of learning that, personally, has been envisioned in the past is a bit too ideal, as I can tend to be sometimes. But it's time to reassess things.

First, let's change everything. We should set up the academic environment as designed by the student's course of direction. The student could design his or her own classes and do his or her projects, created simply based on what the focus of study desired happened to be. For instance, let's say that one wanted to create a course that takes an in-depth look at psychological motives behind the rise of activism in the 20th century. What class do you think would include an extensive look at that subject as things currently stand? I can't think of any. Maybe there are some in history or sociology but for the most part, college courses are not so specialized. This is what grad school is for. Still, why should we have to wait for grad school to study what we really want to?

That being said, the presence of the university environment is extremely important and should serve as a guiding element in the process of education. In this alternate reality we are imagining here, before a student could create a course, it would have to be approved by professors who were knowledgeable on the subject and any work that was done for it would need to be submitted for review, not grading. The work would be revised until it was acceptable. The mere completion of a project would be the incentive for doing well.

Consider how much more time for one, professors would have to pursue their own studies and how much more productive students could be if left to their own, self-imposed goals. How many times have you said, "Well I would be more willing to do this project if it were on (insert favorite subject here)," or "I would be much more willing to do this

assignment if Johnny and Jenny would only care enough to actually participate?"

So essentially, if students were allowed to design their own education they would benefit more from it, as would professors who would not waste meaningless time evaluating and critiquing work that the student could care less about. Instead, the professor would serve more as a mentor, one who was there to answer questions, assist with project logistics, etc.

Simply put, a lot of the extraneous nonsense we all know college is sometimes full of would no longer exist.

As for students who didn't care about learning and were just putting more of a strain on the system by wasting government money on four years of one long party, do you think that they would exist in a system such as this? No. They would be more inclined to stay out of the picture, because the very fact that they were responsible for every aspect of their learning would quickly eliminate a majority of those who were only in college to party. A new system like this would force students to either be committed to learn or else force them to ask "Why the hell am I even here?" If the student didn't produce results the first semester, he or she would have to leave college until he or she could return and produce results.

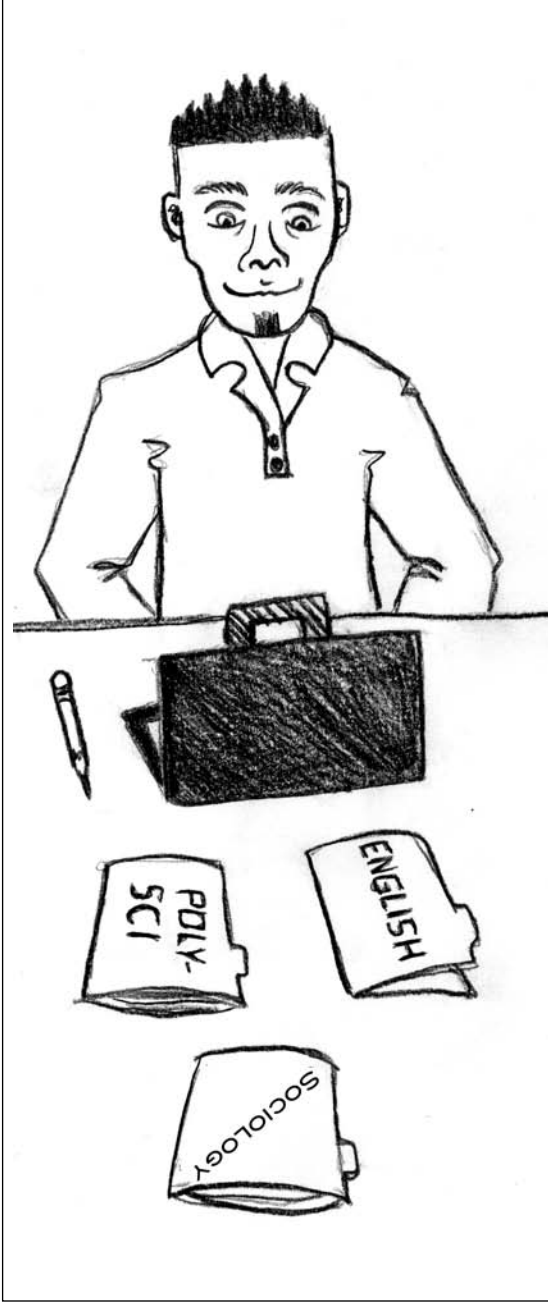
As for my first statement, an education model like this would be more catering to the pursuit of people's passions. This ultimately would make for better work produced. Further, work produced would be projects that people actually cared about.

If I had a vote, I would be making music right now. Since there are no courses in the kind of guitar I play however, it would require the study of guitar courses that were irrelevant to my direction. The point is watch "School of Rock." Okay not really, but that's nearly it. We need an education that we care about and we all care about different things. Eventually, if we could ever get the hang of this idea, it would produce much more of a return to our society than do the standardized drones we are pumping out now.

This could have numerous implications, which cannot even begin to be realized now.

Here's one: Consider the current need for more creative solutions to conflict abroad. What better way to go about setting up a creative society than having students direct their own course? For some there would be much more incentive to learn and do well if the current system were simply augmented. Some work well in the current mode so allow that as well. Have classroom settings for those interested, but make them harder to get into. Make a certain amount of work required before one is allowed to enter the classroom. Then make the classroom more of a discussion setting, a meeting time, if you will. In this way, a student has to work their way into the discussion setting. They have to earn their keep and display the diversity of his or her thought.

Of course this is all very utopian sounding but it gets very discouraging when school turns us away from life. What should happen is the reverse. Our lives should be reflected in our schooling. Put an end to standardized society. We are individuals, not copies. ♦



ART BY MELINA PEAVY

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This day in history

1990

First McDonald's opens in Soviet Union

The Soviet Union's first McDonald's fast food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throngs of people line up to pay the equivalent of several days' wages for Big Macs, shakes, and french fries. The appearance of this notorious symbol of capitalism and the enthusiastic reception it received from the Soviet people were signs that times were changing in the Soviet Union.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

gadabout \GAD-uh-bout\, noun:

Someone who roams about in search of amusement or social activity.

"She hugged him fiercely. 'Oh, I love you, Jake Grafton, you worthless gadabout fly-boy, you fool that sails away and leaves me.'"
— Jack Anderson, Control

"Teddy was a bon vivant and gadabout."
— Nadine Brozan, "Born in a Trunk: The Story of the Hornes", New York Times, June 20, 1986

"In his unorthodox and callow way, he frequently upset and annoyed his countrymen, but they continued to vote for him, perhaps taking a vicarious pleasure in being led by such a world-famous gadabout."
— "Milestones of 2000", Times (London), December 29, 2000

"Mr. Hart-Davis, as befits a professional literary man, is something of a gadabout."
— Daphne Merkin, "From Two Most English Men", New York Times, June 23, 1985

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Ken Shipley's ceramic creations celebrate the Chinese New Year.



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Each teapot is made to resemble a pig.

Teapot pigs fly to China

By HEATHER CLARK

Staff Writer

There are two things commonly associated with the land of China: A rich sense of history that spans thousands of years and tea.

An estimated 1.3 billion people now live in China and nearly every family owns a teapot. With such a demand, as well as the Chinese appreciation for hand-crafted pottery, the people of Shanghai have found a friend in Ken Shipley.

Austin Peay State University's assistant ceramics professor, along with his wife — and fellow artist — Melody, have been invited to return to Shanghai. Shanghai's Secretary-General of the Arts, Zhu Jian Zhong, personally extended the invitation to the Shipleys before Christmas break.

They are to participate in the Chinese New Year Celebration of the Year of the Pig. The Shipleys will bring with them several ceramic teapots each with a pig theme. Two will remain at the Shanghai Museum while the rest will be sold to private collectors.

This New Year's celebration will be quite an honoring experience. "Chinese New Year seems to be a larger, more profound celebration than what we have here," said Shipley. "Maybe it's that they are a much older country with a much longer history."

Making the occasion even more special is the fact that 2007 will be "the year of the Golden Pig," an event that occurs once every 600 years.

Five artists were selected to be part of this teapot exhibition, which opens Feb. 4.

In attendance at the opening will be China's vice president as well as the chairman of the president's advisory board.

Shipley and his wife also will be making presentations of their work at Fudan University and

have been invited to meet with government officials and business leaders, while in China.

Finishing off the trip will be tours of the Shanghai area and a trip to the city of YiXing, a place with a long tradition in ceramics, particularly the art of making teapots.

"It's the culture of the tea," explains Shipley. With China being a much older culture than what we in America are accustomed to, there is a different sense of art appreciation.

"We don't absorb art and let it be part of us. Rather, we hang it on the wall and observe it," Shipley said.

In China, especially in a ceramics hub like YiXing, art holds a more historic and economic value. It's an exciting time of year, in fact an exciting time of history, to be in China.

"Melody and I plan to thoroughly enjoy our experience in Shanghai," Shipley said.

Shipley is also working hard on giving APSU students an authentic taste of exposure to this historic and artistic culture of China.

He has plans to bring two Chinese artists and one Taiwanese artist to campus this April. Their visit would give students the opportunity to take part in ceramics symposiums and workshops while also getting hands-on experience in crafting and firing their own ceramic pieces.

Each day the Shipleys will lead students in the traditional making and drinking of tea. Upon Shipley's return Feb. 5, he plans to organize a chili sale fundraiser, complete with hand-crafted ceramic bowls that buyers can keep.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the upcoming events are encouraged to contact Ken Shipley by e-mail at shipleyk@apsu.edu or via telephone at 221-7325. ♦



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR

The handle on the teapot of this ceramic creation resembles a pig's face and a pig's manners.



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This handle is shaped as a pig's tail for Shipley's trip to China where he will exhibit his work in ceramics.



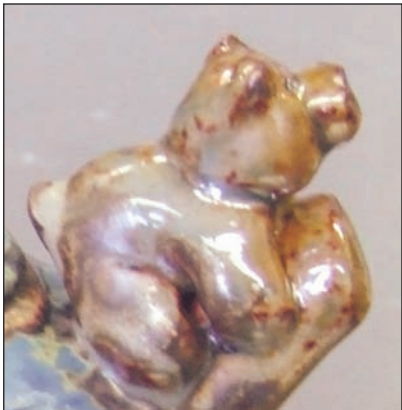
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This teapot is a bright and colorful shape of a pig with floppy ear handles and a pig's snout for the spout.



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR

This piece is a vibrant and striking teapot with a long spout and a pig as the top.



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR

A pig sits at the top of the spout of this teapot that might be displayed at a museum in Shanghai.



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR

This is the top and spout of a very bright and light-hearted style of a pig teapot.



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR

The pig's head sits atop this teapot creation that is short and stout with dark, deep colors.

Student Life's 'Hot Topic' smoking debate doused

By AMIEE THOMPSON

Guest Writer

When attending the Jan. 24 Hot Topics Series about Austin Peay State University's controversial Smoking and Clean Air policy, the students' expectations were high for quite a show.

One could imagine a packed room crackling with heated emotions, where people would be asked to leave because of their disorderly conduct. One would expect a screaming match or two complete with hostile glares and rude comments as the two viewpoints were brought head to head.

You can imagine the disappointment when only about a dozen people showed up for the debate.

The air did not snap with tension and there were no dirty looks or inconsiderate remarks; in fact, everyone was quite good-natured and polite, though a few seemed a bit sleepy.

Student Government Association Sen. Richard

Longstreth began the debate in opposition to APSU's smoking policy.

While not a smoker himself, Longstreth first stressed that forcing smokers into far-away, unprotected parking lots in the cold is inconsiderate and could also prove dangerous.

The smoking ban is in effect at all times, meaning faculty and students who attend late night classes still have to smoke in a parking lot, despite the fact that there is no protection from the weather and many of the parking lots are secluded.

Longstreth also discussed the lack of policy enforcement. He said requiring students and faculty to enforce it themselves could lead to violence between the smoker and the person telling them to stop, especially if one or both were in a hurry.

SGA Sen. Richard Kenney, who is also a non-smoker, spoke next in favor of the policy. "Smoking is a privilege, not a right," Kenney said.

"Nowhere in the Constitution are people given the right to smoke." Kenney also mentioned the obvious health risks posed by secondhand smoke and said it isn't fair to make others breathe smoke.

When it comes to solutions for the problem though, both sides were in agreement: change is needed. The most popular solution was the creation of small shelters for smokers to protect them from the weather.

Another option is for a resolution to be passed which would lift the smoking ban after a certain time of day.

A resolution lifting the smoking ban after 4:30 p.m. was recently presented to the SGA, but it failed to pass.

Both senators agreed that the lack of action being taken in regard to the policy is due to a lack of communication on both sides. "Right now your senators are ignoring you," Longstreth said. "You need to get out there and tell them what you think."

Jacob Frady, a computer science major, was one of the few people to attend the forum. He came to APSU last spring and did not get to vote on the policy. During last semester, Frady began a petition against the smoking policy and had roughly 400 signatures, but never presented it to SGA.

"I was told it wouldn't matter, that it wouldn't change policy, so I dropped it," Frady said. However, by the end of the forum, Frady talked about revising his petition and sending it out again. "I figure that if the administration ignores everyone else, they might just listen to this [petition]," he said. ♦



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Student Government Association Sen. Richard Longstreth advocates the right to smoke although he is not a smoker himself.



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Student Government Association Sen. Richard Kenney speaks in favor of the smoking policy, emphasizing the health risks as unfair to non-smokers.



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Jacob Frady, a computer science major and a smoker, explains his failed petition last semester and his desire for the policy to change.

Professor gains authorship with civil rights book

By SIENNA FINNEY
Guest Writer

Dwonna Goldstone, African-American literature professor at Austin Peay State University, recently published a historical documentation titled, "Integrating the 40 Acres: The Fifty-Year Struggle for Racial Equality at the University of Texas."

Goldstone had no shortage of explanations about why the topic of racial equality is so important to her.

The All State: Why did you become interested in this subject?

Dwonna Goldstone: I [received] my Ph. D., at the University of Texas, and I arrived at a time when affirmative action was under attack in the courts. Three years after I got there,

affirmative action was eliminated at the school and the number of black students dropped precipitously.

There were only four black students enrolled in the law school out of almost 500 students. I knew there was an interesting racial history at the school, and I wanted to write about it. It later became my dissertation and then this book.

TAS: Why do you think this is an important subject for other people?

DG: The University of Texas was the first Southern school to integrate after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Sweatt v. Painter (1950), which paved the way for the Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954. When

the state of Texas eliminated affirmative action, they became the first Southern school to do away with it.

UT was also the last all-white NCAA football Division I champions.

This book is especially important for those interested in civil rights because Texas is not often seen as a battle place in the Civil Rights movement. [However] a great deal happened on the UT campus that paved the way for other, more national movements.

TAS: As an African-American woman, what was it like attending the University of Texas? What were your personal experiences like?

DG: It was very, very lonely.

There were few black students there, out of 11,000 students, fewer than 200 were African-American, and many white people were openly racist and hostile.

They would tell me that I was not going to get a job because I was black, totally dismissing the fact that I worked hard and studied hard.

My best friends were David James and Vincent Woodard, two gay black men. We were each other's support system to make sure we all graduated — which, we did.

TAS: How long did it take you to write?

DG: All together, it took me four years from beginning to end.

TAS: What did you learn

through writing this book?

DG: That writing is hard. Also, that it is important to really care about what you're writing or the writing becomes tedious and a job.

TAS: What would you like others to take from this book?

DG: That there were many before us who paved the way for an 'easier' time. Without those who faced the white mobs on these white campuses, I would [not] be here teaching at the Peay.

Those interested in Goldstone's book may find a copy of, "Integrating the 40 Acres: The Fifty-Year Struggle for Racial Equality at the University of Texas," at local bookstores or online. ♦



FILE PHOTO
Dwonna Goldstone recently published a historical documentation on the integration of the University of Texas, "Integrating the 40 Acres: The Fifty-Year Struggle for Racial Equality at the University of Texas."

Accessorize your winter wardrobe without busting

By LORI PERKINS
Guest Writer

Depending on what part of the country you were raised in, it was either a handbag, purse or pocketbook, but they all share a common purpose.

They are used to carry money, credit cards, identification, personal items, as well as empty candy wrappers, receipts and tissue, but is it stylish?



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
A funky, flamboyant purse is only \$6.

purses and spend only \$46, while others pay that much and more just for one.

Before going on a purse shopping spree, look at some magazines like Lucky to find the various types and colors that are in style (petite and fashionably cute).

It's hard to find purses that have the two long straps that allow it to hang by your hip in magazines but stores are still making and selling them.

These larger-sized purses are useful to carry belongings or as a book carrier. If you love your large-sized purse collection, by all means, carry on.

For those of you who desire a new look or want to be fashionably cute, at a reasonable price, T.J. Maxx is the store for you.

Students who want an everyday chic purse and are on a budget, take the color of the purse into consideration.

It makes no sense if you need an everyday purse to spend most of your money on a purse that you can only show off once a month because it does not match your wardrobe. You need to find a neutral color.



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This Liz Claiborne was retailed at \$20, and found for \$9.

find if you are willing to be patient and look around for a purse that fits your style.

So, now that you have the information to help update your purse collection with hot, trendy styles at an inexpensive cost, hit the mall and happy purse shopping.

All purses shown can be used daily and even for special occasions.

The reddish-brown purse is a signature of Tommy Hilfiger that was regularly priced at \$55.

At T.J. Maxx, it was marked \$19. The light blue purse has a snake-skinned look and was designed by Liz Claiborne, retailed at \$20.

You can find it for \$9. The gold, green glittery straps were a surprising \$6 purchase and is a very nice purse to have if you like the funkier, flamboyant style.

The black purse is petite and designed with a ruffled handle and decorated with blue and black sequins and beads. ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
A Tommy Hilfiger purse can be found for \$55, found for \$19.

The pink or red designer purse that is marked down is cute, but leave it at the store if you need something versatile.

Don't always be so fascinated with designer styles, unless you can find it at a price you can afford, or wait for it to be marked down.

If you are on a tight budget, there is no reason for you to try and buy something that is too costly, especially when there are exotic purses at a cheaper price.

At T.J. Maxx, you may find Tommy Hilfiger and Ralph Lauren purses that are \$20 and \$30.

Speaking of cheaper price: always shop clearance first. You will be surprised at what you can



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This black elegant purse is both versatile and sleek.



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Andy Warhol
Tomato, 1968, from the portfolio Campbell's Soup I
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Art speaks through trash

By JESSICA BAIRD
Staff Writer

A seemingly disposable and frivolous item like a Coca-Cola bottle, a paper bag or a clothespin begs to be seen through a different set of eyes in the world of modern art. Portions of this creative realm are currently on display at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville.

"Extra-Ordinary: The Everyday Object in American Art" is an exhibit consisting of works from such modern art masters as Man Ray, Jasper Johns and Andy Warhol. These pieces, (on loan from the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York) showcase the often underlying political, intellectual and humorous nature of so many common objects.

"These are items we all see yet take for granted," said Amy Koopman, administrative assistant to communications at the Frist. The seeds for modern art were planted in the early twentieth century thanks to different movements within the European avant-garde scene. Surrealism, Cubism and Dada are examples of the different styles that helped raise the ordinary to the extraordinary.

These stylistic ideals eventually gave way to artists such as Robert Rauschenberg, who sought inspiration in the world around him, rather than retreating inward for ideas.

This wake-up call to environmental and popular culture led to the emergence of "Pop Art," a movement which catapulted the avant-garde into the iconic with Andy Warhol in the 1960s. "Warhol

would take something every person knows intimately," Koopman said, "and force us to look at it differently."

Several of Warhol's most enduring images, including the Campbell's soup can, provide just a few of the familiar yet intriguing works of art currently at the Frist exhibit.

Another Warhol on display, entitled Green Coca-Cola Bottles, parallels America's favorite soft drink with American democracy. "America started the tradition where the richest consumers buy essentially the same things as the poorest," Warhol once said about this piece. "The idea of America is so wonderful because the more equal something is, the more American it is."

For one museum patron, seeing this exhibit did indeed give her a new appreciation for the otherwise mundane artifacts of life. "You don't realize that things you see everyday can actually be viewed as art," said Lindsey Stanfill.

For Stanfill the most interesting part of the exhibit was an interstate sign, which was displayed prominently in the middle of a showroom. "The size gives you a whole new perspective. You drive past them all the time but you never really stop to look and take it all in," she said.

The most successful modern art is able to transcend definition and just might, according to Koopman, transcend time.

"Extra-Ordinary: The Everyday Object in Modern Art" closes on Monday, Feb. 11. For hours and ticket prices call the Frist Center at 615-244-3340, or log on to www.fristcenter.org. ♦

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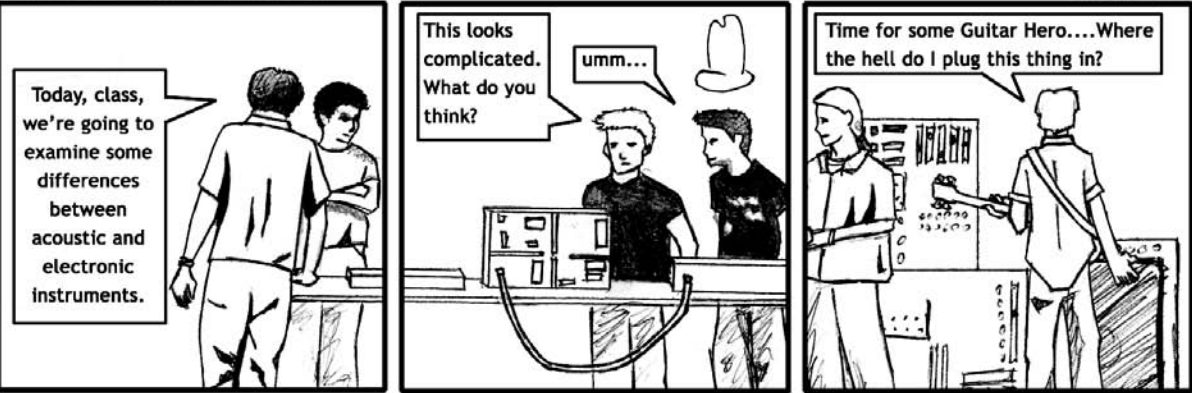
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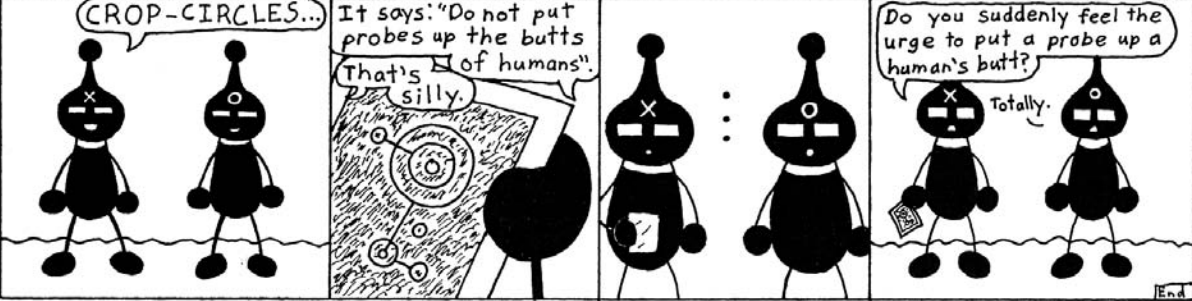


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by Linda Thistle

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OPINION

Barbaro fans bid farewell

By JESSICA NOBERT
STAFF WRITER

On the morning of May 6, 2006, I remember calling my boyfriend and telling him to "put my money on the 8 horse," Barbaro. After all, my favorite jockey had the mount. When we watched the race, it was all that we thought and dreamed that it would be: Barbaro was the winner. But I wasn't so lucky; he never made my bet. Then again, the return would have been



like 25 cents anyway. When I learned of the field for the Preakness, of course, I picked Barbaro again.

At post time, when they were all loaded into the gate, Barbaro broke early and burst through the magnetically locked doors. Everyone was afraid that he might have hurt himself in his extreme exertion, but upon being checked by the track veterinarian, they cleared him to reload.

When the bells rang, and they were off and running, everything seemed fine until the unimaginable happened. It was only mere seconds into the race that the announcer shared what he saw with the viewers at home, "Barbaro has been pulled up!"

All of a sudden, jockey Edgar Prado pulled-up the colt.

He felt something was wrong, and did what any rider would have done.

Once the race was over, all attention was on Barbaro. Cameras had captured the scene while the race was running, and we could all see that Prado and others were doing all that they could to calm the animal to help avoid further injury. We saw the reactions of trainer Michael Matz and his family, as Matz raced to be at Barbaro's side.

As a relatively new fan to horse racing, had I been without my personal expert, I would not have known anything that was going on and would have been extremely naïve to the possibilities of what was to come.

For any other race horse, it might have been his final day of life,

but it wasn't just any colt, it was Barbaro, who was picked only days before to win the famed Triple Crown, a feat completed by less than a dozen other runners and not since Affirmed in 1978. He was going to be given the best possible treatment imaginable.

That evening, the center of my thoughts and most of the dinner conversation was Barbaro.

It was explained to me

that there were many possibilities and obstacles to overcome, that this was only the first day.

He was taken to a nearby animal hospital at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine and underwent a procedure to place plates and over two dozen pins in his injured right hind leg.

He seemed to do very well coming out of anesthesia and those of us who didn't know all of the risks were hopeful because he had a great doctor at his side.

In mid-summer, the many fans of Barbaro found out that he had developed laminitis, an often fatal condition which affects the hoof, and again, most other horses would have been put down.

But the owners, Roy and Gretchen Jackson went on with the treatments. Dr. Dean Richardson removed 80 percent of Barbaro's hoof from the afflicted left hind leg.

Again, we were hopeful.

Over the next months, casts were changed, and fans watched vigilantly for signs of a speedy recovery.

But last Sunday, we were faced with more bad news. I received a text message that Barbaro might not make it through the weekend. Barbaro faced further complications in the originally injured right, hind leg.

Throughout the entire process, the owners promised that they would proceed with treatments so long as Barbaro was comfortable.

In just a few days, Barbaro's condition deteriorated and his level of comfort was declining.

Dedicated fans of Barbaro went to sleep Sunday night not knowing if he would still be alive when they went to lunch the next day.

Monday morning, I got another text message: "Barbs is gone."

To many people I know, Barbaro was just a horse, but to those same people, they know that he was so much more to me.

Over the last eight months, he has become a part of my life: always asking for updates on his condition and wishing him sweet dreams when I fall asleep every night.

I know that nothing we can do will ever bring him back, and he didn't make it long enough to sire another big winner.

I don't know much about the history of horse racing, but I do know that no matter what, Barbaro will forever be a part of it.

As members of the racing industry come together to grieve and gradually recover from the loss, I will offer a few words of my own: sweet dreams for Barbaro. ♦

Barbaro put down after complications

Associated Press

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that prompted an outpouring of support across the country.

"We just reached a point where it was going to be difficult for him to go on without pain," co-owner Roy Jackson said. "It was the right decision, it was the right thing to do. We said all along if there was a situation where it would become more difficult for him then it would be time."

A series of ailments, including laminitis in the left rear hoof and a recent abscess in the right rear hoof, proved too much for the gallant colt.

Barbaro battled in his ICU stall for eight months. The 4-year-old colt underwent several procedures and was fitted with fiberglass casts.

He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace. These were all extraordinary measures for a horse with such injuries.

Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro on Monday morning, with the owners making the decision in consultation with chief surgeon Dr. Dean Richardson.

"I would say thank you for everything, and all your thoughts and prayers over the last eight months or so," Jackson said to Barbaro's fans.

The news that Barbaro had been euthanized first was reported on the Thoroughbred Times Web site.

On May 20, Barbaro was rushed to the New Bolton Center, about 30 miles from Philadelphia in Kennett Square, hours after shattering his right hind leg just a few strides into the Preakness Stakes.

The bay colt underwent a five-hour operation that fused two joints, recovering from an injury most horses never survive. But Barbaro never regained his natural gait.

"We loved him. He was great," said Peter Brette, Barbaro's exercise rider and assistant trainer for Michael Matz. "He did everything we ever asked of him. He could have been one of the best. What a fighter he was."

Barbaro suffered a significant setback over the weekend, and surgery was required to insert two steel pins in



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The Kentucky Derby winner is led around the paddock outside of his barn in Fair Hill, Md. In this May 10, 2006 Photo. Barbaro was enthunazed last Monday after complications from his breakdown at the Preakness last May.

a bone – one of three shattered in the Preakness but now healthy – to eliminate all weight bearing on the ailing right rear foot.

The procedure Saturday was a risky one, because it transferred more weight to the leg while the foot rests on the ground bearing no weight.

The leg was on the mend until the abscess began causing discomfort last week.

Until then, the major concern was Barbaro's left rear leg, which developed laminitis in July, and 80 percent of the hoof was removed.

Richardson said Monday morning that Barbaro did not have a good night.

"This horse was a hero," said David Switzer, executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association. "His owners went above and beyond the call of duty to save this horse. It's an unfortunate situation, but I think they did the right thing in putting him down."

Brilliant on the race track, Barbaro always will be remembered for his brave fight for survival.

The story of the beloved 4-year-old bay colt's fight for life captured the fancy of millions.

When Barbaro broke down, his right hind leg flared out awkwardly as jockey Edgar Prado jumped off and tried to steady the ailing horse. Race

Nash leads Phoenix to 17th consecutive win

Associated Press



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Phoenix Suns Shawn Marion (31) puts up a shot against Clevelan Cavliers Drew Gooden (90) during the fourth quarter of the Suns 115-100 win in Cleveland Sunday Jan. 28.

CLEVELAND - Steve Nash scored 23 points and kept Phoenix's high-energy offense purring with 15 assists as the Suns extended their winning streak to 17 games — the NBA's longest in seven years — by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-100 on Sunday.

Shawn Marion added 23 points, Amare Stoudemire 22 and Leandro Barbosa had 19 for the Suns, who improved to 34-4 since opening the season 1-5.

Phoenix, which had a 15-game win streak earlier this season, also matched a franchise record with their ninth straight road win and are 20-1 vs. Eastern Conference teams.

The Suns haven't lost since Dec. 28, and with the way their running and sharing the ball right now, it's going to take a spectacular effort to beat them.

LeBron James scored 30 points and Drew Gooden 19 to lead the Cavaliers, who were within four points going into the fourth. However, they couldn't match the Suns' blazing up-and-down pace and managed just 13 points in the final 12 minutes.

The Suns' winning streak is the league's longest since Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers reeled off 19 in a row during the 1999-200 season. It's also tied for the fifth-longest streak in NBA history.

Leading 91-87 after three, and with Nash on the bench getting some rest, the Suns got consecutive 3-pointers from James Jones and Barbosa in an 8-0 run to take a 99-87 lead with 8:09 remaining.

The Suns' quick burst all but finished the Cavs, who have dropped three straight at home and seven of nine overall.

Cleveland found out what so many other teams are learning this season:

Run with the Suns, and you're bound to get burned.

James, who missed the previous game with a sore right big toe, got a steal and dunk to get the Cavs within 99-89 with 7:20 left. But Nash returned and immediately made a twisting reverse layup, and moments later, fed Marion for a three-pointer — Phoenix's 13th — to make it 107-94 with 3:44 remaining.

The Suns were playing their

fans at Pimlico wept. Within 24 hours the entire nation seemed to be caught up in a "Barbaro watch," waiting for any news.

Well-wishers young and old showed up at the New Bolton Center with cards, flowers, gifts, goodies and even religious medals for the champ, and thousands of e-mails poured into the hospital's Web site just for him.

"I just can't explain why everyone is so caught up in this horse," Roy Jackson, who owned the colt with his wife, Gretchen, has said time and again

"Everything is so negative now in the world, people love animals and I think they just happen to latch onto him."

Devoted fans even wrote Christmas carols for him, sent a wreath made of baby organic carrots and gave him a Christmas stocking.

The biggest gift has been the \$1.2 million raised since early June for the Barbaro Fund.

The money is put toward needed equipment such as an operating room table, and a raft and sling for the same pool recovery Barbaro used after his surgeries.

As the days passed, it seemed Barbaro would get his happy ending. As late as December, with the broken bones in his right hind leg nearly healed and his laminitis under control, Barbaro was looking good and relishing daily walks outside his intensive care unit.

But after months of upbeat progress reports, including talk that he might be headed home soon, news came Jan. 10 of a serious setback because of the laminitis.

Richardson had to remove damaged tissue from Barbaro's left hind hoof, and the colt was placed back in a protective sling.

On Jan. 13, another section of his left rear hoof was removed. After Barbaro developed a deep abscess in his right hind foot, surgery was performed Saturday to insert two steel pins in a bone.

This after Richardson warned last December that Barbaro's right hind leg was getting stronger and that the left hind foot was a "more formidable long-term challenge."

Even before the injury that ended his career, Barbaro had earned his fame for simply being a magnificent racehorse. ♦

fourth game in a five-game road trip, but they didn't look tired or bored by their success.

Instead, they were focused throughout and will look for their 18th consecutive win on Monday in Minnesota.

Cleveland got just four points from center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, who was rendered useless by Phoenix's speed.

Larry Hughes had seven points on 3-of-13 shooting and never got into any rhythm.

The Cavaliers had control of the tempo and were leading by five points in the second quarter when the Suns erupted on one of their patented scoring spurts, hitting four consecutive 3-pointers in less than two minutes during a 14-2 run to lead 41-34.

But James kept Cleveland close. He hit a three-pointer before posterizing Barbosa on a soaring dunk and rookie Daniel Gibson made another long-range jumper as the Cavaliers took a 44-43 lead.

The Cavs didn't have much time to enjoy it as Raja Bell countered with a 3 and the Suns, shooting 57 percent from the floor, took a 58-56 halftime lead. ♦

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OPINION

Super Bowl brings first black coach win in history

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**
Senior Staff Writer

As a white Southern Baptist, I really can't give much insight or even claim to have a strong knowledge of African-American history other than the basic knowledge learned in school or the celebrated holidays. But in sports, that's a different story.

Normally, I wouldn't give my opinion about something outside of Austin Peay State University in the grand view of the sporting world, but in this case, I made an exception.

While watching both the AFC and NFC championship games last weekend, there were two men who were being watched and commented on more than the teams or any players.

No, it wasn't Tom Brady or Peyton Manning. It was Chicago Bears head coach Lovie Smith and Indianapolis Colts head

"They have done what no other black coach in history could do."

coach Tony Dungy. Both of the coaches, as you might suspect, are black. Other than being longtime friends, the two coaches both were taking on the same standard that white coaches have flooded the Super Bowl market with – New Orleans' Sean Payton and New England's Brian Belichick.

While Payton had never coached his team to a Super Bowl, Belichick had already won three of the last five with his machine-like Patriots. He is a symbolic face of every previous coaching mastermind in the National Football League.

However, this time was different. This time the limelight was shifted to Smith and Dungy who have become the first black coaches to lead their teams to the Super Bowl in the big game's 42-year history. With two black coaches in the Super Bowl, that means one of the two will be the first black coach to win the NFL's most coveted prize.

But neither coach has really received the recognition they deserve for their achievements as coaches. Sure, ESPN, newspapers and magazines across the country have reported the feat reached by the two coaches, but the news went in and out of the media as fast as Mike Tyson in one of his recent bouts.

Instead, the focus shifted to the two quarterbacks of the big game, Rex Grossman of the Bears and Manning of the Colts. Grossman is a quarterback who has practically done nothing all season, but the team's tenacious defense has held opponents so low that even Heath Shuler could win the ballgame. Manning, who is the complete opposite of Grossman, is the NFL's most prolific quarterback, but the Super Bowl has eluded him each year of his nine-year career.

Both of the quarterbacks are great stories, but in the month of February, Smith and Dungy are the only two who deserve the attention.

Manning and Grossman are two of dozens of white quarterbacks who have made and won the Super Bowl.

Dungy and Smith are two of a kind. They have done what no other black coach in history could do. When one of the coaches hoists the Vince Lombardi trophy, it will be one more record in the books and definitely a major boost for the Hall of Fame. ♦

Bears or Colts: Students, staff pick favorite to win on Super Bowl Sunday

By **MARLON SCOTT**
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Chips, dip, popcorn, chicken wings and deli meats of every color and taste are flying off the shelves across the country.

A myriad of football jerseys are being laid out while the party platters are being assembled and the large-screened, Hi-definition televisions, are being polished. On Sunday Feb. Super Bowl XLI will be played and everyone is getting ready.

Some people watch it for the commercials and the halftime show. Others just use it as another excuse to throw a party.

Regardless of the reason, the Super Bowl is about two teams playing football, and over 125 million Americans are going to watch after already choosing who they want to win.

For the last five months, 32 teams have battled each other to become champions. After all the running, kicking, tackling, and throwing that has left fans cheering and crying from week to week,

there are only two teams left standing: The Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts.

What team are the Austin Peay State University students and staff expecting to win?

"I'm rooting for the Bears," said



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– Ronald Ballet, on his Super Bowl pick

sophomore Eric Osborne, "because the Bears' defense is the best in the NFL right now."

When asked how the Bears will win, APSU staff member Will Ivory agrees that the Bears' defense will lead them to victory.

"Play good defense and Rex Grossman [Bear's quarterback] has to have a very good day," Ivory said.

"They're overdue. It's been since 1985, my graduation year, and they are overdue. They can do it."

While APSU Bears' fans share confidence in the Bears' defense, the Colts fans all have a zealot-like faith in

Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning. "I'm going for the Colts," said sophomore Bryan Ashton. "They got a nice squad. They're young, they got a real mature quarterback: Peyton Manning. He should be league MVP."

He had an outstanding game last week against the Patriots and I think they will go all the way."

Sophomore Ronald Ballet said, "I'm rooting for the Colts because Peyton Manning is the smartest quarterback ever to play in the NFL. Last week he proved it to everybody. They said he couldn't get over the hump, and look what he did. He was down 21-6 at halftime, and they went on to win it 38-34. That's the sign of a true player. He is the truth. If I was his coach I would sign him to an \$800 million contract."

The arguments will continue until Sunday.

Then everyone will eat, drink and argue through nine hours of "expert" analysis before the game.

When the dust settles and the last piece of sparkling confetti slowly drifts to land among chip crumbs and damp drink stains left from the celebration dance that spilled everything after the winning field goal kick in overtime, the arguing will finally stop and the bragging will begin. ♦

Governors fend off Bulldogs

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
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Samford looked like they bit off more than they could chew Saturday night as the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team beat them 66-48. The chanting of "Lets Go Peay" could be heard all over the arena, as the 4,000-plus fans cheered on their Gavs at the coming home celebration.

The victory put the Gavs one game ahead of Samford in the Ohio Valley Conference race and made sure they stayed number one in the OVC. The Gavs are now the winners of 10 straight and are perfect at home this season, 7-0. They currently have the third longest streak in the nation behind Wisconsin and Florida

"This victory was very big for us," said head coach Dave Loos. "This game gives us a little separation, and it's important because of the road trip we are getting ready to make."

Samford and APSU battled back and forth with neither team wanting to submit to the other. At the end of the first half the Gavs took an eleven point-lead with Todd Babington paving the way with 11 points.

Samford opened up the second half with a three pointer by Randall Gulina that cut the lead down to eight. The teams continued to trade baskets, until Samford made a run, cutting the Gavs lead to 51-47.

That would be as close as they would get before the Gavs never looked back and held on for the win.

"We came out here and played hard, and we really have just been playing as a team," said Junior point guard Derek Wright. "We have all been sharing the ball and had a lot of confidence in each other." Wright's comments were proven during the game to be true, as four Gavs scored in double figures.

"It not just one person all the time," said Lockett. "It's multiple players here and there every night. We are more powerful when we have four or five players doing the job instead of one or two". Drake Reed lead the way with 16, Wright scored 12, Babington 13 and Lockett added 10 along with a season-high 14 rebounds to get his sixth double-double of the season.

"Rebounding played a big key tonight," said Lockett. "They shoot a lot of three's, so we tried to keep them to one possession because we figured if we could do that, we would be pretty successful."

Lockett said the team is mentally in the right place at the right time. "We have a lot of confidence right now. We go from one game to the next, and just continue to build on that motivation."

The Gavs out-rebounded the Bulldogs (34-23), shot better from the field (47 percent to 40) and scored more points in the paint 16-10.

Samford only had one player in double figures with Gulina scoring 22 points.

"I was impressed with our defense tonight," said Loos. "I thought it was really well, especially down the stretch when we got on a 15-1 run. "We are playing with a lot of confidence and with a lot of mental toughness."

The Gavs only turned the ball over nine times this game and committed the Bulldogs into turning it over 11 times. The current 10-game winning streak is Loos' second longest of his career. The 2003-2004 Gavs racked up 14 straight victories. ♦

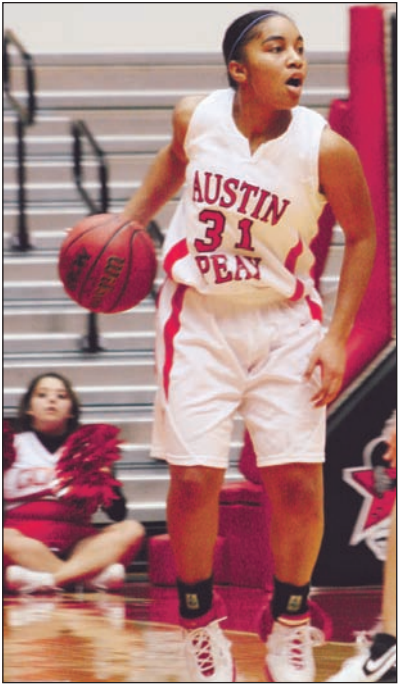


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Junior Derek Wright tries to get the ball from a teammate during the Gavs 66-48 win against second place Samford. Wright was one of four player to score in double figures. Wright scored 12 points including hitting 2 of 4 three pointer, getting three steals and dishing out two assist. The win put the Gavs two games ahead of second place Samford, and is head coach Dave Loos second longest consecutive win streak. Todd Babington, Drake Reed, and Fernandez Lockett were the other Gavs to score in double figures. Reed led the way with 16, while Lockett pulled down a career high 14 rebounds to get his sixth double double of the season.

Lady Gavs drop to fifth in OVC race

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Saundra Hale scored 10 points against the Lady Bulldogs but were defeated 68-54.

of eight free throw attempts, and were leading 30-16 at halftime.

"We didn't stop them from scoring," said McGee.

"We put them on the free throw line too many times.

"They are a great free throw shooting team and we didn't get the stops like we needed to."

The Lady Gavs improved their offense in the second half. Junior guard Amber Bacon opened the half with a long jumper for two of her 12 points in the game. Junior center Kellea Reeves led the Lady Gavs with 16 points.

However, a well-executed pick and roll offense by Samford appeared to frustrate Austin Peay and they committed fouls while attempting to slow the Lady Bulldogs.

With 8:38 left in the game, McGee made a three-point shot that put the Lady Gavs within eight points, 42-50.

That was the closest the Lady Gavs would get to Samford for the rest of the game.

"I thought we came out very well, being aggressive and executing," said senior guard Saundra Hale.

"Our downfall was trading baskets with

them. We were executing, but we were making lay-ups and two point plays, and they were hitting threes. That doesn't even out."

This was only Austin Peay's third loss in eight games this month, but the team expected to win and was extremely disappointed with its performance against Samford.

Head coach Carrie Daniels, was extremely disappointed.

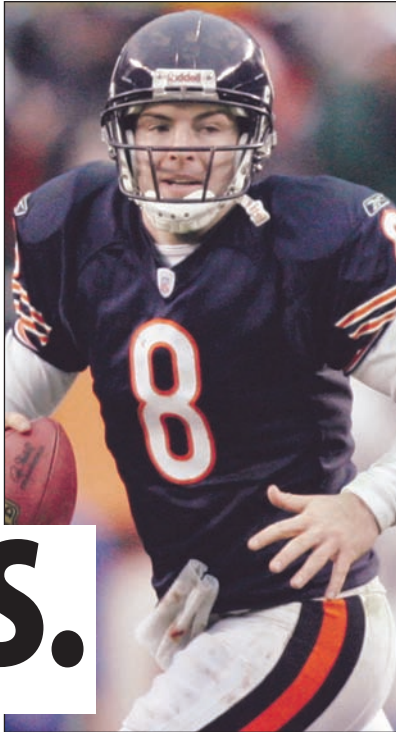
"First of all we have to come together as a team. That is the most important thing," Daniels said.

"This team has shown that it can bounce back and they can be resilient, but they have got to decide to come together as a team and not get so frustrated. When things happen you have to play through that frustration and tonight we responded in all the wrong ways."

The Lady Gavs have a 7-13 overall record. The Lady Bulldogs improve to 11-10 and 6-6 in OVC play and are only one game behind Austin Peay. The Lady Gavs will hit the road after dropping to fifth place in the OVC (6-5) to face Murray State, Thursday Feb. 1, and Sat. Feb. 3, against Tennessee State. ♦



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Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts will face Rex Grossman and the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI. This will be the first Super Bowl for both quarterbacks.