

# Naturalized cadets bring value to ROTC program

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About 70,000 foreign-born men and women serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, composing roughly five percent of the total active-duty force.

In the Army ROTC program at Austin Peay State University, there are seven naturalized citizen cadets representing six countries who are seeking commissions as officers in the U.S. Army.

The cadets are from Granada, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Mexico, Haiti and Kenya.

All are former enlisted soldiers and all have served in deployments to Iraq and/or Afghanistan.

According to the American Immigration Law Foundation, immigrants have historically made significant contributions to the nation's defense.

Around 21 percent or 716 of the 3,406, of the

recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor have been immigrants.

The most recent nominee for the Medal of Honor, Sgt. Rafael Peralta, was a naturalized citizen.

Peralta was killed in 2004 shielding his platoon from a grenade in Fallujah, Iraq.

Cadet Akim Kamara, a senior health and human performance major, feels his experiences as a foreign-born officer and his prior enlisted service gives him a unique perspective.

"I can make changes and bring different types of leadership skills," Kamara said. Kamara was born in Sierra Leone and spent four years in the Army as an enlisted soldier before signing a contract for ROTC in 2006.

Cadet Crawl Joseph, who was born in Haiti and moved to Miami in junior high school, plans on making a career in the military.

"I'm a lifer," Joseph said.

Although he is proud of his time as an enlisted soldier in the quartermaster corps, Joseph was drawn to the ROTC program because of the possibility of being on the officer side of the Army.

"I wouldn't have re-enlisted if I couldn't go in as an officer," Joseph said. Cadet Jason Knight, a computer science major who was born in Granada, cites his family as a reason for pursuing a commission as an officer in the Army.

"I've always wanted to do something worthwhile for my daughter," Knight said.

His daughter, Chielah, died in July at eight months old while he was deployed in Iraq.

Knight says his family has been supportive of his decision to extend his contract with the

military through the ROTC program.

"My wife encourages me. She runs with me every night," Knight said. Lt. Colonel Greg Lane, associate professor of military science at APSU said that although the Army as a whole has been suffering recruitment problems, the ROTC program at APSU is thriving.

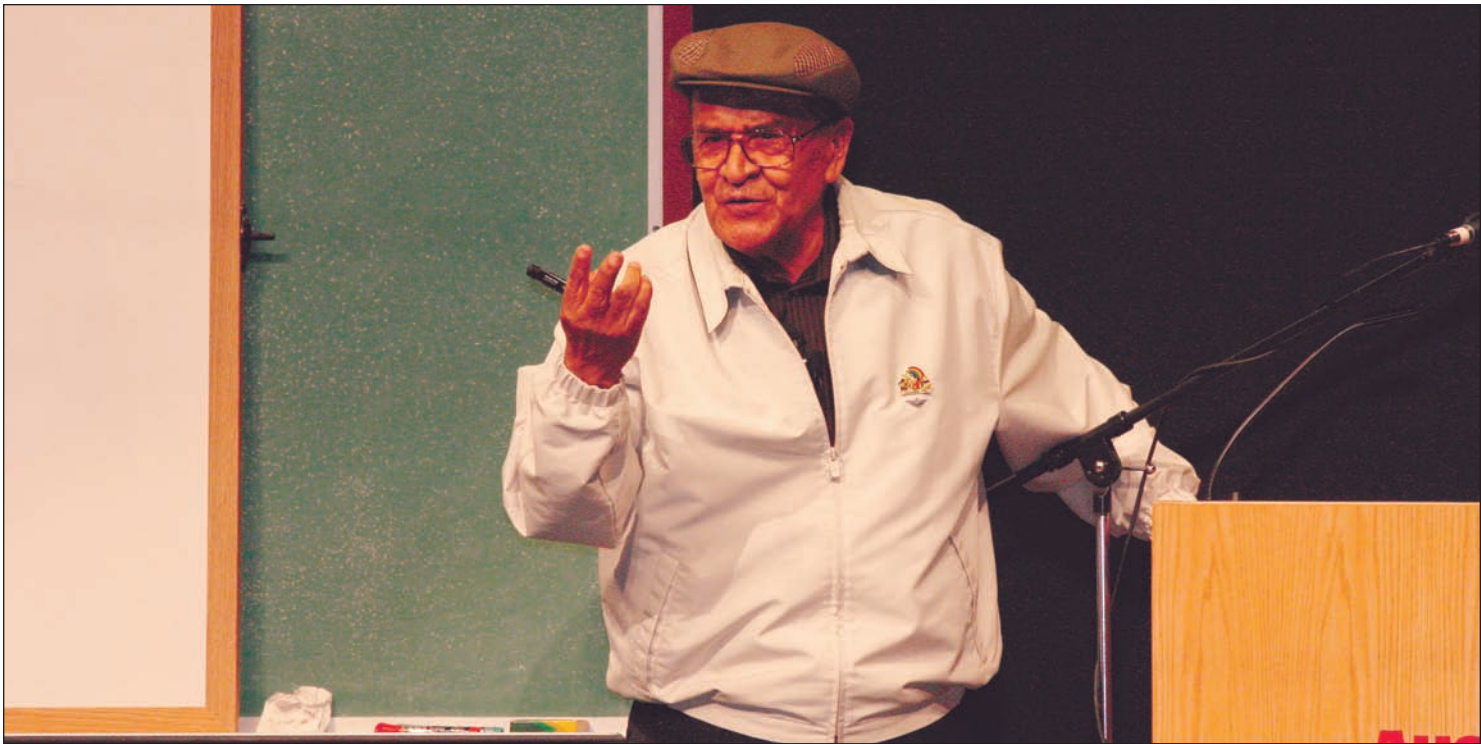
"It's the largest we've been in years. The Army might be having recruitment problems, but we've got cadets coming out of our ears here," Lane said.

Lane also said that the naturalized citizen cadets, who all have prior enlisted service, bring valuable military experience to the program.

"They've all served in combat," Lane said.

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# Escalante stands and delivers speech



MATEEN SIDIQ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jaime Escalante spoke to APSU about teaching methods and the need to challenge students, Oct. 22. The event was sponsored by the Hispanic Cultural Center.

By **MARC WALLS**  
*Staff Writer*

On Oct. 22, students from Austin Peay State University and local area schools packed the Music/Mass Comm theatre to attend a guest lecture by famed educator Jaime Escalante.

The lecture was the culmination of a three day event that began Oct. 22 with the first of two viewings of "Stand and Deliver" a 1988 film based on Escalante's experiences teaching mathematics to underprivileged students in east Los Angeles.

Students laughed at Escalante's wit and were amazed at some of the teaching techniques he shared as he discussed the need for ganas, or desire.

"You have to emphasize that education is the key to success," Escalante said.

"Not all kids have the same capacity to absorb information immediately. You have to have patience."

Escalante migrated to the U.S. from Bolivia in 1964.

In 1974 he began teaching mathematics at Garfield High School in Los Angeles, Calif. where "kids weren't interested in high school at all," Escalante said.

Throughout his career at Garfield, Escalante not only sparked interest in math from his students, but many also took difficult calculus classes and passed Advanced Placement calculus tests.

In 1982, 18 of Escalante's students passed the calculus exam, sparking national interest and the belief among many that the students were cheating.

Determined to show that they weren't cheating, 14 of the students retook the test and did well enough to have their scores reinstated.

The events of the situation were retold in "Stand and Deliver" and also in the book "Escalante: The Best Teacher in America" by Jay Matthews.

The event was sponsored by the Hispanic Cultural Center as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sep. 15 to Oct. 15.

"We asked the students who they wanted to see and it was a unanimous vote," said Nicolette Rougemont.

"[Escalante] promotes the mission of the campus," Rougemont said. "He not only inspires the students but also the teachers." ♦

## SGA: WEEKLY ROUNDUP

### SGA resolution, Lobby Day discussed

By **TINEA PAYNE**  
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The Student Government Association filled all seats as the Senate finalized elections at the Oct. 24 meeting.

SGA resumed elections for graduate class chair, parliamentary and speaker pro-temp positions.

The senate voted Senator Tinsley Hembree as graduate class chair by motion to vote by acclamation.

Neither candidate for speaker pro-temp received two-thirds of senate vote. Senate elected A.J. Wolfe for speaker pro-temp by motion to accept winner by majority vote.

Neither candidate for parliamentary received two-thirds of the senate vote.

Senator Holly Lanham won senate vote for parliamentary by a motion to accept the winner by majority vote.

### Senate Resolution Number One

Senator Elizabeth Boom read Resolution One to the Senate.

Resolution One read that Greek organizations no longer want to submit party packets in paper form, but requested to move party registration online. The Senate motioned to put Resolution One into new business. SGA will discuss a possible vote next week.

### SGA 'Lobby Day'

SGA will have another "Lobby Day" on Nov. 5 due to inclement weather conditions Oct. 22.

SGA will promote the SGA Campus Talk, which will be held Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Huffman said that President Timothy Hall is interested in setting up SGA sponsored kiosks around campus.

Ideas regarding locations of the kiosks will be discussed in the future.

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# Zombies descend on Clarksville to take bloody walk in McGregor Park

By **PATRICK ARMSTRONG**  
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McGregor Park was invaded by the living dead Oct. 20.

Approximately 20 to 30 zombies were in attendance with blood lathered all over.

The dead walked up and down the Riverwalk and were told not to venture off the path.

While attempting to pass through to crowd of brain eaters, these questions were asked:

- 1. What is your favorite blood type?**
- 2. How long have you been dead?**
- 3. What is your favorite horror movie?**



<b>Fugan Pedigo</b> "Any blood type." "Less than a day." "Return of the Living Dead."	<b>Chrissy Duncan</b> "A-." "Less than a day." "Dawn of the Dead, Remake."	<b>Summer Ramey</b> "O +." "6 months. It happened while working with the Umbrella Corporation." "Resident Evil."	<b>Bryant Smith</b> "A is robust. O is more filling." "7 or 8 months." "Night of the Living Dead."	<b>Derek Deweese</b> He is a "Resident Evil" centurion." He has been working there for "7 years."
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STAPH INFECTION

MRSA causes problems for all

“The strain has also become one of the most common causes of skin infections requiring emergency room treatment nationally.”  
Jill DeGraauw, nurse practitioner



By JILL DeGRAAUW  
Nurse Practitioner

Staphylococcus aureus, staph, is a common bacterium that often lives harmlessly on the skin or in the nose. It is found in 20 to 30 percent of the noses of healthy people.

When the bacteria is introduced into the body through a cut or medical incision, minor skin lesions can form.

These skin infections are usually manifested as boils and abscesses. They are often confused with spider bites and ingrown hairs.

Also, life-threatening bloodstream infections, pneumonia or organ damage can occur rarely. Methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus, MRSA is a serious strand of staph that raises concern.

It is a strain of the staph bacteria which has developed resistance to many antibiotics typically used to treat it.

The strain has also become one of the most common causes of skin infections requiring emergency room treatment nationally.

It is important to remember that MRSA is a bacteria — not a disease.

It only causes a problem when it enters an opening on the skin.

Most patients infected with MRSA are colonised rather than infected.

Colonisation means the presence of the organism on the skin, in the nose or in the back of the throat but causes no illness.

MRSA can be contagious.

Scrupulous handwashing is important. People who have skin lesions from MRSA should keep the lesions covered so that no contact by others with the bacteria is possible.

A mixture of bleach and water should be used to wipe down anything that an infected person has used.

All towels, washcloths, bar soap or other personal items should be used by others.

Should the infection recur within a few weeks of the initial infection, contact a doctor immediately.

Wash hands after going to the restroom and

throughout the day to prevent the spread of bacteria in general.

**School System shuts down**

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An eastern Kentucky school district plans to shut down all its schools Monday to disinfect them because of the spread of MRSA.

Roger Wagner, superintendent of Pike County schools, said the principal will supervise the cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms, cafeterias and hallways.

Buses and external areas such as playgrounds and sports fields will also be disinfected.

“We’re not closing schools because there’s been a large number of breakouts, but as a preventive measure,” Wagner said.

The shutdown will close 23 schools and affect about 10,300 students.

MRSA, or methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus, is a strain of staph infection that is resistant to antibiotics.

School districts and several jails around Kentucky have reported possible cases of MRSA.

On Thursday, New York City health officials revealed that a 12-year-old middle school student in Brooklyn had died after contracting a MRSA infection.

The city’s health commissioner, Thomas Frieden, said the boy’s school was scrubbed down with disinfectant, but added that the cleaning was done primarily “to make people feel better,” rather than out of necessity.

The disease has also been blamed for the death of a 17-year-old Virginia high school senior this month.

At least seven students on Long Island recently were diagnosed with MRSA, as were 10 members of an athletic team at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

The Pike school board has also hired a private company to clean all school locker rooms.

Schools will receive additional cleanings on Nov. 5 and 6, days that are scheduled off-days for the students.

The cleaning comes two weeks after students held a sit-in at Pike Central High School lunch room in an effort to get school officials to clean the school as protection against MRSA.

One student was diagnosed with MRSA in September.

About 240 students abandoned the sit-in after Pike Central Principal David Rowe threatened them with a three-day suspension.

The 33 who stayed were given the choice of one day of in-school suspension or two days out-of-school suspension.

Three students chose out-of-school suspension and the rest chose in-school.

Infection hits Clarksville

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — School officials said they discovered three separate cases of a serious staph infection reported across the nation and linked to student deaths.

The local cases of MRSA, or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, were reported at Cumberland Elementary School, New Providence Middle School and Northeast Middle School, officials said Friday.

The school system would not confirm the identity of the children or their status, citing privacy concerns.

Earlier reports indicated that one student had been treated and returned to school, while the other two were still receiving treatment.

Parents were notified through the Connect Ed message system regarding whether their student’s school had any reported cases or not. Explanation letters offering information about the infection, practical advice for teachers and parents and general disinfection instructions were also sent.

“Parents are understandably concerned, and we are concerned as well,” said Kristen Hershey, school nurse supervisor for Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools.

But Hershey and Tommy Butler, the system’s risk management and safety coordinator, urged parents to remain calm.

“The appropriate preventive measures to limit the spread of MRSA in our schools have been and are implemented,” Butler said.

MRSA is a strain of staph infection that is resistant to antibiotics.

It can be treated with other antibiotics, but without treatment, the bacteria can be deadly. The disease has been blamed for the death of a 17-year-old Virginia high school senior this month.

At least seven students on Long Island recently were diagnosed with MRSA, as were 10 members of an athletic team at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y. MRSA physically resembles a regular staph infection, which typically emerges as a pimple or boil that can be red, swollen and painful and generally contains pus or drainage.

School systems are not required by law to inform parents when they have cases of MRSA. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Food drive

The S.I.S.T.E.R.S. UNITED is currently accepting food, canned goods, paper goods, and the like for battered women and children in need. All donated items can be delivered to the African American Cultural Center. The food drive will end Nov. 14.

Feminist film series

The Feminist Film Series will show the movie, “Thirteen” in HH Room 245 at 7 p.m. Nov. 28. The series is sponsored by the Women’s Studies program and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. For additional information contact the women’s studies office at 221-6314

Listening meeting

President Hall will be hosting a listening meeting with students Nov. 19 at the Fort Campbell Center, room 257. The meeting will be from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Carol Clark at 221-7570 or e-mail, clarkc@apsu.edu.

Bread and Words annual

The Bread and Words annual benefit reading and dinner will be Nov. 20 in the UC Ballroom. The reading will be performed by APSU faculty, graduate students, and special guests. The reading will start at 7 p.m.

Gov’s Volleyball

APSU’s vollyball team is playing at Southeast Missouri University Nov. 9. The game will start at 7 p.m. The team will also be seen at Eastern Illinois University Nov. 10. That game will begin at 2 p.m.

Gov’s Football

The Gov’s football team willbe playing Eastern Kentucky University at home. The game will start at 1 p.m. Nov. 10.


‘Peay on Politics’

APSU’s show on political commentary, “Peay on Politics” airs every Monday at 5 p.m. on channel 99.

Insomnia Film Festival

Students from APSU have created a short movie for Apple’s Insomnia Film Festival. To learn more, visit [www.edcommunity.apple.com/insomnia\\_fall07/item.php?itemID=1403](http://www.edcommunity.apple.com/insomnia_fall07/item.php?itemID=1403). You can also watch the movie on the Web site as well.

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November 2—3	One Night Stand	7 pm—3 am	Foy Center

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WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. and U.K. embassies dose

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP) — The U.S. and British embassies suspended operations Oct. 27 in Baku, where the government said it thwarted a radical Islamic group's plot to conduct a "large-scale horrifying terror attack" against diplomatic missions and government buildings.

The Azerbaijani National Security Ministry said one suspect was killed and several others were detained in a weekend sweep in village outside the capital. The ministry said the Islamic group included an army lieutenant who stole 20 hand grenades, a machine gun, four assault rifles and ammunition from his military unit and made them available for the planned attack.

The U.S. Embassy sent out an announcement to American citizens saying it had closed its consular office for an indefinite period because of a security threat and said it encouraged Americans to "maintain a high level of vigilance." Police cars were parked outside.

The British Embassy closed completely on Monday, according to a receptionist in the Landmark building where the embassy is located. No one answered the phone at the embassy.

Several offices in the Landmark building also shut down operations Monday, including included Norway's StatoilHydro ASA and BP Azerbaijan, the receptionist said.

National Security Ministry spokesman Arif Babayev told The Associated Press that the radical Islamic group had planned to launch a "terror attack against several government structures in Baku and the U.S. Embassy."

In Washington, the State Department declined to comment on the specific nature of the threat but said the embassy, in cooperation with officials in Azerbaijan, had beefed up security and the mission would likely reopen soon.

"They have worked closely with the government of Azerbaijan, they are in a good posture now and I would expect they would resume normal operations in the days to come," spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Gunmen capture Iraqi sheiks

BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen in Baghdad snatched 10 Sunni and Shiite tribal sheiks from their cars Oct. 26 as they were heading home to Diyala province after talks with the government on fighting al-Qaida, and at least one was later found shot to death.

The bold daylight kidnapping came as the top U.S. commander in Iraq said the threat from the terror network has been "significantly reduced" in the capital.

A suicide car bomber, meanwhile, struck a busy commercial area in the oil-rich, northern city of

Kirkuk, killing at least eight people and wounding 26, police said.

A new general assumed control of the region north of Baghdad, acknowledging that violence remains high but expressing confidence that the military has al-Qaida on the run there as well.

The two cars carrying the sheiks , seven Sunnis and three Shiites , were ambushed in Baghdad's predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Shaab at about 3:30 p.m., police officials said.

The sheiks were returning to Diyala province after attending a meeting with the Shiite-dominated government's adviser for tribal affairs to discuss coordinating efforts against al-Qaida in Iraq, police and a relative said.

Police found the bullet-riddled body of one of the Sunni sheiks, Mishaan Hilan, about 50 yards away from where the ambush took place, an officer said, adding that the victim was identified after his cell phone was found on him.

A relative of one of the abducted Shiite sheiks blamed Sunni extremists and said the attackers picked a Shiite neighborhood to "create strife between Shiite and Sunni tribes that have united against al-Qaida in the area."

But, Jassim Zeidan al-Anbaqi said, "this will not happen."

The well-planned attack was the latest to target anti-al-Qaida tribal leaders and other officials in an apparent bid to intimidate them from joining the U.S.-sponsored grass roots strategy that the military says has contributed to a recent drop in violence.

Olmert announces he has cancer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced Oct. 29 that he has prostate cancer and will soon have surgery, but said the disease is not life-threatening and he would continue to perform his duties.

Speaking to a packed news conference in Jerusalem, the Israeli leader said the disease was caught at an early stage and that he would have surgery "over the next few months."

"I will be able to carry out my duties fully before the treatment and within hours afterward," Olmert said. "My doctors ... informed me that there is a full chance of recovery and there is nothing about the tumor which is life-threatening or liable to impair my performance or my ability to carry out the mission which has been bestowed upon me."

"It is a matter of a microscopic growth, it hasn't spread and can be removed by a short surgical procedure. According to the medical opinion, there will be no need for radiation treatment or chemotherapy," Olmert said.

Olmert, 62, took office in January 2006 after his predecessor, Ariel Sharon, suffered a debilitating stroke. ♦

Fire kills seven students

Associated Press

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. — An intense fire ravaged a beach house packed with more than a dozen college students early Oct. 27, killing seven and leaving little left of the structure but its charred frame and the stilts on which it stood.

Six survivors were hospitalized and released, including one who jumped from the burning home and into a waterway, Mayor Debbie Smith said. The cause was being investigated.

"There were three kids sitting on the ground screaming," said newspaper deliverer Tim Burns, who called 911 after seeing a column of smoke rising from the house. "There was one guy hanging out the window, and he jumped in the canal. I know he got out because he was yelling for a girl to follow him."

Burns said he didn't know whether that girl was able to escape.

Officials at the University of South Carolina said six of the students who died were from the school in Columbia; the seventh attended Clemson University.

The six who survived were also from USC. The private home was being used by the owner's daughter and a group of her friends, Smith said.

"These are young people in the prime of their life," USC President Andrew Sorensen said at a news conference. "They had so much to look

forward to, and it's just profoundly tragic."

Students will have access to counselors, residence hall advisers and clergy members, Sorensen said. Classes will be held Monday.

Dennis Pruitt, dean of students, said the fire appears to have affected two Greek organizations the Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Earlier in the day, a campus minister at the sorority house declined to comment, as did an adult who answered the door at the fraternity house.

Michelle Shimberg, national president of Delta Delta Delta, said in a statement that the sorority's members were "devastated with the news of this tragedy and are doing everything we can to learn the facts about what occurred."

The fire struck sometime before 7 a.m. and burned completely through the first and second floors, leaving only part of the frame standing. The waterfront home named "Changing Channels" was built on stilts, forcing firefighters to climb a ladder onto the house's deck to reach the first living floor.

"We ran down the street to get away," said Nick Cain, a student at the University of North Carolina who was staying at a house about 100 feet away. "The ash and the smoke were coming down on us. We were just trying to get away." ♦

Faculty senate listens to Hall speak

By MARC WALLS  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate met Oct. 25 for the third time this semester.

President Timothy Hall spoke to the Faculty Senate about three matters of concern to him.

The president first reiterated his belief that policy making was not one of Austin Peay State University's most pressing needs.

Rather, Hall said, the school's priorities lie in helping students. As a result, Hall proposed that policy making be moved to a secondary body instead of remaining a concern for the President's Cabinet.

"The secondary body will not be as administrative heavy as the President's Cabinet," Hall said. The news brought about roaring applause from the Senate.

Hall then talked about the process in which department chairs are selected.

"I'm still trying to figure out what role a president should play in selection of chairs and deans," Hall said. The president noted that he believes that external searches for chairs are very valuable in the long run.

"It's good for us even when we have strong internal candidates," Hall said.

Jack Deibert, geosciences professor, mentioned that it has been difficult looking not only for someone qualified for the chair position, but also holding a specific skill under APSU established

criteria for chair candidates.

"There might only be one person out there that fits those qualifications," Deibert said.

Hall went onto discuss the progress of the proposed doctoral program in education.

Hall said that significant resources have been allocated to the program, including new lines to the education department that Hall called "understaffed."

The president justified the demand for the degree program and its consistency with APSU's history as a normal school.

"It's consistent of the need of this region to invest in education," Hall said. "We have problems on our end because of the weakness of the K-12 program," he said.

Michael Becraft, special assistant to the Provost, briefly reviewed a new textbook policy drafted by the university.

"This is a policy that covers cost minimization, procedures and to detail monitoring procedures of textbook costs," Becraft said.

Becraft noted that although faculty are responsible for making sensible, cost effective choices with respect to their book selections, the campus bookstore still has the option of charging up to 25 percent over the publisher's cost to the students.

For more information on the new textbook policy, visit [www.apsu.edu/senatef/documentsreview.htm](http://www.apsu.edu/senatef/documentsreview.htm). ♦

Cadets: naturalized

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Although U.S. citizenship, naturalized or otherwise, is a requirement to be an officer, permanent residents of the U.S. can enlist in the Armed Forces. Military service can expedite the naturalization process and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will exempt qualified members of the U.S. Armed Forces from other naturalization requirements including residency and physical presence in the U.S.

The USCIS has naturalized more than 33,750 members of the U.S. Armed Forces since the beginning of the War on Terror, and has granted posthumous citizenship to 102 members of the U.S. Armed Forces stemming from the War on Terror. ♦

SGA: dining services talk

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Dining Services committee

SGA discussed concerns regarding changes in APSU Dining Services. A committee of 14 students along with faculty and staff was formed to discuss student input on campus dining choices, according to Secretary Chris Drew, who attended the Dining Services committee meeting.

Drew said that if a student does not like a certain menu item, cooks are obligated to prepare another menu item. Operational hours, bathroom cleanliness and cold food were also discussed at the committee meeting.

Drew said that dining services needs more student input. ♦

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OUR TAKE

Clarksville’s history, casualty of economy

Though the Foust House still stands, it has essentially fallen. It was lost the moment former President Sherry Hoppe took office. From the evidence that we have seen, all efforts to renovate and maintain the house ended after former President Sal D. Rinella left Austin Peay State University. Under Hoppe’s presidency, the Foust House was neglected and left to decay.

As you know — if you read our page 1 story last week — APSU is bound to a 10-year covenant that essentially says that the administration will not demolish the house before 2009. We will point out here that one of the key stipulations of this covenant says that “the subgrantee (APSU) agrees to assume the cost of the continued maintenance and repair of said property.” The covenant also stipulated specific renovations to be made on the house.

And though the administration did use that \$40,000 grant in 1999 to replace the roof shingles, which was not done correctly, no other renovations stipulated in the covenant were made. These renovations included gutter repairs and disposal of trash in the house.

We believe that if APSU’s administration were well-intentioned, it would have at the very least commissioned the trash to be hauled away and the gutters to be cleaned, as it is mandated in the covenant and as Hoppe was repeatedly urged to do by the Tennessee Historical Commission.

It seemed the administration had already made up its mind about the Foust House; it had sent letters in 2001 requesting the demolition of the house to make room for Hand Village. APSU’s only defense was that it couldn’t find the funding to make the renovations.

The administration, from our perspective, has failed to uphold the binding covenant. It has failed to assume the cost; it has, as quoted

by the covenant, failed to “preserve the architectural, historical, and archeological integrity of the [property] to protect and enhance those qualities that made the property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places,” and it has failed to preserve a part of Clarksville’s history and therefore has failed Clarksville.

The late Henry Steete Commager, a renowned American historian, once wrote, “that Americans had no need of a past because they were so sure of the future.” We believe this sentiment was prevalent among APSU’s administration in the case of the Foust House.

This case illustrates the urgent need for the THC to observe more closely and frequently the condition of its registered buildings and to stringently enforce their adequate upkeep, wherever it is mandatory, as it was in the case of the Foust House. The THC held and still holds the responsibility of inspecting the house and ensuring that APSU is living up to covenant, which it has not.

This begs the question of whether or not those in the administration who were charged with the covenant mandates will be held accountable. Nowhere in the covenant did we see any recourse in the event APSU should violate it. Will anyone be held accountable or will it all be forgotten and ignored, the injustice swept under the rug? This is something just which the THC should deliberate.

We believe that our history should not be thought of in terms of dollars. And though it seems too late for the Foust House, it was not always beyond salvage, which is where the real tragedy lies. APSU had the opportunity to save the house, but it passed on that. After 2009 that lot, where the dilapidation that is the Foust House stands, will most likely be a parking lot.

Progression continues. ♦



GRAPHIC BY JOHN LUDWIG/ASSISTANT PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

Let’s talk about sex

Sex sells, we know that. People tend to like it. We know that. People tend to do more than just talk when it comes to sex and probably don’t say “No,” as often (maybe Nancy “just say no” Reagan got it right years ago) as they should. And we, as a society, continue to struggle with just what to do about these matters of fact. To whit, recently,



the Georgia Supreme Court ordered the release of one Genarlow Wilson, who had been imprisoned the last two years as part of his 10-year jail sentence for (now get this), having engaged in consensual oral sex with another teenager. Those Georgians are really bulldogs when it comes to sex. Wilson, who was 17 at the time of his crime, made a couple of critical mistakes that fateful New Year’s Eve of 2003, far worse than say just mixing cheap champagne with even cheaper soda or wearing flat shoes with a glittery Vera Wang gown. No, he chose a sex partner who was two years younger than he, which made her 15 at the time. Mistake number one. He, apparently, was aware he and his gal pal were also being videotaped during this sexual encounter. Mistake number two. A brief aside if I may, my theory is that anyone, especially those named Paris, Kim, Nicole or Britney, who videotape their “sexcapades” actually want the people who weren’t a party to their coupling to watch it. But back to Genarlow and the state of Georgia.

Georgia, you may recall, is home to the notorious Bowers v. Hardwick case, which sent a man to prison for engaging in sexual relations with another man. This was initially upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court mostly along the lines of respecting state sovereignty when it comes to regulating the sexual and moral behavior of its citizens as well as finding no constitutional right of homosexuality. Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court, perhaps following our Canadian brethren to the north, “Oh Canada, indeed,” who rejected such legal sanctions, went ahead and overturned Bowers v. Hardwick. Sodomites around the world rejoice, said critics of the decision. Basic human dignity, said supporters. Go back to my point above, said I.

And Genarlow, now 21 and hopefully much wiser in the ways of carnal law, was no doubt relieved when the court cited the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and in a close, 4-3 decision (told ya we struggle with sex) held that 10 years for oral sex with a co-teenager fits what the framers had in mind when ratifying it. Or, at least fit the spirit if not the letter of that law. His mother, who was “in a bit of shock,” welcomed him home. A piece of unsolicited advice: this year, Genarlow, watch Dick Clark’s “New Year’s Rocking Eve” on TV with your mom. And get to bed early. Alone.

Meanwhile, even closer to home, Holly Hatcher, a Nashville high school teacher, is charged with statutory rape for engaging in consensual sex with a 17-year-old male student. She has admitted that she and the minor had sex on at least six occasions over the last two months, including in such romantic getaways as her car, a boat launch and her house. She also told the police that one time she and her young protégé visited the Nashville Zoo prior to returning to her home for sex. Who says our kids aren’t getting their money’s worth in public

schools? Amphibians, the lion cage and sex. A full day and he didn’t even have to risk the treachery of riding the public school bus. Of course, Hatcher isn’t the first to prey upon those kids we entrust her and her colleagues to teach and just leave it at that. Over the last five years there have been over 50 educators in our state whose licenses to teach have been revoked due to crimes related to sexual misconduct. And that doesn’t include the crimes that go unreported, which often are higher in number. What is going on here? Can’t our teachers simply teach and not touch?

Like I said, we struggle when it comes to sex. Also in the news is Kathryn McCoy, a 19-year-old female student at Bellarmine University in eastern Louisville, who gave birth in her dormitory and immediately disposed of the newborn in a garbage bag. Her roommate and friends were shocked to find out she was pregnant. How is that possible? Can one really hide a nine-month pregnancy that well? McCoy, who posted bond and was released from jail, now faces prison time of up to 12 years. Meanwhile, child agencies in Kentucky and Tennessee are desperate for newborns to place in loving homes to people who were both able to have sex and deal with, probably even looked forward to, the real-life consequences of their mutual, consensual decision.

And finally, (for now, tomorrow will bring a new batch of sordid sex stories, no doubt) a Virginia preacher and radio host has pled guilty to charges related to public indecency and drunken driving when he was arrested at a car wash. Seems the man of the cloth was actually clothed in a denim miniskirt with a half-empty bottle of vodka and a vial of painkillers nearby. Well, at least he had the good sense to not add any sex crimes to his fateful night. It seems he had enough issues to deal with as it was.

As Americans, we are known the world over for struggling with more sexual predators, having more statutory rapists and prosecuting more child molesters than any other nation. Europeans have long thought us provincial and unnaturally puritanical when it comes to sex. And the French, well, you can guess what the French think. The Swedes and Danes probably don’t even get the notion of legislating sexual crimes when dealing with consensual teens. Germans have been known to put birth control pills (mashed up) into their teens’ cereal to ensure they don’t get pregnant as they “experiment” early with sex. Obviously, they really don’t believe in saying no too much. But then what are we as a nation founded by seriously religious-minded folks to do? Throw our hands up and accept the inevitable? I don’t pretend to have the answer, but I’m not sure 10 years in prison for Genarlow was the right answer. I’m amazed that 19-year-old women seem to think there are no other options than to kill a life they just produced. And I continue to have trouble understanding how and why our teachers can’t find love and sex in their own age group. The preacher, the miniskirt and the car wash? Maybe, it’s a new way of cleansing one’s soul.

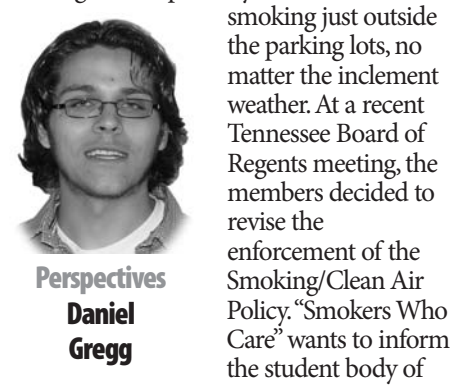
I do know one thing for sure, if we stop talking and teaching about sex, its consequences and its responsibilities, this type of stuff will only get worse. Talking openly about sex, I hope that doesn’t break any laws, secular or otherwise.

I’ll leave you with advice I was once given, “Don’t ever eat at a diner called Ma’s, don’t ever play poker with a guy called Doc, and don’t ever, ever, go to bed with someone who has worse problems than you do.” The wall must come down. ♦

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Students light up awareness

Many of you may have noticed the clean smoking area in the Trahern parking lot. This is because of the combined effort of students who collaborated together to eliminate the unsightly cigarette butts. These 11 students, better known as “Smokers Who Care,” were upset at the idea that their smoking on campus may be ticketed for



this issue and gain opinions, as well as support from the rest of their fellow students.

Discussed at the TBR meeting was the motion to ban smoking outside the designated parking lots on campus and to ticket those who violate the campus policy. The penalty for first time offenders would be a \$25 fine. Being a broke college student, I can barely afford the cost of school supplies let alone fines for smoking. Unless there are safe places to smoke, a person can’t be expected to stand in the pouring rain in the middle of a busy parking lot. That poses safety issues, which should be a high priority at Austin Peay State University.

“Smokers Who Care” was also disappointed that there wasn’t any attempt to raise awareness of the meeting and the voting that took place. With this newly acquired information Julie Norwood, a sophomore nursing major, lead the way trying to show that smokers can keep their areas clean of cigarette butts. She wanted to give others who care about the campus appearance the opportunity to help out. So she and several other student-smokers decided to gather early one morning to clean

up the designated smoking area in the Trahern parking lot. In an attempt to raise campus awareness of the activity, the group intended to send a mass e-mail via the campus Web. In order to send out such a notice using APSU’s e-mail system, a student must have a faculty member sponsor the announcement.

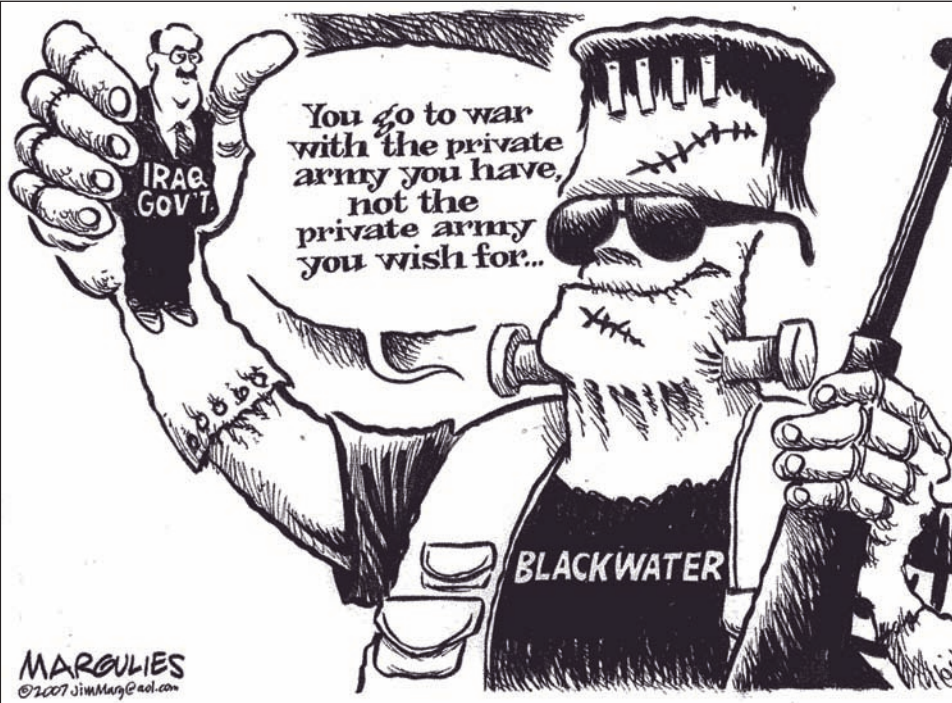
Norwood made her way to Student Life and Leadership where she was directed to the Student Government Association to give them a chance to sponsor the cause. “When first arriving, I was told that the notice would be posted and that I should write down what is to be announced. After this, I went back to the smoking area to inform the other concerned students that there would be an announcement.”

“Thirty minutes later I received a phone call. The announcement would not be posted since the proposal was not voted on,” said Norwood. Reasoning behind SGAs sudden change of heart was due to the time constraints that are involved with voting by executive members. In order to place an announcement, the topic must first be placed on the agenda. This lag does not cater to spontaneous events or news that needs to be heard by the student body.

“Smokers Who Care” still went along with its plans despite early morning showers. They arrived with their plastic bags determined to conquer the graveyard of cigarettes. A tedious task it was, but it was only half the battle. Now preventative measures are being taken to ensure that the ground will stay clear of extinguished cigarettes. “Smokers Who Care” is asking students to please use the trash receptacle when finished smoking.

These students went above their expected contribution and deserve much accreditation. To all of those that helped with the clean-up despite the weather, I have to say that I am greatly pleased with your dedication. ♦

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# HALLOWEEN



## A GLIMPSE OF NASHVILLE IN 2020

*Editor's note: Please enjoy this horrifically hypothetical satire. Happy Halloween!*

Susan starts the fire with a couple of pieces of flint rock. It is a trick she learned as a child from her brother Broderick, never imagining she would ever use it. The straggly remnants of her once long and beautiful auburn hair, she brushes to the side as she lays her third child, Esera, on the table. Esera died this morning just before the sun peaked in the orange glow of the stratospheric dust cloud.



**Perspectives**  
**Jack W. Butler**

Susan wipes away the years of dirt from Esera's face using the cleanest water she can filter. The rag she uses was once a wedding gown she found lying in a burned out shopping mall, just east of Nashville. At first, Susan would put the dress on and dance in front of a cracked full-length mirror, pretending that one day she would find a man to fall in love with and marry. Susan, 16 at the time, rarely dances anymore.

The hardened survivor would swear she had never heard a more infectious laugh than Esera's. Even as a baby, Esera brought life and happiness into the small family with her wide grin, sparkling blue eyes and unblistered skin. She would hang onto the edges of the crumbling walls and squeal with delight at her accomplishments. Rebecca and Cody would pick her up and twirl her in the dim light of the bombed out basement and laugh with their own sparkling eyes.

Esera's father was a mass of puss-oozing open sores, insane from the diseases that had eaten most of his higher brain functions. He had raped Susan in an abandoned super-store, while she and her friend Kali scavenged for clean food. Had it not been for Kali,

Susan would most likely have laid on the floor in the canned goods section, bleeding from her wounds until she died alone in the poison rubble.

"A person can't afford the luxury of sorrow in this world," Susan tells her children as they watch intently. She hums an old Beatles tune, "All you need is Love," as she bathes her dead child. From the face she moves onto the arms and torso, carefully cleaning every inch of her hairless flesh. A gentle kiss fell upon Esera's forehead as Susan remembered her own mother.

The irradiated, super-bug Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, simply known as MRSA X-Ray, in just a matter of hours after contact with the skin can turn a human body into gelatinous goo, yet leaving the brain alive for days. After finding her mother's quivering pile of flesh, Susan poured precious gasoline on her body and after lighting it, wiped the last tears she would ever cry from her eyes.

The shiny steel blade of the carving knife glistened in the stream of orange-yellow light that crept through the crack in the cellar door as Susan remembered the feel of the white pearl handle in her fingertips. When she was 20, she had removed a tumor from her left breast with it. Susan's mind went numb as the razor edge of the blade slit her flesh open. Trembling fingers reached in and with her left hand pulled the golf ball sized lump of black cancer out of her body. A large chunk of healthy breast tissue was removed along with it; just to be sure she got it all. It wasn't until she began sewing shut the gaping hole in her chest that she vomited. Susan wiped her mouth on her shirt that she had placed next to her on the kitchen table and went back to saving her own life.

A few years ago the Christians would have said a prayer over the child's body and then cremated her. But the hordes came, the ones who blamed the war on the religious people. The lucky ones were shot, but most

were burned alive inside their churches. In only three years all the Christians were exterminated and the Bibles destroyed. Some have said it happened to the Jews and the Muslims too.

Susan handed the bowl of dirty water to Cody, knowing he would take it to the recycling filter. The scared face of the 10-year-old boy displayed wisdom far beyond his years. He knew how important it was to conserve every drop of reusable liquid, even urine. Most of the water on the planet was nothing more than liquid cancer because of the levels of radiation in it. Rebecca left the room and came back with a large meat cleaver.

In just a few swift blows, Esera's arms and legs had been separated from her body. The head, of course, was the first to go. Susan took great pains to ensure the entrails didn't burst as she sliced the meat off the bone. Bile would ruin any meat it touched and nothing could be wasted in a post-nuclear war world. Susan's family would have red meat for the next few days.

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Although the previous story is a dramatization of life after a nuclear holocaust, it should not be taken lightly. The world has never been closer to a nuclear war than right now. Even during the Cuban missile crisis, neither the Americans nor the Russians wanted to start a war that could decimate all life on this planet. However, the current administration has plans to use "limited" nuclear strikes against Iran and to place anti-ballistic missiles, which could be armed with nuclear warheads, in the country of Poland. Russian President Putin said military action against Iran's nuclear facilities could have grave consequences globally, and that Russia would not tolerate the U.S. putting missiles in Poland. If Bush gets the nuclear war he wants, we all lose. ♦

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### THE ISSUE

Halloween

### WHY IT MATTERS

In the spirit of Halloween, some of *The All State* columnists have taken a "lighter" approach. The editorials within this page are intended to be satirical and, at times, borderline absurd. These writings are in no way written with the intention to offend or exclude anyone.

### UPCOMING TOPIC

Iraq

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## Advances Bring Complacency

As far as I can tell, our ancestors did not have treadmills. Bewildering, as it may seem, you may see what it implies. Cavemen had to hunt for their food, battle the elements and struggle everyday for their basic survival. Do you

think they needed to work out? Even imagining a Neanderthal looking at his reflection in a lake sucking in his flabby gut just seems unnatural. For some reason it seems to me that they were so busy trying to survive that they were already pretty trim. Getting fat wasn't their problem, they weren't fat enough.

How does this insight affect our everyday life? I deem it prudent to remind you that we do have treadmills, and that a very large percentage of Americans are fat, me included. Just imagine what our ancestors would say if they saw someone running on a treadmill. Killing a mastodon and dragging it home is such a work out they would look at that guy as if he was a masochist.

Lazy as we have become as a nation due to an ever-increasing margin of free time, we tend to use our advancements in technology to create that which our ancestors used innovations in technology to get less of. Many people don't appreciate the overall irony in this; let me rephrase it. Now that we have so much free time on our hands, we have to use technology, like treadmills, to achieve something generations before didn't even worry about. Our great-

great-grandparents wanted to sit down and rest after a hard day's work, but now it is customary for some people to take a five-mile jog and call it a way of calming down.

Perhaps you've gotten my little joke, but still can't catch my reason for bringing it up. Quite simply, the more advanced we get, the more we have to work to get what people before us took for granted. Rising gas prices for example remind us of times in the past when people thought it flowed like water, causing us to look for other ways of fueling our vehicles. Security problems on the Web let us recall a time, long ago, when one could live in total anonymity and challenge us to find authentic privacy.

To those reading these words I ask but one question, "What do we take for granted now that our children will have to struggle to find tomorrow?" Upheaval in the educational system could be triggered by the memory of a time when learning was more important than grades for example. Verification of religious virtues can be directly linked to the way we carelessly tip-toe around issues of faith and berate anybody who dares to bring theirs into the realm of "polite conversation."

Whatever may happen certain things will continue to be true for years to come. Xylophones will still be funny instruments and the things a generation searches for will still shape its overall destiny. You just have to work in the present to ensure that they're going to be looking for something worthwhile in the future. Zipping through life looking for meaningless garbage that will only lead to ruin doesn't make for an interesting future. ♦

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## War on rock 'n' roll rages on ... part III

*"And progress is not intelligently planned / It's the façade of our heritage, the odor of our land / They speak of progress in red, white and blue / It's the structure of the future as demise comes seething through / It's progress 'til there's nothing left to gain. As the dearth of new ideas makes us wallow in our shame / So before you go to contribute more to the destruction of this world you adore / remember life on earth is but a flash of dawn and we're all part of it as the day rolls on / And progress is a message that we send / One step closer to the future, one inch closer to the end."*

— Greg Graffin

*Editor's Note: The following is the third installment of the "War on rock 'n' roll." The original installment was published Oct. 22, 2003, with a follow-up sequel being published Oct. 25, 2006. Both installments can be viewed online at [www.theallstate.com](http://www.theallstate.com).*

### Chicago, 2009...

Rex turned the volume down and plopped down on the ratty sofa next to Maria. "That song is always so right on," Rex said. "I mean, it's 2009 and the words are still meaningful almost 30

years later. The man had vision."

"Whatever you say, Rex. I say it's time for Heroes, season four."

"Maria." Rex tried to snap her attention away. "Maria! When are you going to take a look at what's going on out there? When are you going to realize that our

band, the other bands that play with us and even more we don't know about, have this chance to shake things up?"

"Oh God, here we go." "Look at the Seattle shows and the

ones along the East Coast. You saw how pissed off everyone was. Music holds the key to turning the tide Maria."

"You want my honest opinion? I don't think you have the first clue what you're talking about, babe."

Rex stopped talking and stomped his combat boots on top of the old oak table. Maria smacked his head. On the radio, in the kitchen played the latest presidential address. The New American Millenium Anthem had just received congressional approval.

### Chicago, 2016...

(continued from "The War on rock 'n' roll rages on in 2016")

Maria continued to listen to the roar of the crowd. The people loved the music. Rex would have loved to be here, she thought. Tears began streaking her face with make-up. She yelled something into the air and started singing a rowdy cover of Dylan's "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall."

Outside the warehouse in the lobby, the club owner, still expecting the Liberty Patrol to bust in at any moment, cursed himself for missing that phone call. Could've been important, he thought to himself frantically ... ♦

*The completion of this story is available at [www.theallstate.com](http://www.theallstate.com). Visit us online to see what happens to Maria and her comrades.*



## G.H.O.S.T. is a terrorist convention

In the past few years, I have viewed Halloween with a more scrutinizing eye. I have concluded that Halloween is essentially terrorism in its sweetest and most delicious form. Guised under the attractive wrappings of caramel candies and chocolates, Halloween has too long undermined the national effort of advancing patriotism.

Imagine my surprise this past Sunday evening when I found myself in the middle of a terrorist convention right here on campus. This convention is called Greater Halloween Options for Safe Trick-or-Treating, also known as G.H.O.S.T. This event promotes a "safe environment for children to trick-or-treat around campus." What that really means, is that it promotes terrorism by allowing terrorists-in-training to come to Austin Peay State University and to carry out training exercises.

I was appalled to discover that this isn't the first time this event has been sponsored by APSU. Consequently, I have resolved to draw up and advocate a plan of action against this tasty threat to national security.

My plan is to run for SGA and eventually pass completely bogus legislation that will give me dictatorship over the student body. This

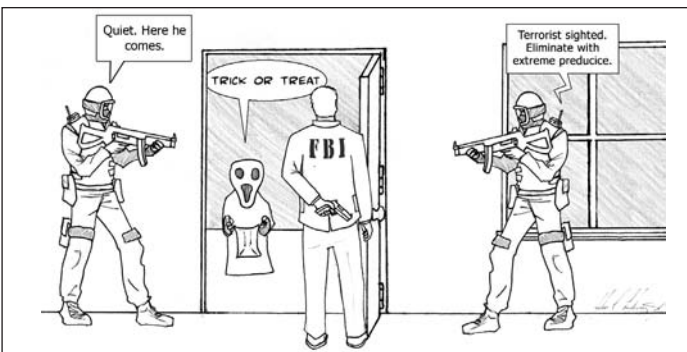


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legislation will ideally have a horribly contrived name to fit a cool and catchy acronym — the PATRIOT Act for instance. This legislation, or bill rather, will allow the SGA to monitor everyone's cholesterol. If anyone's should increase irregularly, it would be ground for that person's detainment. While I'm at it, I'll mandate permits to buy toilet paper and eggs, the long favored weapon of Halloween terrorists.

I would also establish secret prisons, fat "physical fitness" camps, where suspects are tortured with cardio exercises until they admit to acts of terrorism. Then we can try them without jury. Justice is served with no dessert, as it should be.

Since it will be some time before I can implement my plan, you

should know that the most important step to negating Halloween lies within. You must set the example. You must deter Halloween. What does it say, when we tell America's children that it's okay to threaten your neighbors with invasion trickery, should they fail to comply with the demands of precious oil/sweet candy? I'll tell you what the voices in my head think. They say that we're no better than the terrorists when we allow our neighbors to go trick-or-treating.

Therefore, as parents, siblings and peers to the nation's youth, you should set the patriotic example by prohibiting this practice. Children in particular are easily swayed and require much attention, so it's best to invade their privacy as much as possible. I know it's not fool-proof, but it'll have to do until I get that legislation passed in the SGA.

To some of you, my intentions may sound like the ignorant, flawed logic of an unqualified president, who takes the misguided approach of pretending to be the common man by being a total idiot. But, I assure you, they're not. Halloween will foster nothing but potential terrorists for decades to come. The last thing APSU needs to do is sponsor the demise of American hopes and dreams.

So as I prepare my campaign for SGA (donations will be encouraged), I'll leave you with this: Just as Adam and Eve fell by the apple, don't let yourselves or your fellow Americans fall by the candied apple. ♦

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# Jiu Jitsu class has students pinned



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR  
Students learn the basic moves of Jiu Jitsu as instructor Ron Dayley offers pointers.

By A.J. DUGGER  
Staff Writer

Every Monday and Thursday, there are epic showdowns of muscle, strength and speed in Room 215 of the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center.

Although this sounds a little scary, it's actually just a class, demonstrating a popular form of martial arts; that's right, Jiu Jitsu has made its way to Austin Peay State University.

A gifted former professional fighter named Ron Dayley is instructing the course. Dayley has been fighting since 1993. He used to regularly grapple with other legendary professional fighters like former WWE wrestler and UFC Superfight champion Ken Shamrock in The Lion's Den.

"I'm 14-2 as a pro, and 44-2 as an amateur," said Dayley. He now lives in Clarksville and owns SSF Submission Academy on College Street. Dayley specializes in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Thai boxing, catch wrestling and submission wrestling. He channels each of these different forms of mixed martial arts into his teaching.

This is the first semester that Jiu Jitsu has been taught at APSU. The class is a very friendly environment. The students execute the moves nicely, but are very cautious not to hurt one another.

"I like it," said Jennifer Placke, a senior health and human performance major who regularly attends the class. Placke also stands out by being the only female in the class. "At first it was really awkward," Placke said. "Some of the guys were uncomfortable."

As predicted, some of the guys in the class didn't quite know how to adjust to confronting a female in the class, but over time, Placke began to fit in nicely, due to her talent and sense of humor.



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR  
Jiu Jitsu instructor Ron Dayley is an accomplished fighter with an impressive record. As pictured by his partners expression, he embodies the phrase "bringing the pain."

"It's nice to have [Placke] in there," Dayley said. "It isn't just for guys."

Jiu Jitsu is difficult for a lot of people who are beginners. Dayley has observed many people who have quit after the first lesson or two.

Indeed, Dayley and his students make the eye-catching moves look smooth and easy, but it takes discipline and practice to make Brazilian Jiu Jitsu appear as if it is second nature.

"A lot of beginners quit very quickly. It's hard getting to the point where you start flowing ... one move to another without thinking about it. In about six months, you'll start feeling it," Dayley said.

Depending on the size of his or her body

stature, people can pick up a variety of styles. "Women and smaller men are real technical because they can't rely on the strength. They learn technique, and it's nice to see that," Dayley said. The action in the class is very inspiring. The class focuses on submission wrestling while on the mat.

Even the warm-up exercises the students do look like moves performed in a Jean-Claude Van Damme movie. Dayley has other goals as well. He'd like to start a rape prevention class that teaches women self defense.

The Jiu Jitsu class takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 215 in the Foy Center. For more information, visit [www.apsu.edu/recreation/](http://www.apsu.edu/recreation/). ♦

# 'Saw' IV hacks competitors, captures box office

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG  
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"If it's Halloween, it must be 'Saw,'" said the teaser trailer for Lionsgate's latest in its hit movie saga, "Saw IV." The newest movie in the "Saw" series still gives the same elements of macabre torture and spine-tingling scenes like the others, but show much more explicit gore.

The first "Saw," is credited with introducing new concepts into the horror movie genre. The movie featured a half psychopathic, half vigilante who although, not a technical murderer, still enjoyed kidnapping people and putting them in situations where they have to make a choice.

If they make the right choice they live with mere flesh wounds, but if they make the wrong one, they are brutally killed by some sort of device. It featured a "one of a kind" twist-ending that no one saw coming.

"Saw II" was too flashy with over-the-top torturing machinery and very elaborate deaths. This time, instead of having only two victims, eight played the game. They fought for their lives while trapped inside a house of death with, of course, only one way out.

Still again, it ended in a way that shocked viewers and made them think, "How is that possible?" Jigsaw, the aforementioned psychopath, takes on an apprentice to continue his work when he dies. What could possibly happen in the next movie?

The next film was a complete flop. It seemed as though Leigh Whannell, the writer of "Saw III," tried too hard to come up with a script that had another thrilling conclusion. The story was too complex and the new torture gadgets were grizzlier than before. The only shocker in the end was when Jigsaw died.

The latest installment, "Saw IV," displays a higher gore content than any of the other movies. It shows what schemes Jigsaw, played by Tobin Bell, had planned for after his own death.

The opening scene demonstrates one of the most graphic and disgusting images in the entire series. (Note: make sure to not eat beforehand or it might come back up.) After that scene, "Saw IV" is

pretty normal in terms of gore for a horror movie this day and age.

A recent trend in horror movies has been showing the development of the killer and how they became such a sick, twisted person. This became popular with "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning" and the recent remake of "Halloween."

Jigsaw is illustrated as a human with feelings of love and compassion. We see the events that lead up to the birth of Jigsaw. With his first victim, we see how he goes about picking people and where that ugly, scary pig mask comes from. His first killing machine seemed almost simplistic compared to his later inventions.

The sense of an ordinary person being capable of torturing people who have made mistakes in their lives give viewers a creepy feeling that any "normal" person could snap at any moment.

This will not be the last "Saw" movie in the series. Ever since the first one came out in 2004, a new film has been released every year. According to Rotten Tomatoes Web site, ([www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com)), the theatrical release date for "Saw V" is slated for 2009.

Will this be a good move to put the series on a hiatus while the series keeps going stronger? If the movies keep on going the way they are now, we could be looking at another, drawn out horror series like "Friday the 13th" and "A Nightmare on Elm Street"

In the theatrical trailer, Jigsaw says, "You think it is over? You think you are safe? You are wrong. I promise that my work will continue. The games have just begun." ♦

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Actor Lyria Bent holds a very realistic looking prop used during the filming of horror-gore flick "Saw IV," the latest in the four movie series.

In the evening sunlight, fall foliage often glows, sometimes even looking ablaze.

## COLORS of FALL

Center (above): Mums are a popular fall flower thanks to their hardy nature. They come in a rainbow of fall colors ranging from yellow to rusty orange to burgundy.

Above right: The unusual weather this year has some plants not knowing exactly what to do. A paradox of colors is seen here in a tree who's leaves haven't begun to change but the neighboring tree is a vibrant color of red.

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# Students take time to help others

By AIMEE THOMPSON  
Staff Writer

When leaves begin to turn orange and yellow, and frost lies thick on the grass, people’s minds turn to the upcoming holiday season, Thanksgiving in particular.

For most people, Thanksgiving is a time spent with family and friends around a table laden with turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole and sweet potatoes. Some of a person’s best memories are made during these annual gatherings, when everyone gets together to reflect on the blessings of the year.

However, there are those who do not get the luxury of a Thanksgiving dinner. They are the people who are struggling from paycheck to paycheck, who can hardly buy groceries for a week, let alone for a Thanksgiving feast.

At Austin Peay State University, there are many students who fit into this category such as non-traditional students, who are trying to raise their children by themselves and students who are caring for elderly parents or relatives.

The local college chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Gamma Beta Phi have sought to remedy this sad situation through their Students Helping Students program.

For the past four years, the Students Helping Students program has collected non-perishable food donations in order to give financially struggling students the Thanksgiving they deserve.

Kathleen Evans is one of the head coordinators of the event, and she has been a part of the program since it began. “We (the

NAACP) try to build a sense of community on campus,” Evans said. “We want to spread the true spirit of Thanksgiving, as well as allow students to extend help to those in need.”

For the students who are a part of the NAACP, the program serves to give them valuable tools for the future. “It is part of a higher learning experience,” Evans said. “Students learn to delegate tasks and publicize the event. Although I provide them with resources, they get to learn by way of doing.”

Food donations such as boxed stuffing, macaroni and cheese, canned corn, green beans and peas, are currently being accepted in the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center, Room 112 as well as the African American Cultural Center. Monetary donations are also helpful and can be given in Foy, Room 112, Clement building, room 223E and Marks building, Room 104. Checks should be made payable to the NAACP.

The NAACP is also asking for students, faculty and staff to send in referral forms identifying students who are deserving of a holiday food basket. “We don’t go in-depth in researching the referrals,” Evans said. “We trust the integrity of the referrers.” The deadline for nomination forms is Nov. 5. ♦

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# Backstreet quits playing games with new CD

By JESSICA BAIRD  
Guest Writer

After selling millions of albums, performing thousands of concerts and encountering countless screaming fans, the Backstreet Boys are back again with the release of their new album “Unbreakable.”

The group’s new release, their first since “Never Gone” in 2005, marks their 10th anniversary and, according to the Backstreet Boys in a telephone interview, the new album is also a departure from the days in which they were the reigning kings of MTV’s “Total Request Live.”

“We’re blessed to still be doing what we’re doing,” said Brian Littrell. This statement, especially, rings true for the Backstreet Boys. Considering the ever-changing music industry, and the fact that the group’s core audience of teenagers are now 20-somethings, the fact that Backstreet Boys have been together for a decade is no small feat.

Their boy band contemporaries, such as \*NSYNC and 98 degrees, disbanded years ago, making Backstreet Boys the only group still standing after the implosion of the power-pop era.

Even though the group is about to release their fifth studio album and planning to embark on a world tour, there is one notable absence. Last year, Kevin Richardson decided to leave the group in pursuit of other interests. There is no ill will after his departure, explained fellow Backstreet Boy Howie Dorough. “He’s at a great place in his life, and we’re at a really great place with him right now,” Dorough said.

The boys said they are not only on great terms with each other,

but also they are in a great place musically as well. “We’re really proud of this record,” said AJ McLean. While making “Unbreakable,” McLean said the group wanted to be on the edge while remaining true to the sound they’re known for.

Nick Carter agreed, saying, “Music comes in cycles. We stay in our lane and at the same time we strive to do something new.”

The ‘something new’ comes in the form of collaboration. While recording “Unbreakable,” the group enlisted the help of various songwriters and producers, including \*NSYNC alum JC Chasez. After working with producer and songwriter Max Martin on several of their past releases, Backstreet Boys switched gears and brought Dan Muckala to the helm. This new collaboration, the group said, was extremely helpful during the long process of recording.

“We wanted to break out of the mold,” Carter said. “We pushed Dan to a new direction he wasn’t used to going.”

Although the Backstreet Boys are very pleased with their new album, they are well aware that album sales may not match their previous triumphs. However, considering that they have previously sold over 75 million albums worldwide, their spot within the pop culture pantheon is certain. The group said that record sales aren’t the most important thing, and that quality has always been more important than quantity.

For Littrell, the reason the Backstreet Boys are still in the game is simple. “We’ve missed each other, we’ve missed performing and we missed traveling; it’s in our blood.”

“Unbreakable” hits stores Tues., Oct. 30. ♦




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After several years out of the music scene, the Backstreet Boys have returned, minus original member Kevin Richardson.

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TxtN: Luv or H8?

By MARSEL GRAY  
Staff Writer

Wlkn rownd AP st8 uni, drivin rownd d ciT, & evN n claS, odds R U cn spot ppl txt msgN. Perhaps you only understood part of that sentence, or you may have not understood any of it. Allow me to translate text speak into English: Walking around Austin Peay State University, driving around the city, and even in class, odds are you can spot people text messaging.

It is a fast and simple method of sending and receiving information. Texting, with all of its abbreviated terms, such as OMG and LOL, also known as SMS language or text speak, allows for conversations that once took minutes, to occur in mere seconds. This abbreviated language is finding its way into spoken conversation and the written word more and more these days. What is this new form of language doing to the current version of English? Is the English language evolving? And what are other possible dangers of text speak?

When asked what he thought about people talking in text speak, junior, AJ Wolfe said, “It’s stupid. I don’t care for it. There is no need for it.” Though it may not seem like an issue, text speak is a growing problem within the education field.

In November 2006, *The New Zealand Herald* printed an article about a high school principal who opposed the use of text speak in an exam. In March 2003, the BBC ran in an article entitled “Is txt mightier than the word?” regarding a 13-year-old Scottish girl who turned in a paper to her teacher in complete text language. While these are extreme cases of text speak abuse, common phrases can still be heard frequently.

In the back of George Orwell’s novel, 1984, there is an appendix on “The Principles of Newspeak.” The appendix outlines the government’s policy to change certain use of grammar. For example, the government decides to change words that are direct opposites: good and bad. Instead of needing the word bad, the government policy became to attach the prefix “un-” in front of words to create their opposites. In this case, bad became un-good.

When asked if he thought that text speak was allowing the evolution of the English language, Mickey Wadia, professor language and literature, said “absolutely, it is part of cultural evolution. Language is always fluid and constantly evolving.” Indeed, the English language has evolved considerably throughout its lifetime as new words were added from different cultures, old words were either forgotten or their meanings changed, and new words were created as the times changed.

“Text speak is only slang. There’s no harm in it,” said, freshman, Jessica Ostland.

Perhaps text speak is just the next evolutionary line in the English language; yet, for now it will just remain a part of the changing culture. In any case, as text speak grows in popularity, it may just replace the current version of English altogether. ♦

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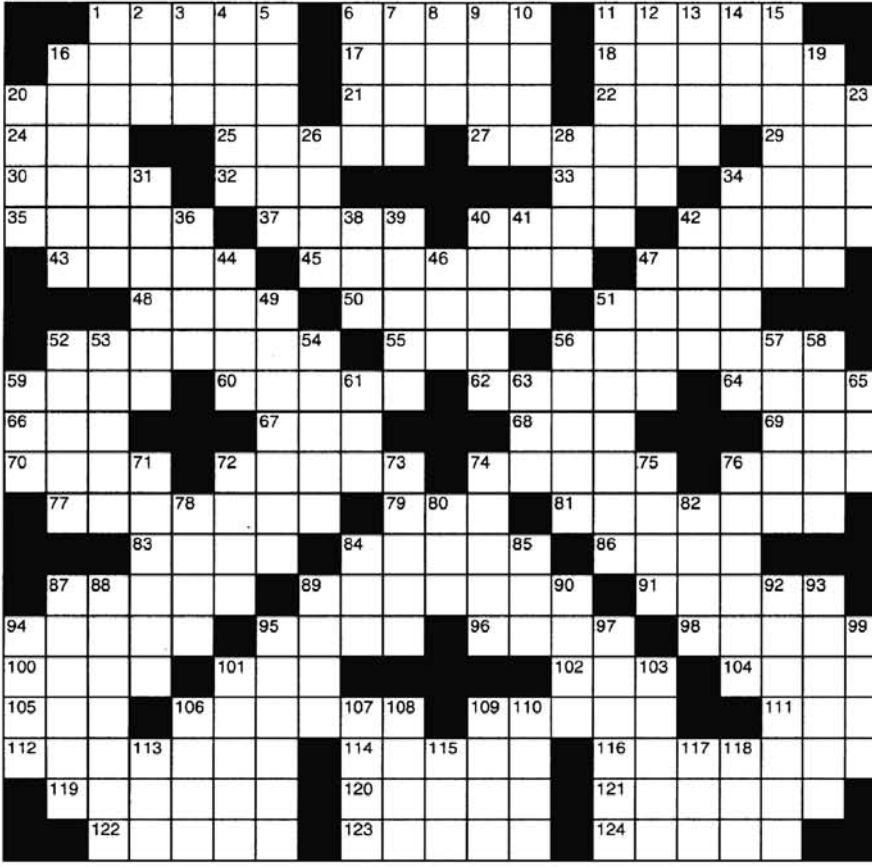
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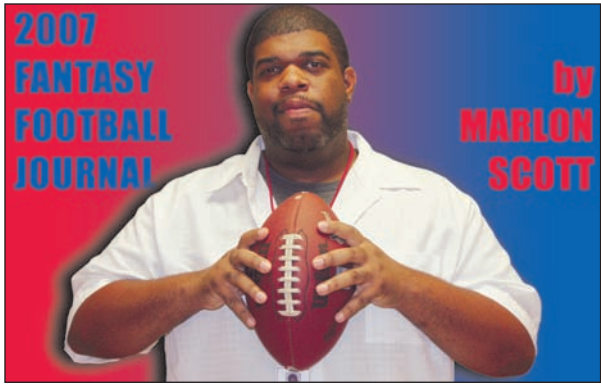
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OPINION



Looking forward to 10-4

The GridironGovs are 5-2 going into week eight. Feel free to applaud, I will wait.

Instead of diving back into the lineup for week eight, I decided to step back and analyze the big picture.

How is this league? Who has proved to be fantasy superstars this season?

Throughout the league the competition is close. Seven of the 12 teams are above .500. Team 8 (who will now be named the door mats) has the worst record at 1-6. Currently the top of each division is 5-2.

The GridironGovs lead the Central division with Teams 10 and 12 on their heels at 4-3. Teams 3 and 7 are tied at the top of the West division. The East division is led by Team 9.

We were not exactly draft geniuses this season. Every expert preaches that running backs are the key to fantasy championships. However, only three of the top 10 fantasy point producers so far this season are running backs and LaDainian Tomlinson, everyone's number one pick, is ranked fifth.

Of the top 10, my league drafted only two in the first round. The top two, Tom Brady and Randy Moss, were picked in the second and fourth rounds.

I picked Ronnie Brown, who is fourth on the list, in the second round. Unfortunately, I started him in five of the first seven games and now he is out for the rest of the season because of an injury. Feel free to boo now, I will wait.

Fantasy genius may be too strong a title for me right now, but I am clearly not the worst owner in this league. Team 4's owner drafted Peyton Manning in the first round and Randy Moss in the fourth. Both players are top 10 fantasy point producers. He also drafted Willis McGahee and Fred Taylor. McGahee is the second leading rusher in the NFL right now and Taylor is ranked 25th. With all that firepower, Team 4 is third in the division at 2-5. If the owner of Team 4 gets a clue before the season is over, we all may be in trouble.

Overall, it has been hard keeping up with the constantly changing NFL this season. Quarterbacks have been dropping like flies. Cleveland Brown quarterback Derek Anderson has thrown more touchdowns than Carson Palmer and Drew Brees. Finding a consistent running back is like playing the lottery. The Patriots are superheroes and Tom Brady is a god. Included in that mythic pantheon are Peyton Manning and Brett Favre (my league drafted Favre in the 11th round).

It is the second half of the fantasy season and time to separate the gurus from the acolytes. Will the GridironGovs match their first half performance and go 10-4?

Week eight and nine results will be revealed next week.

To view the complete league standings and the GridironGovs schedule log on to [www.theallstate.com](http://www.theallstate.com). ♦

Depth equals success for Govs



Fernandez Lockett, Derek Wright, Todd Babington, and Kyle Duncan are four of the five starters returning to play for the Govs this season. This years team includes 10 players from last years Ohio Valley Conference regular season champion team. The Govs were picked to finish first in the OVC preseason polls.



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The Govs will look to use their depth to their advantage, and the return of 10 players

By MARLON SCOTT  
Assistant Sports Editor

With 10 returning players from last year's Ohio Valley Conference regular season champion team, the Austin Peay State University Govs basketball team has the depth to become this year's O'Reilly OVC Tournament Champions.

It is easy to understand why the 2006-07 Govs were voted to finish at the top of the OVC.

Govs head coach Dave Loos was the 2006-07 OVC Coach of the Year and junior forward Drake Reed was the OVC Player of the Year. The two facts alone are hard to ignore.

Basketball, however, is a team sport. One great coach and one great player are not enough to win a conference.

Luckily the Govs' repeating recipe includes preseason first-team All-OVC selection forward Fernandez Lockett. Lockett (11.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg) is one of five players returning as seniors this season.

"We have got everybody back from last year, so everybody knows the system," Lockett said. "I feel very confident as far as the depth."

Guards Derek Wright (8.3 ppg, 3.9 apg) and Todd Babington (9 ppg, 1.9 rpg), both starters last year, are returning seniors as well.

Wright is excited about the new season and ready to accept the challenge of entering this season as a favorite.

"Last year we had to prove that we could play with everybody in our conference. I think we were ranked sixth or seventh," Wright said. "Now I think we have to prove that we are one of the best teams in this conference. We have to come out here, take every game serious,

play hard and be focused on the task at hand, which is winning basketball games."

Sprinkled in with the seniors are junior Kyle Duncan and sophomores Ernest Fields and Wes Channels. Last year Duncan's defense shut down opponents while he averaged 4.3 ppg and 3.4 rpg.

Channels and Fields provided energy off the bench and are ready for extended playing time this season.

Coach Loos already has ideas about whom he will use to inspire fear into the rest of the OVC.

"I think we have seven guys that could play right now and we are looking for that eight, nine, 10," Loos said. "We traditionally play eight guys a lot. If somebody gets in early foul trouble, nine and 10 will get some time."

Among the new faces fighting for playing time at the nine and 10 spots are freshmen Caleb Brown and John Fraley.

Brown adds more speed to an already explosive group of guards. From Hopkinsville, 6'8" Fraley brings more offense into the post game and has a lot of people watching for the moves he has shown in high school.

Both freshmen showed great potential in the "Reigning Red" exhibition scrimmage.

"I thought some of the young guys showed some good stuff," Loos said. "I was really impressed with Caleb Brown. He ran the team good. John Fraley did some nice things."

From top to bottom, the Govs appear ready to defend their OVC regular season title. As far as they are concerned, they have all the tools to win this year's OVC tournament and will be playing in March as part of the nationwide NCAA tournament.

Reed summed up the attitude of his team this season. "We are going to give it our best effort every night and we are going to do our best to win." ♦

Lady Govs volleyball drop both games in OVC road trip

By PATRICK HORTON  
Staff Writer

After impressively sweeping Eastern Kentucky University, the Lady Govs had the right to feel like they had more than just a chance to walk into Murray, Ky. and upset the highly ranked Murray State Racers. Coming off a game where they held EKU to a measly .083 attack percentage and posted a .259 percentage themselves, who can blame them? However, Murray's stingy defense and well oiled offensive machine produced a season high .360 attack percentage while holding the Lady Govs to .085 on the night. Murray swept the Govs in three games (30-13, 30-21, 30-18).

Murray State (14-11 overall, 11-4 Ohio Valley Conference) set a grueling tempo to keep up with as they scored the first six points of the match. Five of those points were aces by junior Heather Norris. The Govs would battle back and fourth with the Racers until it was 19-12. Then the Lady Racers went on a 11-1 run, the only Austin Peay State University point came from a Murray service error.

The Lady Govs were stunned but did not give up as they took an early lead in the second game 7-5. Enter in junior Heather Norris, however, and she serves five of the next six points and APSU trailed 10-8. The Lady Govs kept it close tying it at 13, but again the Racers went on a power play to score 10 of the next 12

points en route to a 30-21 win. Norris had 29 digs on the night for the Racers which raised her to number 13 on the OVC all-time dig list.

"Murray is a very good team. They run a quick offense, and we didn't have many opportunities to counter that," said APSU head coach Jenny Hazelwood. "Murray is a difficult place to play and we didn't come prepared to play like we could have. A lot of that is credit to the very talented team of Murray State."

In the third and final game the Lady Govs had it tied at 11 behind the stellar serving of senior Kristen Kirch, but failed to stop the offensive juggernaut of Murray who scored 15 of the next 17 points. Murray went on to cap the game off with a 30-18 win.

The Racers held every Governors player under seven kills as the high scorers for the Govs were freshmen Jessica Mollman and Maegan Squibb, who each had six kills.

The Lady Governors then traveled to Martin, Tenn. to face a team that accounted for one of APSU's three OVC wins. Both teams were 3-11 in conference play so the Lady Govs were looking for a repeat to wash away the memory of Murray the day before.

Less than a month ago the Lady Govs beat the University of Tennessee at Martin 3-1. UT-Martin flipped the script to put away the Govs 3-1 (30-26, 28-30, 30-21, 30-28).

Both teams nearly had three players with double-doubles, but it was UT-Martin's Lauren Montague who led all scores with 20 kills

and 19 digs. Szymska and Distler were the Govs with double-doubles, while Kirch added 20 digs to her impressive resume. After they dropped the first game, the Govs bounced right back to win a thrilling match in the final two points. The winning points were scored by Maegan Squibb and Marisa Jordan. The Lady Skyhawks kept a comfortable lead in third game, as the closest the Lady Govs ever came was seven points.

"Martin is a very physical team. They're tall, athletic, and they block well," Hazelwood said. "They are going to come at you with a lot of offensive weapons, and on top of that their offense was clicking"

Martin seemed to be just that in this battle of offenses. The Skyhawks recorded 72 kills on the night and APSU trailed slightly by eight kills. Martin also had a .279 attack percentage, while the Lady Govs only had a .159. The UT-Martin defense could be accredited to the slump in APSU's attack percentage, as they had nine blocks and 95 digs.

All of this was too much for the Lady Govs in the fourth and final game. The Govs were in a heated battled when they were tied late in the match 29-28. It was a Kathryn Sprague block for UT-Martin, that sealed the victory for the Lady Skyhawks and sent the Lady Govs home with an 8-20 overall record and 3-13 in OVC play. Szymska led the Govs in kills with 16, while Distler added 13 and Mollman and Squibb both had 12. ♦

Six senior Lady Gov soccer players play last two home games of career



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Six Lady Gov soccer seniors played their last home game Oct. 28 against the Eastern Kentucky. Front: Brooke Abrahams. Back left to right: Stephanie Hosse, Haley Black, Tyler Adair, Virginia Penner, Jessica Hosse.

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The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs soccer team played their last two home games of the season last weekend. After losing to the Morehead State University Lady Eagles 1-2, the Lady Govs tied the Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonels 1-1 in a double-overtime game.

The last two home games were also the last Ohio Valley Conference games for the Lady Govs this season. With the results from last weekend, the Lady Govs finished winless in the OVC, 0-8-1 (6-12-1 overall).

"It's disappointing, the results that we have had in the conference this year," said head coach Kelly Guth. "We have battled in every game, neck and neck. It's unfortunate that we have not been able to come up with a win."

The Lady Govs suffered their eight straight OVC loss to the Lady Eagles.

From the starting whistle, the Lady Eagles played more aggressively than the Lady Govs in the first period of the game. They earned two corner kicks and out-shot APSU eight to four.

Lady Eagle freshman Erin Adams made the first goal of the game in the 27th minute off a cross from teammate Rebekah Kendall. Kendall added a goal of her own in the 74th minute after a corner kick to give the Lady Eagles a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Govs came out more aggressive in the second period of the game. They generated 11 shots and forced Lady Eagle junior goalkeeper Leslie King to make six saves.

Ashley Beck beat King for her 10th goal of the season off a cross

from Tyler Adair in the 83rd minute of the game. However, the Lady Govs were unable to score again before the end of the game. Beck led the team with six shot attempts, four on goal, and one score.

The Lady Govs ended their losing streak with a 1-1 tie in their first double-overtime game of the season against EKU.

"I was very pleased with our team's effort," Guth said. "They didn't quit and they went out and they fought hard for 90 minutes. We had the opportunity for our seniors to all play and I thought that was important for us to allow them the opportunity to do that."

Twin sisters, Stephanie and Jessica Hosse, were two of six seniors playing in their last home game.

"Even though it was a disappointment, I am proud of us, how we have worked hard all season and never gave up," said Jessica Hosse.

The effort of both teams was evident throughout the game. The Lady Govs produced 17 shots, seven on goal in the game. Beck took the first of her 10 shot attempts in the eighth minute of the game, but did not make the first goal of the game until the 52nd minute off a well-placed assist from Hosse.

Five minutes later, Lady Colonel Alex Hardwick streaked past an APSU defender and found the net to tie the game.

At the end of regulation time, senior goalkeeper Brooke Abrahams had six saves. Abrahams added two key saves in the two 10 minute overtime periods to keep the Lady Colonels from winning the game.

"Incredible saves, that is what you need a goalkeeper to do at this level," Guth added. "You make the routine saves and then make that one big save you need a game. She stepped up and did that." ♦

# Good players come in threes for the Govs



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The Govs big three will look to lead APSU back to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament which start March, 2008. Junior Drake Reed and seniors Fernandez Lockett and Derek Wright all return looking to be leaders. Reed who won the OVC player of the year last season was picked as the favorite to win the award. Reed also doubled his scoring, bumping it up to 15.8 points per game. Lockett who led the team in rebounding and also pulled down 10 double-doubles last season was picked to make the all OVC first team along with Reed. Wright returns to the Govs having started every game the last two seasons. Wright led the Govs in assists with 4.2 a game last season.

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Whether it is a thunderous slam dunk from senior Fernandez Lockett, a finesse-type-play from junior Drake Reed, or an assist that cut straight through the defense from senior Derek Wright, these three Govs are ready to show that last year was not a fluke.

When the 2006-07 preseason Ohio Valley Conference standings came out last year, the Austin Peay State University Men's Basketball team was picked to finish sixth. They proved all their critics wrong by not only tying for the OVC regular championship but also coming within a point of winning the OVC tournament losing 63-62 and going on the NCAA tournament. Eastern Kentucky left the Govs wanting more, Lockett, Reed and Wright want to make sure that doesn't happen again.

"I'm just ready for the season to get here," Reed said. "We are trying to put our finishing touches on our plays, and getting our veterans to another level." The level that Reed speaks of is going to be one that is hard to top after his season last year. Reed doubled his scoring average last year averaging 15.8 points per game and was honored as the OVC player of the year. This year he has

been chosen to again win OVC player of the year as he was named the 2007-08 preseason player of the year.

"I'm not trying to repeat what we did last year," Reed said. "I'm trying to lead our team further than what we did last year. It's a new season and we are trying to take the next step forward." Helping Reed take those steps will be his teammate Lockett. Lockett returns to the Govs after leading them in rebounding and having more rebounds than any other Gov in the last 10 years, with 261. Lockett also had 10 double-doubles last year for the Govs.

"This team is going to be pretty good," Lockett said. "We basically have everybody back from last year and three great freshmen so we should be good. All the returning guys have to step up, so we can get on a roll like last year." Lockett spoke highly of fellow senior Wright saying he brings a lot to the table by basically running the game. Wright has been a superhero for the last two seasons starting every single game and is also the Govs catalyst dishing out 4.2 assists last season.

"I'm going to just come in and keep practicing very hard, stay focused on the court and the rest is in God's hands," Wright said. "I feel like I have been a leader since they put me out here on the

court. I think I have gotten better and have the knowledge to know exactly what a leader is." Wright says that there is more than one leader on this Govs team and he thinks everyone can step up.

"They have to bring that same intensity. They made their names in the OVC as two of the top players, so they have to continue to come out here and practice hard and bring their game everyday to get better," Wright said. The word better seemed to be on the mind of these three self-titled leaders as all of them worked hard in the off-season to try and improve their game.

"I gained 15 pounds," Wright said. "I worked on shooting, doing agility drills, and watched other point guards. I stayed in Clarksville almost all summer to work on my game." While Wright worked on his game here in Clarksville Reed went back to St. Louis to continue improving.

"I just went back home to St. Louis, Mo. and worked hard with some of the coaches there," Reed said. After putting in tons of hard work in the off-season and returning all five starters and the sixth man, what do the Govs have to do in order to make sure they can continue their success?

"We have to play hard," Wright said. "We can't

take any games for granted and we have to play harder than we did last year."

"We have set some team goals," Lockett said. "We want to win the conference tournament and then go deep into the NCAA tournament." ♦



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Senior point guard Derek Wright goes up for a dunk during a Govs practice Oct 24.

# Childhood Govs fan becomes part of the team

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Growing up down the road from Austin Peay State University freshman center John Fraley of Hopkinsville, Ky. had heard plenty of stories about the Govs and even attended a few games over the years. When the time came for Fraley to choose a college to continue playing the game he loved, APSU was on top of the list.

"This is basically my hometown and where I heard about greatness," Fraley said. "I heard stories from my grandfather about the great 'Fly' Williams, Trenton Hassell and others."

Fraley who stands at 6'8" inches tall and weighs in around 215 comes to APSU after a stellar high school career at Heritage Christian Academy. As a senior, he led his team to a 23-4 overall record while scoring 23 points and pulling down 14 rebounds a game.

In the Kentucky Christian Athletic Association's all-star game, Fraley scored 42 points and had 28 rebounds and was also named KCAA's Mr. Basketball.

"I wasn't able to go to a lot of the games but I



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Freshman center John Fraley grew up as a fan of the Govs and now is excited to get a chance to play for them.

did attend a few," Fraley said. "I knew of Austin Peay, not a whole lot, but I knew of them." Fraley will be competing for playing time on a talented Govs roster where all five starters from last year's OVC regular season championship team have returned.

"They said they needed a post player and I hope that's what I bring," Fraley said. "I know I'm still young and a freshmen and kind of raw but

hopefully after this year I will have all the skills I will need to really compete and maybe even do some things this year."

One of the Govs slogans for fans during basketball season is be the sixth man. With most of the Govs coming from different parts of the country, they have adopted the fans as family. Fraley has an advantage with his family right down the road, who are able to come and support

him every single game.

"It's a big benefit," Fraley said. "I get home cooked meals, I can go home almost every week so it's definitely a good thing."

Though the season has yet to start, Fraley has already starting working hard trying to improve his game and learn from his teammates. He's also set some individual goals he hopes to accomplish.

"I want to get a whole lot stronger and increase my vertical," Fraley said. "I feel like I've already gotten a lot stronger from high school to now. When I got here the first thing I noticed was I had to get in shape quick. If you're not in shape you cant get down the court. The speed of the game and the increased number of plays are the biggest differences from high school to college."

As Fraley continues to work hard to get into the playing rotation for this Govs team, he is excited of the things they can accomplish and the team comradely.

"These guys are like my family now," Fraley said. "We talk almost every day and are always on the court telling me something, basically taking me under their wings and treating me well." ♦

# 2007-2008 Govs set for redemption against the OVC

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Revenge isn't quite the word for the mindset of the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team. The 2007-08 season is all about redemption — atonement for the Govs' one-point loss to Eastern Kentucky University in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship nearly seven months ago.

Senior point guard Derek "D.J." Wright knew the sickening feeling all too well, being a part of the 2004-05 team that also fell in the OVC Tournament Championship against Eastern Kentucky.

"It's always tough when you lose, especially in a situation like that," Wright said.

Unlike Wright's freshman year, last season's Govs did participate in the National Invitational Tournament as a consolation for the team's regular season championship. But a 75-51 loss to Air Force in the opening game was a second blow to an APSU team who expected nothing less than a tournament championship win.

"We played Air Force in the NIT and, other than Memphis, they were probably the best team we played all year," said Dave Loos, APSU men's basketball coach. "We had a good year but I think that the guys feel like they left a little undone."

Since then, times have changed. Two Govs from last season, Landon Shipley and J.P. Felder, have left

the program. The Gaylord Entertainment Center, where APSU has played for the conference championship in four of the last five seasons, now stands under new ownership as the Sommet Center.



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Senior Fernandez Lockett led the Govs in rebounds last season pulling down 7.9 rebounds a game.

The one similarity, however, the Govs' personnel. Each of last season's five starters, including last season's OVC Player of the Year Drake Reed, returns as well as a stable of player's who have a plethora of experience — most notably seniors Wright, Todd Babbington and Fernandez Lockett.

"They are all very experienced and mature," said Loos of his trio of senior leaders. "They are all very solid players that are battle-tested through their career. I would expect them to do well under pressure when we're in the heat of the games."

Among the coaches around the OVC, there is no doubt in anyone's mind the level of talent the Governors possess. A unanimous preseason No. one pick in the coaches poll sums up the defending regular season champions' upcoming season. According to Reed, APSU's work will be cut out for them in a league where each team is separated by a fine margin.

"The expectations are very high this year," Reed said. "I think that anything less than a NCAA bid will be a disappointment. But we have to add something new. We can't expect what we did last year will give us wins."

Despite a tough schedule filled with obstacles on the treacherous road to the championship, Loos and the Govs can be rest assured they have the depth to take on whatever stands to knock them off the top. ♦



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Senior center Tomas Janusauskas attempts a dunk, during warmups of the Reigning Red scrimmage.