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Smoking structures considered for campus

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Online Editor

Smokers at Austin Peay State University will have safe, weatherproof smoking areas throughout campus, if the proposal passes through the Student Government Senate meeting Wednesday.

APSU's campus-wide nosmoking policy goes into effect July 2006. After a university vote in December in which all faculty, students and administrators were encouraged to partake, the smoking ban passed. The current Student Government Association rule of smoking 30 feet from any

entrance will end in July when the new smoking ban takes effect. The new policy states that the APSU smoking community can only smoke in the parking lots.

Many students feel that the new rule is dangerous and could put APSU smokers in harm's way.

The new smoking structure proposal was brought before the SGA as a way to combat the two main arguments against the ban: weather and community safety.

"Some SGA senators were worried about smokers getting hit by cars in parking lots and others pointed out that there were no

The All State will have the latest news regarding the smoking structures on its website at www.theallstate.com

covered areas other than directly outside buildings where smokers could smoke during bad weather," Michael Gaither, SGA senator said.

The above arguments are what led Gaither and fellow SGA senator Deanna Hensley to propose the new legislation.

The proposal requests "bus stop style structures to be installed in appropriate areas around parking

lots to include an area to sit with ashtrays and garbage cans."

The senators stated in the proposal that the new structures would "reinforce the new smoking policy...provide outdoor shelter other than directly outside building exits to escape bad weather...give smokers an area that addresses their primary concerns of safety and dealing with bad weather."

If the proposal passes, Gaither and Hensley hope that the structures will be in place by the time the new smoking ban takes effect, though there is no timeline for the project to date.

According to the proposal, only one parking space would be needed for the structures. "The number of structures will depend on how much each costs and how many SGA decides to approve," Gaither said. He and Hensley hope to see one structure erected per

parking lot. "These would be strategically placed to minimize the distance that people would have to walk for a smoke break," Gaither said.

If the resolution passes, SGA would fund the project with the one-time-use money."This is SGA dollars that can be used on

purchasing things that do not have recurring expenses (i.e. maintenance) that would benefit the students of APSU," Gaither said.

The proposal will go before the SGA Wednesday and if it passes, it will be forwarded to the vice president of Student Affairs for further approval.

The meeting will be in the University Center room 305 at 12:20 p.m. and is open to everyone. If there are unanswered questions or issues arise that cannot be taken care of during the meeting, the SGA vote on the proposal will be postponed, Gaither said. +

Award shows altruism

Nominees to be selected for service

By HOLLY MARTIN

Austin Peay State University administrators are currently soliciting nominations for this year's Harold Love Outstanding Community Improvement Award Program.

The Dean's council meets next week to discuss possible nominees from APSU's faculty, staff and students. Bruce Speck, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs said, "Service [for faculty/staff] should be beyond the scope of the nominees' paid duties... and students who are very active on campus are more likely to make a significant impact in the community as well." APSU is allowed

Once chosen, the nominees must submit complete documentation of their successful community service acts, improvement of community, volunteer work, charitable services and leadership. President Sherry Hoppe will then add a letter of recommendation and all will be sent on to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The THEC receives nominees from all Tennessee Board of Regents schools, University of Tennessee schools, and independent colleges to be considered. A committee will select five faculty/staff winners and five student winners to receive a \$1,000 award.

The deadline for nominees to the THEC is March 8. Selection will begin March 15, and the winners will be notified the next week, followed by a banquet in April. ◆

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

- 1. Demonstrated public service
- 2. Nominee's effectiveness
- 3. Documentation of public service
- 4. Recommendations

A Golden moment



Jeremy Golden, who fell three stories off the Killebrew balcony, surprised many when he avoided permanent paralysis. Golden stands in the same spot he fell from last fall.

Rising above the fall

By ROBER T BUTLER

After falling three stories from a balcony, an Austin Peay State University student has returned.

With a small chance of ever walking again, he is back on campus and continuing his education.

Last semester The All-State reported that Jeremy Golden, a 19-year-old freshman, had fallen three stories off of a Killebrew balcony onto the pavement Oct. 14.

Police had ruled out foul play. Golden's friend Jared Martin witnessed the incident, and said the fall was not a suicide attempt. Golden says that he does not remember anything about that night.

"The last thing I remember was I went to school that day,"

Golden said. His next memory was of waking up in a hospital bed and not being able to

Once Golden woke up and realized what had happened, the doctors informed him that he was paralyzed.

"At Vanderbilt Medical Center, they told me that I had a 5 percent chance of ever walking again and I should get used to being paralyzed from the neck down," he said.

He also said that his first reaction after hearing the news was that he was simply glad to be alive.

After a surgery that lasted 16 hours on his vertebrae, Golden was flown to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colo. outside of Denver, for rehabilitation.

Craig Hospital specializes in rehabilitating spinal cord and

brain trauma injuries. Several students involved in the April 1999 shootings at Columbine High School also were treated there.

Golden, who is originally from Las Vegas, Nev. says that his parents bought a house in Littleton, Colo. just to be closer to him and monitor his

"My parents bought a house from my uncle, who had lived out there, because they thought that I would be there for a while" said Golden.

After a few weeks Golden shocked everybody with his rapid progress. Golden said that one day while lying in bed he just tried to start moving and he actually moved his right

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Networking event will help students' careers

Alumni from 30 disciplines will be present to advise students

By MANDY WHITE Managing Editor

Do you know what you want to do with your life? Do you even know what to expect when you get out into the quickly-approaching, increasingly scary "real world?"

Austin Peay State University has a way to help.

A networking event is coming at APSU's University Center Ballroom, Feb. 8. If you think you want to be a forensic scientist because on CSI: Las Vegas they get to bust down doors, you might want to visit the event to meet a real-life forensic scientist.

When you find out forensic scientists really wear a lab coat and peer down a microscope most days, you can head right over to the FBI table and talk to someone who knows firsthand about kicking in some

From a pastor to someone from NASA, over 30 successful APSU graduates will be on hand throughout the day to meet and talk with students. Alumni will be on hand from 30 different fields, including physics, marketing, accounting, business owners, politics, social work, criminal science, medicine and law, among others.

"There will be something for everyone," said Melissa Gomez, coordinator of new student programs. "We're really excited because this will be an extremely beneficial experience for students to get to know successful professionals, especially because they're successful professionals with an APSU degree. Many students don't realize what an Austin Peay degree can do for you or how much it's worth."

The format for the networking event also is conducive to students. It will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a break for lunch, and then will resume from 2-4:30 p.m.

Students who want to attend do not have to stay all day or even during the entire morning or afternoon block. The blocks are broken down into 25minute sessions that are aligned with Wednesday's class schedule.

If a student has an hour break, he or she can go to two 25-minute sessions or one 25minutes session and then get lunch, all with plenty of time to get back to class.

The networking is not a job fair or job recruitment. There's no need to bring a resume. Alumni will spend time with students in roundtable discussions to answer any questions students might have.

If students aren't sure what to ask, a list of good startingpoint questions will be given to students to help get an idea of important things to look for. Sample questions include:

"What do you like and not like about working in this job?", "What are the typical entrylevel and higher-end salaries?" and "What particular skills or talents are most essential to be effective in your job?"

"I hope students see the real side of it," said APSU alumnus Lee Peterson, who works in broadcasting at Fox 17, a top-30 market. "Right now they're learning from textbooks and proper procedures, but they need to know what really goes on, day to day. I wish I would've known more about the salary. Nobody ever talks about it.

"If I had known, I might have attended med school," he added with a laugh. "All schools rely on alumni for monetary donations, but our alumni have been gracious in volunteering their time," said Sheila Boone, director of alumni and annual giving. "I hope the APSU student body will show their appreciation by attending the networking program. If students take advantage of

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Frist still backs the war in Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Sunday he still sees the necessity of war in Iraq despite the lack of weapons of mass destruction but probably would have placed more U.S.

President Bush long has maintained that commanders on the ground have determined troop levels.

Critics of the administration's conduct of the war maintain that far too few soldiers were deployed after the U.S. decided to invade Iraq in March 2003.

"In hindsight, 20-20 today, I would have probably put more troops in, if the decision had been up to me," Frist told on NBC's "Meet the Press."

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- Bill Frist, Senate Majority Leader

Frist, R-Tenn., said at the time, he was willing to leave the decision to the top commanders in Iraq.

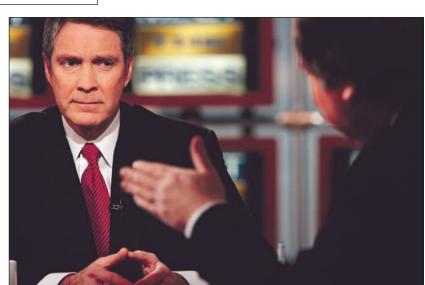
"Looking back today, I would ask that question: If we'd had more troops, would it be a little bit different today?" said Frist,

who is considering running for the White House in 2008.

A recent study for the Pentagon said the Army has been overextended by wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and may not be able to retain and recruit enough troops to defeat the insurgency in Iraq.

Bush and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld discounted the study's assertion and said U.S. forces were capable of completing their mission.

Sen. Joe Biden, another presidential hopeful, said commanders in Iraq have complained abut troop levels during each of his six trips to the region. "They're overstretched. They've been overstretched from the time they walked in," Biden, D-Del., told CNN's 'Late Edition'. ◆



Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist appears during the taping of "Meet the Press" Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at the NBC studios in Washington with host Tim Russert.

Lobbyists scrutinize ethics laws | Network:

NASHVILLE — Tennessee lobbyists have banded together to influence and shape proposed changes to the state's ethics laws that mostly aim at reducing lobbyists' influence at the state Capitol.

More than 200 lobbyists gathered at the Nashville downtown Sheraton at the start of the Legislature's special session on ethics to map out a plan to remove some of the bill's restrictions for their profession without appearing to lobby for their own self-interest.

'It's not a very comfortable atmosphere," said Deb Woolley, president of the state chamber of commerce, which employs two lobbyists to represent the business interests of 2,000 companies statewide. "The public doesn't trust lobbyists right now."

The lobbyists' solutions from their Jan. 10 meeting appear successful so far. Their tactics have included drafting their own amendments to soften the blow and getting legislators to introduce those amendments. They've also asked their clients often well-known campaign contributors to make private calls to lawmakers to ask for

As the ethics bill, drafted by a bipartisan committee in the wake of the FBI's Tennessee Waltz investigation, has passed through Senate and House committees, lawmakers have largely loosened the restrictions on lobbyists.

Rep. Ulysses Jones, D-Memphis, chairman of the House State and Local Government



Rep. Kim McMillan D-Clarksville, answers questions about individual campaign contributions during the House Finance Committee meeting in Nashville, Tenn., Monday, Jan. 30, 2006.

Committee, successfully introduced and pushed through several amendments that benefited lobbyists.

One of those amendments changed a proposal to ban lobbyists from donating to lawmakers' campaigns or hosting fundraisers

The amendment instead calls for fundraisers to be held anywhere other than the lobbyists' home or office.

An amendment by House Majority Leader Kim McMillan, D-Clarksville, scraps the provision that would require lobbyists to disclose bills in which they have an interesta law for lobbyists in many other states.

Critics say the amended bill is a shambles of its old self." (Lobbyists) have a vested interest in this bill," said Rep. Dewayne Bunch, R-Cleveland, who called for tougher restrictions on lobbyists and lawmakers. •

Pros help students

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these great resources, they will really get something out of it."

The networking event is predominantly targeted at sophomores, but the entire student body is encouraged to attend.

"We wanted to target sophomores with this event because of what is commonly called the 'sophomore slump,' Gomez said. "Freshmen have support through APSU 1000, and juniors and seniors are usually in their major and get support from their departments. But studies have shown that the sophomore year is almost like the 'lost'

In fact, the first 25 sophomores to sign up will be invited to the luncheon on that day from 12:30-2 p.m. Students are not required to make reservations to attend the event.

Professional organizations also have been invited to set up tables so students can get involved and begin networking with other professionals in each of their respective fields. ◆

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calender

African American Cultural Center Open House

9a.m.-4p.m., Feb. 1-3, Harambee Room, Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. Come help kick off Black History Month! Stop by the AACC for daily events, refreshments and black history memorabilia. Available for all APSU students.

"Afro Punk"

7 p.m., Feb. 3, Clement Auditorium. This documentary explores race identity within the punk scene. Follow the lives of four people who dedicated themselves to the punkrock lifestyle.

"AASA Movie Night"

7 p.m., Feb. 6, Harambee Room, Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. "Cooley High."

"100 Years of Civic, Service, Social and Fraternal Organizations"

6 p.m., Feb. 7, Morgan University Center Ballroom. This program looks into 100 years of civic, social and fraternal organizations in the African-American community and will provide students with more indepth knowledge about these organizations.

Tutors Needed

High School Upward Bound needs tutors in Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Spanish. Please contact 221-6226 or come by Dunn 259 if interested. For more information contact John Howard at barfields@apsu or 221-6226.

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

The AACC will be sponsoring a trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute on Feb. 25. Students \$15 which includes transportation, ticket, lunch and snacks. Any student interested must sign up by Feb. 10. Seating is limited. For more information contact Jasmine Hall-Jones at hallj@apsu.edu or 221-

Networking Event

A networking event targeted at sophomores, but open to the whole student body, will take place Feb. 8 in the University Center Ballroom. More than 30 successful APSU alumni from different fields will help students make contacts in medicine, law, forensic science and more. The first 25 sophomores to register will be invited to attend a luncheon on that day. For more information or to register, call Melissa Gomez at 221-7045.

Diversity is...Essay Contest

Enter to win a Mall Gift Certificate. Contact Charon Griswold for more information email griswoldc@apsu.eduor call 221-

Student Organization & Leader Awards

The 2006 Student Organization and Leader Awards sponsored by the division of Student Affairs, will be held Friday, April 21st at 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Awards nomination and application packets are available in UC 206. The nomination/application deadline is Monday, March 6 at 4 p.m. For more information contact Vanessya Fountain at 221-7341 or email fountainv@apsu.edu.

JROTC Raider Challenge

Multiple high schools in the surrounding areas will be attending this junior ROTC competition at APSU, Feb. 25.

Research Opportunity

Volunteers to participate in a research study on self-efficacy and its relation to specific modeling, and receive a certificate of participation that may be used for extra credit in one of your classes (at the discretion of the professor). Please contact Corinna Schmidt or go to the Psychology Department Office located in CL205 to sign up.

Leadership Summit

Feb. 17, Student Life & Leadership will be attending the 2006 Collegiate Leadership Summit at Vanderbilt. This year's theme is "Unifying the Spectrum: Exploring Diverse Pathways to Leadership." There are 20 spaces available for students and the cost is free. Stop by UC 211 to pick up a registration

Free Tax Prep Sessions

In partnership with the IRS-VITA Program, accounting students in the school of Business will have free tax preparation sessions. The APSU site will provide basic tax returns utilizing the IRS e-file program. All sessions are on Saturdays 10 a.m. -2p.m., Feb. 4, 11, 18 and March 4, 18. Documentationis required and taxpayer must earn less than

Golden: Tragedy turns to triumph after recovery

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pinkie finger. The doctors still were not convinced at that point that Jeremy would ever be able to walk again. "The doctor was like, 'Well, you will be able to move an electric wheel chair with your pinkie now," Golden said. The doctors and the therapist still didn't a have explanation for why he was improving so well and quickly.

Every time the doctor came in for my daily checkups he would say, 'so what's better today?" Last November, Golden began to walk again. He said that he moved to Clarksville originally because his older brother Eli, 27, is in the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell. "I just wanted to spend some time with my brother before he went

to Iraq, and also take some classes here," he

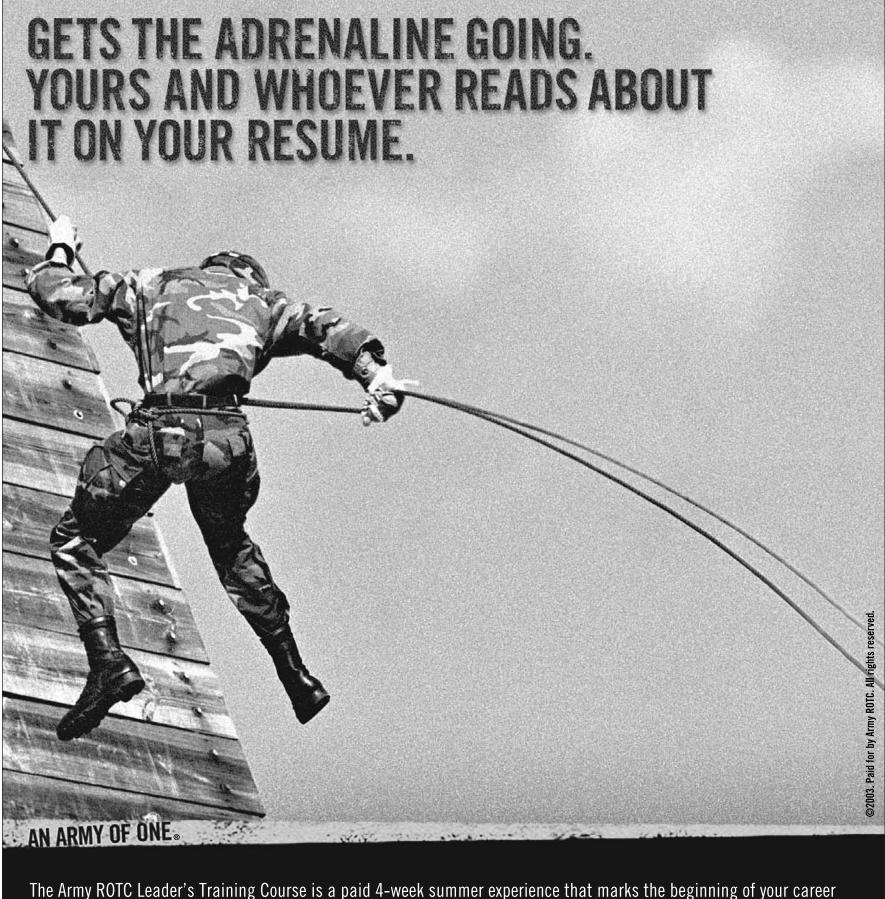
Golden was a member of the Baptist Christian Ministries before the accident and plans to be more involved while attending

He said that the fall did not change his perspective on life and he has always been a person of faith and credits God for his

miraculous recovery

He said the only thing about him that has changed is his major which was marketing, but now its physical therapy. He says that he wants to physically help and motivate others who are paralyzed.

"I want to try to be an inspiration to people by saying 'hey''I know where you are coming from," said Golden. ◆



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OUR TAKE

Hoppe's plans for future students may be unrealistic and expensive

Monday, Jan. 23, Sherry Hoppe sent an email to faculty and staff pertaining to a "vision statement" for Austin Peay State University. She was pleased with student success due to the Academic Support Center, Freshman Experience Program and Early Alert System which has led to freshman retention. She was also content with what she called "learning communities" which is being looked into for part of a Title III proposal. Two issues she felt could be improved were critical skills competencies and globalization.

Hoppe's email said that she did not feel that many students were graduating with "critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, and effective communication skills necessary for success in life and work." This conclusion was reached through contact with graduating seniors and alumni. She feels that their verbal and writing skills are lacking. When faculty was addressed with this issue, they assured Hoppe that these skills are being taught.

The email included the question: "[I]f we are teaching them, why do some of our students graduate without the necessary skills?" She also inquired of the ways in which it could be determined which students had obtained these skills and which had not.

Hoppe did not express when these skills became lax. Was it before or after APSU was put on the Tennessee Board of Regents schedule? The previous schedule contained 16 weeks of classes as opposed to 14 weeks. While two weeks doesn't sound like much, it makes a big difference. Students are required to do the same amount of work as required in the old schedule. Professors try to squeeze in as much information as possible which leads to students being overwhelmed. We at The All State do not doubt that professors are teaching what they are expected to teach. Students learn this information for upcoming assignments

and tests, just to make a good grade. But how many are able to retain what they've "learned" before being rushed into another assignment?

Another concern Hoppe addressed was globalization. "I do not think anyone on campus will challenge that we must educate our students to be global citizens—that we all live in an increasingly integrated world." This is true. One of her goals is to expand the study abroad programs to include West Africa, China, Japan and Australia. She also wants more students to participate in these programs. Admittedly, this is a great opportunity.

The problem many face is the money these programs require. Yes, financial aid is available for some students who want to participate, but not for all. Hoppe suggests finding "external funding" for these students. It's a good idea, but she doesn't specify where this money would come from. Another goal is to increase foreign faculty and student exchange programs as well as to increase the number of countries participating in this program. Hoppe's final goal, is to ensure that courses are teaching "global concepts." With this goal, the courses teaching this information will be assessed and changes made where needed.

Hoppe's intentions are commendable but how many are obtainable? Will tuition go up once these globalization goals are implemented? Will it become more and more difficult for professors to teach the required material in a shorter time if they are obligated to do more paperwork documenting students' retention of information? Will students' work loads increase to ensure that they are learning "critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, and effective communication skills?" Will this extra pressure cause student's to drop out or seek education elsewhere? No one can tell at present. All we can do at this point is watch and see.

Free elections will not guarantee positive results

For those inclined to see democracy as some kind of wonder cure-all for the world's ills (foremost among them being our own president), the stunning landslide victory of Hamas in

OPINION Phil Grey

the recent Palestinian elections provides a sobering counter-point to the argument.

Democracy alone, without a solid foundation of cultural prerequisites, very often amounts to nothing more than the majority's stamp of approval of its own worst aspects.

In the early stages of democracy, in countries that

have little or no prior experience with it, openly anti-democratic people can be and have been elected. Both Mussolini and Hitler came to power in this way.

When this happens, the democracy in question probably doesn't survive, the winners institute a faux democracy with rigged elections overseen by armed thugs, and things return very quickly to normal depending on how you like to define "normal."

Considering the track record of Hamas, the above scenario is probably a safe bet, as is the probability that the organization's chief aim will remain the destruction of Israel to the exclusion of nearly every other thing that a government is supposed to do for its people.

Of course, Hamas might take great pains early on to maintain the appearance of sanity, if only to keep the money flowing from Europe and the United States. Far too many of our leaders will so badly want to believe that the insoluble problem of Palestine is being solved that their preconceived notions will allow them to buy into the fiction of democratic reform. Unfortunately, it will almost certainly be

just that - a fiction.

A quick glance at the Hamas charter yields nothing by which an intellectually honest person could come to any other conclusion.

For those who are interested in reading it, a copy of the translated document can be obtained by entering "Hamas Charter" in any search engine. The Palestine Center website is probably the best source since the organization is fervently pro-Palestinian, which removes the excuse of "Zionist propaganda."

The fact is, organizations like Hamas are usually adamant about their violent (in this case, genocidal) rhetoric and are quite willing to stand by every word of it. In order to find rationalizations for this stuff, one has to read American and European newspapers, many of which currently exist in a state of denial as do many western political leaders that is so total as to qualify as pathology.

Hamas and its ilk understand this delusional western behavior well enough that it will not surprise me at all if they choose to keep Mahmoud Abbas or some other PLO/Fatah flacks around, if only for the purpose of buying time through negotiations with hopelessly clueless people like U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

That way, they themselves will not have to violate their "martyr's oath" against negotiating with Israel - while giving themselves a convenient out from any promises made, since they themselves did not make them.

Understanding this all too well, Israel will likely not participate in the charade, for which they will be excoriated in the world press by those who refuse to acknowledge the Hamas charter for precisely what it is - the Reader's Digest version of Mein Kampf with a religious slant.

My apologies to those of you who had hoped to read a careful and moderately worded assessment of the Palestinian election and what it holds for the future. Believe me when I tell you that, in this case, this is as careful and moderate as it gets. ◆



Things are beginning to heat up.
Lately things have been getting a bit hot in the Middle East and it's not because of the desert. Iran has declared that they want Israel to be completely and utterly destroyed and that they have begun nuclear research once again.

The United States as well as the rest of the free world condemns Iran's remarks and nuclear ambitions yet refuse to act militarily against the state. Instead, they threaten sanctions which Iran scoffs at because they know they hold the power card - oil. One fourth of the world's oil comes from Iran in fact.

Meanwhile Israel has said that they will not allow Iran to have nuclear weapons and has begun to come up with a military strategy to ensure this. Iran has now responded to Israel.

Saturday, in an article by the Associated Press, Iran warned the United States and the United Kingdom that if anybody were to strike against Iran, they will respond - with missiles. Iran's Revolutionary Guard's chief, General Yahya Rahim Safavi, was also very articulate to point out "the world knows Iran has a ballistic

missile power with a range of 2,000 kilometers." For those that are unaware, Israel is within that range.

In past commentary I've written,

I've mentioned how dangerous the situation in the Middle East is becoming. This only further illustrates the point. What makes it worse for Israel is that their internal neighbor (Palestine) is now being run by a well-known terrorist organization that would also love to see Israel gone.

I don't like to be a doomsayer, but in this case I strongly believe that there will be a significant military strike in either Israel or Iran within the coming months and it won't be from the United States or her allies. The European Union is currently working extensively with the countries in the area in an attempt to make peace. They even have a plan in motion to being peace no later than Jan. 1, 2007.

Unfortunately, little progress seems to be being made by outside eyes. In fact, the situation seems to be getting worse. I don't have an answer as to what the United States should or should not do and anyone who does is ignorant. There is no easy answer. My only hope is

that the damage done will not leave a terrible mark in history but instead will serve as the beginning to a new peace when the conflict ends.

On a podcast I participated in recently, I was asked if I believed we would be struck at home by missiles if a war started. My response there and here is that while I don't think we will be hit initially, thanks to our War on Terror we will be a target. Iran is a theocracy run by Muslim extremists. In fact, if you recall, Iran was one of the countries mentioned in Bush's "Axis of Evil" speech in January 2002.

I feel convicted to believe that

I feel convicted to believe that the United States does have a significant interest in what happens between Israel and Iran in the coming months for their own protection. The last thing we need in this country is another attack on the 9-11 scale. Keep Iran and Israel in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully a peace agreement will soon be reached.

Richard Longstreth Freshman Political Science/History

Join me for a pj party at my place

By KASEY HENRICKS

Ahh, new beginnings! With a fresh year spawning, a brand-new life lies just ahead. At least, that's what our mentors have always told us, but what the hizzle are they talking about?

How can a refreshing start be within grasp if so many of the old problems are still plaguing our lives? They have told us that we possess a life that is bound by nothing; they're wrong. We are bound.

Inadequate parking, frivolous spending, constant construction and redundant entertainment perpetually encumber us.

Nonetheless, a new year has begun, and we, as students, must embark on another journey into the unknown. Maybe we could begin this quest together.

An organized "I'm reserving a spot for my morning class by holding a bonfire/campout" welcome back activity could spark interests. Many others and myself are tired of having to park in Alabama and backpack across country in order to just get to class.

This bonfire/camping idea could curb the two-hour head start we have to give ourselves to get these parking places.

Is anyone else having trouble holding back the exhilaration that the idea of a new Recreational Center brings?

Austin Peay State University's new hub of physical fitness is scheduled to open in one year. It's so cool that APSU appropriates its funds to things the students actually need.

I'll continually be thinking about this as I make the 35 minute commute to Fort Campbell due to my department having no building on main campus to offer classes.

Do you know what the meaning of "Austin Peay" is in the Cherokee Indian language? It means "under construction!"

It seems as if our campus will be

eternally in this state as we try to progress our campus, which has harbored education since 1806.

Once the McCord building has been completed, focus will probably be drawn to the new campus housing complexes, and then on to something else.

May I ask the question: what about Trahern?

Before we begin to focus our attention on new structures, we must redirect our attention to the problems right in front of us.

Renovations are needed. Bricks are dropping from this structure as we speak, so just as a precaution to all students, watch your step.

Does anyone get tired of the same movies being played over and over on the University channel? Shucks, not me I say.

In fact, if anyone's plans are open, I will be holding a "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" pajamas party, so we can all enjoy the bliss that the seventeenth viewing brings. See you guys on Friday!◆

Honesty is the best virtue, especially when dealing with yourself

I began this morning in my usual style by indulging my nervous system with too much coffee and clouding my



OPINION Micheal Weakley brain with too many random thoughts. The one thought that caught the attention of all those in my head was the idea behind truth. What exactly does this mean and how does this apply to the typical college student?

I sat back, had a cup of coffee and tried to untangle the thoughts that flew through my head.

When you answer the question, "what is your major?" you obviously tell

the truth. However when someone asks, "what do you want to do with your life?" are you completely honest?

Are you doing what your parents think is best, or what your friends recommend or are you doing what you sincerely want to do with your life? It is easy to get into college, and it is just as easy to pass (since for some reason a "D" is an acceptable grade to achieve).

However once you get this degree are you

However, once you get this degree are you going to enjoy what you do and are you going to be happy with the decision you made? When I began college a million years ago I was a geology major; me plus rocks equals big rock headache. I did it because it was what I was supposed to do and because I trusted my parents (note to those who have parents that are a little too pushy, they might just be living their uncompleted lives though you, i.e. Jon Benet Ramsey).

Now my second time around at college life, I am pursuing Public Relations because I realized that I had a niche for talking and most people seemed to enjoy my chatter (which is contrary to some of the replies I have had regarding some past articles; it's my last year indulge me). So my

question to you is "Are you doing what you feel is completing you?"

The second aspect of truth deals with

relationships. Your spiritual relationship, your passionate relationships and your friendships are the most important ones to address, but there are others as well. Are you being honest with yourself spiritually? Is what you say you believe what you believe or are you too scared to believe otherwise?

Most of us are taught and influenced by our families and they guide us religiously, but if your ideas or opinions about life do not agree with how you were raised, are you being honest with yourself spiritually? I was taught through my church that interracial marriages, divorce, diverse sexualities and drinking Coca-Cola were all "against the will of the Lord".

I had to be true to myself, admit how I felt about these bigotry ideals and move on from my religion. I had to be honest with myself about how I felt and how I was going to achieve my spiritual goals and I moved forward spiritually.

Passionate relationships as well as friendships

Passionate relationships as well as friendships should be an equal balance. You should not be doing all the giving or taking in these situations. A friend mentioned to me the other day that she feels that she is always the one making the effort and making the phone calls and feels that she is receiving nothing in return.

Friendships and relationships should help make your life better and guide you to that next chapter in your life. You should be there to be leaned on, but in return you should be rewarded those same privileges.

Be honest with what you want and who you are and admit and ask for what you deserve and the rest will fall in place.

There will be casualties in life, and you will have to leave behind some friends and mates if you do not have an equal relationship, but you will move on and will receive what you deserve. Admit the truth to yourself then ask for it, then life will start happening as it should. •

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'For Vivian'

Art Instillation features the work of Barry R. Jones

By LOIS JONES Staff Writer

"For Vivian". The title alone makes you wonder just who Vivian is. That is the exact question that Barry Jones wants you

He is hoping that you will start a dialogue with others about Vivian, her life and her story.

Jones opened his instillation titled "For Vivian" Monday night in the Trahern Gallery. For those of you that have never been to an instillation, it is an experience, rather than simply looking at a collection of paintings or photographs. Jones used two full walls for large projections, three computer monitors and another portion of a wall with photos and written information telling about Vivian.

There was a constant flow of viewers for this instillation. It is interesting at a show of this type to watch the reaction of those in attendance. As they move about the instillation form one site to another there is not much said. What you notice is their facial expressions. They are visably moved. Jones succeeds in touching a nerve and making you think about your family. Whether it be a sibling or your child or just a child that has touched your life, knowing that some children were considered a "burden on society" when all that they generated in their life was their natural curiosity and endless acceptance of those around them.

About Vivian. She was born in 1924 of a mother that was considered "feebleminded". It was believed back then that if you were "feeble-minded" then your children would be also.

"Vivian's mother was the center of a Supreme Court case that made it possible for the state of Virginia to sentence her to compulsory sterilization," Jones said. The case was known as Buck vs. Bell. The supreme court said that Vivian would be a burden to society and that her mother shouldn't have any further offspring. All this was initiated by a Red Cross worker that looked at Vivian at the age of seven months, old and deemed her defective. Jones said, "even into the 1980's in Oregon the laws allowed sterilization of persons not recognized as normal." It is amazing to think that so recently in history, states had the authority to control someone's procreation.

Jones, in his brochure, stated, "I have a daughter of my own, Marlena. When I

look at her, I see innocence and boundless potential. It is unimaginable to me that someone was able to look at Vivian and not see what I see in my daughter. Marlena and I made this piece for Vivian. It is about Innocence and potential."

Jones is an Assistant Professor of Art at Austin Peay. He has been exhibiting his work since 1993 in the East and South East. This instillation is just one of many that Jones has done in response to his desire to educate and cause discussion amongst his viewers and hopefully illicit

change. His brother Brian, who has schizophrenia, is a driving force behind his work. It's Jones desire to educate and dispel the myths about this disease. He uses his art to do this. His brother is often his collaborator. Jones work is both art and activism. His work causes the viewer to think. He wants the viewer to leave his work informed and also leave their preconceived ideas about mental illness behind as well.

Many

people

tend to

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discussion of mental illness. Historically, mentally ill people were "warehoused" in facilities during the early 19th century. Unfortunately many were misdiagnosed and were institutionalized for their entire life based on that initial misdiagnosis.

It's no wonder that when Jones found out about Vivian he felt compelled to tell her story. Vivian only lived eight years. She passed away in 1932. Seventy-four years later we are talking about Vivian. Barry Jones should be very proud of his work. He has accomplished what he set out to do, people are having a dialogue about Vivian.

For more information on Jones and "For Vivian" visit www.forvivian.net and www.barryrjones.net. ◆

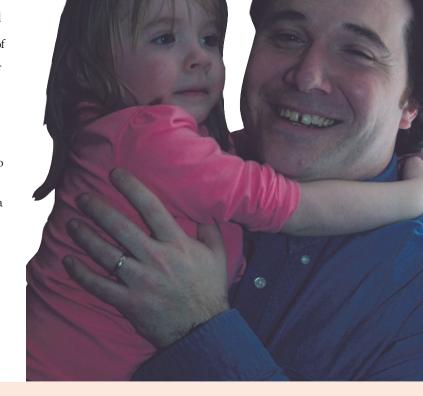
LOIS JONES/STAFF Work shown is a partial depiction of current instillations being shown at the Trahern Gallery Jan. 30- Feb. 19.















Austin Peay's ROTC cadets number one in the nation

Cadets rank the highest in eastern region

By JESSICA LAVELY

Staff Writer Austin Peay State University's ROTC group is the top in the eastern region in all of the colleges that participated in Warrior

A thirty-three day training to become officers through courses like that of "leadership development and assessment," and a ten day camp-out.

The usual stay in Washington is from June to August, and lasts from thirty to thirty-three days. It is a combination of physical and

mental examinations that test the potential of excellent men and women. "At Warrior Forge we were tested in

multiple tasks primarily in leadership and potential ability," said Justin Roman, a senior who participated in this event. The first twenty days they go through a

process in training for basic leadership also known as FLRC (field leadership reaction

Then, a series of Physical Fitness Tests or PFTs, which are mandatory when there, and tests on their IMT or İndividual Movement Techniques.

For those of who are not articulate on the military wording, it's somewhat like a series of obstacle courses that are held to

test endurance and skill. In the last ten days at Warrior Forge, the ROTC members camp out. They are tested on tactical proficiency and map reading. Everything learned in the first twenty days comes together in the last ten.

Last summer, thirteen cadets from the ROTC group were willing and eligible to go to Ft. Lewis, Wash. But first, they had to have passed a physical and a physical fitness test, and have the qualifications of graduating.

Thirteen cadets from APSUwere eligible to go and seven of the 13 were in the top 20 percent in the nation. Those seven are: Michael Robertson, Justin Roman, Kurtis Evick, Joseph Turner, Mason Mayo and Julie Tomsik

Mason Ellis was the top cadet. He was number 21 of 3,838 cadets in the nation! These students are Distinguished Military Students or Distinguished Military Graduates.

They must go in the military after graduating and they automatically become second lieutenants in the army. Not a bad position for years in the high school JROTC and college ROTC.

After the graduation ceremony, a commission ceremony is taking place. The time is to be announced.

The 13 cadets that went to Ft. Lewis demonstrated to all the other cadets from all of the other colleges that participated exactly what APSU had to offer. •

Students remember resolutions

By A.J. DUGGER

It's a new year, and across campus, different students are struggling to maintain their New Year's

Caleb Dye, a sophomore business management major, is having success. His New Year's resolution was to quit smoking and dipping (tobacco). While he managed to officially quit smoking, the tobacco

issue has been more of a gradual process. "I'm cutting back more and more," Dye said. "I started smoking when I was 12 and I started dipping when I was 15." While Dye is only 96 percent done with his dipping habit, he has already received much praise from his friends for successfully quitting smoking, which is a major accomplishment.

The history of New Year's resolutions can be traced going all the way back to 153 B.C., but it is a fact that resolutions are rarely kept.

"It's always one (a resolution) too big to accomplish," said Ashley Underwood, freshman English major. "Like those people who say they're going to lose 100 pounds this year, and then they get in one week on the Stair Master and it's over."

New Year's resolutions vary greatly, from eating better, increasing exercise or even being more

Brandon McKnight, junior political science major, has decided to take more pictures this year. "I was lucky enough to get a digital camera for Christmas from my parents," said McKnight. "I definitely don't take enough pictures." New Year's resolutions will probably never

become unpopular."I think people do it to better themselves in general," said Jessica Woods, sophomore chemistry major.

unrealistic goals," said John Spears, junior

Many still wonder why New Year's resolutions fail more than most marriages do these days. "They set

"My New Year's resolution is to resolve my resolutions from last year."

- Ian Farley, senior broadcast media major

engineering technology major.

There are some people who take a different approach to their resolutions. "Some people don't make big ones (resolutions) so they can actually accomplish them," said Tamra Cartwright, freshman pre-law major.

Resolutions can be looked at as a form of autosuggestion (which is when a person trains their subconscious mind to believe something). Many people choose to begin their new year with the breaking of a bad habit. "It's a new year, a new start," said Renee Johnson, a sophomore nursing major.

The New Year began five weeks ago, and many resolutions have already been dropped. There is hope, though.

Heather Hoskins, a freshman art education major, has decided to lose weight for the New Year. "I've been going to the red barn and working out," Hoskins said. Like Caleb Dye, Hoskins has been having success with maintaining her resolutions. This just shows what true focus and determination can do.

J.C. Garrett, a senior mass communications major, has decided to quit smoking this year. He is taking a more gradual, transitional approach.

"Quitting is an action verb. It's a process," Garrett said. "So I am in the process of quitting by cutting

This is a strategy that works for many. There are countless New Year's resolutions out there, and many creative, unique ways to accomplish them. Which strategy will you use? ◆

"What is your favorite food on campus?" Montague's deli turkey sandwich Food in my room Sophomore Music Major Cherry pie from Jerry Richards the cafeteria Freshman **Psychology** Fried rice Ryan Boyd Freshman Psychology **Brittany Carlton** Bene pasta Sophomore Cafe iced white mocha Freshman Music **Tray Turner** Montague's deli **Computer Science** Caramel machiatto Sondra Henning Freshman Nursina

Tom Bone Says...

"Why do we eat what we eat?"



This week's topic is one that is very near and dear to most of us. Perhaps a little too dear if the obesity statistics are to be believed. I am, of course, talking about food. We all eat, but few of us contemplate why we eat what we eat. A notable exception is my editor who posed this question.

For the answer we must reach back through the dust of the ages to a time when cooking was a new concept. Iust as someone had to come up with an application for fire or the wheel, so too once upon a time someone had to invent the oven. Cooking is not a natural instinct, but rather a learned behavior. We can see how the spread of early culinary ideas may have take place by observing Japanese Macaque monkeys.

During the 1980s and 1990s numerous scientists studied the indigenous species of monkeys in Japan. On one of the northern islands these scientists would try to lure the Macaques out of the jungle by placing sweet potatoes on the beach. One monkey (dubbed Imo by the researchers) took to washing the beach sand off the potatoes before eating them. At first Imo used river water, but soon found out that the potatoes tasted better if washed in salty seawater. Soon Imo's entire family troop was washing their potatoes in the surf. Now the monkeys will wash off the potatoes, take a bite, and then dip them back into the sea to re-season them. They have learned from Imo rudimentary cooking.

Early man probably started making food the same way. If a caveman saw a lizard eat a bird egg and not die from it, then it might be safe for said caveman to eat one too. One such caveman might have been the

fictional character Grunk.

Grunk was the hunter for his nomadic village. One day, he carried his lunch with him while he went hunting. He took some grain and maybe some berries in a leather pouch, the Cro-Magnon equivalent of trail mix. After a few days in the bush, Grunk finally spotted his quarry and leapt from his cover to catch it unaware. Unfortunately for Grunk, the animal saw him coming and ran. Grunk, giving chase, slipped in some mud by a stream and as his prey leapt gracefully away, Grunk fell headlong into the stream.

Crystal Lake

Freshman

Nursing

With disappointment weighing him down much more than his sodden clothes, Grunk extricated himself from the water and assessed his situation. His small pouch of grain was still intact, but was now waterlogged. He decided that the first order of business was to dry everything on a nearby rock. Grunk placed his clothes, and now mushy ball of grain, on the rock to dry in the sun. While Grunk bathed himself in the stream a curious thing happened. The grain not only dried but also congealed and cooked. When Grunk returned, possibly enticed by the smell he found not a

messy grain patty, but something approaching a tortilla. You can imagine how well the idea of the new baked grain would go over back at Grunk's camp. The people would probably be so enthralled that they would forget how bad Grunk is at hunting.

Other foods probably came to light in similar ways. If someone can tell you a new food was good, then it was obviously not poison. If it doesn't kill you, it can become dinner. That being said, I would like to meet the person who first looked at a lobster and thought, "Hmm, that looks like an alien in a suit of armor, but I

'Chasing Mississippi'

Local singer-songwriter Dave Barnes has a new CD project

By REBECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

Let's just face it, singersongwriters don't exactly get much street credibility, especially around here. With Nashville a mere 45 minutes away, boys with guitars and ambition are a dime a dozen. Every club and bar has an open mic night that is one guy after another on a stool with a guitar looking for his big break.

But as abundant as singersongwriters are, they rarely get past that open mic night stool. Why? I compare it to economics: the market is flooded. Hundreds of demos hit the desks of producers every day and record labels are revolving doors. So to actually succeed in an environment that is as competitive as the Nashville music scene, you have to have talent. Completely real, raw, original talent.

Enter Dave Barnes, singer-

songwriter extraordinaire, straight out of Nashville. Well, straight out of Nashville by way of Mississippi. Barnes has been making the rounds for a few years and has paid his dues in Music City. Consequently, his second studio album, aptly titled "Chasing Mississippi," is already being well received. Released Jan. 23, "Chasing Mississippi" is Barnes' second collaboration with Nashville superproducer Ed Cash, who has mixed albums for country songstress Kathy Mattea and has played a major role in developing local artists like Matt Wertz and

Barnes definitely fits the mold for the traditional singer songwriter. He's cute, he's likable, he writes his own music, and he (shock!) plays guitar. But Barnes also has the musical chops needed to make it big. No two songs on "Chasing Mississippi" sound alike,

from the gospel-infused "All That Noise," to the purely pop "Someday, Sarah," that brings to mind roller boogie and couples-only skating, to the electric guitar-heavy, almost rock "Miles To Go." Now that's

It's not hard to understand why power couple Vince Gill and Amy Grant both jumped at the chance to contribute to the album, laying down background vocals on two tracks ("Jackson" and "I Have and Always Will," respectively).

Yes, it must be good to be Dave Barnes. He may be chasing Mississippi, but he has, undeniably, caught success.

For more information about Dave Barnes or to purchase "Chasing Mississippi," visit www.davebarnes.com. Or, better yet, catch him live. Merchandise is cheaper, you can meet the artist, and there really is nothing like a

Bach: not just for relaxation today

By MARTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

I can't tell you how much I hate seeing all those CDs that proudly offer up a selection of pieces for the sole purpose of relaxing. In fact, here's a quick tip when shopping for classical music: if the album title contains the words "relax," "chill," "most," or "ever," just do yourself a favor and skip it.

Johann Sebastian Bach was quite possibly the greatest musician that ever lived. He had an intimate knowledge of the pipe organ, as he enjoyed crawling around the insides of organ consoles at age three. He improvised music far more advanced than most competent musicians can write while taking their time. He produced over one thousand works. The last of which, The Art of the Fugue, remains unfinished, as he died of complications from eye surgery (in 1750) while writing it. It is near impossible to overstate the importance of this man on western music. I had such a hard time choosing which piece to speak of that I just went with a friend's suggestion of one of the suites for

The suite is made up of several short movements based on different Baroque dance forms. I guarantee you will recognize the opening Prelude. It's a piece so popular that it's been transcribed for practically every instrument you can think of (including a fantastic arrangement for guitar by Austin Peay State University professor Stanley Yates). It may even be programmed in your cell phone as a ring tone. The movements that follow may not ring a bell but are all exquisitely written, wonderful gems that no true music lover should go without hearing.

As you listen to Bach's instrumental music, keep in mind that he does not write melodies in the same way that later composers like Mozart or Tchaikovsky write them. Instead, each piece begins with a short musical fragment or pattern that he uses throughout. It is important to allow your brain to really catch on to this device. Then you can hear the music as an organic whole instead of a series of pretty moments that only serve as background music while you read the latest inane bulletin on your MySpace account.

In closing, I have really only listed the first cello suite as a starting point. Please, do yourself a favor and pick up this jewel. Absorb it, enjoy it, and when you're ready for more, find a copy of the second cello suite. Repeat this process until all six of the suites are yours, and after that... well, he has over a thousand works. You've got some listening to do.

What to listen for: short musical patterns at the beginning of each movement that will help you more fully understand the piece. The Sarabande contains some of the most beautiful sounds you'll ever hear from a single cello.

Who to listen to: Pablo Casals. Amazon.com has his recordings of the first three cello suites for only seven bucks, so you really don't have an excuse. •



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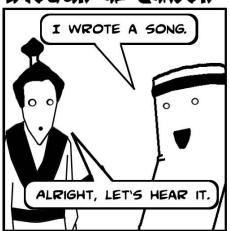
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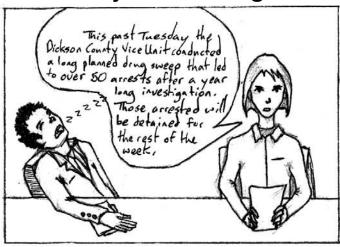
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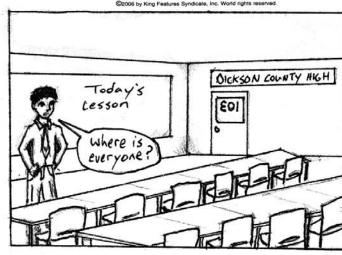
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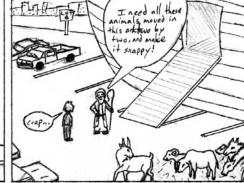
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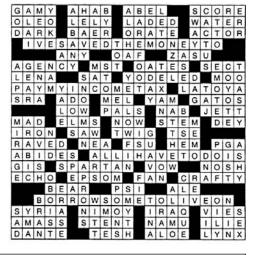
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Small player makes big impact

Govs point guard talks about overcoming the size difference

By MICHAEL KELLUM Staff Writer

The game of basketball has always been known as the game of giants. From tall players such as Wilt Chamberlain, to Shaquille O'Neal, to Austin Peay State University's very own Tomas Juanaskuas taller players have always been well known and thought about.

Well, there has to be a player to give that giant the ball, a.k.a. the point guard. Magic Johnson was a 6-9 point guard, but was a rare exception to the rule. Most point guards in today's game are the shortest player on the court. The shortest player is usually tall by regular standards, coming in at about 6-1.

That is where Austin Peay State University starting point guard D.J. Wright changes the rules. Wright, standing at 5-9 is the second shortest player in the OVC, next to a 5-6 point guard, and is the shortest point guard to start in the OVC.

"I have been playing this way my whole life, so it's really the only way I know how to play," Wright said.

Coming out of Dominguez High School in Los Angeles, Wright said there were a few schools that might have overlooked him because of his height, but he knows he made the right decision.

'It was a lot of them. A lot of schools said I needed to gain weight, but I was hardheaded," Wright said. "I just figured if I was going to get a scholarship, I was going to get it just playing basketball."

Not letting his height get the best of him, he led his high school to a state championship, helped his team finish 11th in the country and was a McDonald's All American Nominee.

"A lot of smaller point guards got recruited to bigger schools, but I feel as though this is where God put me for a reason," Wright added.

Wright had a good freshman season, including scoring 15 points against Vanderbilt, and 7 assists against Eastern Illinois. So far this season, he is leading the

team in assists and steals, including nine assists against Eastern Kentucky and five steals against Murray State. Instead of a disadvantage, Wright says he tries to use his height as an advantage on the court.

"I try and find ways to score," said Wright. "The system we play is inside-out meaning we go to the inside first. So when they pass it back to me, sometimes I am able to have open shots."

One player that helps pass to Wright is senior Zac Schlader, who says Wright helps change the game.

"He really works to his advantage of being so quick," Schlader said. "Opponents underestimate him because of his height, and they end up regretting it."

Wright said that his quickness is really what helps him out when he is playing.

"I can get open looks, and get my teammates open," Wright said. "It's an advantage because I've had to live with this my whole life, trying to figure out ways to play against taller players."

While most kids dream about being taller, Wright said his height really never bothered him as long as he could play

"I knew I was going to be short," Wright said. "My dad is only 5-8, and my mom is 5-2. I was just playing basketball being a

Some players have growth spurts later in their career but I didn't let it bother me. I can do anything that a taller player can do, including dunking the ball."

Being only 5-9, fans would love to see Wright dunk, and he says when the right opportunity comes up, he might just try it.

"I want to just get the easy basket, and do whatever I have to do to get the win," Wright said. "If we ever get up by a lot and the opportunity presents itself, then yeah, I am going for the dunk."

Wright says he hopes to continue to do well at Austin Peay and is glad he made the decision to come here.

"I just want to thank the coaching staff and recruitment for getting me here."◆



Sophomore Derek "D.J." Wright (left) stands next to 7-0 center Tomas Janusauskus. The 5-9 point guard stands eight inches under APSU's team average height as well as being the second-shortest player in the OVC.

Track team has strong finish at TSU **Invitational**

By J.R. PREISSLER Guest Writer

The Austin Peav State University track and field team competed at the Tennessee State University Invitational in Nashville this past Saturday. Once again, the Lady Govs had another good meet. While competing against Ohio Valley Conference-rivals Tennessee State, Jacksonville State, and Tennessee Tech, the Lady Govs were able to see how they stacked up against more teams from their conference.

"Sherlonda [Johnson] was the star of the meet," said Coach Doug Molnar.

Johnson won the long jump, won the triple jump, and finished in second place in the 55-yard dash. This performance, to go along with Leeann White's third-place long jump finish, makes White and Johnson a powerful one-two punch for the Lady Govs this season. White set a personal record with a jump of 19-1.

Another notable performer was Ashley Genslak. Coach Molnar said, "Ashley came into the competition tired, but got competitive and ended up having a good

Genslak, who also is a member of the APSU volleyball team, set a personal record last weekend in TSU with a jump of 5-6.

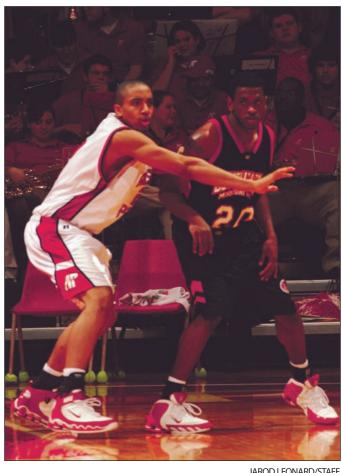
"Last year I jumped okay, but I scored inconsistently," Genslack said. "I always got 5-4, and could never get 5 feet 6 inches. I hope this jump brings me more goods jumps. We had a good performance, and a lot of our competitors set personal records."

Also, Kelly Schultz finished fifth in the mile with a personal record, 5:31.9. APSU's men ran the meet unaffiliated. Tim Hall finished second in the mile run,

and second in the 3,000-meter run. Also, Josh Yeckering finish fourth in the 3,000-meter run.

The next time the Lady Govs are in action is on Feb. 11, at the Depauw Invitational in Green Castle, Ind.◆

Austin Peay Player Profile



Freshman Drake Reed attempts to guard Eric Jones of Southeast Missouri during the Govs' win Monday. The 6-5 forward averages 19.5 minutes per game and contributes seven points per game for the Govs By MICHAEL YOUNG Sports Editor

For local basketball star Drake Reed, the decision to come to Austin Peay State University and play for coach Dave Loos was a no-brainer.

"It wasn't that hard of a decision," Reed said. "It was fairly easy to decide to play in my hometown where the fans really support me."

Reed, a 6-5 Clarksville native, excelled as a football and basketball player for Northeast High School before deciding to enter his senior season solely as a basketball player. Reed's 17point, five-rebound average during his junior season earned him some much-deserved attention as well as an 18th-best prospect ranking in Tennessee by Tennessee Prep

Like many athletes who advance to the college level, Reed noticed a difference from the game he was used to playing in high school.

"The play is much different from high school because everybody on the court is very

good," Reed said. "There isn't a game where I could take off and still have a great game. I have to bring my 100 percent every game, or I won't play well." Despite the difference, Reed has already

made an impact on the Governors' basketball team as a freshman with an average of 7.2 points per game while snatching 107 total rebounds (5.1 per game) – both contributions

rank third on the Govs' team. Reed's dominating presence inside the paint has earned him a team-leading 50 percent field goal percentage.

So far this season, Reed's high point came during the Govs' 66-55 win over Morehead State earlier this season. Reed led the Govs with 14 points and four blocks.

"It's a great feeling," Reed said. "Playing here is something that I have tried to prepare myself for, and everything is going good so far. It has been a roller coaster ride. I have had my ups and downs, and hopefully the roller coaster will go up."◆

Vital Stats

Name: Drake Reed Class: Freshman Major: Communications Hometown: Clarksville, Tenn. Sports Idol: Michael Jordan

Favorite Sports Team: St. Louis Rams Favorite place to eat? "Everywhere is good." Favorite place to go on a date: "I'll take her wherever she wants to go."

APSU Sports Briefs

Govs tennis signs Australian product Governors tennis head coach Ed

Dickson picked up his third signee of the 2005-06 season with Australian native Alex Ångelatos, who attended a semester of

college in Australia and boasts a big serve, will provide the Govs with depth and an aggressiveness that will allow them to compete for the OVC.

Bat Govs boast heavy home schedule

The Austin Peay State University baseball team boasts 35 home games on their newly released schedule for the 2006 season. The schedule plays to the Govs' strength after they posted a 20-5 home record during the 2005 season.

Lady Govs softball picked to finish seventh

The Lady Govs softball team is picked to finish seventh in the OVC's preseason coach's poll. The Lady Govs, who finished eighth in the OVC last season with a 10-15 record, accumulated 30 points in the poll as Jacksonville State was picked as the heavy favorite with seven first-place votes.

Hassell, Kimmel to be inducted into APSU Hall of Fame

Former Govs basketball player Trenton Hassell — who is currently a member of the Minnesota Timberwolves — and longtime trainer Chuck Kimmel will be inducted into the APSU Hall of Fame during the Govs' basketball game Feb. 18.

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Wednesday

Men's Tennis vs. Kentucky, Noon, Lexington, Ky.

Thursday

Women's Basketball vs. Murray State, 5:15 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Basketball vs. Murray State, 7:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Saturday

Women's Tennis vs. Wichita State, Noon. Clarksville, Tenn.

Women's Basketball, vs. Tennessee State, 5:15 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Basketball vs. Tennessee State, 7:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Sunday

Women's Tennis vs. Western Kentucky, 2 p.m., Bowling Green,

Next Week

Thursday

Women's Basketball vs. Eastern Illinois, 5:15 p.m., Charleston, Ill.

Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Illinois, 7:35 p.m., Charleston, Ill.

Saturday

Women's Basketball vs. Samford, 5:15 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Basketball vs. Samford, 7:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Basketball teams split

Govs hold off SEMO's 2nd-half rally to win tale of two halves

By MICHAEL YOUNG Sports Editor

On the strength of eight consecutive free throws in the final 10 seconds of the game, the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team stymied Ohio Valley Conference opponent Southeast Missouri's second-half surge to grab a 73-62 victory Monday night.

The win breaks a three-game losing streak for the Govs and improves them to 6-1 on OVC home games - 7-6 overall.

"We needed this one," senior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton said. "This win is big for us. We have really got to focus in on this week and we have a big game coming on Thursday."

The win, however, left a sour taste in the mouths of APSU fans as they witnessed the Govs dwindle a 16-point halftime lead in the second half with the Redhawks pulling within five points with 25 seconds left in the game. The Govs were forced to rely on their free throw shooting which came through in the clutch.

"We were really focusing on our defense and then we got our offense rolling after a while," Hampton said. "In the second half, we kind of slacked up a little bit. We have got to learn to finish games out."

The Govs shocked the Redhawks in the first half with a fast-paced offense and a tenacious defense that forced 16 turnovers and created 19 points. The almost flawless play sent the Governors

into the locker room at halftime with a 35-19 lead and some confidence.

"I thought we played pretty well. We really picked it up on the defensive end," senior center Zac Schlader said. "That is something that we have been concentrating on a bit. Going into halftime, we knew we had to talk about the second half because they were going to bring it but I think that we were pretty confident."

In the second half, however, the Redhawks took over the inside lanes and posted 16 second-chance points off offensive rebounds. The Redhawks' dominating presence on the inside was felt as SEMO accumulated 42 total boards to the Govs' 35.

"They are a pretty good rebounding team," Schlader said. "In the end, we got a little pushed around down there. We have got to be a little stronger, but you have to give them a lot of credit."

The Govs shooting struggles was mainly present outside the arc as they only hit four of their 15 three-point attempts with the majority of them coming from Hampton.

'We tried to get the ball to the inside but we have still got to be able to knock down the outside shot," Hampton said. "We have to keep our confidence high and continue to shoot."

Scoring for the Governors was a senior affair as Hampton posted 20 points in the contest with Schlader's 19 points following close



Junior point guard Derek Wright goes up for a layup during the Govs' win over Southeast Missouri Monday. Wright made 3-of-5 (60 percent) from the field to contribute six points to the Govs' overall effort.

The two seniors combined to shoot 60 percent from the floor as Schlader's 9-of-13 shooting led the team in field goals converted.

"The other guys were giving me the ball in some good spots, and I

was able to hit a couple of jumpers," Schlader said.

The win improves the Govs to 12-10 overall with their next contest coming Thursday against OVC-rival Murray State.◆

and eventually your going to score,"

they just have to work on getting it

'We knew we had a second chance, after going through this

around," he said. "They came out

and hit some shots, and we just

SEMO player Tatiana Conceicao

had 25 points, and forward Natalie

rebounds. Blackston said he knows

"They are as good as any team

Hale said they have to use the

The energy we had in the first

While they are hurt by the loss,

Hale said that this won't keep them down for long.
"We started 1-7 in the beginning

of the season and recovered from

energy they had in the first half and bring that in the second half of

half was perfect," Hale said. "We

had a mental lapse in the second

who deserved to win the game.

in the league," he said. "They are

athletic and can shoot the

basketball."

Purcell had 15 points and 11

together in the second half.

same situation the first game

Head coach Andy Blackston said

said Haynes.

Lady Govs unable to hang with Southeast Missouri in second half

By MICHAEL KELLUM Staff Writer

The Lady Govs played Southeast Missouri State Monday for the second time this season, and just like in the first game, Austin Peay State University's women's basketball team couldn't keep it together in the second half, losing the game 57-73.

The Lady Govs started the game off with a 6-1 lead and stayed ahead of SEMO until late in the first half when SEMO took the lead, 14-13.

After a three-pointer by Saundra Hale, the Lady Govs went up 16-14 before SEMO player Katrisha Dunn scored a three and hit a jumper on back-to-back possessions. At the end of the first half, the Lady Govs were down by one point, 18-19.

The Redhawks went into the second half looking to put away the Lady Govs quick and early. They scored on their first eight possessions and never looked back. As down by as many as 21 points with 3:23 left in the game, APSU cut the lead down and ended up losing the game by a margin of 16,

The Lady Govs were out-scored in the second half, 54-39, and were out-rebounded by SEMO, 45-34. The Redhawks made 27-of-62 field goals, including 10-of-19 three pointers.

The Lady Govs made 21-of-59 field goals and 5-of-17 three-point baskets. APSU's Ashley Haynes again attained a double -double, her 14th of the season, scoring 14 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.



Senior Ashley Havnes goes up for a block against a Southeast Missouri player in the Lady Govs loss this past Monday. Haynes ended the game with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Saundra Hale contributed 13 points and was the only other APSU player to score in double figures. Haynes said she wasn't

happy with the way the game went.

and that really killed us because

they got second and third chances

They were out-rebounding us,

that bad start," she said. "So we have learned from our losses, and that is going to push us through, going into the OVC tournament. We know it's not going to get easier, only harder, so we have to be

The Lady Govs return to action on Thursday against OVC-rival Murray State. The Lady Govs were able to post a 17-point victory the last time the two teams met.◆

Coach's Corner By ANDY BLACKSTON

Lady Govs look to rebound with Murray contest

Murray State is playing a little better ball than the last time we played them. They got a big win the other night against Tennessee Tech. We haven't really been able to sit down and look at some of their latest games, but we're going to. Obviously, we are going to have to come

out ready to play. They are a team that is plenty capable of winning. Our biggest thing is that we are going to have to work on our consistency. We have to be able to hold that consistency from the time that we leave the locker room to the time that we leave the court.

The last time we played Murray, Joi Scott, who is one of the best point guards in the league, really struggled. We are going to have to do another good job guarding her. We played a lot of zone defense against them last time, so they are probably going to be ready for that this time around. We made them shoot it from the outside and that really worked for us.

We have to regroup after our loss to Southeast Missouri Monday night and find a way to move forward. I hope that being on our home court will give us an advantage in the game, but we need to do our job better on the court. We are on the right track. It's just that when we take a step forward, we also tend to take a step back. We really need to take two steps forward, and Murray could serve as that first step.

We are definitely going to look at how they attack the zone defense to make sure we know what they are going to do in that situation. We have to make sure we have some good match-ups on the court, but again, the key will be stopping Scott. Joi Scott is a tremendous player, and we have to make sure we stop her.

On our part, we really need to establish the post game. We are really struggling to score the ball around the basket right now. We are just not getting much productivity there, so we need to bring that along. When that opens up, it will open up a lot of different opportunities on the court.

The Murray game is a big one for us, not just because it is a rivalry, but mainly because every game right now is important. We are over the half-way point in our schedule so every game counts towards the seeding for the OVC tournament. We really need some wins in this last stretch.◆

TALE OF THE TAPE

APSU	Stats	Murray
64.0	Scoring Average	72.2
65.8	Points Allowed per game	78.0
41.4	Field Goal Percentage	39.5
31.0	Three-point percentage	33.8
63.0	Free Throw Percentage	79.2
39.3	Rebounds per game	38.4
19.4	Turnovers per game	16.2
3.3	Blocks per game	2.4
8.5	Steals per game	8.1

Govs tennis lose four straight at Larson Bowker 5-1 Shootout

Govs show strong performance in doubles play

By MICHAEL YOUNG Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University men's tennis team opened their spring season at the Larson Bowker 5-1 Shootout that was held at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. While facing some stiff competition, the Governors

fell in each of their first four matches of the season with the majority of their points coming off doubles-

The Govs possessed a 3-2 lead over St. Bonaventure after Patrick Puertolas and Doug Mitchem picked up strong victories over their opponents. The two combined with Sean Hawk's win by default to grab the lead.

However, St. Bonaventure was able to come out with a victory as Andrew Hart/Victor Lecina defeated Governors Andrew Naidu/Alex Angelatos in doubles play, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6.

The Govs were then swept 7-0 by host team Virginia Tech during their first match on Saturday. The Hokies earned decisive victories on every match including the doubles match as no Governor earned more than three points in a set.

The Govs then suffered a 5-2 defeat later that day at the hands of Radford University. This time, the Govs were swept during singles play and only earned two points for a win by forfeit in doubles play.

The Govs' final match also resulted in a loss, this time a 4-2 loss to the University of Maryland-BC. The Govs were once again swept in singles play but Patrick Puertolas/Lucas de Brito combined to steal a 7-5, 6-3 win in doubles play to give the Govs their only two points of the match.

Despite the four losses over the weekend, freshman Lucas de Brito could still see some positive aspects of the team.

'This weekend as a team I think we did pretty well," Brito said. "We didn't win matches like we wanted to, but we showed good team spirit. Our matches this weekend were probably the hardest that we'll play all year. The scores really didn't represent how well we played this weekend."

The freshman even had a positive outlook on the Govs' upcoming Ohio Valley Conference schedule. "I think we; are going to play pretty well against the

OVC schools," Brito said. "From now on, we have just The Governors will return to action on Wednesday,

Feb. 1, with a noon match-up against the University of Kentucky. The Govs then follow up with a noon match-up on Sunday with Western Kentucky.



JAROD I FONARD/ STAFF

Freshman transfer Alex Angelatos takes a swing during one of the Govs' practices prior to their showing at the Larson Bowker 5-1 Shootout last weekend. Angelatos joined the Govs over the winter break after transferring from a college in Australia.