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CHAMPIONS

Women's track captures first OVC indoor title

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

For one day, at least, all those things didn't seem to matter so much.

The cramped office space. Being solidly entrenched at the bottom of the athletics budget's food chain. All the grueling years of being forced to build a program one brick at a time.

Those, along with all the other travails that go along with being a mid-major track coach, just didn't seem to loom so large on this day.

Because on Saturday at Eastern Illinois University, coach Elvis Forde's women's track team finally broke through and won their first Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship.

"This has been such a long time in coming," said Forde, who also took home his first OVC Coach of the Year award. "It's taken a lot of patience, but the way the girls performed on Saturday made it all worthwhile."

Forde knew going in that this would finally be the year that the Lady Goves would be able to contend for the conference title. But he had no idea that they would end up dominating the meet the way they did.

"My kids performed at the highest level I've ever seen," said Forde, whose team outdistanced second-place Tennessee State 127-109. "Kids started popping PRs (personal records) in every event they competed in. ... Whenever we needed an extra inch, someone got it. Whenever we needed that last burst before the finish line, someone did it."

"Our athletes performed like champions." And many of them took home the hardware to prove it.

Leading the pack were senior Ayesha Maycock and

junior Sheena Gooding, who shared the OVC's Female Athlete of the Year award.

"I was ecstatic — words can't describe it," said Gooding on the weekend's results. "The title was long overdue for coach Forde. We were really happy that we could give it to him."

Gooding took the conference championships in the mile and 800-meter runs, while Maycock won the long jump and the triple jump. Each claimed an additional title by being a part of Austin Peay's winning 4x400 relay team.

"(The Athlete of the Year award) is just icing on the cake," Maycock said. "I wanted to get the OVC title first, then get the Indoor Athlete of the Year award. That's been a goal of mine since my freshman year."

Among other Lady Goves standouts, senior Selena Lockridge overcame an injured toe to win the 400, and was also a member of the 4x400 relay team.

Junior Roni Hopkins finished second in the 60-meter hurdles, and fourth in both the 60- and 200-meter dashes. And freshman Lauren Maul competed like a hardened veteran, finishing second in both the long jump and triple jump, and claiming third in the high jump.

"Our kids were just outstanding," Forde said. "I couldn't have asked for a better performance the past two days. ... I knew we had a good chance of winning, but never in my wildest imagination would I have thought that we'd win it by this many points."

All this while fielding the meet's smallest squad by far. Forde's self-described "skeleton team" claimed the title despite competing with only 13 athletes — bare-



photo by Tammy Sparks

(From left) Lady Goves Ayesha Maycock, Sheena Gooding and Selena Lockridge along with (center) head coach Elvis Forde display their new OVC hardware.

bones, indeed, when compared to the rest of the schools, as most of them had well over 20 athletes.

But those results shouldn't be so surprising. Forde has made it a habit during his time at Austin Peay of working magic with the numbers he's dealt.

Of course, Forde makes it a point to give all the credit to his athletes. But as much as he tries to keep the spotlight off himself, it's not hard to see that at the controls of this year's championship team is a man who has done some amazing work.

After inheriting a program 11 years ago that had been discontinued in the years before he arrived,

Forde scraped up whatever resources he could find, sparse as they might have been, and gradually built Austin Peay's program into something respectable.

"I had to start from ground zero," he said. "Being the head coach here has prepared me to be the head coach anywhere."

Amazingly, he's managed to excel in the face of the kind of numbers crunch that would keep lesser coaches from even competing.

But Forde isn't one to complain or make excuses.

"Anytime you try to build something like this, the key is to be patient," he said. "And several times my patience has been tested,

especially when I know that I could make the program so much better."

"But you have to have the resources. That's always hurt us, but what we try to

do is just accomplish as much as we can with as much as we have."

Mission accomplished, coach.

AUSTIN PEAY'S TOP-5 FINISHERS

Long jump		60-meter dash	
1. Ayesha Maycock	19'06.75"	4. Roni Hopkins	7.71
2. Lauren Maul	19'00.50"	60-meter hurdles	
5. Kennetha McDaniels	18'04.50"	2. Roni Hopkins	8.74
High jump		800-meter run	
3. Lauren Maul	5'07.75"	1. Sheena Gooding	2:13.47
Triple jump		200-meter dash	
1. Ayesha Maycock	40'03.25"	4. Roni Hopkins	25.54
2. Lauren Maul	39'10.00"	4x400-meter relay	
Mile run		1. Austin Peay	3:47.14
1. Sheena Gooding	5:03.55	(Tanika Smotherman, Sheena Gooding, Ayesha Maycock, Selena Lockridge)	
400-meter dash			
1. Selena Lockridge	0:56.45		
3. Tanika Smotherman	0:57.04		
5. Ayesha Maycock	0:57.26		

State lawmakers ponder budget, higher education

By Jeff Osgood
news editor

It's that time of year again, the legislature takes up the matter of the state budget.

Tough questions are being asked, yet no answers will be provided until much later in the session.

Things such as tuition will go up, will there be a state income tax, and can we do with fewer services?

Last year during the sec-

ond half of the 101st General Assembly, the budget debate lasted well into June.

State revenues for the first six months of the current fiscal year are \$122.8 million below budgeted projections according to a report issued by the Department of Revenue last week.

Less-than-expected sales tax and gas tax revenues account for most of the shortfall.

The shortfall for the cur-

rent year signals bigger problems ahead as the General Assembly tackles the challenge of balancing next year's budget. All of the budget options will be on the table and subject to intense public debate.

Governor Don Sundquist is proposing a \$19.9 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001. The governor's budget includes about \$600 million in new spending for education,

health care and other programs. Administration officials have termed the additional spending as "critical" and "essential."

Dr. Warren Neel, commissioner of finance and administration, told lawmakers the state faces a chronic revenue shortage.

"Tennessee is falling behind other states," Neel said. "Our current tax structure does not tax fairly or provide enough revenue for

the needs of our children."

The governor proposes to add \$160 million to the \$5.08 billion TennCare program.

Other increases include \$129 million for K-12 education, and \$102 million for teachers and state employees. The one increase that will directly affect Austin Peay State University is the proposed \$103 million dollar increase to the higher education budget.

Governor Sundquist pro-

poses that APSU receive \$1.619 million more this year than the previous fiscal year.

Presented in the budget for higher education were monies for faculty retention, special equipment, and technology initiatives.

The faculty retention improvement will provide funds for faculty retention and recruiting in high-demand disciplines.

This \$10 million state

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Sister Souljah handles her business

By Jeff Osgood
news editor

Sister Souljah addressed the crowd in the Clement Auditorium about three things, the female role, the male role, and about leadership.

She addressed the traditional role of the female in the African society. Souljah spoke of how that women were the bearers of life. She went on to talk about how they were to be respected and revered for their wisdom and capabilities. She addressed how men in the African societies go about courting women with respect and honor.

One thing that Sister Souljah repeated to the crowd was "handle your business before you become someone's business." In these words she expressed that there was a need for African Americans to get more involved. Souljah said that African Americans "weren't handling their business, so therefore they were becoming someone's business."

After the talk, Sister Souljah went on to take questions from students. She also did a book signing after the questions and answer session with APSU students.

Sister Souljah (Lisa Williamson) was born in 1964 in the Bronx, New York. Her mother, who lived

on and off the welfare system for approximately 15 years, raised her. She lived in government subsidized housing below the poverty line, a cycle of poverty from which she later broke out. She supplemented the education she received in what she calls the white American school system by reading African history, which she felt was purposely left out of the school curriculum. By doing so, she feels she was able to become the well balanced, reassured woman that she is. While in high school, she was legislative intern in the House of Representatives for the Republican Party.

A winner of the American Legion's Constitutional Oratory Contest, she attended Cornell University's advanced placement summer program and the University of Salamanca's study-abroad program in Spain. She later majored in American History and African studies at Rutgers University, where she was a well-known writer and political commentator for the university's newspaper.

As a political activist, Sister Souljah is angered by the condition of African American people throughout the entire world. Culturally, she claims the so-called public education system has systematically denied people the right to study and enjoy their cul-

ture and history. Politically, she contends African Americans are not included in any substantive, comprehensive agenda around economic development, foreign policy, budget containment or social policy. She believes that African Americans do not hold the capital to gain equitable economic power to break the vicious cycle of discrimination and racism that goes on in our country. She reflects these feelings in her writing and in her songs. She feels it is her responsibility to help correct those wrongs.

Sister Souljah is a strong, educated, opinionated black woman, who is at times seen as a threat to those that deny but are fully aware of the conditions oppressing people of color. In fact, she was the target of that when, in an interview with the *Washington Post*, she made remarks that some believe advocate violence against whites.

Sister Souljah's response was, "The context in which my statements were made in the *Washington Post* was this, and I paraphrase speaking in the mind-set and in the mind of a gang member: Were you surprised at what happened in L.A.? No. I was not. White people should not have been surprised either; they knew that black people were dying everyday in the streets of Los Angeles to gang violence created by



photo by Jeff Osgood

Sister Souljah speaks as part of APSU's celebration of African American history month.

poverty and social chaos, but they did not care. If young black man in L.A. would kill their kind, their own brothers and sisters, what would make white people think they wouldn't kill them too? Do white people think they're better, or is it that white death means so much more than Black Death?"

In her first book, "No Disrespect," Sister Souljah writes very candidly about the struggles of young black women growing up in a complex world, surviving the obstacles of urban life and still being able to main-

tain their integrity. It is also about women striving for sexual identity and freedom that confronts every African-American and especially women.

She accomplishes this by using her own life experiences as a base for this book. Sister Souljah's language is bold and some consider it vulgar. She felt writing on this subject was necessary for the development of African females in America, so she could influence their thought process in a positive manner. She expresses these feelings in her book by describing, "the ghetto girl

whom nobody ever tells them the definition of womanhood or manhood for that matter." Her voice has been spread throughout the black community as she is considered a solid thinker who aggressively expresses anger and hostility about the unfair practices in America toward African American people.

In "No Disrespect," she sets the record straight on where she stands on life, love, spirituality and race, concluding her book with a message for the reader to think about: "Listen Up! Straighten It Out!"

State Budget

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appropriation will be matched with \$5 million from student tuition and fees, in order to provide a total of \$15 million, to make Tennessee public colleges more competitive.

The special equipment money will allow upgrading of instructional and research equipment. Included is \$4 million to meet special equipment replacement needs at the East Tennessee State University College of Medicine. The remaining \$11 million will be used to address critical instructional, laboratory, and research equipment needs, particularly in technology areas.

This includes \$6.6 million for Tennessee Board of Regents institutions and \$4.4 million for the University of Tennessee.

The technology initiative will provide funds for debt service on \$9 million in general obligation notes to procure infrastructure associated with technology initiatives, including computer

servers, networks, and multi-media equipment.

Several pieces of legislation to change the tax structure and raise revenue were filed last week.

Among the most comprehensive is a plan from the Sundquist Administration. This plan would impose a 4 percent sales tax on most services, expand franchise and excise taxes to sole proprietorships and general partnerships, and apply the excise tax to the compensation of business owners and professions who earn in excess of \$72,600 a year.

The administration's plan reduces the sales tax rate from 6 percent to 4 percent.

The other plan is from Sen. Bob Rochelle (D-Lebanon), Gene Elsea (R-Spring City) and Rep. Tommy Head (D-Clarksville), they are calling it the Tax Reform Act of 2001.

This proposal provides for a broad-based tax on income and takes all sales taxes off

food, clothing and non-prescription drugs.

The plan reduces the sales tax rate from 8.75 percent to 7 percent and repeals the Hall Income Tax. For the average family of four, the proposal provides for the first \$41,000 in annual income to be completely free of any state tax. The act would levy a 3.5 percent tax on the next \$14,000; 4.25 percent tax on the next \$20,000; 5 percent on the next \$30,000; and, for the highest income families a rate of 6 percent on all income above \$105,000. The plan raises the corporate income tax rate to 6.5 percent.

These and many other plans will present themselves over the next few months.

The state was in a similar situation last year and raised tuition. If that is an indication then we will more than likely see a tuition hike again this year.

The Revised SGA constitution is now available for review on the SGA website (apsu.edu/~sga/) and hard copies are available in the Student Life Office Miller 101.

Comments are encouraged and welcomed.

For more information email sga@apsu.edu

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On the Govs ...



Johnny Sparks

Elvis Forde crowned king of OVC coaches

It feels good to see a good team finish first. No one deserved a championship more than Elvis Forde.

Last summer, I predicted that this would be the spring of the Ohio Valley Conference Championships the Peay. I have been here for almost five years. I have covered APSU athletics for three years in my role as The All State and with sports information.

Before this weekend, I had covered exactly zero Lady Gov and Governor championship teams. I had started to wonder if it was just me. Maybe I was the reason that Bubba Wells didn't win the OVC at the end of his senior year in 1997. They won it the year before I got here.

As promised, Austin Peay is one-for-one, but I didn't predict this one. I didn't believe we had the bodies to win an OVC championship in track and field. I figured we would win championships in men's and women's golf, men's basketball, and baseball.

I should have known that we would win a track and field championship based on what I know about Forde. Before last year's Ohio Valley Conference women's indoor track and field championship, I talked with Forde and learned a lot about him.

It wasn't the first time I had interviewed him, but it was the first time I really saw the eye of the tiger. I left his office knowing without a doubt that Forde was a champion.

In my job as the APSU sports information department intern, I worked as the primary media contact for track and field. I wrote press releases about upcoming events. After a while, the releases started to sound the same. When I entered Forde's office in search of a few fresh quotes for the OVC championship release, I noticed a difference in his attitude.

Forde was fired up about his team's chances of finishing in the top-five. It was two days before the championships. He had 15 athletes, half as many as the schools APSU would compete against. Since all competing athletes would earn points, the Lady Govs were at an immediate disadvantage. Even a top-five finish was improbable.

Forde also wrestled with a limited budget, half that of the teams APSU would compete against. Still, he calculated points attempting to reach the magic number needed to win a championship. Forde articulated every possible scenario. Forde had to overcome the same obstacles this year. Amazingly, he did. Coaching this team to the school's first indoor track and field championship, Forde was named OVC Coach of the Year.

I gained more insight when I wrote about Forde's world-record breaking 400-meter run at Carbondale, Ill. Forde set the new Master's world record in February 2000 at his Southern Illinois alma mater. The former Barbados Olympian was not as excited by his personal milestone as he was his team's chances in the coming OVC meet.

There are coaches, then there are coaches. Forde is of the natural variety. He never stops motivating everyone around him to give the best they have to offer and he gets

Golf team slides from third to ninth at tourney

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

Austin Peay's men's golf team faltered in the final round of competition at the South Florida/Ron Smith Invitational in Tampa, Fla., last weekend, falling to ninth after beginning the day in third.

After shooting scores of 294 and 295 during the first two rounds, the Govs shot a disappointing score of 313 on the day when it mattered most.

The College of Charleston

took first place, as their average score over the three days was 286.

Ryan Strickland and Adam Shanks tied for 20th place, with each carding a three-day total of 223. Joe Humston's 224 tied him for 25th.

The Govs' performance was especially frustrating to coach Mark Leroux, who has seen too many others like it already this season.

"This seems to be a continuing trend," Leroux said. "We'll have three golfers

play well, but then get nothing to go with it. And that's not going to win us a conference championship."

And that seems to be the main issue with the Govs' team at this point: who is going to fill the team's needs in the lineup's bottom two spots.

"We've got five other golfers, and they're all talented. We just need one or two to break through for us," Leroux said. "We're just going to tee it up again and see who wants to play."

Those golfers vying for those final two spots will only have a few more days to prove themselves, as Austin Peay will travel to Williamsburg, Va., Monday for the start of the William & Mary Spring Invitational.

The Govs, who finished second there last year, have a good chance of bouncing back from their troubles in Florida last week.

"It's traditionally one of the weaker fields that we face," Leroux said. "If we can bring a good team there ...

and find two more guys who are ready to play, then we'll have a chance to win that one."

On the women's side, Leroux said that the Lady Govs are gearing up for the Elon College Intercollegiate on March 10 and 11.

"We had a very spirited practice the other day. We went out there with a purpose, and I felt like we really got some stuff done," Leroux said. "I feel like they're moving in the right direction."

Govs split last two

Men, women end reg. season with win over Martin, loss at TSU

By Kyle Tucker
assistant editor

Austin Peay's basketball teams ended the regular season with a wimper last Saturday night.

After both the men and women took down UT-Martin at home on Senior Night last Thursday, the Govs (20-9, 10-6 OVC) were given a wake-up call at Tennessee State two nights later.

The men suffered their worst OVC loss of the year, 83-60. The Lady Govs (14-13, 10-6 OVC) surrendered a lead that had grown to as much as 11 points in the first half, and TSU came back for the 79-70 upset.

For the Govs, Trenton Hassell had his worst performance of the season by far, shooting just 2-of-14 and scoring only four points.

As a team, the Govs shot just 1-of-18 from behind the arc, turned the ball over 19 times and suffered from poor defense.

"You put those three things together, and you've got not much chance to win," men's coach Dave Loos said. "It was probably our worst game of the year. Why it happened on that night, I can't explain."

Though Brooke Armistead dropped 28 for the women, it wasn't enough to fend off the surging Lady Tigers and Taurus Pyles. Pyles hit four 3-pointers and scored a game-high

29 points.

"That seems to happen to us a lot," women's coach Susie Gardner said. "We get a lead and then give it up. We can't have performances like that."

Earlier in the week, it was an entirely different story as five Austin Peay seniors closed out their playing careers at the Dunn Center.

Hassell led the Govs to a 90-74 win over Martin, blowing up for his third career triple-double. Hassell had 27 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists.

"I didn't really know what happened," Hassell said. "When they announced it I was surprised."

Senior Theanthony Haymon had a big night, scoring 16 points. Fellow senior Joe Williams added nine.

"We owed them one and we got them back," Williams said. "That's pay-back."

For the women, Armistead caught fire, hitting her first three treys and scoring 33 points in an 86-83 win over Martin.

The Lady Govs escaped with the win when a Martin desperation heave from half court at the buzzer just missed.

Austin Peay opened the game with a 20-7 run and led by as many as 20 before Martin cut it to 40-34 at halftime.



photo by Tammy Sparks

Brooke Armistead runs the offense against Tennessee-Martin. Armistead scored 33 points on the Lady Skyhawks.

A late charge by the Lady Skyhawks almost did the Lady Govs in. Trailing, 85-83, Martin's T.J. Barker had a clear path to the basket but the ball slipped out of her hands and senior Felicia Dowell recovered it for the Lady Govs with 1.9 seconds remaining.

Dowell was fouled and hit 1-of-2 free throws before the last-second shot came up short.

"I wish just one time we

could have a game that wasn't down to the last second," Gardner said. "But at least we win them."

Jocelyn Duke had a big Senior Night with 16 points and six rebounds.

Coming Thursday:

Special Sports Extra with complete coverage of Tuesday's OVC tournament games and a look ahead at the weekend's action.

Lady Govs drop home opener

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

Austin Peay's softball team continued to feel the effects of injuries and growing pains as it dropped two more games last Sunday to fall to 1-6 on the season.

The Lady Govs beat themselves with errors and found the going tough at the plate in 4-0 and 4-3 losses to Indiana State at home.

"We're a young team, and some of the girls are pushing a little bit," Austin Peay coach Tara Csernecky said. "It seems that one part of our game has been off so far this season."

One area of the Lady Govs' team that can't be blamed is the pitching. Of the eight runs given up by Austin Peay against the Lady Sycamores, only four were earned. Sophomore Holly Ricketts and

junior Megan Lane gave up two apiece, and surrendered only nine hits between them.

"Our pitching has probably been our strong point so far. They've been doing their job," Csernecky said. "They've had a lot on their shoulders, but they've really responded well."

Now, Csernecky is just waiting for her batters to catch up to her pitchers. Even in Austin Peay's 4-3 loss, all three of its runs were unearned.

However, at this point, there is little alarm.

"It's just going to come with a little more experience," Csernecky said. "These girls can hit. They just have to get some confidence."

Also, the Lady Govs' offense should get a boost when sophomore catcher Christina Garza gets

her bat back into the lineup. Garza has missed every game so far this season with a broken finger, but should return in the next couple weeks.

But regardless of when the Lady Govs' lineup returns to full strength, there aren't any shortcuts to their success. Improvements will only be made with the passage of time, and the Lady Govs' young players begin to better settle into their roles.

"We're having a little trouble right now putting together a complete game for seven innings, but I'm seeing improvements every time we're out there, and that's encouraging," Csernecky said.

Austin Peay will travel to Birmingham on March 9 for the beginning of the Samford Invitational.



photo by Tammy Sparks

Holly Ricketts winds up against Indiana State Sunday afternoon at Lady Govs Field.

Baseball team loses three in Peay Classic

By Kyle Tucker
assistant editor

After getting its first loss of the season early in the week at Mississippi State, the Govs' baseball team continued the trend back at home last weekend.

Hosting the 2001 Austin Peay Classic at Hand Park, the Govs stretched their losing streak to four games, falling to Ball State, Illinois State and Purdue successively.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Govs (3-4) lost to Ball State, 11-5. Austin Peay's

ace, Mike Weel (1-1) was lit up for six runs, five in the sixth inning.

The Govs led Ball State into the sixth before four Cardinal home runs and several Austin Peay strikeouts took them right of it.

Austin Peay had a trio of homers itself, as A.J. Ellis, Paul Lamm and Frank Kunich all cleared the fence in the loss.

The second game saw the Govs fall to Illinois State, 8-5. Falling behind 5-0 early, Austin Peay never recovered.

Ed Tolzien did much of

the damage in the top of the third inning when he blasted one out the park with two runners on base for the big lead.

Sophomore Joseph Peer got the Govs on the board in the bottom of the third with a leadoff home run.

Ellis helped make it close in the bottom of the seventh. Down 8-2, Ellis blasted a three-run shot of his own to make it respectable.

Jason Lazaris (0-1) took the loss, going three innings and giving up five runs, four earned, on five hits.

In the consolation game

of the round-robin tournament Sunday, Austin Peay fell to No. 25 Purdue 2-1 in a tight game.

Tony O'Donnell threw well in his first start of the season, but it wasn't enough. O'Donnell gave up just two runs, both in the first inning.

He went five innings and allowed just six hits, striking out three.

Stephen Pew came on in relief and tossed four innings of no-hit ball.

The Govs had two serious chances to score late in the game, but they came up

short. In the seventh, Scott Kluesner was thrown out at the plate after an Ellis single. And in the eighth, Kunich hit a solo homer. Peer followed with a single and advanced to third on a stolen base and error.

Kluesner then flied out to end the threat, and effectively the game.

Ball State, who shut out Purdue in the first tournament game, cruised over Illinois State. Behind the strength of 17 hits and solid defense, the Cardinals took the tournament with a 16-1 blowout over Illinois State.



Procrastinators sing your notes

By Ashley Kettle
opinion editor

Midterms are quickly approaching and many of you will put off studying until the last minute.

You know who you are and you're not alone. So, in the spirit of midterms and to put off some studying of my own, I have searched high and low for study tips in hopes of helping my fellow students approach exams with ease.

Not to worry procrastinators, I have gathered eleventh hour information just for you.

Since we are approaching the eve of midterms, I will start with some last minute study tips.

Brace yourself because what I'm about to tell you may strike you as odd.

According to magorder.com the last minute studier will benefit by turning their notes into a song or poem.

If you think about it, that makes some sense. I don't know about you, but I have caught myself many times with songs that I can and can not stand stuck in my head.

To rid yourself of a song that is stuck in your head, sing it to someone else.

Anyway, I will quit procrastinating and get back to the task at hand.

Magorder.com also suggests that you have someone quiz you. This tip works best if you at least know a little bit about the subject. If you don't, chances are whoever is quizzing you will quickly become frustrated leaving you to study all alone. If you prefer to study alone, then make yourself flash cards and quiz yourself.

The last, last minute study tip I have to offer is stop stalling already. You've put the task off long enough and now you're worried you're going to fail the exam no matter what. With that attitude you will, trust me. Just think positive and get to work. You will have plenty of time to do the other things you want to do after the exam.

The next few tips will not help you much on the up-coming midterms, but they can help you get through the rest of the semester.

The first thing you should do is to decide if you do your best work during the day or at night. Once you have figured that out you should then decide what time of day or night works best for you. When you sit down to study make sure you are in a quite and well-lit area.

about.com suggests that when reading textbooks, use two different colored highlighters. One color for key terms and another for important ideas or concepts that you feel might be on the test.

Make sure to take good notes. Generally, if a professor says something more than once or takes time to write the information on the chalkboard, you will probably see it again on the test. Aside from taking good notes, you should also study them after each class. This may sound like a lot of work, but you will benefit from it in the long run.

Good Luck on your midterms and all exams coming your way.

We want to hear from you.

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Dumb rules block growth process

By Scotty Hooper

When I'm walking around campus, usually by myself, I feel like I should be somewhere else.

Maybe I'm not the only one that feels this desire to run to the farthest part of the horizon and stay there for a while until I get my head straight. I see a lot of people everyday and they all remind me of someone I know. But how can I be so narrow-minded to think that I know someone just by looking at their clothes or hair-style. I know all that stuff is important to a large part of our campus and that makes it hard to not notice how different everyone is.

Have you ever had to team up with someone in your class or be working with a person who you never expected to get to know? The kind of person

you would talk about to your friends. I have. I've even had my thoughts that I kept to myself but still I had preconceived ideas about people which I had no reason having.

The military training environment is one of popularity when it comes to conforming to the program and not being able to have the say so to exclude yourself from the group. They force you to team up with people, lots of them. And there is nothing to do except play the game. After all, isn't all of this a game.

I think the whole college experience is really awesome but for those of us, who my suffer from an acute syndrome of individuality which may have spawned from the adolescent term "rebellion," I find it extremely difficult to follow the rules. I'm not talking about

the the "big one's" like breaking the law or hurting someone I'm referring to the dumb ones. I think we all have our list of dumb rules.

When I sit in some classes like a good little boy, I am forced to know all about some people's lives.

It would not be so bad if everyone in my classes were given the chance to tell their life story. But NO! We all have to listen to these people that think everything they says is so funny. The class must want to hear them speak because they do it all the time and no one tells them to shut up.

I wonder why so many people put up with some of our dumb rules.

Like "don't tell that annoying person that they are annoying."

Why not do everyone a favor and have the courage to be bold about what is real.

About how we feel and dealing with it like adults who value change, growth, experience, other people's views and listen with an open mind.

What if you were the joke of the class? What if I was? Would you not want to know, so you could work on being a little more respectful to other people? I would.

I already look for those things in myself. I care about real people. The people that have real things to say and not are just trying to make themselves look good.

I give people a chance to prove themselves. Either by the words they say or don't say or by the product of their concentration and dedication to something in their life that makes their life worth living.

We're not that different. Lets stop acting like it.

Urban legends send shock waves

By Ashley Kettle
opinion editor

The semester has hardly begun and one student has already received straight A's for the entire semester.

"WOW, how did this happen?" you ask.

The answer is simple yet devastating. The student's roommate committed sui-

cide. Now, while you catch your breath and before you run off to plot your roommates demise, rest assured that what you just read is none other than an urban legend.

This particular urban legend has become so popular that a movie was made about it. Anyone remember Dead Man on Campus?

Urban legends are once again cropping up everywhere and I must admit they are a lot of fun and they can be quite deceiving. I have been fooled by more than one of these tales in my lifetime.

One of the things that make urban legends so popular is that the tales are so ironic that they make for great story telling and also story re-telling. Haven't you ever noticed that when you hear a story that starts with a friend of a friend it sounds quite unbelievable yet interestingly exciting? That my friend of a friend is one key feature of the beginning of an urban legend.

Take advice columnist Ann Landers for instance, she has been fooled not once but twice by the same urban legend according to about.com.

The urban legend that fooled her is the one about how people aren't supposed to throw rice at weddings

because it has been found that birds will eat the rice and the rice will swell in the birds stomach causing the bird to explode. I have heard that one, but I have never seen a sidewalk covered with exploded birds and I would like to leave it that way, thank you very much.

Each year around Christmas time the infamous tale of people hiding under cars and slicing peoples' ankles in order to rob them surfaces, and let me tell you it surfaces like wild fire. The tale is quite unnerving and makes you want to stand in an awkward position when unlocking your car so as to save yourself from these social deviants that have nothing better to do than lie around under cars.

Anyway, the first time I heard about that one, I was in middle school. Needless to say this urban legend has been around for quite a long time. Back then the only place people were getting their ankles sliced was in Chattanooga. Now people everywhere are walking around with scars on their ankles, or maybe they're not walking around at all. Hmmm...you never know.

An urban legend by definition is a realistic but untrue story that recounts some alleged recent event. Urban legends are not first person

stories. How many people do you actually know that have awakened in a bathtub full of ice only to discover their kidneys have been stolen? I'm assuming none, but your friend's friend probably does.

Last semester I heard an urban legend that I had never before heard, not even a version of this story had come across my ears. A fellow student told this tale in my communication theory class. It never registered with me that it was in fact an urban legend until I came across it a few days ago on the Internet. It goes something like this.

A woman is suing her local pharmacy that sold her a contraceptive jelly. The woman ate the jelly on toast and became pregnant.

Doesn't that just give you a lovely thought? YUCK!

Well my friends of friends before I go I want to leave you with a warning.

What ever you do, do not apply a blue star lick and stick tattoo. I hear it contains LSD.

One more thing, NEVER flash your headlights to warn others that they do not have their lights on. I was told that gang members looking for their next victim drive the cars.

I can't remember who told me this.

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Cuernavaca, Mexico offers perfect setting abroad

By Alicia Archuleta
staff writer

Learning a second language is an asset to any student or person for that matter.

For many it is difficult to comprehend a foreign language when they only hear and speak it for an hour or so in class and then return to their native language.

The best and most efficient way to learn a different language is to immerse yourself in it completely.

For 19 years Dr. Ramon Magrans has been taking students from Austin Peay and surrounding areas to Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico to study at Universidad Internacional The Center For Bilingual and Multicultural Studies, known to students as Centro Bilingue.

"To travel abroad really exposes students to a world beyond their own, a world that is going to be theirs to enjoy, to improve and to shape," Dr. Magrans said. Students agree with him, too.

In these 19 years, in over 30 trips, over 2000 students

have taken advantage of experiencing a different culture.

I am one of those students as are more than a few of my friends and classmates.

Initially, the idea of getting out of Clarksville and the United States is what entices most students to go on this study abroad.

This is not the feeling of all students.

"I wanted to increase my knowledge. I decided to go to Mexico because I already knew Europe and wanted to see some thing new," said Irene Porter, an APSU graduate student.

The center is designed to not only expand your knowledge of the Spanish language but also the culture of Latin America.

A preset group of excursions expose the students to the ancient culture, the colonial culture and the modern culture.

Visits to historic sites are balanced out by visits to museums that showcase the artistic talent of the Latin American people.

Overall, it is a well-rounded program leaving no stone unturned.

Classes at the center are set up according to your knowledge of the language.

Students are in class from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday with optional classes available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Optional classes include everything from cooking to dancing. They sometimes cost a few dollars extra but are well worth it.

Cultural and optional classes are small in comparison to classes at Austin Peay, usually only having 10-15 students per class.

The language classes are specifically restricted to five students per teacher to allow for individual attention to each student.

Small classes are wonderful because students are forced to participate. You cannot hide from the teacher unless you can make yourself invisible.

Students are taught grammatical Spanish in school and functional Spanish in the home and in town.

It is surprising how much you can absorb in a month long program.

However, it is not the classes that make students want to return time and time again it is the experiencing of the different culture that keeps students going back.

While in Cuernavaca, students get to live as a local and see first hand how life is for people like themselves in a different country.

"No matter how much you read about a culture you will never truly know it until you live it," said Blanca Ortiz a junior Nursing major.

Most students live with a host family and are given the freedom to go and experience life in the city.



(Left) Students take in the view abroad. (Above) A local musician entertains onlookers in Mexico.

photos by Alicia Archuleta

"There is so much to see," said Ortiz, "I did different things both times."

Experiencing the real way of life is one of the most important parts of the whole trip.

It is not worth your money to go and stay in your room the whole month and not experience anything outside of school.

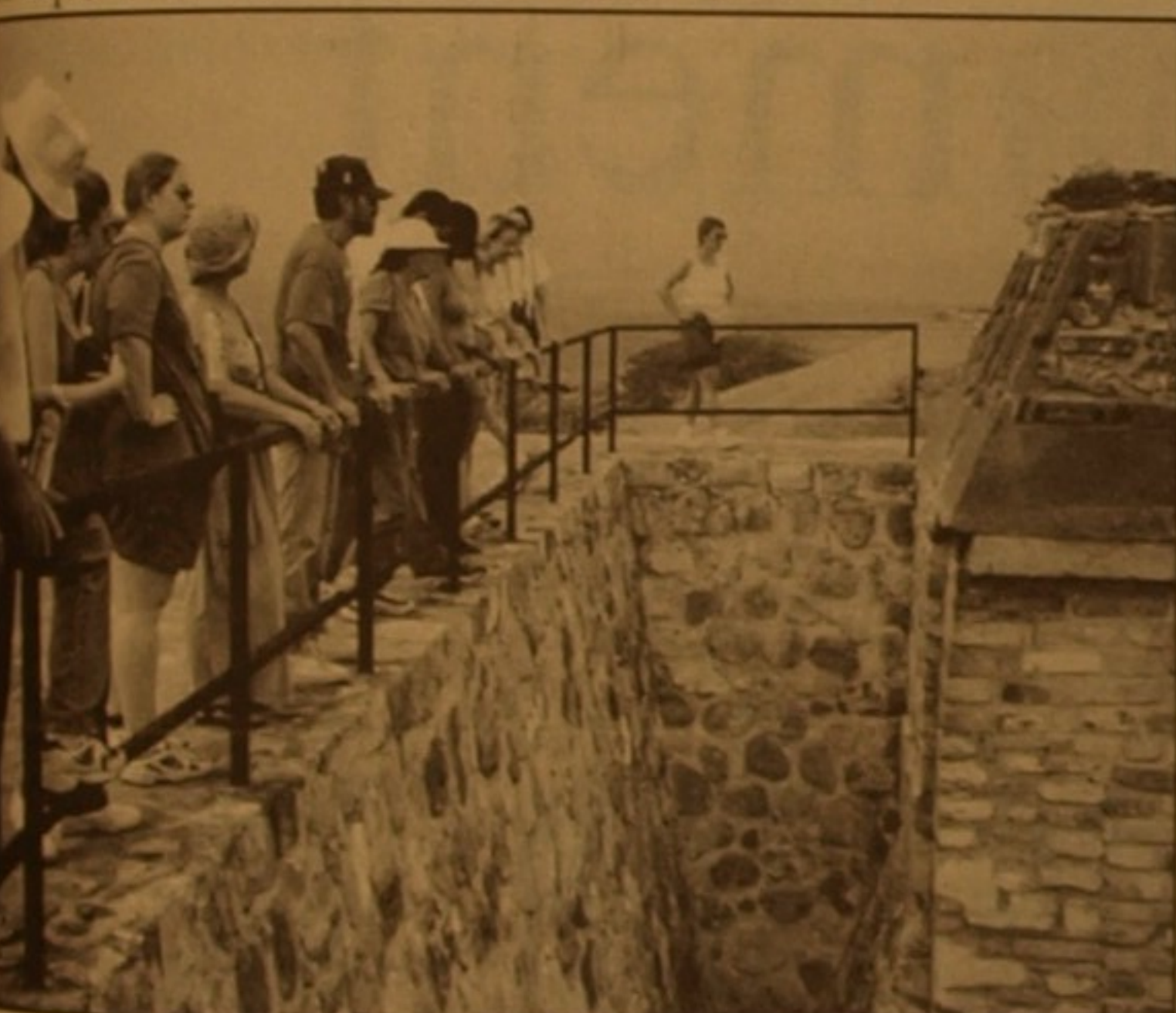
Junior Dawna Teel, who just returned from a semester program, recommends the program to all that wish to learn Spanish better.

"Eighteen months ago I learned my first Spanish word, and now I am able to read novels and hold con-

versations in Spanish," said Teel. "Through the study abroad program I have made lasting friendships with uncountable memories, gained a greater self-confidence, learned valuable skills, broadened my knowledge base as well as gained a greater insight into life.

Even if you are not a Spanish major, study abroad in Mexico allows you to earn foreign language credit for a B.A. degree and experience a new world.

If you are interested contact Dr. Magrans and attend the next announced interest meeting.



Smokey Joe's serves up smiles

By Tiffanie Cohoon
features editor

A new place to dine in or take out has opened recently on Franklin Street at the previous Moose Creek location. Smokey Joe's has all types of food that will fill anyone's stomach. They specialize in ribs, BBQ and steaks. All are smoked and grilled to perfection. This place also has appetizers, salads, sandwiches, a huge selection of platters and dessert.

As I walked into Smokey Joe's, I was immediately welcomed and a couple of seconds later I had my drinks and some bread.

It was actually comforting to see that some people still do their job right. The waiters were extremely nice and patient when it took me awhile to decide what I

wanted, considering I had never been there before. Fifteen minutes after ordering, the food was served.

My eyes suddenly became enlarged when I saw the quantity of food they give you. This place isn't stingy with anything. There were two giant, juicy pieces of chicken, the baked potato was as big as my foot and I wear a size 8 1/2. The baked beans were filled to the top of a bowl. The food was absolutely delicious and fulfilling.

I know my personal life has nothing to do with this article, but everytime my boyfriend and I go out to eat whether it is Rafferty's or O'Charley's he can never eat all of his meal. This time he ate everything on his plate. He couldn't move afterwards but he replied that it

was so good that he didn't want to waste it. I ate almost everything as well. When I was finished I had to unbutton my pants because I was so full.

Not only does this restaurant have great service and food but they have entertainment as well. They have 14 televisions throughout the place, two pool tables and foosball.

I was so happy to see that their restroom and kitchen facilities were spotless, and well organized. The worse thing in the world is to use a bathroom that smells and look like it has just been rolled by a bunch of bored teenagers.

Smokey Joe's happy hour is from 4 - 7 p.m. daily. They have two for one on beer, mixed drinks and shots.

People can also buy food

by the bulk at this place. They sale pork and turkey by the pound, ribs by the slab, side items by the pint or gallon and packages of buns.

This restaurant is a wonderful place to go and eat a well cooked meal accompanied by excellent service at a reasonable price.

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