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# Drop in grades show new DSP tactics fail

By STEPHANIE COWARD  
Staff Writer

The Developmental Studies Program at Austin Peay State University is self-paced, and while some students are excelling through the computer-based learning, many are failing or teetering on the edge of failure.

The programs for Math and English are no longer taught through lecture but rather through a computer-based learning program.

Though students are still required to show up for their scheduled lab time, they spend it watching videos and working on homework questions as opposed to listening to lectures by the math professors.

"There are not enough people around when I need them, I feel like I am always waiting for someone to help me," said Jennifer Modliszewski, a nursing major and DSP student.

She has had the DSP class taught to her in both the lecture-based and computer-based systems.

Six years ago she took DSP math as a freshman and did not finish the class and is now retaking DSP.

"You can get help, but there may be someone else who needs help so [the professors and tutor] have to move on to help the others," Crystal Noaks-Carter, a freshman engineering technology major said.

The new computer-based learning as well as the complete lack of lecture in the classroom frustrates many students. "[The computer's] really slow at pulling everything up," McKenzie Burgess, a freshman nursing major said. "The DSP math is a little harder because there isn't an actual person teaching the course," Noaks-Carter said.

"I think it would be a lot easier if it was taught the same way as all the other math courses," she said.

"The teachers do a much better job at explaining in terms that people can actually understand; the videos are not teaching the best way to work a problem," David Jaime, a freshman business major and DSP tutor said.

Jaime works 15 hours every week in the DSP lab and spends the entire time answering student questions.

The switch from a lecture-based DSP class to a computer-based DSP class was made at the start of the fall 2005 semester; a pilot DSP program was taught during summer 2005 sessions.

The switch was made after the state cut the funding for DSP. The state now gives APSU community college funding rates for the DSP program, as reported previously by *The All State*.

"The people that are in DSP math are the people that are already struggling in math, and the fact that they now have to learn from a computer is proving a much harder time for them, and the statistics will show that," Jaime said.

Burgess does not feel like she is getting her tuition dollars' worth out of the DSP class. "I think this class is a waste of time; I think we should have a real teacher," Burgess said. "I don't think it's right for someone to have

to teach herself," Modliszewski said.

"I have literally spent hours in front of the computer that I wouldn't have if I had someone teaching me," she said. There are approximately 371 registered in the 0800 DSP math class and 368 in the 0850 class.

A student's ACT score or course compass test score determines their placement in DSP. If a student scores below a 19 on their ACT they are placed in DSP.

A student must score higher than a 49 on their course compass math test to be allowed in college level mathematics and at least a 68 is required on their English course compass test to enroll in English 1010.

Burgess, who was in advanced algebra in high school, is in DSP math because her ACT math score was not high enough.

"We have a very low success rate in terms of DSP

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# Web classes succeed with troops

By OLIVIA CLAY  
Guest Writer

The Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell has a goal of working with military members to continue their education.

After the last deployment, soldiers came back with requests to find a better way to use their downtime in a more productive manner. APSU rose to the challenge and offered more courses for online students, including soldiers.

Currently 30 to 40 military members deployed in Iraq are enrolled in online classes offered by Austin Peay State University.

Others have expressed an interest but will wait until they actually deploy before enrolling in the courses.

According to Gerald Beavers, executive director of the Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell, "the school anticipates 150 to 200 soldiers enrolled at final deployment."

This was the number of inquiries made by soldiers about the program before current deployment began.

Everything is offered to the soldier from counselor-advisor interaction, program descriptions, courses required and books from the bookstore at: <http://www.apsu.edu/apc/APCFCD.htm>.

They can apply, be advised, learn about the programs offered, get Army tuition assistance, and schedule an exam. They also have the opportunity of earning their Associate of Science or Bachelor of Science degree in several disciplines.

The courses are scheduled for the eight-week semester that is in use at Austin Peay at Fort Campbell. Beavers said the deployed soldiers would be given a bit of leniency on the time frame for completing their courses.

An online interview with Joseph Willingham, a currently deployed U.S. soldier in Iraq, has generated glowing reviews for the program. He enrolled for online courses after deployment.

He highly recommends the choice of online classes when overseas, he suggests enrolling "without thinking twice."

"It works perfect with our schedules. I can't imagine doing it anyway else," he said.

Willingham is content with APSU's ability to help soldiers. "Every time that I have had a situation arise where I could not participate or be limited in participation, the university has been very understanding in allowing a little more time or modifying an assignment to fit my needs."

However, he did say, "My wife actually handled most of it. The deadline was drawing near and she was able to use my power of attorney to sign any paperwork."

"The registrations, admissions and book stores worked with us via e-mail and in person," he said.

Professor Karen McArthur, was the catalyst for reaching the deployed student.

According to McArthur, teaching online to soldiers



AP PHOTO

A U.S. Marine leads Iraqi soldiers on a patrol in Saadah, Iraq, eight miles from Syria, Friday, Dec. 2, 2005. Some servicemen wait until they have finished their service to finish their education but many are taking online courses because of the convenience. The army students can find and use texts through the the Austin Peay State University bookstore and other resources allow them to earn their degrees overseas.

"It has been such a pleasure for me, as my students who are military are typically very engaged in the course material,"

— Karen McArthur, art professor

makes them feel more at home. "I see it first and foremost as an opportunity to have direct contact with our military men and women overseas who have left everything they know and love to serve our country," she said.

"The nature of my contact with deployed students is an instructor-student relationship I think it is

appropriate to show these students support not only in the classroom but in other ways such as periodically letting them know they are supported by those of us who cherish the freedoms for which they fight."

According to McArthur, working with the soldiers has been a pleasant experience.

"It has been such a pleasure for me, as my students who are military are typically very engaged in the course material."

"They are usually very attentive to details, good with deadlines and also respectful to me and to their peers."

Over 50 courses were offered for all 2005 and over 55 will be offered for Spring 2006. Everything is covered from Introduction to Art, Spanish and Introduction to Theatre.

Schedules are being offered in an earlier timeframe so military students have time to select the courses and get enrolled before deployment.

# Smoking results to go another round

By LAUREN HUDGENS  
Guest Writer

Students at Austin Peay State University recently voted to ban or keep smoking on the campus.

On Monday, the Staff Support Council put the announcement out they are sponsoring a referendum to allow all staff members to submit their vote on the smoking policy. The vote will started Dec. 6 at 8 a.m. and will end Dec. 8, at 4:30 p.m.

The Student Government Association at APSU put a referendum on the university's website so students could go online and vote for or against the new smoke-free campus policy. Voting on the smoke-free campus ended on Thursday, December 1, 2005.

The Faculty Senate met on the 17th of November this year to discuss the no smoking on campus policy and decided after only 16 of the 40 members were present to vote that day they decided to have a referendum on the proposed policy.

This topic was first brought about by the SGA on Oct. 26, 2005 after several non-smoking students had made complaints about smokers congregating on campus around the doorways of buildings.

The current policy on smoking on campus states that there is to be no tobacco products (smoke and smokeless) inside and within 30 ft. of all buildings owned and/or operated by APSU, and some of the dorm rooms on campus can be smoked in as long as the student has their roommate's consent.

The policy being proposed by SGA is that smoking on campus will be limited to the parking lots.

However, some of the streets that run through the campus are owned by the city of Clarksville and most likely smoking will not be discouraged there, because it's not campus property. Smoking will be prohibited in all dorms on the university's campus starting in the summer.

John Foote, a professor in the chemistry department at APSU, said that "Someone mentioned to me the other day that what will probably end up happening is that the majority will rule, this is the non-smokers on campus, and that's a good point. I have to say that I would agree with him."

There are many students on campus that feel that this policy isn't necessary. Alaric Klinghard, a senior majoring in public relations said, "How do you regulate air space for smoking? Can I smoke anywhere you can park a car? If so then I will follow around APSU trucks and smoke when they leave that sounds as ridiculous as this policy."

Matthew Hinton, a senior majoring in public relations, is a smoker and states "I find this policy preposterous; there will be chaos among the smoking community."

Some students at APSU don't feel that it's a problem as long as smokers don't abuse their right to smoke.

Brittney Staggs, a senior majoring in public relations said, "I think there's no problem with smoking on campus as long as people are respectful of each other."

Non-smokers on campus feel strongly about the proposed policy and feel that it is an issue that for some time now needed to be addressed.

Robert Winn, a non-smoker and a senior majoring in corporate communications said, "If people want to smoke they can do it at their own homes."

Arkansas, California, Georgia, Maryland, Texas and Ohio are among 10 universities in the United States that have smoke-free policies.

Colleges and universities nationwide are being prompted to adopt more restrictive smoking policies by the Center for College Health and Safety and the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.

The SGA will post the results from the referendum in the All-State once all the votes have been tallied.

# Disability Services support student self-advocacy



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Pictured above is Bryon Kluesner, assistant director of disability services. Austin Peay State University is increasing in enrollment of disabled students. Eighty percent of the disabled are located in Tennessee, as a result APSU provides adequate resources for them.

By LAMESHA INGRAM  
Staff Writer

Students with disabilities face the challenge of not being included in mainstream society, yet Austin Peay State University has seen a 20 percent increase in the number of enrolled disabled students.

The estimated number of registered disabled students is more than 500.

However, not all of these students use the disability services that APSU provides.

Because students can register with the Office of Disability Services at any time, numbers of disabled students aren't

compiled until the end of the semester.

The Office of Disability Services at APSU provides services for students with physical, mental and/or learning disabilities.

Due to the fact that 80 percent of disabled students reside in the state of Tennessee, APSU is required to provide accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities and Rehabilitation Act. Approximately 20-25 of the disabled students are out-of-state.

The campus of APSU accommodates approximately 250 disabled students that take physical classes. Forty-five of these students are campus residents.

Disability Services assists in getting students accessible housing, interpreter services, special testing settings/conditions, special seating and note taking, to name a few.

According to Beulah Oldham, Director of APSU's Disability Services, students fill out documents stating what services they need.

"It's hard to say whether or not [the technologies and assistance available] is the reason for increased enrollment. Students choose an institution for numerous reasons and we are not always given a reason why they select APSU," says Oldham.

A new study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education says that about two-thirds of post-secondary students with

disabilities received no accommodations from their colleges.

That was attributed mostly to the fact that about 50 percent of college students with disabilities do not consider themselves to have a disability, and another seven percent acknowledged they did, but had not told their schools about it.

However, in Tennessee, students are graduating at an increasing rate, and students with disabilities are included in those numbers.

"I also believe that as students become aware of the opportunity for accommodations they may attempt to go to college to test the waters," Oldham said.

Lorraine Watkins, APSU senior social work major says she chose APSU for its convenience, "My disability won't allow me to commute to another university."

The university provides reasonable accommodations with the help of the state of

Tennessee, for students with disabilities like myself," Watkins said.

While there is no definite reason for the increase in enrollment, Bryon Kluesner, assistant Director of Disability Services says, "Our trends tend to mirror national trends— an increase in psychiatric disorders, Asperger Syndrome, obesity and more chronic health disorders."



## News search engine begin to show error in 'wikis'

By STEPHANIE COWARD  
Staff Writer

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia that allows anyone to contribute articles, is tightening its rules for submitting entries following the disclosure that it ran a piece falsely implicating a man in the Kennedy assassination, according to the Associated Press.

Wikipedia will now require users to register before they can create articles, Jimmy Wales, founder of the St. Petersburg, Fla.-based web site, said Monday.

According to Wales, the site hopes that the registration requirement will limit the number of stories being created.

The creator of Wikipedia, Wade Cunningham, wanted to create a free and easy-to-access online encyclopedia.

But Wikipedia information can contain opinion and true information could be deleted during the adding and removal process.

That is a chance Wikipedia users take during every research session.

According to the website [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org), "a wiki is a website which any visitor can edit, with the changes showing up immediately."

The volume of content is possible because the site relies on volunteers, including many experts in their fields.

Austin Peay State University students and teachers alike have been using it more than ever and have mixed views on the database.

"I think it's a great tool for general research, as in beginner's use, not definitive for intense scholarly research," said Karen McArthur, APSU art professor said.

"I only used it once (last year) because of a recommendation, and I have not used it since; to

me, Encarta is the best source," Sarah Perige, an education major said.

Since its startup, Wikipedia has been in competition with Encyclopedia Britannica and Microsoft's Encarta.

Many critics feel that Wikipedia contains too much false information to be considered reliable at all.

Molly Van Fleet, 20, a sophomore Nursing major used Wikipedia while researching a history paper.

"It looked like an informational, well-written and well-maintained site," Fleet said.

"It contained information that was not well-researched, and most of the information was false or had some inaccuracies," Fleet said.

She has decided she will not use Wikipedia again in her research.

This search engine has become a common name throughout campuses worldwide.

The online encyclopedia has grown in popularity because it is free and easily accessible.

"I found [Wikipedia] very helpful in some things and not very helpful in others," April McDonald, a sophomore corporate communications major said.

McDonald was unsure if the information she was receiving via Wikipedia was correct.

"The worst thing is that anyone can post on Wikipedia, so you never know if you're getting correct information," McDonald said.

According to the Wikipedia website, the online encyclopedia boasts 715,000 articles with 224 million words while citing the Encyclopedia Britannica with 85,000 articles and 55 million words.

It also cites Microsoft's Encarta with 63,000 articles and 40 million words.

## Holiday Collage Concert



The Holiday Collage Concert was followed immediately after the sixth annual Holiday Feast on Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Performance took place in the concert hall of the music/mass communication building and included many students involved in the in the music department.

## Switch: Students see change in grades

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students. It's really scary when you think about it," Bruce Speck, provost and vice-president for Academic Affairs said in a previous interview when asked about the DSP reorganization. "There's a real issue there," Speck said.

The fall 2003 DSP failure rate was 48.1 percent, and the fall 2004 rate was 33.3 percent, Kay Haralson, associate professor of Mathematics said. A student must earn a 70 percent or better to pass a DSP class.

The fall 2005 midterm grades for DSP math show a 39.3 percent F/FA rate for 0800 students and a 47.9 percent F/FA rate for 0850 students. The percentages were compiled by Haralson.

The grades after test four and quiz four but before the DSP math final, quiz five and any one make up exam the student takes are even higher. In the 0800

class to date, 58.5 percent of the students are receiving a grade of F or FA, and in 0850, 66.8 percent of the students have an F or FA.

Haralson said that with diligent study and application of learning techniques maybe 100 of the 200 that are not passing in each DSP math class could pass the semester. "I don't think the people that have made the decision have really taken into consideration what's best for the students," Jaime said.

Jaime has spent a lot of time talking and helping the DSP math students.

"I would say they are setting people up for failure in forcing them to take this class through the computer; students should have the option (of lecture or computer based learning)," Jaime said.

The DSP faculty doors are always open to students who have suggestions on the betterment of the program, as this is new to everyone, Haralson said.

## Good Morning APSU Campus Community

### Staff Referendum Vote on Smoke-Free Campus

The Staff Support Council is sponsoring a referendum to allow all Staff members to submit their vote on the smoking policy. The vote will be start Dec. 6, at 8 a.m. and end on Dec. 8, at 4:30 p.m. You will receive an email with a link to the voting website during the day Monday. There will also be instructions for staff who do not have email. For more information please contact Luke Henry at [henryl@apsu.edu](mailto:henryl@apsu.edu) or 6257.

### New Interlibrary Loan Request System

The Library has implemented a new interlibrary loan request (ILLiad) system effective immediately. ILLiad requires a one-time registration by the user in order to access the system. After initial registration the user never has to enter their contact information for ILL requests again. For more information please contact Elaine Berg at [berge@apsu.edu](mailto:berge@apsu.edu) or at 6405.

### Buy Mustang Raffle Tickets During Book Buy-Back

Want to win a beautiful 2005 Ford Mustang Convertible? We've got your chance! University Advancement staff will be selling the \$10 raffle tickets at the APSU Bookstore beginning Friday, Dec. 9, during book buy-back week - and will continue through the end of buy-back. Of course, you can always buy them through the website below too. Winner to be drawn Feb. 18. See the website for details. For more information please contact Heather Legg at [leggh@apsu.edu](mailto:leggh@apsu.edu) or 7127.

### Staff Holiday Desert Reception

The Staff Council will host a Staff Holiday Dessert Reception on Thursday, December 15, 2005 from 2-4 p.m. in the UC Ballroom C. For more information please contact Mary Dillard or Luke Henry  
E-mail: [dillardm@apsu.edu](mailto:dillardm@apsu.edu) Phone: 6380 or 6257.

### Bookstore Door Prize Winner

The winner of the \$50 gift card from the Bookstore given away for the Faculty & Staff Appreciation event was Bruce Tate, Shop Technician at the APSU @ Ft. Campbell Center. For more information please contact Deborah Johnson at [johnsond@apsu.edu](mailto:johnsond@apsu.edu) or 7655.



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# Opinion

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## OUR TAKE

### Farewell APSU

It is never an easy to see friends and co-workers with whom you have bonded, move on to other plateaus. Yet, this semester closes an enduring chapter for The All State, many of our editorial board have reached the pinnacle of their undergraduate careers. All of these colleagues have left us a proud legacy with which to work. That said, it is best that we let those departing summarize their time here.

**Editor-in-Chief, Martin Fox:** The time of caps and gowns has come for me. It has been a long and arduous journey for me as a college student, especially as editor in chief of *The All State*. It has been a valuable experience though, and I am ready to move on - to delve into the gauntlet that is the real world. My happiest moments with the newspaper occur every Wednesday, when I open the paper to see my cartoons in print. I wish the best for all student writers and editors who join or continue with the paper.

**Managing Editor, Eric Miller:** Always demand the best from the people who work for this newspaper. It is my hope that they continue to ask the difficult questions and serve their readers.

**Sports Editor, Mandy White:** My experience at *The All State* has been amazing. I've learned much, not only about newspapers but about myself. I've become a more influential leader and have learned better ways to express myself. As graduation nears, I

want to thank our advisor, as well as my dedicated sports staff, who have worked extremely hard to put out a great product. At the risk of sounding cliché, I could not have done it alone. Thank you to the diligent readers who keep coming back for APSU sports and to the athletes and coaches who graciously gave interviews. Finally, I'll end with the three words I wrote when I began a year and a half ago - Let's go Peay!

**Features Editor, Lauren Mabon:** While reading the features section, it is easy to get the impression that the editor, and the staff writers are consumed with fashion, music, theatre and health, and we are. However, we have made an effort to steer the section in a slightly different direction this semester: toward the students. Overall, this semester has been a productive learning experience. Aside from the occasional office antics and page bloopers, we have maintained a great section and kept our focus. This has been a fabulous fall term.

**Art Director, Kristin Crandall:** When I came to APSU four and a half years ago, I had no idea what to expect. Yet somehow I made it through and enjoyed it. It kind of gives me hope for the next "semester" (the one that doesn't really exist for me), because I'm not sure what to expect, but it can only get better from here. Yes, I am an optimist.

Good luck graduates! ☼

### Between the real and the ideal there is human reason

A little clarification is in order regarding a statement I made in last week's issue. A few people (who I happen to like and respect) took exception to my comment: "There are limitations to

everything, and that includes the admirable tendency toward tolerance." Probably a few people read that line and went no further, it being an article of nearly-religious faith

to a large part of the population of America that tolerance is the supreme virtue of virtues. Hell, I probably just lost a few people right there; I can nearly hear them thinking, "What? Are you implying that it isn't the supreme virtue of virtues?"

Well, yes. I'm implying that there is no single virtue, value, idea or ideal that stands alone and which is not limited in some way by considerations of other, equally important things. Patience is a virtue - unless it becomes an excuse for inaction in the face of some terrible ongoing tragedy. Similarly, Love is a wonderful thing - until it becomes a smothering attempt at controlling the life of another person. Faith is a beautiful concept - until parents defer to it to the point of denying a child life-saving treatment for a wholly curable illness. Charity is certainly a virtue - so long as we give due consideration to the idea that the ultimate goal should be to relieve people of the need for it, rather than to perpetuate the circumstances that place them in need of it.

In the same way, tolerance - born of the understanding that, due to the infinite variety of the circumstances of life, no two people can possibly think exactly the same way about everything - is a great thing, a necessary thing, an indispensable thing, especially in a free society which could not function without it. But, as with everything else, there are boundaries to tolerance within which the ideal must be contained if it is to have any meaning or value. Remove those constraints and what was once a virtue becomes a vice, a meaningless mouthing of platitudes to cover an infinite variety of injustices and crimes which become free to operate beneath its indiscriminate protection.

Now, there is a word we should pause to consider for a minute: "indiscriminate," as in failing to discriminate between one thing and another. (This is not a tangent; I'm going somewhere, I think.) "Discrimination" is a term that has come to have a mostly negative meaning for many people, despite the fact that it is something that we all do, every day, all the time. Yes, the term implies a judgment as to relative values, to which a number of shallow-thinking people will inevitably dredge up - out of context - Jesus' admonition to "judge not lest ye be judged."

Read in the context of the whole idea that Jesus was trying to expound, it means that we should not judge others in a manner that we would not want to be subject to if the tables were turned.

I have no doubt that if a judge in our court system failed to see any difference between a traffic ticket and cold-blooded murder, if he applied equally harsh or lenient punishment in each case, we would be appalled at his utter stupidity; yet, following the "judge not" logic to its inevitable conclusion, how could you say that he was wrong; both things are violations of the law, are they not?

Of course reasonable people instantly know that "failure to yield right of way" and multiple homicides are not the same thing; there is a difference in degree that is immediately apparent to (nearly) everyone. Without that understanding of degree there is no possibility of justice. In the same way, tolerance - like patience, love, faith, charity, and everything else - is also bound up in never-ending decisions about what is too much, too little, and just right. It is called "thinking," and it is precisely why justice resides in the considered decisions of human beings and not just in books of law or constitutions.

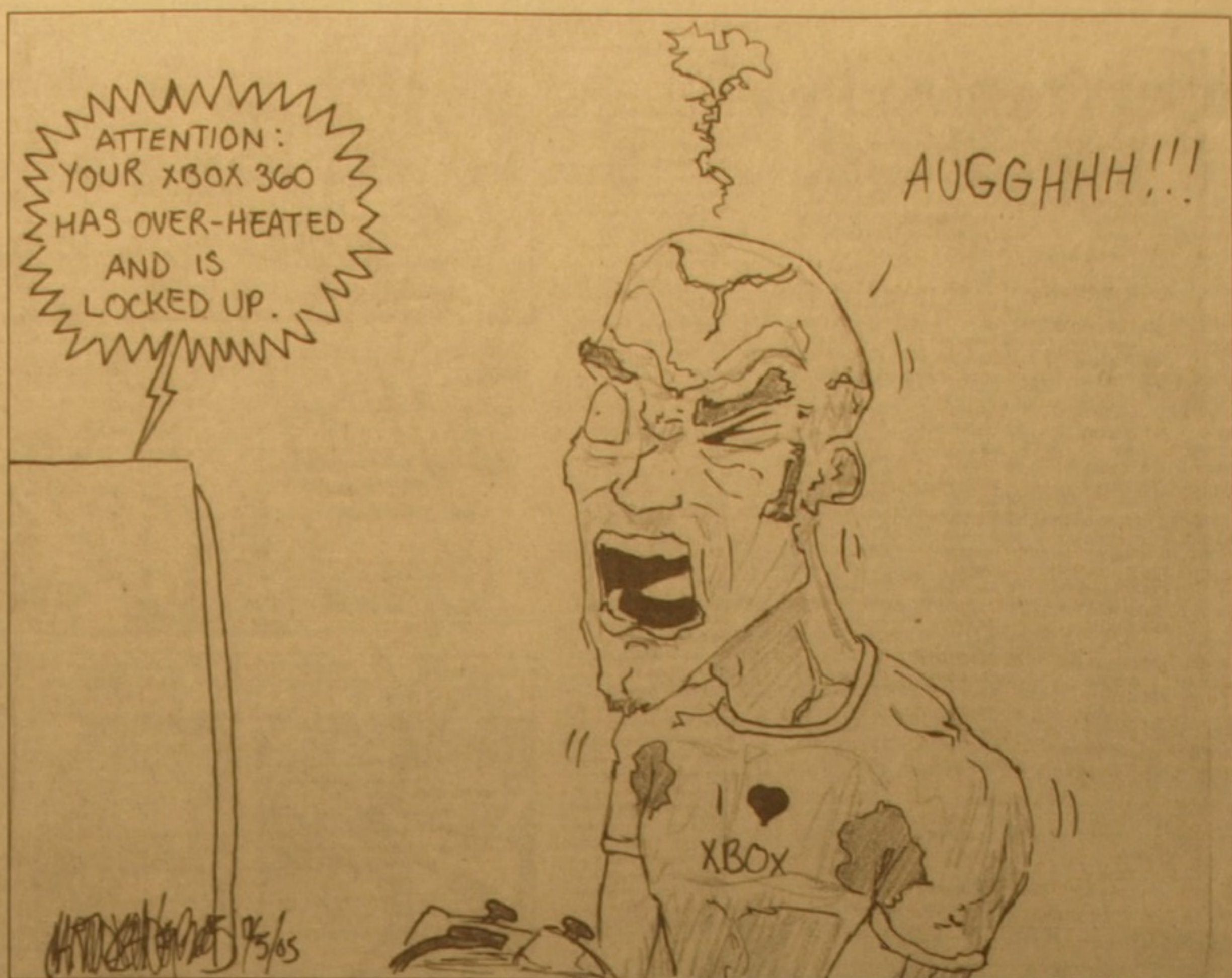
The decision to tolerate everything is the same as saying that everything has equal value, which is another way of saying that nothing in the world has any value at all. It is why extremists always seem to meet each other going the other way; eventually their philosophies of negation cancel everything out and they find out that "all" is very much the same as "nothing" - the practical end result of their total intolerance being the same.

For tolerance to have any meaning whatsoever it should be firmly rooted in basic principles and exercised with due diligence. Like respect, tolerance has to be reciprocal in order to have any value to either party. Extending tolerance toward those who are truly intolerant, not simply of a differing opinion but willing to impose that opinion by force - no matter what their political or religious identification - is not a virtue, it is a vice. It comes from a weakness of character manifested in the form of refusing to take a stand that might involve some inconvenience for us; thus, we simply pass along the problem. It allows us to feel good about something that we have no right to feel good about - a lack of principles that constitutes cowardice of the basest sort. It is nothing but a self-serving lie.

Particularly for those of us in the academic environment, what are we here for if not to think and to expand our minds beyond the narrow confines of our own limited experiences? If we are not going to apply what we learn in the decision-making process known as "life," then what good is any of it?

Close the books and vow to learn no more. At least you will then be intellectually honest - albeit in an unthinking, reactionary, and anti-intellectual sort of way.

PS. Merry Christmas, especially to all whose lives revolve around the need for something to be offended about - like Christmas. I hope I made your day. ☼



By MARTIN FOX

## YOUR TAKE

### CONSTRUCTION CAUSES CALAMITY

As construction continues on the brand new state-of-the-art recreation facility on campus, one has to wonder if the safety of the students is being watched out for. Recently, I had done something that I will admit to because I could have actually gotten hurt.

As I (a not too smart, typical college freshman) was walking to class, Monday, Nov. 28, I decided to take the easiest way to my class, Marion Street.

Marion Street is typically taken by less students, and on a rainy day it is a plus when getting to class on time. As I walked, I noticed the water from the rain was very high on the road, so I decided just to stay on the sidewalk.

As I passed the back side of Blount/Sevier hall, I came across what looked like a puddle. Now my memory is not the best, so I just

thought it was a puddle. Little did I know what was going to follow. I decided I could just jump over this puddle and steer clear of the high water on the road.

As I jumped in the air, wind was flying through my hair, and my scarf blowing in the breeze, I realized that I was not going to be able make this leap of faith. I came to the conclusion I was going to land in this large puddle. I thought no worries because it is just a puddle, right?

Well I landed in this puddle and to make this more of a surprise, this was no puddle. This was a several-foot-deep hole that I had landed into. I pulled myself out of it and noticed that over half of my 6'2" frame was completely soaked in dirty water.

Now I understand that there are normally guards and tape around such monstrous holes like this on

campus, but after I climbed out I realized that none were up. Nothing was blocking this hole from not-so-smart students like me from landing into it.

I am not asking for anything special, but before another person lands in this hole again on some rainy day, could the facilities please monitor the tape and guards around such large pits?

Some person could really fall and hurt himself. As much as I enjoyed the free bath of muddy water, some other person might not enjoy it so much.

Facilities, please make sure everything is in place, even on rainy days because we all enjoy being semi-nice-and-dry, even on wet winter days.

Tyler King  
Freshman  
Undecided

### Give what you can this holiday in a time when so many have nothing left to lose

I can't believe it is the end of the semester already. Man, time flies when you're studying your rear off. Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us. Time for family, friends, good

times, presents, and giving thanks. However, not everyone is so fortunate. Yet, this is the time of year most people feel more generous and want to help in some way. Well, there is plenty to do

this year.

First of all, we can't forget that there are still people out there who lost everything to Hurricane Katrina. Not only can they not afford gifts for their little ones, they don't even have homes to put up Christmas decorations or a kitchen in which to cook a family meal. If you can't afford to send

money, look around you're house. What do you not use anymore? What can you do without?

Or even better if you can spare time and the gas money, take a trip; drive down to the coast and see how you can help. There is still plenty of cleaning up to do. Another way to give back this holiday season is to pick an angel from The Angel Tree.

These can usually be found at your local mall or call Salvation Army to see where they are located. Listed on these angels is the size of a child's clothing, shoes and a gift (toy) he/she would like this Christmas. You don't have to buy everything on the angel; this just gives you a choice of what to get them.

Don't forget toy drives like Toys for Tots. This year Q108 sponsored Q Cares for Kids Toy Drive. Over the weekend, they camped outside of Toys R Us to collect donations. Hopkinsville Fire Department's Firefighters Association, Christmas for Kids, 6th Annual Toy Drive began earlier last week. Events like these give kids the Christmas memories they deserve.

Also, remember our soldiers stationed overseas protecting and serving their fellow human beings. No

doubt, it is hard being away from their friends and loved ones all year round but especially during the holidays.

Care packages are a great way to let them know they are appreciated. Things like cookies, hot cocoa mix and holiday cards and decorations give them a taste of home.

Locally, use your free time to volunteer in a soup kitchen, or cook a meal for someone you know is less fortunate. Take blankets or clothing to them. "A little happy," as my mother calls it. The look on their faces is all the thanks one really needs.

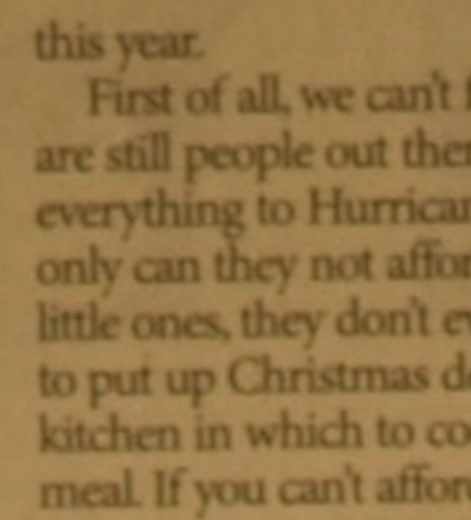
Don't forget as well to give blood this season. Blood banks run low, especially with the rise of accidents due to increased traveling (not to mention idiots drinking and driving). Blood is most certainly needed.

There are more ways to give that I'm sure I've forgotten to mention here. However, when you share your good fortune, know that it is appreciated more than you can imagine.

While giving to our loved ones makes us feel good, donating our time, money or ourselves provides the comfort to others this time of year should bring. Happy Holidays! ☼



OPINION  
Amanda  
Wadley



OPINION  
Michael  
Weakley

The holidays are here. The flavor of turkey and the beauty of Christmas brings with it the stench of prejudice and the ugliness of hatred.

Is there a place at the table for everyone this year?



OPINION  
Michael  
Weakley

into the American way of thinking. How "American-centric" of us. What was I thinking?

I was not implying that this is a war about oil: of course it is about democracy.

So when our poor are starving, homeless and barren this holiday season, feel confident that our

president and his munchkins are saying prayers over their delightfully carved fowl about how great a year this has been, and thank you Lord for our president.

Amen, followed by vomiting noises by those who realize that he is full of stuffing.

The interracial couples have no place at the table.

Prejudice still exists.

It is at this campus, in our community and around the world. We have not become a color blind society, and because of this, many interracial couples will face rejection, dislike and hatred because of the color of their skin.

Turkey has both dark and white meat, think of that this holiday.

There is no place at the table for the non-traditional couples.

Marriage is defined as a union between a male and a female.

So remember that this holiday season when a gay or lesbian member of your family is not invited to the dinner party or whose names are mysteriously missing from the Christmas card list.

I wonder why it is called the gay community and why they depend so much on their friends and that

identity.

Wonder why your aunt or uncle never comes around, the one your mother once said "was the nicest boy she ever raised with a good heart."

The holidays have no gender and love should not have restrictions. 'Tis the season for acceptance.

There is no place at the table for the family because everyone is too busy using their cell-phones.

Talking on the internet or gossiping about how bad other family members are is another sad trend.

Make this year different.

As much as I desire to stay neutral about religion, the teachings of Christ are an incredible quality to demonstrate this holiday season.

Show the love, be the love, share the love.

Keep the holidays sacred and meaningful, not full of designer gifts and thoughtless talk.

It is not about how pretty the wrapping paper is. It is all about the meaning behind it.

Hold your heart out to the world this year and you will be surprised with the gifts of love you will receive.

See you under the mistletoe, by the Kwanzaa bush or near the Jewish menorah. ☼

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Send your letters to the editor in a Word document to theallstate@apsu.edu by noon on Friday. Please include your name, classification and major or job title.

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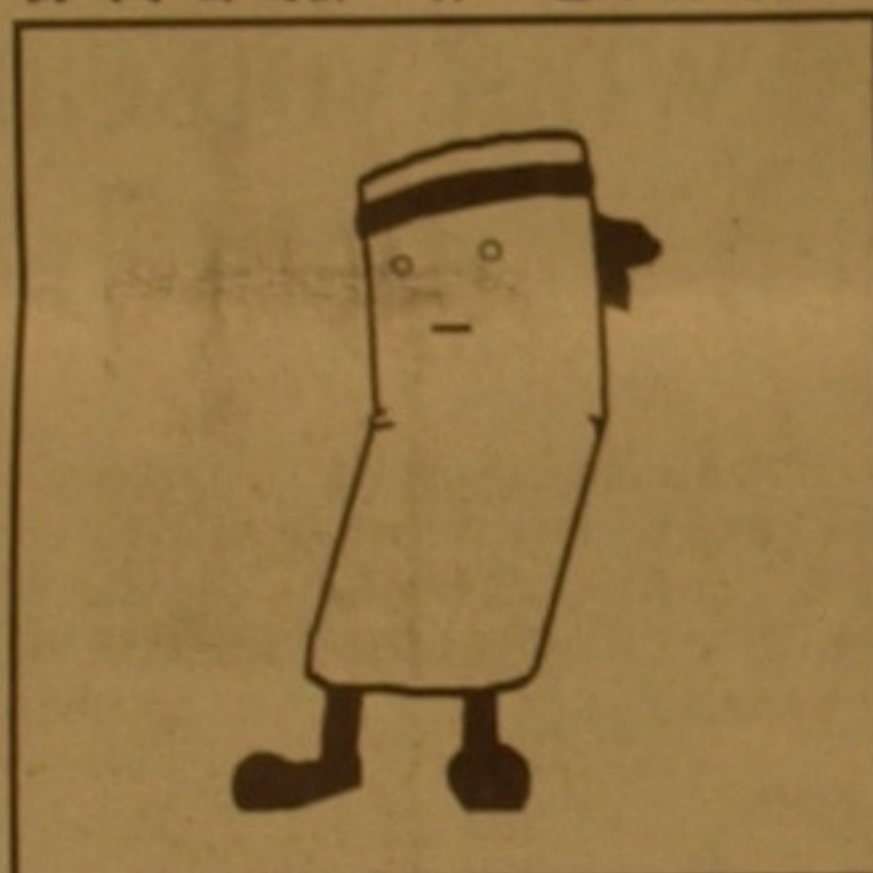
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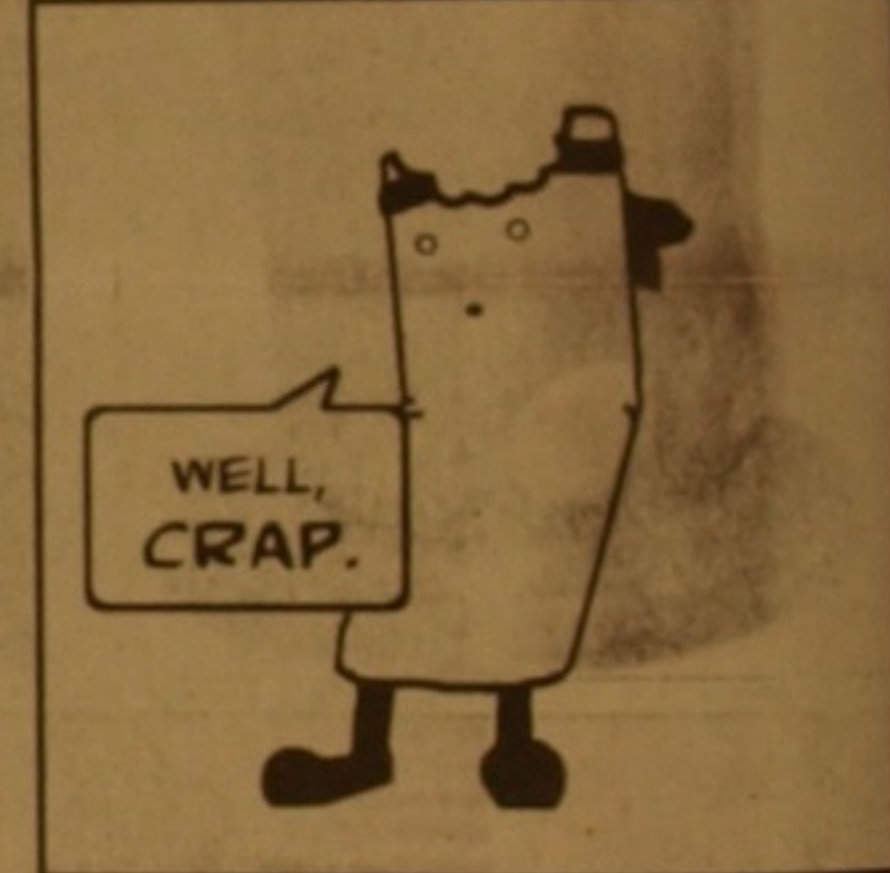
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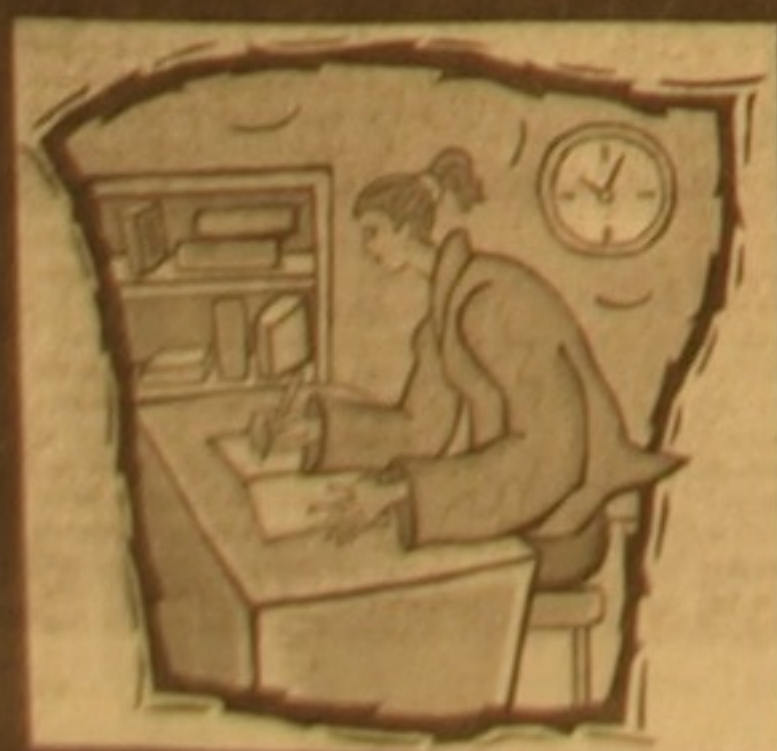
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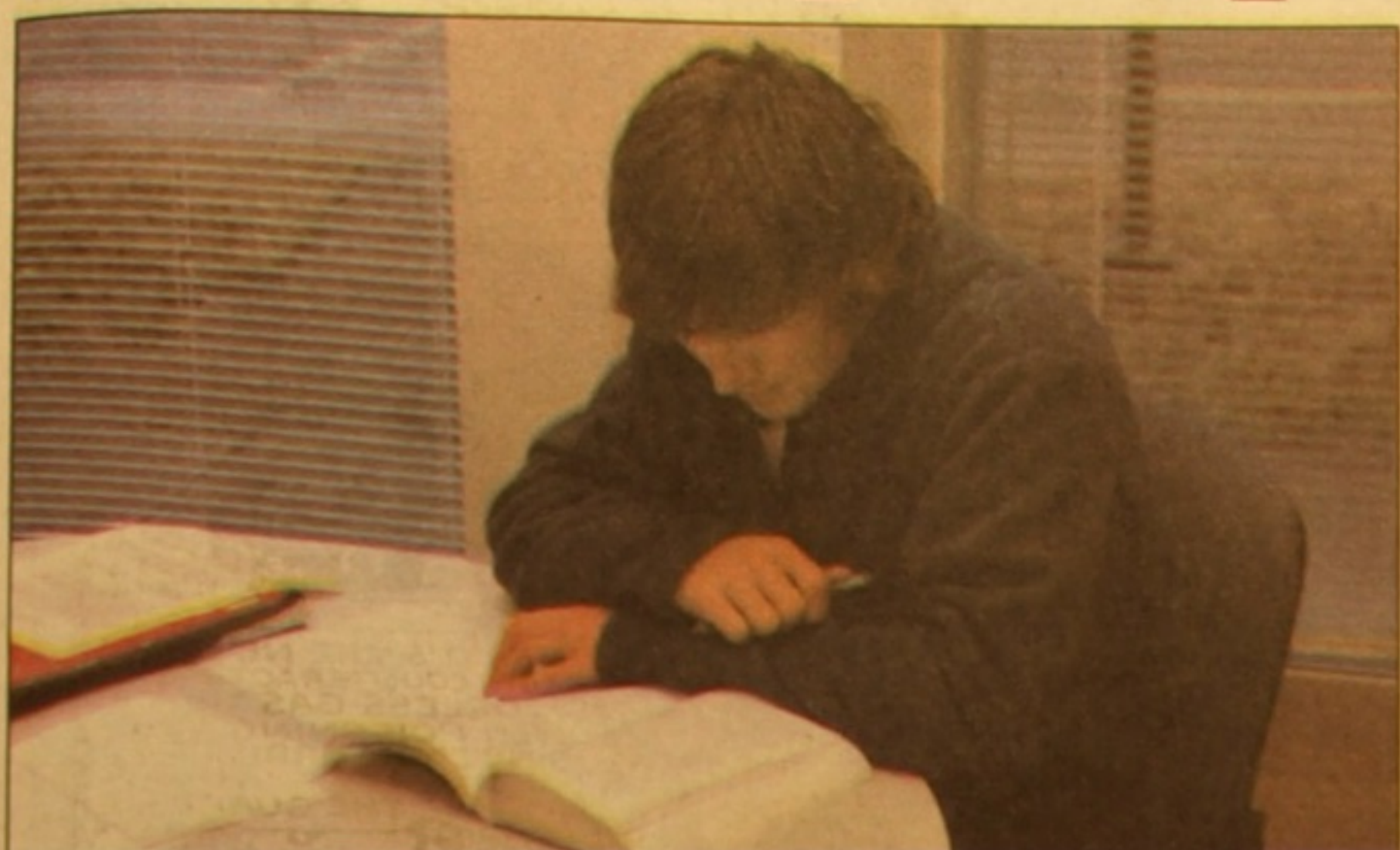


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## Exam preparation essential



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

By TIFFANI CARVER  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. It's finals time. Even though finals officially begin on Friday, you still have time to prepare. The Academic Support Center offers tutors for finals week, but if you are needing help, you need to act now.

"Our services are available for finals week," said Martin Golson, Instructional Specialist of the Academic Support Center. "We are developing a schedule of times that are available for students so they can meet with tutors."

But Golson urges not to wait to the last minute to schedule a time because times might fill up quickly.

What is important to remember about preparing for exams is to make enough time to study and get enough rest before

having to take a test. Controlling one's environment is another part of studying properly. Preparing a quiet, well lit and comfortable environment are among the many tips that are suggested by the University at Buffalo's Student Affairs website.

Developing a block of time to study according to your needs and what type of material you are studying is another suggestion of the website. Ask yourself questions such as, what am I studying? How long does it take me to become restless?

These questions are designed to help a person tailor a specific studying pattern to their individual needs.

Golson proposes that the first factor of studying is to start early.

"Don't wait until the night before an

exam to start studying because it won't work." Golson encourages that students should pull out old tests and reread them, and also go through notes and ask professors questions on things that are unclear.

During exams week, the library has extended hours. It will open at its normal time but it will start to close December 8th until the 15th at midnight.

The tutoring web page for the Academic Support Center is located on APSU's home page.

All that you have to do is to click on the A-Z index, and go to "tutoring". Then click on "walk-in" and you will find the schedule for exam time tutoring. Also, Golson reports that students can come in right now and sign up for tutoring sessions for next semester.®

## D.A.C. Arts Bazaar



PHOTOS BY KIM BALEVRE/STAFF



The fifth annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar, hosted by the Downtown Artists Co-op (DAC), is a festive exhibit of small works. Artists include Austin Peay State University's own art professors Susan Bryant, Bruce Childs, and Greg Schlanger. Mike Andrews contributed stone sculptures. Allen Bryant, popular for his sculptures on campus, created the bronze sculptures featured in the exhibit. Gerald Gilman created a collage and shadow box for the bazaar. The exhibit runs from Dec. 3-31 at the DAC Gallery at 96 Franklin Street in Clarksville, TN.

## Graduates remember, anticipate

Students look back at school careers and face job market

By A.J. DUGGER  
Staff Writer

Graduation time is marching closer and closer, and all across campus, different seniors have mixed reactions to the ends of their college careers.

"The fear of failing in the professional world is probably my biggest worry," said Christopher Beard, a senior psychology major. Beard has made social changes during his years here at Austin Peay State University.

"When I first stepped on the campus, I wasn't really the social type. I actually met more people than I expected. I'm going to miss a lot of teachers, a lot of friends, and leave a lot of memories," Beard said.

Some seniors are anxious to leave the schoolwork behind but are uncertain about the job market.

"I'm extremely nervous," said Danielle Diaz, a senior psychology major.

"I've had quite a few interviews, and I feel that Austin Peay has prepared me through resumes and the career advisement that they have."

Diaz plans to become a special agent for the FBI.

"I know I have the book knowledge, but I don't know that I actually have the on-the-job experience...that's my biggest worry," Diaz said.

Terence Bean, a senior business major, shares Diaz's concern.

"I'm worried about trying to get a good job even though I don't have that much experience," Bean said.

Despite that, Bean feels adventurous

about about leaving school behind and branching out.

"I'm just ready to graduate and get into the real world," Bean said with excitement. The route of life after graduation could prove to be unpredictable yet exciting. Some seniors are going to graduate school, while others immediately go about the search of landing the job of their dreams.

Olivia Clay is a senior English major and a nontraditional student.

She's been in school for a good while, and despite numerous major changes, her college career is finally winding down.

"I've changed major so many times," Clay explained.

She already has a job but is inching closer and closer to receiving her master's degree.

"I can retire, but I decided I might as well stay and go for my master's," Clay said.

Michelle Hill, a senior finance management and marketing major, reflects on how college life was positive for her.

"I learned who I was as a person, and I evolved as a person throughout my college life...I learned all about who I am and all the things that I like and don't like," Hill said.

Hill is graduating after three and a half years of college, which is an accomplishment these days.

"I'm not going to miss the studying and worrying about tests and presentations," Hill said.

Then, after thinking of all of the good times, she paused and said with a soft voice, "I'm going to miss college." ®

## John Mayer Trio "Try" luck at album success

By REBECCA YEATTS  
Staff Writer

He's the sensitive singer/songwriter that makes college girls swoon. Soccer moms love him. Even guys like him. But John Mayer is more than just a pop heartthrob.

His talent goes beyond "Your Body is a Wonderland," and his new album, "Try!" is the new John Mayer at work. Teamed with veteran musicians Pino Palladino, former bass player for The Who, and drummer Steve Jordan, Mayer has created a blues power trio, aptly named the John Mayer Trio.

What Mayer lacks in band name creativity, he makes up for in his songwriting skills.

Nine of the eleven tracks on "Try!" are originals, and the covers, "I Got a Woman," originally by Ray Charles, and "Wait Until Tomorrow," by Jimi Hendrix, are bold undertakings that are tackled head on and given a twist, making them unique to the trio.

Repeat: Track 2, "Another Kind of Green."

This is the song that started it all. Before

Mayer even formed the trio, he was playing this song at shows, testing his new sound on audiences.

The song is the embodiment of modern blues with lyrics like "she left him and made it look sexy" and "you're not the perfect hand, but I don't hit on nineteen."

Mayer's songwriting talent is showcased beautifully here, and the simplicity of the music makes the songs come to life.

Skip: Track 9, "Something's Missing." I like this song. I really do. But this is the third album that it has appeared on. It made it's debut on Mayer's first live album "Any Given Thursday" and then went into the studio with him for "Heavier Things."

Finally, it's popped up here on "Try!". You can only beat a dead horse so many times. Granted, it is a blues infused version of "Something's Missing," but it's still the same song, different album.

"Try!" is not a perfectly polished album. It's live. It's raw. It's blues in a completely honest, from the bottom of a broken soul, form. It's John Mayer at his best yet and those familiar with his more pop-infused tunes will be pleasantly surprised. ®



Musical artist John Mayer poses for a portrait in the guitar room at his New York apartment.



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# Foreign student makes impact at APSU

By MICHAEL KELLUM  
Staff Writer

"I love Lithuanians." That is a group on Facebook.com created by popular Austin Peay State

University student and men's basketball player, Lithuanian Tomas Janusauskas, also known as "Big T." That group alone shows the impact the sophomore



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL YOUNG/ ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR  
Janusauskas, who stands at 7-0, is interviewed by *The All State* sports writer, Michael Kellum, who is proud of every inch of his 5-6 1/2 stature. As a freshman last season, the men's basketball center netted 18 total points and grabbed 27 rebounds in his various appearances. This season, he gives depth to the Govs' post position.

is making at APSU on and off the court. Janusauskas, who came to America from Kaunas, Lithuania, said he made the decision to move because he wanted to continue to play basketball and pursue an education.

"In Lithuania, you have to make a decision on whether you want to play basketball or go to school," he said. "I wanted to continue my education, and my mom wants me to get my college degree. I came to the states in high school to finish up."

Janusauskas almost didn't play basketball at all, if not for his parents joking around and getting him into it.

"My parents jokingly said I should go and try out for the local team. After I tried out, I fell in love with the game and have been ever since," he said.

Janusauskas started playing basketball at age 11, and currently standing at 7-feet, he is the tallest on the team and says he isn't really sure where he got his height from.

"My dad is 6-4 and my mom is only 5-7," he shrugged.

His family is one of the things he misses about Lithuania, but he says overall he enjoys being in the United States. "I love all the fans that come out and support the teams here in America."

One interesting fact about "back home" in Lithuania is that the Janusauskas family has a farming background.

"We have land property where you grow your own items," he said. "You grow vegetables and things of that nature. I would say it's more like a big house than a

"Being raised in Lithuania, I am used to all different types of women, so I don't have any problems with that."

— Tomas Janusauskas, APSU men's basketball player

farm; it's the norm there."

Tomas said he misses his family a lot, but they plan on coming to see him play.

"I do miss my family, but my parents said they plan on coming to my last game here at Austin Peay."

Tomas said the food is another good thing he misses about home.

"There are all kinds of different foods back home; I love it."

After attending high school at Central Park Christian Academy in Alabama, Janusauskas said he chose APSU because of the team atmosphere.

"My teammates and the coach really sold me to Austin Peay," he said. "I love it here; it's great just hanging out with my teammates."

Besides getting along with all of his teammates, Janusauskas is very popular among Austin Peay students because of his approachable personality.

"I just talk to everybody because I try to be friendly," he said with a smile. "I always look for the good in people, not the bad."

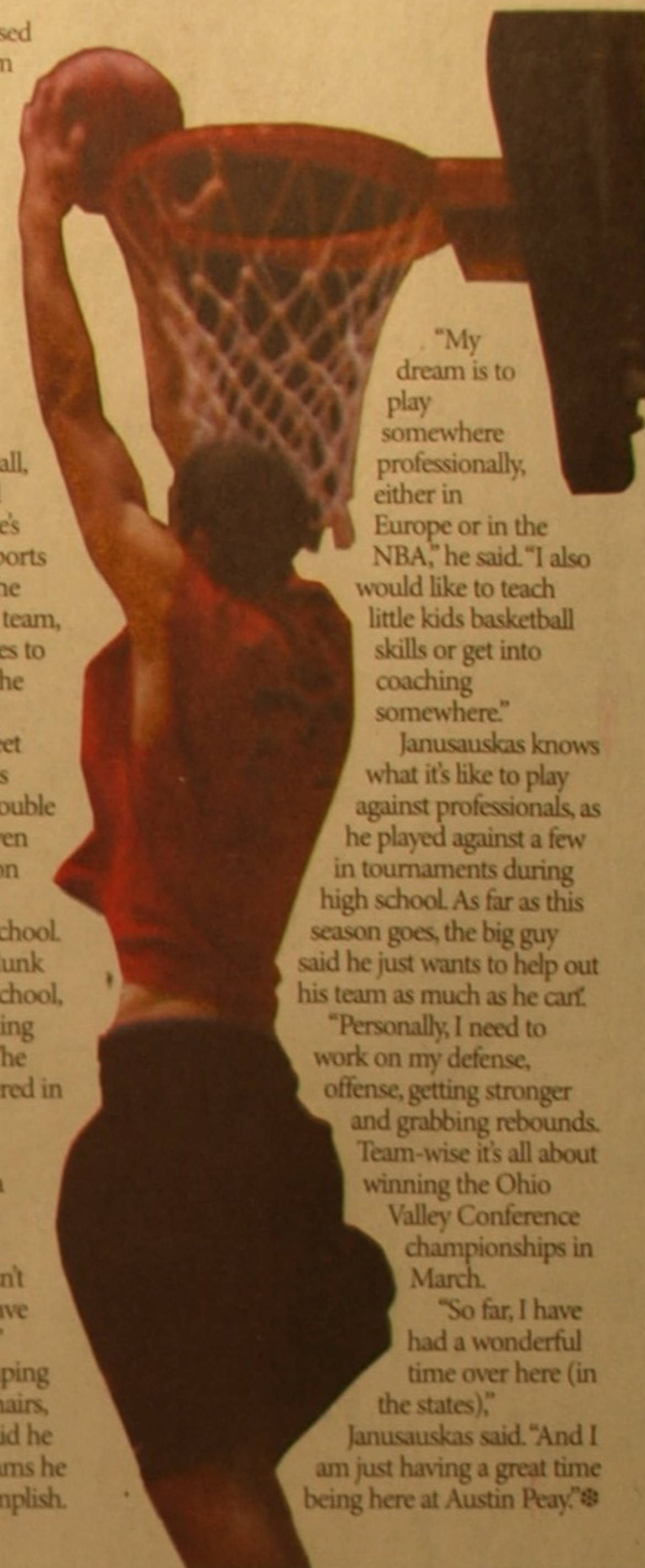
Being the approachable guy he is, Janusauskas said he doesn't have to trouble at all talking to the opposite sex.

"Me being raised in Lithuania, I am used to all different types of women, so I don't have too many problems with that," he said.

Being an athlete, he says he watches all sports but his two favorites, besides basketball, are football and soccer. When he's not watching sports or playing for the men's basketball team, Janusauskas likes to have fun with the basketball, and standing at 7-feet tall, Janusauskas really has no trouble dunking. He even entered and won a dunk contest while in high school.

"I won the dunk contest at my school, but it was nothing big," he said. "The next one I entered in Texas, I got eliminated for dunking over a guy sitting in a chair, because they said I wasn't supposed to have any assistance."

Besides jumping over guys in chairs, Janusauskas said he does have dreams he wants to accomplish.



"My dream is to play somewhere professionally, either in Europe or in the NBA," he said. "I also would like to teach little kids basketball skills or get into coaching somewhere."

Janusauskas knows what it's like to play against professionals, as he played against a few in tournaments during high school. As far as this season goes, the big guy said he just wants to help out his team as much as he can.

"Personally, I need to work on my defense, offense, getting stronger and grabbing rebounds. Team-wise it's all about winning the Ohio Valley Conference championships in March."

"So far, I have had a wonderful time over here (in the states)," Janusauskas said. "And I am just having a great time being here at Austin Peay."®

## Austin Peay Player Profile

By J.R. PRIESSLER  
Guest Writer

Kellea Reeves, 6-2 center for the Lady Govs basketball team, is trying to continue her high school success and one-year collegiate

experience during her sophomore season at Austin Peay State University. In high school, Reeves was a two-time 13-AAA All-District selection and All-State honorable mention her junior year. Last season at APSU, Reeves went a perfect 8-8 from the field during a break-out game against Eastern Kentucky, leading the team in points with 19. So far this season, Reeves has averaged 12.5 points in four games while shooting 57.6 percent from the

field. While Reeves plays a big role on the Lady Govs' squad, she also enjoys other sports, including volleyball. In high school, Reeves was selected to the 13-AAA All-District team and All-West Tennessee her junior and senior years for her performance on the volleyball court. "I love volleyball," Reeves said. Reeves juggles

sports and school, but also knows the important things in life like friends and family.

"I plan to spend my Christmas with my family and teammates," said Reeves, who hopes to get a new coat for Christmas and text messaging added back to

of the game to send it into overtime," Reeves said.

This, along with many other positional skills, could've been influenced by the play of her favorite athlete, Shaquille

O'Neal, plays center for Reeves' favorite sports team, the Miami Heat.

When Reeves isn't in the gym, she enjoys just basic everyday activities. "I enjoy watching TV and reading leisurely," she said.

Reeves' favorite show is *The Real World*, and Beyonce Knowles is her favorite musician. Reeves also says she enjoys what most student-athletes are lacking: a little well-needed, well-deserved sleep.®

her phone. Along with many other athletes, Reeves most memorable basketball moment is when she came through in the clutch. "In high school, I hit a shot at the end

### Vital Stats

Name: Kellea Reeves  
Class: Sophomore  
Major: Health and Human Performance  
Hometown: Jackson, Tenn.  
Sports Idol: Shaquille O'Neal

Favorite Sports Team: Miami Heat  
Favorite place to go on a date? "I like to go out eat and to the movies."  
How do you get pumped up for a game? "I pray, listen to music and keep to myself."

## APSU Sports Brief

### Schlader named HCA-OVC student athlete

Austin Peay State University senior men's basketball player Zac Schlader has been named this week's HCA-OVC student athlete.

The 6-9 center from Columbia, Mo., holds a 3.67 grade point average while majoring in health and human performance/wellness promotion. Schlader is the vice-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and is a Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society member. In addition, he has helped collect donations of money and good for the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort at APSU. He volunteers with several organizations including: Plant the Campus Red, Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, Read Across American program, Show-Me-State games and Basketball Workshops at local schools. Schlader also serves as a YMCA Kids camp coach and a Drug Abuse Resistance Education speaker at local elementary schools.®

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The 2006 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of 38 students from Austin Peay State University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. The selections were based on academic achievement; service to the community; leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These students join an elite group from more than 2,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Students named this year from Austin Peay State University are:

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### Saturday

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

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

### DURING THE BREAK

**Dec. 17**  
Women's Basketball vs. Western Kentucky, 5:15 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

**Dec. 17**  
Men's Basketball vs. East Tennessee State University, 7:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

**Dec. 20**  
Women's Basketball vs. Chattanooga, 7 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

**Dec. 21**  
Men's Basketball vs. Evansville, 7 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

**Dec. 28**  
Women's Basketball vs. Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

**Dec. 28**  
Men's Basketball vs. Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m., Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## With win against Lambuth, Govs look to Morehead State



Left: Sophomore Fernandez Lockett (15) goes up for a block by Lambuth's Lamar Farr, who led all scorers with 24 points, while senior Zac Schlader looks on. Lockett finished with seven points and eight rebounds in Monday's exhibition game.

Above: Freshman point guard Landon Shipley calls a play during the first half against Lambuth. Shipley finished with a career-high 15 points. He went 7-7 from the free throw line and 2-3 from three-point land, while adding three steals and three rebounds.

## Govs pull out win despite defensive woes, need intensity for OVC

By MICHAEL YOUNG

Assistant Sports Editor

Going into Monday night's exhibition game against the 11-1 Lambuth Eagles, Austin Peay State University men's basketball coach Dave Loos had never lost an exhibition game during his coaching career. After the Govs witnessed their 20-point second half lead crumble to one, Loos' streak was definitely in jeopardy.

However, the Govs nailed seven of eight free throw attempts in the final two minutes of the game to seal a 78-73 victory and keep Loos' perfect exhibition streak unscathed.

"I am glad that we won, but that's about all we did," Loos said. "I think that we just did enough to win. We are just not playing with the type of enthusiasm that we need to, especially on the defensive end."

The Govs' offense was firing on all cylinders from the start as they rapidly mounted an 18-4 lead just over six minutes into the game. But the Eagles did not stay down long as a three-pointer by A.J. Adams sparked a seven-point run for the Eagles that brought Lambuth within seven.

"We got off to a great start tonight and I probably hurt that with all the substituting, but I wanted to get these guys some minutes," Loos said. "I will take the blame for that, but after that it is on them. They have to go out and play and I am not sure that we did that."

The Govs, however, were able to



Sophomore Derek Wright, right, defends Lambuth's Lamont Campbell outside the perimeter in Monday night's exhibition game. Wright, a 5-9 point guard, grabbed three rebounds while posting four assists, four steals and a blocked shot.

maintain a steady lead over the Eagles until a three-pointer by freshman Landon Shipley sent the Govs into halftime with a 14-point lead.

In the second half, the Govs kept their momentum from the first half rolling as they took their biggest lead of the game with 12-48 left in the match, 59-39, off a jumper by freshman Kyle Duncan.

But again, the Govs' lead wouldn't stand as the Eagles outscored APSU 31-12 in the following ten minutes to bring the game within one.

"The majority of the time when

a team gets up by a lot of points then they tend to get conservative," said freshman Drake Reed, who racked up five key blocks during the game. "We just lost our aggression sometime during halftime, and we came out in the second half and just sort of moped around. We just can't make that kind of mistake."

Senior center Zac Schlader led the Govs in scoring with 19 total points as freshman Landon Shipley netted 15 of his own. Senior Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton also scored in double-digits with 11 points.

### Morehead State Preview

On Thursday, the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team will open up their home OVC schedule with a 7:30 p.m. match-up against Morehead State. The Eagles are 1-3 so far this season and are led by junior forward Shaun Williams. Williams is averaging 20 points per game while shooting 58.3 percent from the floor.

"Morehead is somewhat of a new team," APSU men's basketball coach Dave Loos said. "They have a lot of newer guys, so I'm not real sure what to expect out of them."

With the Govs winning the last four games between the two teams, including the last two in Dave Aaron Arena, the Govs have to like their chances at home.

"Home court advantage is always good," senior guard Maurice Hampton said. "Coming back here and playing in the Dunn is good for us. We need to go into that game with an attitude and the confidence that it takes to win and just pick up our offense with our defense."

"It's going to be intense," freshman Drake Reed said. "The first couple of games of conference play on any level is going to be intense. This is a statement game. We want to put on a good show for our fans and come out with a win."

## Coach's Corner

By ANDY BLACKSTON



## Lady Govs begin home schedule with OVC game

The Lady Govs basketball team will open its home season with an Ohio Valley Conference match-up against Morehead State, Thursday. We'll be at home for the next six games, and I'm hoping this will be a break-out stretch for us.

Last week, we lost our first conference game to Tennessee Tech, definitely the most experienced and well-established team in our league.

Against Morehead State, we need to learn from the mistakes we made against TTU, and hopefully that game made us realize that the game's not going to be handed to us. We've got to focus on what we need to do to win.

The home-court advantage is huge for us. I hope everyone comes out to support this team. They're really going to be fun to watch — this team is what I call a "blue collar" team. They're hard workers, and they're the underdogs, picked last in the conference, so it will be a great story to watch as they progress. It's definitely going to be a challenge, but that's part of it.

Morehead State is much improved from last year. They've got a post player, LaKrisha Brown, a 6-3 junior who transferred in from St. Louis, is a big presence for them. She's averaging 16 points and 10 rebounds a game. Also, Megan Gearhart is a 5-6 sophomore who has produced. She played for them two years ago and is now posting around 12 points per game.

The Lady Eagles are shooting 40 percent from the three-point line. They're a team who can just catch and shoot the ball, so we've got to get in their face a little bit and not let them do what they want. We'll probably mix our defense up, playing some man-to-man, zones and presses.

The biggest thing for us is that we have to believe that we can win, and this team can. It's out there for us; we just have to take it.

Each team we've played so far, with the exception of Memphis, has a winning record. So I'm pretty confident that the competition we've played so far has prepared us for this game against Morehead State and the rest of the conference schedule.

We just have to realize it's a process and we're going to continue to develop as the season continues.

### TALE OF THE TAPE

APSU	Stats	Morehead
67.2	Scoring Average	77.8
69.2	Points Allowed per game	55.2
42.5	Field Goal Percentage	45.2
29.1	Three-point percentage	39.6
62.8	Free Throw Percentage	59.0
40.5	Rebounds per game	40.4
22.2	Turnovers per game	13.4
2.2	Blocks per game	3.8
8.0	Steals per game	11.8

## Women's basketball still in 'adjustment period' says Blackston



Head coach Andy Blackston talks to the Lady Govs during a timeout at last week's OVC opener at Tennessee Tech. APSU lost the game, 96-74.

## Lady Govs hope to get on track in Thursday's home opener against OVC rival Morehead State

By Michael Kellum

Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University is looking to get back on a win streak against Morehead State Thursday night in Clarksville. The Lady Govs have lost their last two, but head coach Andy Blackston says he expects his team to bounce back.

"I think we are going to bounce back from the loss against Tennessee Tech," Blackston said. "We just have to have a great week of practice."

MSU is 4-1, and is coming off a win against Binghamton University. They have three double-digit scorers with LaKrisha Brown

averaging double-doubles with 16 points and 10 rebounds a game.

The Lady Govs' leading scorer, Ashley Haynes, is also averaging double-doubles with 14 points and 12 rebounds per game. Sophomore Kellea Reeves averages double digits with 12 points per game while junior transfer Sandra Hale is leading the team in assists with 21 so far in the season. Though APSU is coming off a loss, Blackston said the Lady Govs' spirits are still high.

"I let them know that all the mistakes that we are making are correctable and things we can fix. We are getting better, and have a lot

of confidence."

Morehead State has the No. 1 defense and scoring offense in the Ohio Valley Conference so far this season. Last year APSU beat Morehead State the one time they played, 78-72. Blackston said the team is still trying to find itself, but they're getting closer as a team.

"It's still an adjusting period, but we are getting to know each other on and off the court as much as possible," Blackston said.

This will be the first of two meetings against the two teams this season. They will play again on the last game of the regular season, Feb. 25 at Morehead State.

### Did you know?

\*The APSU-Morehead State contest will be the teams' 56th meeting all-time.

\*The Lady Govs will have a chance to tie the series, as the Eagles lead, 28-27.

\*However, the Lady Govs have won 15 of the last 16 meetings between the two teams.

\*APSU may have the advantage, considering the 17-9 all-time record against Morehead State in Clarksville.

\*APSU and MSU both rank on the bottom end of the OVC preseason poll, 11th and 9th, respectively.