

SLA replaces developmental studies

By MARC WALLS
News Writer

For the first time in 22 years, developmental studies classes will no longer be offered at Austin Peay State University.

As part of a Tennessee Board of Regents mandate, institutions were required to redesign their developmental studies program to be community college based and technology driven.

APSU modeled its new program after an initiative originally created at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. named Structured Learning Assistance (SLA).

The SLA program is designed for students whose ACT, SAT or COMPASS scores in mathematics and/or English require developmental preparation.

The new classes are called “enhanced classes,” according to an APSU press release, and feature a weekly two hour SLA workshop in addition to the regular lecture.

As opposed to DSP classes, which were not considered college level classes and didn't provide credit toward graduation, the new enhanced classes satisfy the required core.

“[SLA] allows students to come to APSU, enroll in a core class, taught with the same standards and are provided with supplemental learning assistance,” said Nell Rayburn, mathematics professor.

“Rather than focusing on the students’

deficiencies, we’re getting the students in the courses they need and providing what they need to be successful,” said Harriet McQueen, dean of enrollment management and academic support.

Objective A8 of TBR’s 2005 to 2010 strategic plan called for institutions to “increase speed and success of remedial/developmental work for students requiring to become college ready.”

Though APSU is not required to offer remedial and developmental studies courses, admissions standards are up to the university.

The reality that such a significant number of students enter college with an academic deficiency, even though they satisfy the general requirements for university admission, led to the DSP program lasting so long.

“DSP was always a temporary program,” McQueen said.

“When it was originally designed many years ago, it was to be a five-year program.”

“No one was surprised that TBR decided to make a change,” McQueen said. “In 1992 the state took away DSP funding. Then in 2002, TBR told schools if they offer developmental classes, they had to charge community college rates. Two years later the program became computer based.”

One problem the DSP program suffered from was a lackluster passing rate.

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In fact, mathematics DSP pass rates surpassed

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60 percent only twice in the Fall semesters since 2001.

Those rates were for the lower level, DSP 0800 class. The last Fall semester that DSP classes were offered, 2006, featured a joint 59 percent pass rate.

The SLA workshops are held for English and mathematics core courses.

The mathematics workshops are taught by the assigned professor for the class. The mathematics department hired five new staff members this year to account for the nearly 1,000 new students taking classes which had previously been taught by DSP professors.

The English workshops are taught by qualified students who are paid at a higher rate than other student workers.

“By the design of the program, the instructor may choose at their discretion to factor performance or attendance of the workshops into the overall course grade,” Rayburn said.

The mathematics department was recently awarded a \$40,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the

Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) to help fund the redesign.

APSU was one of six institutions to receive the grant; but was the only university.

SLA was created at Ferris State University in 1993. APSU chose to model its new developmental program after SLA because of the success Ferris students had in completing courses.

During the Fall 2006 semester, 85 percent of students enrolled in SLA classes at Ferris passed their respective courses.

Unlike APSU’s SLA program, the program at Ferris was not designed for developmental classes.

According to the Ferris University Web site, SLA was designed “to help increase the number of students passing some historically high-risk-for-failure courses.”

(www.ferris.edu/htmls/academics/sla/)

Though APSU has no plans to expand SLA to include upper division courses, McQueen said other departments have looked into the benefits.

“The nursing department has looked into the idea,” she said.

(www.ferris.edu/htmls/academics/sla/)

To date the only results on SLA come from the first semester of classes at the Fort Campbell branch of APSU.

“Seventy-two percent of the students enrolled in math 1010 passed the class and removed it from their core requirement,” McQueen said.

“Fifty-eight percent of 1,530 students passed.” ♦

OBESITY IN TENNESSEE

Annual Fat Study released: Tennessee receives an F in obesity



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Obesity could be related to income, bad dietary norms

By TANYA LUDLOW
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Tennessee has the fifth highest rate of adult obesity and the fourth highest rate of overweight youths (ages 10-17) according to a new report by the Trust for America's Health (TFAH).

The annual report “F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Failing in America,” found that eight of the 10 states with the highest rates of obesity are located in the south.

According to Laura Segal, director of public affairs for TFAH, the overrepresentation of Southern states in the top 10 for the highest rates of obesity in both adults and children is an issue that is not fully understood.

“There are several hypotheses, but there has never been a direct study,” Segal said.

Segal said that those hypotheses included economic and cultural differences as well as differences in environment that are not conducive to physical activity.

Anne Black, associate professor of human health and performance at APSU, said that the link between poverty and obesity is a complex one which is not fully understood.

“People who are poorer tend to have food and security issues. They tend to spend food dollars on items that give high amounts of energy and that can last a long time,” Black said.

This means a higher consumption of packaged and highly processed foods, instead of

lean meats and vegetables which are highly perishable in comparison.

In terms of setting examples for their children by engaging in exercise and physical activity, providers in low-income families “may be working jobs that have odd hours and don't have the hours to model active behavior for their children,” Black said.

The report also found that Tennessee requires school lunches meet higher nutritional standards than the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires, as well as nutritional standards limiting the kinds of foods sold in vending machines on school property.

Also, Tennessee is one of 16 states that screen students' body mass index and provide that information to parents or guardians.

Segal says that BMI screening is a useful tool for parents to identify health problems, much in the same way a report card or vision screening results do.

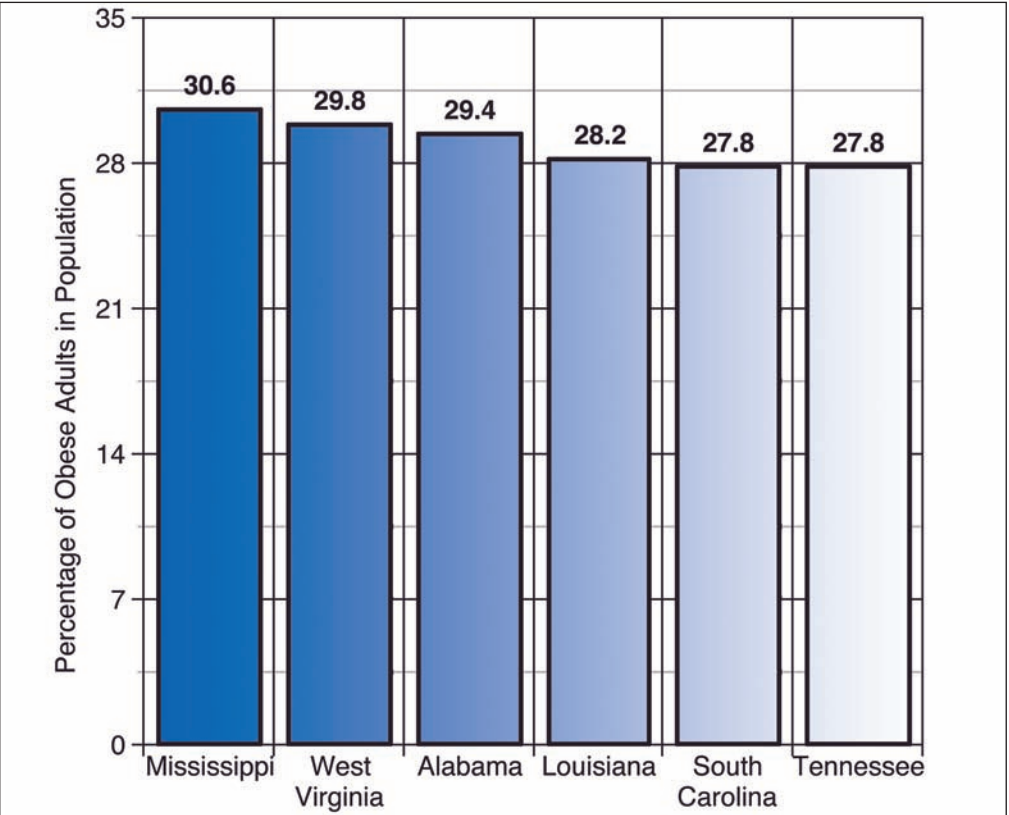
Mandatory BMI screening has come under scrutiny as there is a fear that it will label children and actually be counterproductive to encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Segal said that the negative effects of such reports have not yet been studied.

“There has not been a real study to identify the negative effects of BMI screening, although there are certainly conjectures,” Segal said.

Black points out that the screening itself isn't problematic, but that the way the information is given in order to shield the child from the trauma of being labeled overweight or obese is the sensitive issue.

“Children are not told their BMI, the protocol is to send information home to the



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Information for the graph above was taken from the from the “F as in Fat 2007 study.” This study was conducted by TFAH and can be found at healthymamericans.org/reports/obesity2007/.

parent,” Black said.

Black is optimistic about Tennessee’s proactive approach to encourage healthy lifestyles in school children.

“Tennessee is a top-ranking state for initiatives to combat childhood obesity,” Black

said.

Black also added that these initiatives also point to a change in the way society views obesity.

“Obesity is clearly recognized as a full-fledged disease in itself,” Black said. ♦

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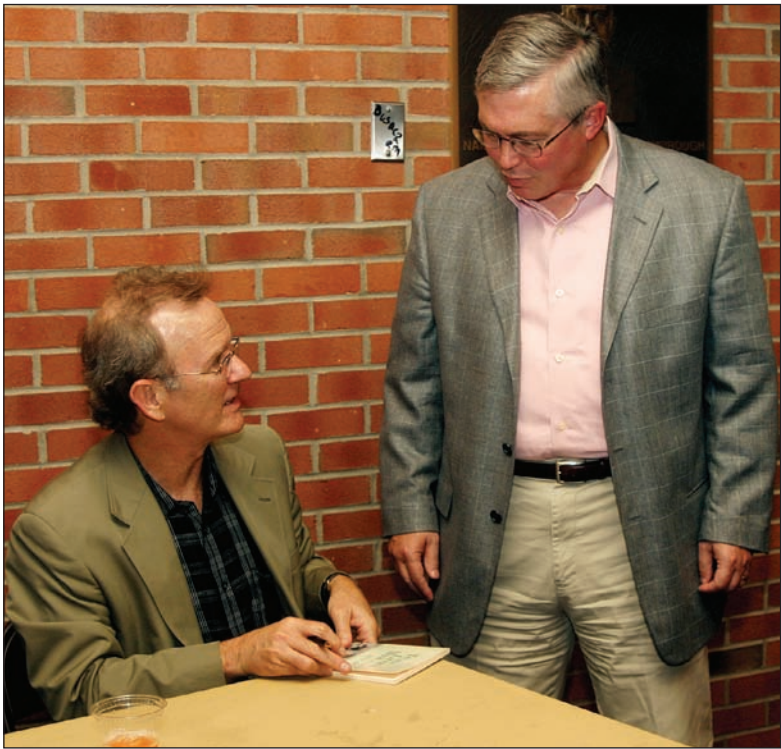
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Poet reads at Gentry



MATEEN SIDIQ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
President Timothy Hall, right, had a book signed by Mark Jarman, left, after the reading.



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Jarman read selections from his book, "To the Green Man,"

Poet elaborated on works, performed

By JARED COMBS
News Writer

Mark Jarman is a renowned contemporary American poet. Jarman has written nine books of poetry including "To The Green Man," which he read two excerpts from Sept. 12 while performing at Austin Peay State University's Gentry Auditorium.

"It's a real honor to have him here," said Blas Falconer, professor of english. "I really admire his work."

In Falconer's graduate level poetry workshop, Jarman answered questions from students and read from his own collection.

"Balancing what we know to be artificial with what we want to seem natural, that's the trick," Jarman said, when asked to comment on the nature of poetry.

Jarman also explained his connection with the New Narrative branch of New Formalism.

"I think a poem should tell a story," Jarman said. "But there are many ways to tell a story, narrative is just one of them."

Jarman's use of narrative and forms such as the sonnet, set him apart in many ways from other contemporary poets who favor free verse.

He opened with his poem "The Next Chapter of Your Lives" and followed with a brief explanation.

Jarman also read "Fox Night," "Song of Roland" and "For the Birds" sfrom his new book.

"His explanations were very insightful," said Kelsey Vincent,

sophomore. "They really helped me to understand."

At the reception following Jarman's reading he took time to sign copies of "To The Green Man" and accept praise for his reading.

"He was good," Vincent said. "I don't typically like poetry but I understood him. He was just brilliant."

Jarman received his B.A. from The University of California, Santa Cruz and then went on to receive his M.F.A. from The University of Iowa in 1976. Jarman is currently a professor of English at Vanderbilt University. ♦

Mark Jarman

- Jarman has written Thirteen books and essays.
- Two of them, "Questions for Ecclesiaste"s (1998) and "The Black Riviera" (1990) both won awards and were nominated for others. Some of his awards include John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship 1991-1992, The Poet's Prize 1991, Lenore Marshall/Nation Prize of the Academy of American Poets 1998.
- At Vanderbilt, Jarman's research areas include Creative Writing and Poetry.
- Jarman is also a member of the Academy of American Poets and Associated Writing Programs.

— Information from Vanderbilt University Web site

Gonzales replacment on the horizon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, seeking to avoid a possible confirmation fight over a fiercely partisan candidate, chose retired federal judge Michael B. Mukasey Monday to replace Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Democrats said Bush made a wise choice and raised no immediate objections.

As chief judge of the busy U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Mukasey had presided over high — profile terrorism cases.

"He knows what it takes to fight this war effectively and he knows how to do it in a manner consistent with our laws and our Constitution," Bush said, standing next Mukasey in the Rose Garden.

The president urged the Senate to quickly confirm Mukasey, who would be Bush's third attorney general.

If approved by the Senate, Mukasey would take charge of a Justice Department where morale is low following months of investigations into the firings of nine U.S. attorneys and Gonzales' sworn testimony on the Bush administration's terrorist surveillance program.

Mukasey said he was honored to be Bush's nominee to take the helm of the department.

"My finest hope and prayer at this time is that if confirmed I can give them the support and the leadership they deserve," he said.

There had been rampant speculation that Bush might turn to former Solicitor General Ted Olson for the job, but key Democrats on Capitol Hill said they believed Olson too partisan a figure and indicated they would fight his nomination. The White House acknowledged that Bush had interviewed others for the job besides Mukasey.

The White House said that ease of confirmation was a factor, but not the decisive one, in Bush's selection. Bush critics contended that Mukasey's nomination was evidence of the president's weakened political clout as he heads into the final 15 months of his term.

Senate Democrats declared no outright opposition to Mukasey. But they made clear that there would be no confirmation hearings until the administration answers outstanding questions about the White House's role in the firings of federal prosecutors over the winter.

"Our focus now will be on securing the relevant information we need so we can proceed to schedule fair and thorough hearings," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Cooperation from the White House will be essential in determining that schedule."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said the answers Leahy seeks are important, but not enough to delay the installation of someone to stabilize a leaderless Justice Department hobbled by scandal.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he believes the president listened to Congress and decided against a more partisan replacement for Gonzales. He said Mukasey had "strong professional credentials and a reputation for independence." ♦

Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Feminist film series

The Feminist film series continues this semester with the movie "Boys Don't Cry." On Wednesday, Sept. 26 the film will be shown in Harned Hall, Room 245. For more information on the series contact the APSU women's studies office, 221-6314.

Chili cook-off

The Staff Council will be sponsoring the Homecoming Week Chili Cook-off today. The event will be held in the UC Ballroom and will start at 11:30 a.m.

APSU Apollo

Held in the Clement Auditorium, the student talent show will host multiple acts and performers. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. The talent show will begin at 7p.m. For more information contact the Office of Student Life and Leadership at 221-7431.

Mat Kearney

Musician Mat kearney will perform at the Red barn On Thursday, Sept. 20. The concert will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are free to students and are available at the UC information desk with I.D. Tickets are \$10 for non-students.

Homecoming parade

Come and support Homecoming week by watching the parade. The Parade will be Saturday, Sept.22 and will start at 4 p.m. The parade will cut through the center of campus. Floats will be on display in the parking lot outside Governor's Stadiumthroughout the game.

Homecoming pep rally

The pep rally will be held in the Foy Fitness Center parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 22. APSU's band, cheerleaders, pom squad and football team will be there. For more information contact the Office of Student Life and Leadership at 221-7431.

Tailgate party

The Governor's Club will sponser the tailgate party inside Governor's Stadium from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 . It will be open to the public and will cost \$6 per person. APSU students may enter for free. For more information contact Alumni and Annual Giving, 221-7979.

Homecoming Game

Come support the Gov's Football teamand watch them play University of Tennessee-Martin.The game will start at 6 p.m. and the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at halftime. For more infomation and ticket prices contact the Athletics Ticket Office at 221-7761

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Surging for answers

The American people don't need swaying. However, Bush does. It seems that the course he has stayed has proven only to sink us further into a murky quagmire along with his stubborn agenda. This is no longer Bush country. Everyone's jumping ship, hoping that the captain hasn't ultimately pulled us all under with the rest of his crew. ♦



No, it's not simply the '60's all over again, despite that nearly 3 million of our fellow citizens are behind bars, a number in which young, black males are overrepresented. Something else seems afoot within our judicial system. Justice does not seem to be color blind. Madame Justice does seem to be peeking. I wonder if she's noticed the growing incompetence and vanishing sense of right and wrong as well. ♦

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Media's new democracy: Watch game, don't play

Watch, watch, watch. That's the choral anthem today for the American public. Whatever happened to "do it yourself" instead of watching something being done or being inactive in a process like democracy? If Rupert Murdoch had his way entirely, we would have a media devoid of all substantial and relevant coverage. We would have a democracy that is subverted by vanity and what I

like to call trash journalism. (In other words, journalism that you'd just as soon throw in the trash than retain for any useful information.)

This state of media has turned democracy into a spectator sport, a wrestling match, if you will. A good example is offered by the ridiculous Fox News show, "Hannity and Colmes." If you take a puny, weak liberal like Alan Colmes and pit him against a tough-talking, loud mouth conservative like Sean Hannity, who do you think is going to win? Viewers have this one figured out from the moment they tune in to this horribly matched competition. They want Hannity (pundit and defender of the

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American way) to win. This sort of obvious, one-sided exchange is a new dimension in the real spectator sport thrust that turned Murdoch's Fox News Corp. into a major competitor against ABC, NBC and CBS.

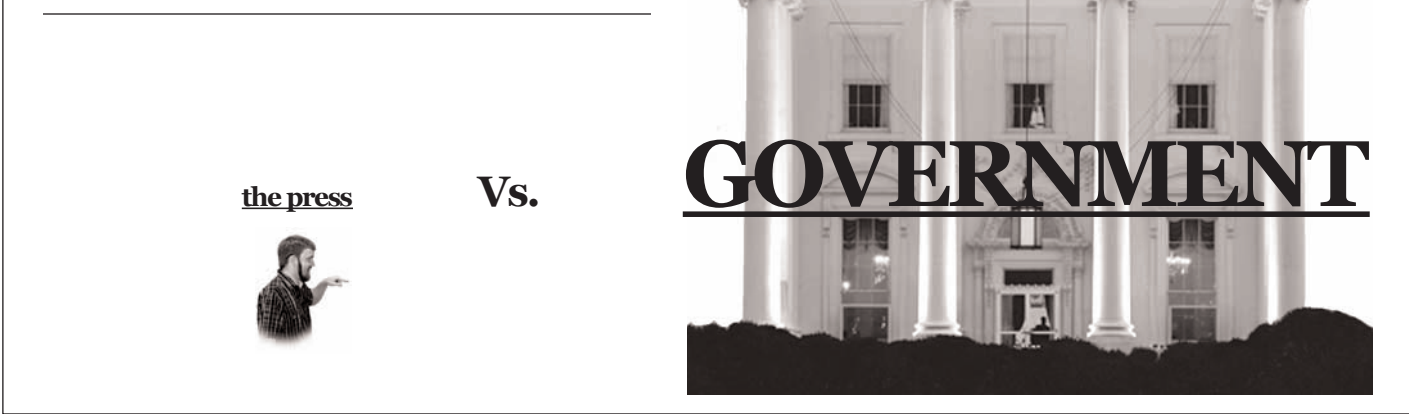
Punditry is the new spectator sport. And it's a very fitting analogy that people take the same attitude toward their democracy, where we are supposed to watch the game, pick the team leaders and cheer one side or the other from the sidelines. But we can't ever join in any reindeer games (sorry Ben, you're still on your own). According to those who pull the media strings we should sit back, watch, read or listen to our selected media to observe events that we should care about.

Democratic detractors in the mock media

Submitting to a political standard can be a dangerous thing, especially in the profession of journalism or even more so when lives are at stake. Regardless of one's political affiliation, democracy needs alternate views, debate and cooperative interaction to survive. It is not a spectator sport. What democracy now needs more than anything else is doers.

Rupert Murdoch is certainly a doer. He has done a lot but none of it any good. As Noam Chomsky states in "Media Control" the bludgeon over the head becomes necessary in the totalitarian state, to make sure that the public stays in line. When the public gets out

media's role in today's democracy:



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of line in a democracy, the bludgeon is the equivalent to propaganda. Lies, distortions and half-truths are what we are now being fed in this "spectator democracy" that he describes. Rupert has no shame in bludgeoning with propaganda.

Right now we're riding the fence between what is subtle propaganda and what is blatant bludgeoning by pundits like Sean Hannity and Bill O'Reilly on Fox. The idea that Murdoch is ensuring is sold here is that the public is too dumb to do things like participate in a democracy or be active consumers of media, rather than passive, apathetic watchers. So as long as we continue to trust those with the loudest voice, we'll be okay and well informed.

Harold Lasswell, founder of modern communications and a major contributor to the founding of political science, could be seen as the thought behind Murdoch's action. Yet his views are as dangerous to Americans as Murdoch's practices. Lasswell, when he was alive, was a believer that democracy could not afford the participation of anyone but the ruling elite because regular people were not the best judges of their own interests. So, it was up to the elite to decide what was important. This is the connection between Murdoch and Lasswell: both are interested in deciding what is best for you. But you should have no say.

In Murdoch's case, he does it through controlling his companies that make the headlines, airwaves and radio transmissions in his increasingly dominating media empire. Murdoch is trying to be the Cowboy to round up all the dumb animals. Are we, the public, going to let people like him treat us as if we are only dumb animals?

The need for another way

We should be contributors and not spectators and further, construct a democracy that is participatory and cooperative. Doing this will allow us to jump in the debate and help shape the outcome, wherever we're headed. This involves more than simply going to vote, it involves speaking out. Flood politicians' offices with letters; petition for change and challenge laws that are not democratic or constitutional; make a call to impeach a president. It's constitutionally allowable, in case the public has forgotten.

Our democracy needs the media to step up and be doers as well, especially since the majority of mainstream media is smothered by corporate power and can only blindly follow the guidelines set by their publishers. This is where the need for independent media comes in. Such a change is needed because current media is, at best, only a side dish to the pathetic main course that is democracy. Without a healthy media, we cannot function as a democracy, and we don't have a healthy democracy without a truly vigilant media. As Robert McChesney said, there cannot be media reform without true democratic reform.

When we peer down into the giant media mirror, we see what is often labeled and manufactured as democratic practice, but cannot see the gears that make things run. That is what our media should be for: peering into the gears that run the machine. And whenever necessary (constantly) oiling to make sure that things work the way they should. ♦

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Alternative energy options can be found in the mud

Last spring, students voted in the renewable energy initiative. Austin Peay State University student fees increased by \$10. The fee increase will allow APSU to use renewable energy alternatives on our campus. But what exactly are renewable energy alternatives?

Why do we need them? And where can we get them? In a series of articles, I would like to describe most commonly used alternative fuels such as hydrogen, biodiesel and ethanol, and how to get them using living organisms. Let's start with hydrogen.

Millions of years ago, living things played a crucial role in forming the fossil fuels, such as oil, we use today. With projections of fossil fuel depletion, mankind is looking for alternative energy sources. Could living things help us again? Today, molecular hydrogen is one of the popular alternative energy sources. A growing number of companies around the world are introducing hydrogen-powered vehicles. For example, Honda recently announced that it will be selling a car that runs on

hydrogen to the general public in 2008. Currently, hydrogen is obtained from fossil fuels such as natural gas and petroleum. Making hydrogen from fossil fuels, however, is not a long-term

option. Surprisingly, microbes could produce this fuel naturally during biochemical reactions. Different microbes can do it using different mechanisms. One exciting opportunity having potential for practical application in the near future is using bacteria.

Hydrogen can be produced from bacteria contained in water and poisonous gas. These so-called purple photosynthetic bacteria are usually found in the mud of various ponds and lakes. Purple bacteria contains pigments that give them spectacular colors such as red, purple and brown and allow them to use solar light as their energy source. In the darkness, cells of those bacteria use water and carbon monoxide to produce hydrogen.

So, what can be done to facilitate the production of hydrogen and make it a commercially viable process? We could begin by designing and building bioreactors. A bioreactor is an enclosed apparatus for optimizing hydrogen production. In the case of production by purple bacteria, the mass transfer of gaseous carbon monoxide to a liquid bacterial culture was the rate-limiting step in the process. This was the main purpose of the bioreactor design. It was discovered that using this simple method of hollow fiber membrane technology could be very effective in increasing consumption of carbon monoxide and producing significant quantities of hydrogen.

The basis for the bioreactor came from an artificial kidney apparatus. Inside the man-made kidneys are numerous tiny tubes made of polymeric membranes. These membranes act as filtering

aids. The bioreactor is designed in a similar way to produce hydrogen. Bacterial cells are readily attached to the outer surfaces of the tubes. Carbon monoxide then passes through hollow centers.

A bioreactor can operate for more than eight months and continually produce hydrogen. Ten grams of bacteria (the weight of four pennies) produce one liter of hydrogen per hour. Working this small amount of bacteria for approximately one year could produce enough energy for the average car to travel 300 miles. What's more important, this hydrogen can be produced from water — one of the most abundant resources in nature. Furthermore, purple bacteria are classified as photosynthetic organisms. This means that they can be grown just by using solar energy. But the bacteria must later be transferred to a dark room filled with carbon monoxide in order to create hydrogen energy. But where will the carbon monoxide come from? I'm glad you asked. It can be obtained from plant material like wood waste. The carbon monoxide is produced by another type of bacteria that degrades plant pigments. It's a cyclical relationship of bacteria helping bacteria.

The future of producing energy from hydrogen is a bright one. Hydrogen is among the most popular energy alternatives. And its production process can be a self-sustaining one. ♦

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Crazy moms, the kids who love 'em

I have this memory in my head: I'm sitting on the couch watching afternoon cartoons. My mother is asleep when the cartoon cuts off, and she walks into the living room. She puts on her glasses and looks at the clock. Her face grows red with anger as she screams, "Ricky Steven, get into

bed now!" I start to ask why when she reaches to slap me. I ask her why she's doing this. She replies, "You know you shouldn't be up at 3:00 a.m.!" I look at the clock; it reads 3 o'clock. I look out side the window and see the sun shining and birds chirping. There are kids playing outside. I start to laugh. She just looks at me like I've gone crazy.

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Ricky
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Here's another memory: My grandfather and I are driving mom back to the apartment. We have just finished eating at Cindy's Catfish House in Dover. We get her to the door and she fumbles around in her pockets, looking for her keys. She begins to pull out set after set of silverware wrapped in paper napkins. We ask her where she got them, and she looks at them in astonishment. "When we were at the buffet I put the silverware in my pocket to keep from losing it. I would get to the table and I wouldn't be able to find my silverware anywhere. I would always go back to get some more but when I got to the table I wouldn't be able to find them."

There are other memories I could recall. For instance, my mother has yelled at store clerks who blocked the grocery aisle; insisted on walking home from the store with a basketful of groceries in torrential rain; got into the wrong car thinking it was ours and berated the poor man in the front seat; she even bought \$100 worth of ice cream and cookies and balked when we asked why she didn't buy any food.

Needless to say my mother and I have a weird

relationship, but it gets stranger. My grandmother took me in when I was 6 years-old so the state would not. My mother has Multiple Sclerosis (damage to the lining of the spinal column) and everyone was afraid she was going to drop me. I only saw my mother on weekends or when she was dropped off at my grandmother's house on her way to the doctor.

All these things have the potential, and ability, of making a mother to son relationship impossible. I can only imagine how hard it was for her. Whenever she wanted to see me she would have to wait for me to visit or hop in her wheelchair and go toe-to-toe with big rigs on the highway. She couldn't physically take care of me, so she had to care for me in other ways like buying me food and clothing.

And as much as my mom cared for me, I had to care for her. I still have her legs, her long reaching grabby tool, and translator (for some reason I'm the only one that understands her). I cook more for her when I go home now than she even attempts to cook for herself. I am the finder of all lost items, including: Eyeglasses, keys, purses, remote controls. I know she's crazy, but somehow the crazier she gets, the more I love her.

Maybe you have a crazy mother that drives you right up the wall. Maybe you haven't told her you loved her lately or worse are having a hard time loving her. As someone who's been down that road, let me ask you a question. Where would you be without her? Nowhere. You wouldn't even exist. What qualities did she pass on to you that are necessary to your basic survival? Did you inherit her tenacity or candor or maybe just her good fashion sense?

Whatever the case, let me leave you with one thing: You can't change who gave birth to you, and as I am still finding out, someday you're going to look back on those frustrating times with a smile. Whether I like it or not, my mother will always be with me and whether she likes it or not, I will always be with her. ♦

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PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR
Simon Kang, junior, shows of his dancing skills at the '80s Dance Party Sept. 13. Many hits like "Thriller" and "She's A Maniac" were enjoyed by everyone. An '80s trivia game was played with questions dealing with pop culture from that time.



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Clothing from the '80s was worn by almost everyone. Classic Chuck Taylors were a popular item along with high shorts and vests.

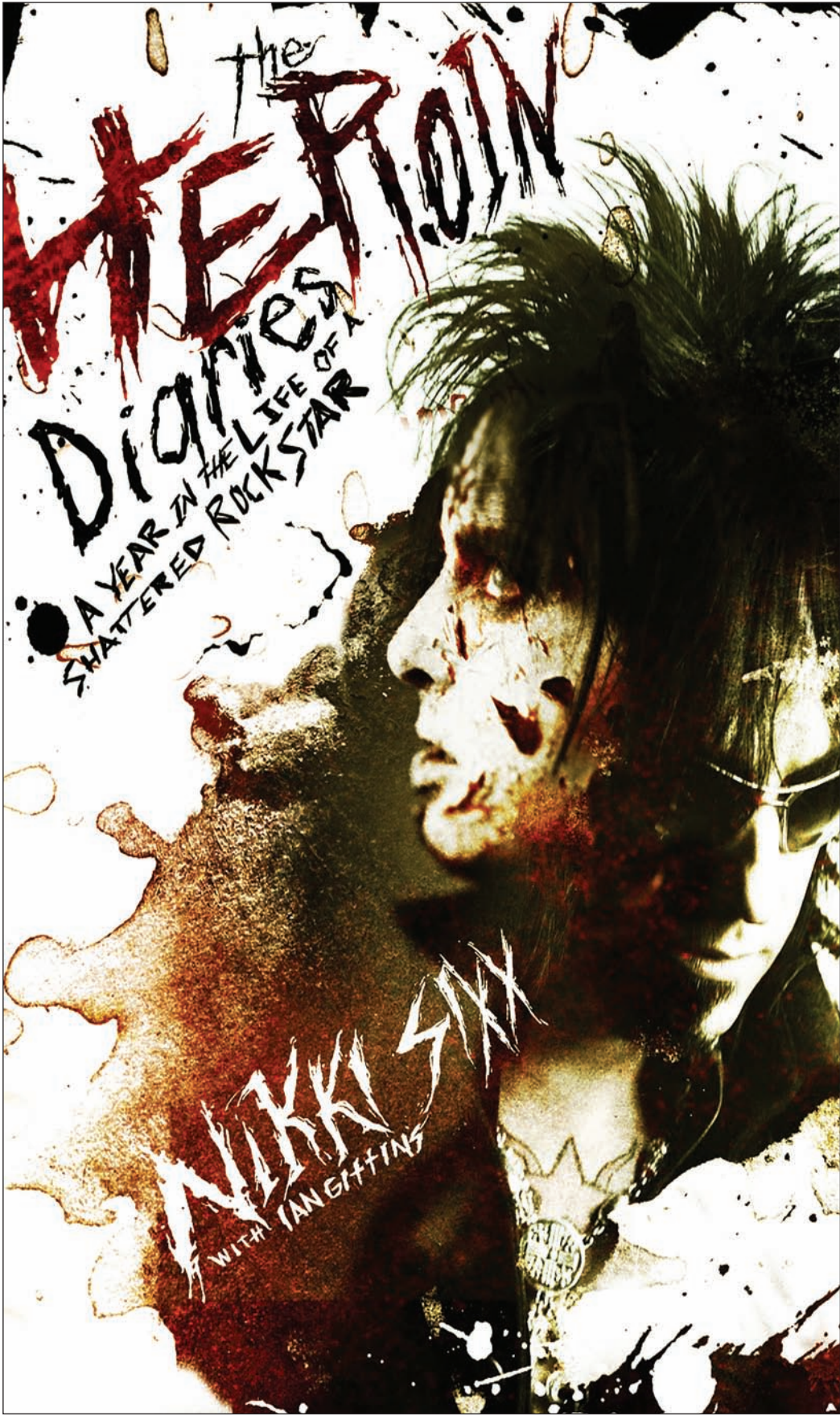
Students think '80s dance is a 'thriller'

By A.J. DUGGER
Features Writer

The 1980s was a decade of creativity in all forms. The music, the fashion, and the overall style during that time was something that was not seen before or after the decade. However, the '80s recently came back to Austin Peay State University in the form of a successful '80s Dance Party. The first ever '80s Dance Party was held in the UC Ballroom, Sept. 13 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. There were several activities during the party, including "Guitar Hero Encore: Rocks the 80s", dancing, '80s trivia and prizes. "People often complain that there's nothing to do in Clarksville," said Simon Kang, senior political science major. "Our main focus is that people who aren't doing anything will come out to this and be open to other things." Kang is a member of the 4-Corner Hip Hop Community. This

group, along with University Recreation, hosted the event. Kang and several others promoted the party for several weeks before it took place. Banners and flyers were posted in various locations on campus, and Kang also used Facebook to personally invite many of his friends. Rebecca Brockman and countless others heard about the party from Kang. "Simon invited me," said Brockman, a junior foreign language major. Popular hit songs from the '80s blasted from the speakers, and there were two cover bands who took to the stage at different times. Karaoke was also available. "You could go up and sing the song if you knew it," recalled Andi Swihart, freshman education major. There were '80s trivia questions and prizes, such as '80s movies on DVD, given out for the people with the correct answer. Slap bracelets and Pop Rocks were also given away at the party. Many of the

attendants enjoyed themselves. "The whole atmosphere was so much fun. I love the '80s!" said Alexandra Pickett, a freshman fine arts major, who enjoyed the party. Kristian Salcedo agrees with Pickett. "Everyone came together. You'd feel everyone else's energy, and that was the best part; just having fun," said Salcedo, a sophomore chemistry major who breakdanced at the party. The '80s Dance Party was one of those rare events where everyone could cut loose, dress badly and dance without a care in the world. Simon Kang had a vision before the party began, and it was ultimately fulfilled. "The '80s was the decade where you could be goofy and dorky, and it was cool. We're trying to bring that back. That's appropriate for the theme." The 4-Corner Hip Hop Community and University Recreation accomplished what they set out to do, which resulted in a great time in the UC Ballroom. ♦



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The hectic, somewhat frightening cover of Sixx's book does a good job of capturing the self-described personal hell he lived through while battling a heroin addiction.

'The Heroin Diaries'

Former Motley Crue bassist's book has fans, curious public 'addicted'

By JESSICA BAIRD
Guest Writer

After years of decadence and self-destruction, Nikki Sixx, founding member and bass player for Motley Crue, is a true rock 'n roll survivor. In his new memoir, "The Heroin Diaries: A Year in the Life of a Shattered Rock Star," released Sept. 18, and companion CD with new band Sixx A.M., released in August, Sixx reveals the horrors of drug addiction amidst the height of musical success. "The Heroin Diaries," co-written by music journalist Ian Gittins, is composed of Sixx's journal entries between Christmas of 1986 and Christmas of 1987. The journal entries give "The Heroin Diaries" an unprecedented, unparalleled and unapologetic look into the mind of a musician spinning helplessly out of control, into the depths of addiction. At times heartbreaking, at other times repulsive, yet always honest, readers may be surprised to find themselves rooting for this strung out anti-hero. Whether or not the reader is personally affected by addiction, it is virtually impossible to not be invested in Sixx's struggle. For longtime fans of Motley Crue, one of the most successful bands of the 1980s and undoubtedly the most infamous, tales of Sixx's addictions are nothing new. Along with band mates Tommy Lee, Vince Neil and Mick Mars, Sixx divulged many of their wild escapades in the group's bestselling autobiography "The Dirt," released in 2002. "The Dirt" ran the gamut in terms of shock value, but "The Heroin Diaries" is much more than a cautionary tale of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. It provides a fly-on-the-wall look into the life of a musician with millions in the bank, who performs for millions of fans on the road, yet is only fulfilled by drugs. A rebellious spirit since his father abandoned him at an early age and his mother sent him to live with his grandparents, Sixx was eventually expelled from school for boisterous behavior including selling drugs.



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Nikki Sixx attended the 18th Annual National Alcohol and Drug Recovery month Sept. 6 in Washington D.C.

He went on to become the principal lyricist for Motley Crue, composing lyrics as raucous and rebellious as he was. In a recent interview with Blender magazine, Sixx said the lyric he is most proud of is from the song "Primal Scream": "If you want to live life on your own terms you've got to be willing to crash and burn." This lyric could serve as a sort of mantra for Sixx in his times of crippling addiction. As contributing writers in "The Heroin Diaries" point out, Sixx did what he wanted, when he wanted, regardless of the consequences. These contributing writers, which include each member of Motley Crue along with former tour managers and ex-girlfriends, provide an interesting perspective from people peering in from the sidelines, helpless to save Sixx. Whether a longtime fan, or simply curious, "The Heroin Diaries" is a truly addictive memoir. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Sixx's charity — Running Wild in the Night — which helps to fund creative arts programs around the entire country. ♦



Some Startling Drug Usage Facts from the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use & Health

- Illicit drugs include marijuana, cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used non medically
- 2.4 million cocaine users
- 10.2 million were reported to drive under the influence of illicit drugs
- 20.4 million were estimated to be current drug users from ages 12 or older
- 5.2 million users of pain relieves illicitly
- 14.8 million users of the most commonly used illicit drug, marijuana
- 731,000 current users of methamphetamines
- Hallucinogens were used by one million users

‘Shoot ‘Em Up’ on target

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Managing Editor

Imagine sitting alone at a bus stop one night, following an arguing couple into an alleyway only to step into an ensuing gun battle with 10 or more shooters, all while trying to protect the woman about to be killed by her boyfriend. Then in the midst of gunfire, the hero helps the woman deliver the baby and frees her from the umbilical cord with his automatic handgun. As ridiculous as this sounds, this is the entire opening scene from the new action flick, “Shoot ‘Em Up.” You have to suspend almost all disbelief though to be able to enjoy this flick; and let’s stay honest about the fact this is a flick and not a serious movie.

Otherwise, one might feel compelled to point out the fact that it’s not possible to run around deflecting bullets, jumping over, around and through things, all while cradling a baby and killing people. It’s a job only for Clive Owen’s character, Smith.

Smith is one part super-MacGyver, one part carrot-crunching wise-cracker. He’s a tough as rusty nails kind of good guy that can take almost anything and apparently has invisible wheels built into his body for rolling around on the ground while he’s shooting people up.

Oh yeah, he’s also great at showing his trusty carrots through your head if he’s in a bind or out of bullets. He’ll even follow it up with some cheese by adding typical Terminator-inspired one-liners such as “eat your veggies,” while the carrot sticks out the back of the henchman’s head.

Smith’s smokin’ accomplice, Monica Bellucci plays a Italian bombshell straight out of a

brothel who’s always looking for a good time even if it’s just to make a little extra cash. If one scene is any indication, her character is able to have amazing sex, right in the middle of a hail of gun spray and while standing up.

The head bad guy is Paul Giamatti, who is perfect for the demented role of a ridiculously resourceful ex-FBI profiler turned possible necrophiliac madman attempting to elect a senator to the presidency by killing babies for bone marrow.

Other than the nonsense, impossible action sequences, the actors are really what make this flick worth going to see. It’s certainly a rollicking ride from start to finish that is sexist and careless in its portrayal of the resiliency of babies at times and was described by moviegoer, Dan Frost as “The Last Action Hero on Crack.”

But if you know what you’re getting into before you go see the movie, it helps to let go of any pessimistic predictions and just have a little fun.

One really fun scene involves a skydive and the subsequent elaborate mid-air shoot-out. There’s also a head on car crash in which Owen purposely shoots out the front windshield of his vehicle, taking the opportunity to dart into the oncoming van and shoot up some bad guys as the vehicles make impact.

Though the excessive hard rock in the beginning is a bit overkill (the first scene opens to a Nirvana song and leads right into another song, transitioning poorly) the music evens out and fits better as the movie rolls along. This is a must see for the devoted fans of John Woo or Quentin Tarantino. ♦

Unexpected win for Gore



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Gore doesn’t expect Grammy, is thankful for his Emmy win

Associated Press

Though his documentary won an Oscar and he now has an Emmy, Al Gore doesn’t rate his chances high for a Grammy.

“I’m working on my dance steps and singing performance, but don’t hold your breath,” the former vice president said with a laugh Monday, speaking by phone from Los Angeles.

But it might have sounded equally ludicrous five years ago to suggest that Gore would, in one calendar year, receive standing ovations at both the Academy Awards and the Emmys. At Sunday night’s Emmy ceremony, Gore and Joel Hyatt were honored for creative achievement in interactive television for the cable channel they founded, Current TV.

This follows the best documentary Oscar that “An Inconvenient Truth” won earlier this year. The film chronicles Gore’s campaign to educate people on global warming. For the same cause, Gore helped organize Live Earth this summer, a series of global concerts held to raise awareness for climate change.

“It reminds me a little bit of the old cliché about the country singer who said, ‘It’s taken me 30

years to be an overnight sensation,” said Gore. “In each one of them, I’ve had great partners.”

Hyatt said Gore remains thoroughly involved in Current TV, the network the two founded in 2005. Current TV predated the sensation caused by YouTube, but operated with a similar mission. Its viewer-created “pods” — short video segments that usually run about five minutes in length — make up about a third of its programming.

“We’re pleased that the Academy (of Television Arts & Sciences) emphasized the category,” said Hyatt. “In putting that category into its prime-time broadcast, it’s acknowledging that’s the direction TV is heading.”

“Al and I set out from the very beginning to open up television, to share the power of the TV platform with our young adult audience, to enable young adults to contribute to the content they consume.”

The fast-growing Current TV now claims to be in more than 50 million homes worldwide. It also plans to relaunch its Web site next month, which Hyatt says will be a considerable evolution for Current.

“We are really excited about this recognition of the creative work of the thousands of young people who actually made the content,” Gore said. ♦



AIMEE THOMPSON/SENIOR FEATURES WRITER

Riding a bike can serve as great exercise, stress relief and cheap transportation.

Cycling grows in popularity as gas prices rise, parking places deplete, and waistlines bulge

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Senior Features Writer

If you’re a student at Austin Peay State University, you’ve experienced it. If you work in the downtown district of Clarksville, you’ve experienced it.

As a matter of fact, every adult at some point in his or her life will experience it. What is it? It’s the frustration caused by trying to find a parking spot. If it hasn’t struck yet, be prepared, because it’s only a matter of time before you get to experience the joy of becoming a parking lot vulture.

While most people write this frustration off as being a fact of life, there is a solution that could not only give them great health benefits, but economic and social benefits too.

The solution is cycling. Yes, the two wheeled vehicle you thought you’d grown out of once you turned 16 is perhaps one of the healthiest, cheapest, and cleanest modes of transportation you could ask for. Plus, it’s incredibly convenient.

As most people know, riding a bike is a great way to get in shape. Riding a bike increases a person’s heart rate and maintains it at an accelerated level in what is called aerobic exercise.

The health benefits of aerobic exercise include an increase in hearth health, muscular endurance and energy. Cycling can also decrease a person’s risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

According to APSU professor of psychology and avid biking enthusiast, Charles Woods, the low impact nature of cycling is good for people of all ages and sizes. “It’s terrific exercise,” he said, “because it’s not hard on a person’s knees and ankles like other types of exercise. It’s what has kept me in good shape and kept the weight off.”

Cycling not only helps keep a person’s weight down, but their gas receipts as well. “Riding a bike is great for going green and saving gas,” said Sam Holt, owner of The Bicycle Center.

“If you bought a good bike for about \$200, it would have paid for itself in only a few months. Also, you wouldn’t have to worry about trying to find a parking spot on campus.”

Located on Madison Street, The Bicycle Center has been in business since 1971.

It showcases a vast array of bikes, ranging from racing, mountain and comfort models.

The Bicycle Center also offers an abundance

of bike related merchandise, such as seats, jerseys, and helmets. “We sell everything here,” Holt said, “and if we don’t have it, we can order it.”

The Bicycle Center has donated several bike racks to APSU, and also offers discounts on certain bikes for students.

“Bikes are perfect for people living in University Landing and other apartments near APSU,” Holt said. “They can get to school without ever having to rev up their car.”

The Bicycle Center also helps to sponsor events for the Clarksville Cycling Club. Formed two years ago, the club has since become quite popular. “There is a growing community of cyclists in Clarksville,” Woods said.

He is an active member of the club, as is Holt. Every week, members of the CCC gather to go on group rides. During the ride, the big group often splits up into smaller ones based on how fast or how far the people want to go, so there is always a group for every experience level.

All a person needs to be involved with the CCC is a bike, a helmet and a \$10 annual membership fee. For more information, go to www.clarksvillecyclingclub.com.

Something for beginners to consider is the amount of dedication and perseverance long distance cycling takes. Group rides can be up to 30, 40 or even 50 miles in length, with some lasting from a few hours up to a few days.

According to Woods, beginners often get discouraged due to discomfort. “One thing that turns off many beginners is that they get saddle sore,” he said. “It’s worth investing in a pair of cycling shorts.”

Another big factor is the style of bike a person chooses. Woods said that the cheaper the bike, the heavier it’s going to be. Lighter bikes are better because it means less work for the rider.

The Bicycle Center offers shoppers the opportunity to customize their bike to fit their own preferences. This comes in handy when a person finds their bike seat too uncomfortable to sit on for long periods of time.

All in all, cycling is good for the rest and relaxation it can bring. “When you’re out and riding, things are trouble free,” Woods said.

“I have no worries or cares when I’m riding. Most people wouldn’t think riding for 60 miles as being relaxing, but it is.” ♦

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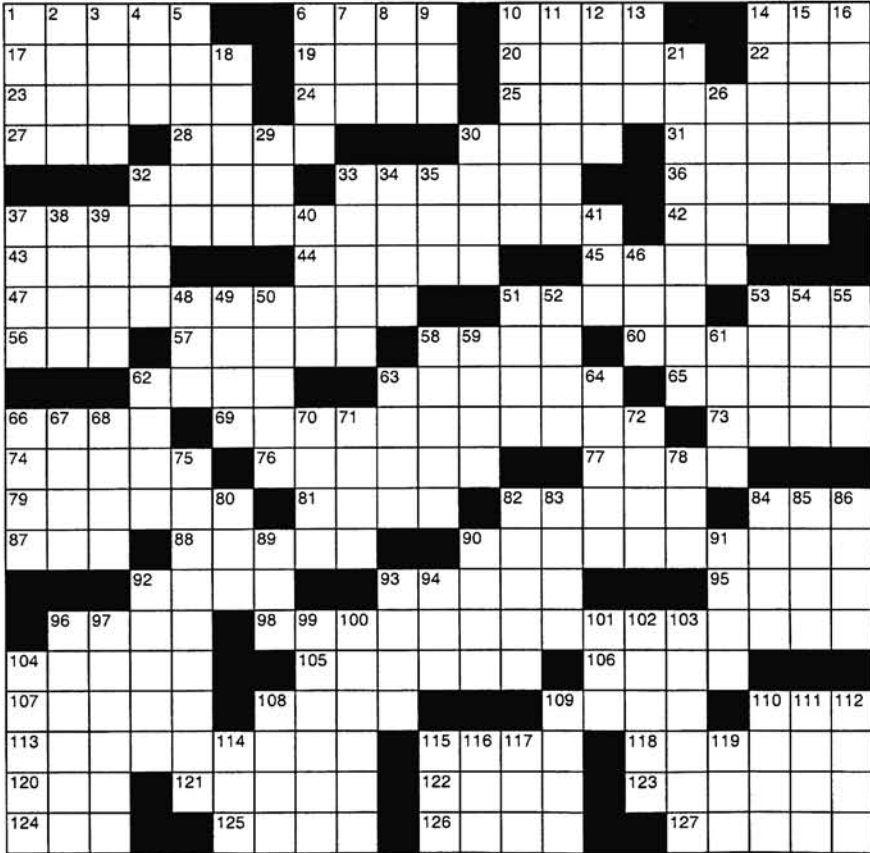
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Govs defeated by a kick



Freshman kicker Isaac Ziolkowski barely kicks an extra point in the Govs loss to OVC opponent Tennessee State University. Ziolkowski only made two of five PAT'S, missing one while getting two others blocked by TSU All-American cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. TSU's kicker Erick Benson was three-of-four including the game winner. Benson also made two field goals including a 43-yarder that sent the game into overtime.

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Turnovers, controversial penalties and blocked kicks are just a few of the things the sold-out crowd at Governors stadium witnessed in the Austin Peay State University Governors' first Ohio Valley Conference game since 1996.

The Govs (2-1, 0-1 OVC) lost to the Tennessee State University Tigers (2-1, 1-0 OVC) in overtime 33-32.

"I am so proud of these kids. They fought through so much stuff that happened tonight," said APSU head coach Rick Christophel. "I think we earned a little bit of respect tonight. I think that people will know that our kids are going to play hard every time they tee it up and they better get ready to play."

Both teams made big plays in the game that had fans standing and cheering.

APSU sophomore running back Jeff Lyle caught a screen pass from quarterback Mark Cunningham and ran it 58 yards for a touchdown to give the Govs an early 7-0 lead.

It was Cunningham's longest pass of the game. He completed 11 of 18 pass attempts for 143 yards and one touchdown. He was also sacked three times.

TSU senior Shaun Richardson stripped the ball from Cunningham during one sack and took it 73 yards for a touchdown to make the score 10-7. Richardson had four tackles for a loss in the game including two sacks.

Three fumbles, two blocked extra points and penalties are what cost the Govs the game.

APSU running back Chris Fletcher said, "We had the drive to win, but unfortunately Tennessee State did what it took to come out with a win tonight. We made a lot of mistakes. Little things that you have to come up with, Tennessee State did a good job of coming up with those little plays."

Fletcher had 26 carries for 110 yards, two touchdowns and one fumble in the game. The Govs offense possessed the ball 22:34 and produced 245 yards. Their defense spent most of the time on the field.

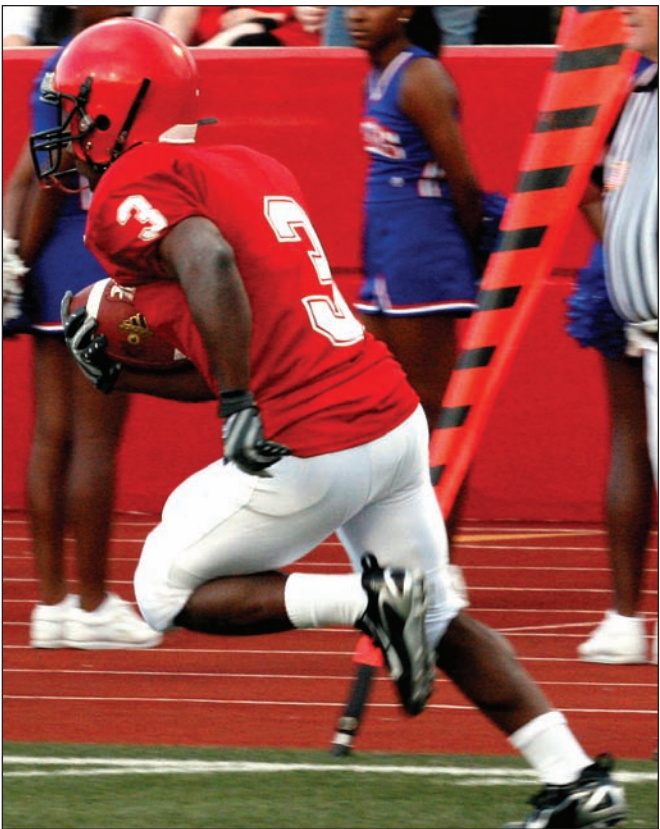
Sophomore linebacker Daniel Becker was one of five Govs on defense who had more than 10 tackles in the game.

Becker led the team with 13 solo tackles, one for a loss and a forced fumble.

TSU running backs, Jarvarrius Williams and Terrance Wright kept the Govs defense busy most of the game. They combined for 214 yards and one touchdown. Tigers quarterback Antonio Heffner added 36 yards rushing to his 19 pass completions for 233 yards.

Heffner ran five yards for a touchdown at the end of a seven play 44-yard drive that gave TSU a 16-7 lead with 8:32 left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the excitement reached its peak as big plays created three lead changes before TSU junior kicker Eric



Freshman Terrance Holt runs down the sideline against TSU during his 67-yard punt return for a touchdown. Holt had five returns for 87 yards in kickoffs and also caught one pass for 12 yards. Holt currently has two touchdowns in special teams play in the Govs first three games.

Benson made a 43-yard field goal and tied the game 26-26 tie.

APSU freshman Terrence Holt returned a punt 67 yards for a touchdown. His teammate sophomore defensive back Kevins Buckley recovered a fumble and ran 64 yards for a touchdown.

In overtime, the Govs scored first but the extra point attempt was blocked by TSU First Team All-American cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. It was Cromartie's second blocked kick in the game.

When the Tigers took over possession, they were facing third down and three to go for the game. Heffner threw a pass that fell incomplete.

The Govs fans deafening cheers turned into stunned silence when they realized that the referee had called a pass interference penalty on the Govs. The penalty gave the Tigers first down and goal on the APSU two yard line.

Williams rushed two yards for a touchdown, Benson made the extra point and the Tigers won the game 33-32. ♦

Return to 1977 Former Govs receive title recognition

By MICHAEL YOUNG
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It has been 30 years since the fateful season that sticks in the mind of former Austin Peay State University football coach James "Boots" Donnelly. On Saturday night, before the first sellout crowd at Governors Stadium since the early 1970s, Donnelly and his loyal former players stepped onto the new turf to be recognized for their achievements.

"I tell you what's great to see is all of these guys (players) that have been so successful in life," Donnelly said. "I think it's great that the university has seen fit to honor us in this game. It just goes to show the type of students this university puts out."

It was in 1977 that Donnelly and his underdog Governors made an everlasting impression not only on the APSU football program, but also on the community of Clarksville, by winning the Ohio Valley Conference Championship for the first and only time in the school's history.

Current APSU football coach Rick Christophel knows all about the infamous 1977 team. It was his younger brother, Randy, who quarterbacked the championship team only three years after Rick graduated and went from being APSU's quarterback to beginning his coaching career.

The thought of being able to commemorate the championship team before APSU's contest with Tennessee State Sept. 15 was great for Christophel.

"It's very special, especially since my brother was the quarterback," Christophel said. "I know a lot of the guys that were on the team that year

and that is special. I think it's important for us, our players and our students to realize that this is the only championship team in school history and what they achieved is a goal we are striving for this season."

According to the former coach, APSU's football program had been stagnate for over a decade, with their last winning season coming in 1966.

The expectations were the same during his first year at the helm of the program.

"I don't think the expectations are ever low," Donnelly said. "I think that the expectations had reached a point where apathy set in within the community. Everybody had the mentality that we were going to field a football team but we were probably going to lose."

With the team suffering a 23-10 loss in the season opener to UT-Martin, the community prepared for the worst. However, what they didn't prepare for was the five-game win streak that would follow, beginning with a 17-15 win over Mars Hill. The team would reach a double-dose of speed bumps with their back-to-back losses to Nicholls State and Middle Tennessee State, but they refused to break.

The Govs responded by blanking Murray State, 13-0, before squeaking by Tennessee Tech, 24-21. Going into the last game of the season, APSU shared first place in the OVC standings and needed a win over East Tennessee State to clinch the championship.

Despite troubles early on, the Govs rolled to a 24-10 win and locked themselves in as the greatest football team in APSU history.



The 1977 Governors football team embrace each other before the game as they gather midfield to get recognized for their accomplishments. They were the first and only APSU football team to win the OVC championship 30 years ago. Head coach Rick Christophel's younger brother Randy was the quarterback of that team. The team finished with an 8-3 record beating OVC rival East Tennessee State for the title.

"It was just a miracle season," Donnelly added. "For the program to go from losing seasons for the past decade to us winning the OVC Championship was just a miracle."

On Saturday, Donnelly and the former

Governor players that made it to the ceremony heard the crowd roar for them once more before taking a backseat to the Govs of 2007. In the record books, however, the Govs of 1977 take a backseat to no one. ♦

Lady Govs score big at home with eight points in two shutout games

By MARLON SCOTT
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On the road for the first four games of the season, this year's young Austin Peay State University Lady Govs soccer team has struggled to find the net. In four straight losses they have been outscored 8-2.

This weekend the Lady Govs exploded offensively in their first two games at home defeating the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff 6-0 and the University of North Carolina at Asheville 2-0.

"I think it takes some time for the team to kind of get things together, get organized and get some game experience," said Lady Govs coach Kelly Guth. "We have a lot of young players on the field right now. Every game we get out there, we start to see improvement as far as the team and our chemistry on the field."

In the home opener against UAPB, the Lady Govs produced a season high, 51 shots. UAPB goalkeeper, Bre-Ann Laypoole, made 18 saves and could not rest while five different Lady Govs took 24 shots on goal in the game.

APSU freshman Kelly Cannon made the first goal of the game in the 25th minute. Junior transfer Ashley Michels made the score 2-0 in the 40th minute.

Ashley Beck took six shots in the game and made her second goal of the season with five minutes left in the first period.

Lady Gov senior Stephanie Hosse got an assist from Beck for a goal 15 minutes into the second period to make the score 4-0. Freshman Samantha Northrup showed her power with a cannon-like shot in the 85th minute of the game.

Senior Jessica Hosse led the Lady Govs with seven shots, five on goal. Hosse made the final goal with a header assist from Beck. UAPB had no shots in the game.

The UNCA Lady Bulldogs attempted six shots on goal (11 total), but were still held scoreless by an impressive Lady Govs defense in the second home game this weekend.

The boisterous sophomore goalkeeper Michelle Smith had six saves in the game while directing traffic in the backfield like a five star general. She was supported by the aggressive and amazing play

of freshmen center-back fielders Michelle Thorstad and Hannah Jones.

Senior Tyler Adair assisted a kick 30 yards downfield for an launch to sophomore Monica Dunham. Dunham outran a Lady Bulldog defender and nudged the ball into the net past UNCA goalkeeper Veronica Lazr in the seventh minute of the game.

Dunham explained, "Tyler played an awesome ball and I was anticipating it. The keeper was coming out so I chipped her."

Dunham led the Lady Govs with three shots on goal, one score and an assist. The assist was to Cannon who made her second goal this weekend 20 minutes into the second period for the Lady Govs final score of the game.

With 67 total shots taken this weekend, the Lady Govs hope their offensive confidence and intensity will continue when they face Lipscomb in Nashville, Friday.

After playing their fifth game on the road, the Lady Govs look forward to returning home at Morgan Brother's field Sunday Sept. 23 to face Winthrop. ♦



Freshman Kelly Cannon and sophomore Monica Dunham prepare to kick off against UNC-Asheville. The Lady Govs won their first two games at home.