

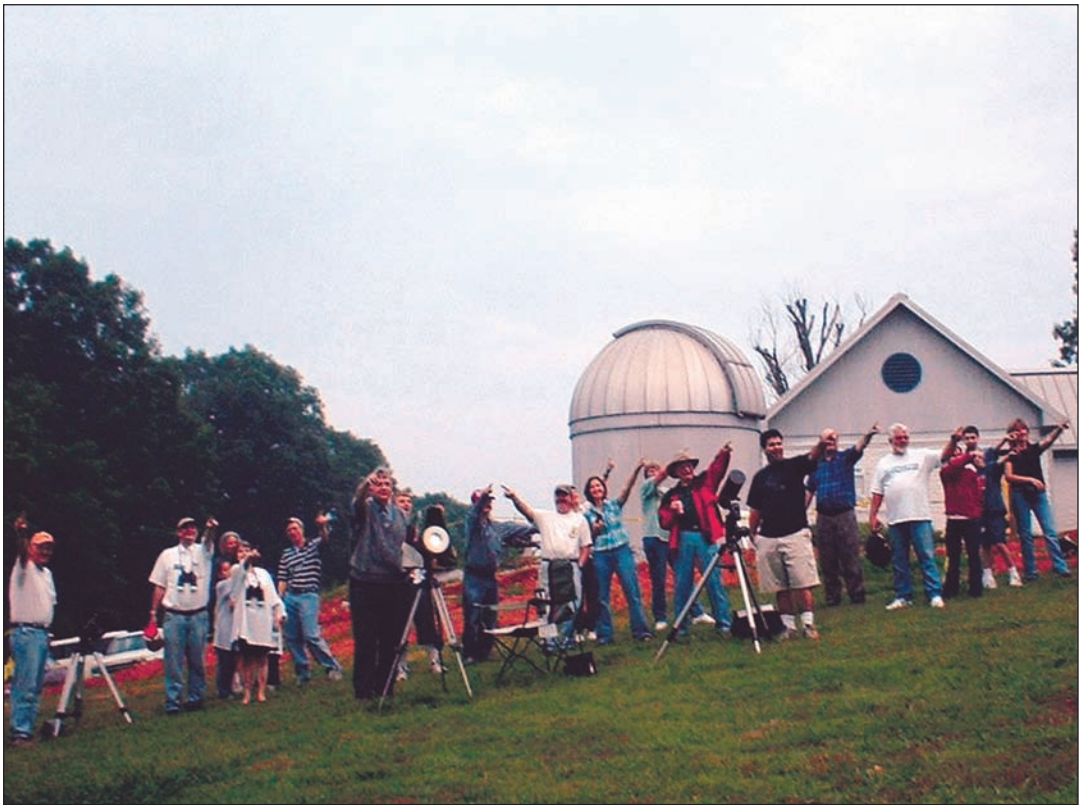


★ Physics department gets ★ starry-eyed ★

Largest state observatory would expand department

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
Staff Writer

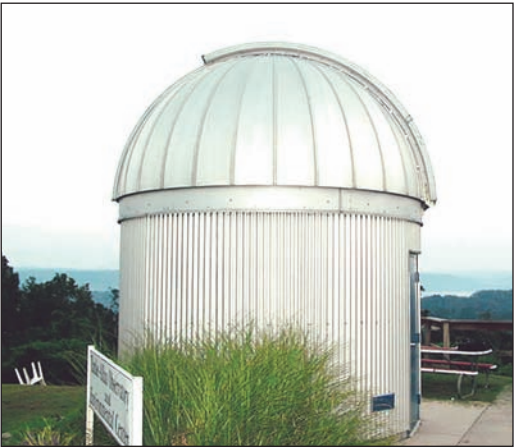
Austin Peay State University's astronomy department is set to build a new observatory this summer. If nothing disrupts scheduling, the observatory will be up and running by the beginning or middle of next semester. APSU will be the fifth Tennessee Board of Regents university to have an observatory. Spencer Buckner, associate professor of physics and astronomy at APSU, has made a land donation of 4.26 acres for the observatory. The land is near Palmyra, Tenn., about 12 miles from the main campus. According to Buckner, the campus is far too bright for any decent stargazing. The observatory will be far enough away from bright lights that it will be much more conducive to nighttime stargazing for APSU's astronomy students. The observatory will consist of a large dome structure that is 17 feet tall, which will house the 16-inch telescope that has been ordered. It will also include a concrete pad on which the school's smaller telescopes can be set up for individual use. Currently, APSU has five of these smaller telescopes, but more have been ordered for the new site. Alongside it will be a small, 1,000-square-foot building containing a classroom for computer lab work, class lectures and a utility room. The classroom will be used for the APSU night classes. Buckner plans to take the astronomy classes



Above: Due to the brightness surrounding campus, the observatory had to be located away from APSU in an area where there is very little light pollution.

Top Left: The Meade RCX400 on a MAX Equatorial is the new telescope that will be in the observatory. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place this summer.

several times a year, to the new observatory. "We want it (the observatory) to be community-based," said Buckner. While the astronomy classes will only use the observatory at night, the location will be used during the day to hold workshops for teachers, local middle and high school classes and field trips. The students will be able to see what APSU students have been working on, such as pictures and research. They will be able to view the equipment, tour the facility and participate in sun gazing using a special filter inside the telescope. In addition to local schools, the observatory will also be open to the public. Once it is up and running, the department intends to hold a public night once a month. There will be various programs and demonstrations and, if the sky is clear, the telescope will also be used at this time. Something that Buckner wants to see come of this observatory is a growth in APSU's astronomy program. Currently, the department only has a non-science minor. He hopes the new observatory will help to develop a stronger, more professional program. Perhaps even an astronomy major or an additional astronomy concentration to the physics major may be added. Thus, the department is not only building an observatory, but looking to the future. The department has already applied to the National



The new observatory would be located about 12 miles from campus in Palmyra.

Science Foundation for funding that, if granted, will allow for a 32-inch telescope in a 28-foot dome. It would be the largest telescope in the state. They expect to hear from the foundation this June or July. According to Buckner, the NSF funds about 15 to 20 percent of proposals, but the department is hopeful. Either way, the observatory will allow the department to expand the program and in future years, resubmit the proposal to NSF. ♦

Allegations of racial inequity still abound

Recent protest brought about by seventh lawsuit

By DAVE CAMPBELL
News Editor

The Clarksville Coalition for Civil Rights Leaders held a rally outside the university last week. The gathering was called in response to a recent discrimination lawsuit filed by professor of sociology, Shirley Rainey. Rainey's case is included in the Coalition's complaints that civil rights struggles still abound in Clarksville. Specifically, the issue of the day was that Austin Peay State University is not allowing diversity to move forward with its tenured professors. The lawsuit was only one of several issues that the coalition addressed. Joining the coalition were representatives of several other groups such as the National Action Network, NAACP, The Urban Resource Center, Progressive Citizens Advocates and the Coalition on Religion and Racism.

Past lawsuits

Chairwoman of the coalition, Nancy Dawson, filed a lawsuit before being released from her contract in 2005, as did Yvonne Prather that same year. "I'm here because someone has to stand," Dawson said. Dawson reiterated that there had been six similar lawsuits over the last several years. All of them involved black women over the age of 40, according to Dawson. "If students and faculty are concerned about the reputation of the university, then why aren't they out here?" Dawson said. Rainey's attorney, Robb Martin, refused to comment on the case, citing that he never comments on pending litigation.

Allegations

It was more than Rainey's case that brought protestors out. Veteran, Turner McCullough Jr., believes that President Hoppe took credit for Professor Dwonna Goldstone's work on a soon to be released book. "If TBR was about academic honesty as they claim, then how the hell is this going on?" McCullough said. APSU student Regina George, who was also present, said that she had reported cheating students prior to taking her clinicals. In return, George said she was accused of unethical behavior and had her clinicals taken away from her. Terry McMoore, director of the Urban Resource Center, said that these are the types of disadvantages caused by class cliques. McMoore believes that Vice President of Legal Affairs, Richard Jackson will not do

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Students, meet the new executive committee candidates

PICK THREE

Student Government Association is holding elections April 2-4. *The All State* talked to new executive committee candidates to see exactly what they planned on bringing to the table for SGA if elected.

Bryan Huffman For president Currently: Junior, vice president	Richard Longstreth For president Currently: Junior, senator	R. J. Gossett For vice president Currently: class unknown, senator	Jeremy Smith For vice president Currently: Sophomore, secretary	Chris Drew For secretary Currently: Sophomore, senator	Matthew Ford For secretary Currently: Sophomore, senator
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Platform: "APSU's student government has made significant strides in the past few years. I want to continue this pursuit of excellence. Not only making Austin Peay a better place for you, but for your children and grandchildren. Since SGA president operates as a liaison between the students and the administration, this would allow me to actively seek out your views and make sure that they get to the appropriate people."

Platform: "I know that I can improve things on campus for you. I've introduced about 10 pieces of legislation in your interests. Regardless of my personal opinions, I believe it is the duty of the elected to serve those who elected him. That is why, if elected, I will work hard to make your voice heard at the administrative level. I am tired of students' wishes being ignored. I want the administration to really hear the student body's opinion."

Platform: "As vice-president, I want to see Austin Peay become a campus of involvement, not just with student organizations but all the time. Students should want to stick around on the weekends, and school spirit needs to be a priority."

Platform: "As my campaign slogan states: 'There is no replacement for experience.' As executive secretary this past year I have had many responsibilities that I have met with true diligence. As vice president I will continue my diligent and faithful work ethic for the betterment of both SGA and campus life as a whole. It will be my duty to ensure all students' voices are heard and no opinion goes unnoticed."

Platform: "I believe SGA has a critical problem with communication. Many students have many concerns, but have no idea that SGA helps students get these problems fixed. By remodeling the Web site with an online forum, keeping updated bulletin boards, and creating more opportunities for your senators to interact with you, I believe we can truly say that SGA hears you."

Platform: "If elected Austin Peay State University's SGA secretary, I promise to perform the duties expected and beyond to the best of my abilities. I will be an active voice in the student body by making myself available to all students' questions and concerns. I plan to be 'the brain' behind the scenes of the SGA. The job of the SGA secretary is the final product. And being the workhorse to achieve the final product is my duty."

Racers can safely relieve speed needs

By APRIL MCDONALD
Assistant News Editor

Video games may cause erratic, unsafe driving, according to a study from Germany published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology in March.

The subject concerned the effects of racing games on real world driving. "We conclude that playing racing games could provoke unsafe driving," said Stephanie Guter and Dieter Frey in the study.

The study looked at such games as "Burnout," "Midnight Racer" and "Need for Speed." The results were focused on how the participants driving behaviors were effected after playing such realistic games.

It found that men who played a racing game took higher risks in computer-simulated critical traffic situations. After playing any one of the three racing games or one of three neutral games, "Fifa 2005," "Tak" or "Medal of Honor," participants then took the Vienna Risk-Taking Test.

This test puts participants in front of a computer monitor where they are confronted with 15 various real-world videotaped risky traffic situations.

The participants watched each situation twice. The first time they simply observed, the second time they pressed a key to indicate when they would abandon the risky maneuver.

Researchers found that age was

"There's no sense in them racing on the street when we have this here,"

— William Scogin, Clarksville
Speedway winner

significantly related to risk-taking behavior.

They also found that racing games increased readiness to take risks in critical traffic situations as well as increased the mental process related to taking risks.

This effect was especially pronounced in men. "Our results pose the question whether playing racing games leads to accidents in real-life road traffic," the researchers said.

On March 11, Daniel Clapp, 17, was killed while allegedly racing on Fort Campbell Boulevard. The relationship between Clapp's death and video games is unknown.

"The race track is for racing, not the streets," said Tony Albright, a late-model dirt track racer from Clarksville.

"I have two daughters; I would carry them to the race track if that's what they wanted to do."

At Clarksville Speedway, on Needmore Road, there is a quarter mile semi-banked



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR

This drag racing strip at Clarksville Speedway was made to provide a safe alternative to road racing.

clay oval dirt track that runs every Saturday night and a one-eighth mile asphalt drag strip that runs every Friday night, to include Midnight Madness.

"Beginning at midnight we refill the track with young adults racing the import cars," said owner William Scogin, on the track Web site (<http://www.clarksvillespeedway.com>).

"We average between 100-600 young adults per event, giving them a safe environment to race."

"There's no sense in them racing on the street when we have this here," Scogin said. Imports, new Mustangs, motorcycles

and more are all present and have a chance to make a run down the strip.

The entry fee is \$5 per person, \$5 per car. Participants under 18 must have parental permission.

"We found that our average age is about 20-21 for Midnight Madness," Scogin said.

"Where I'm from, I'm not used to legal drag racing, this is great," Dustin Daak said. "I love to play 'Need for Speed' and 'Fast and the Furious' I'm looking forward to putting my car out there."

"We can have an enjoyable night, and it doesn't cost much," said Tara McLean, 20. "It's better than racing on the street." ♦

Protest: fueled by recent lawsuit

Coalition includes several organizations

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Legal Affairs Richard Jackson will not do anything to resolve any of these problems because he is part of the president's staff.

"You are forced to file a lawsuit if you

want to accomplish anything," McMoore said.

"African American faculty are not being allowed the same upward mobility," McMoore said. ♦

Members of the coalition pray before beginning the protest. The group had been disbanded since 2005. The protest marked the reorganizing of the group.



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Clarksville Coalition for Civil Rights Leaders is headed by former APSU professor Nancy Dawson (center). She was director of African American Studies from 2001-2005 when she filed her lawsuit against the university. She now serves as coalition chairwoman.

Some sunshine laws remain cloudy

By TANYA LUDLOW
Staff Writer

On June 6, 2006, Gov. Bredesen signed the Sunshine in Government Improvement Act. This act called for the establishment of a joint study committee to review the Sunshine Statutes in Tennessee and make recommendations for improvement.

On Nov. 27, 2006, during the last meeting of the study committee, Alan Johnson, an expert attorney, spoke before the study committee and reviewed some of the issues concerning open government in Tennessee. Johnson outlined the reasons behind the lack of enforcement on the Sunshine Statutes and made suggestions for improving open government.

In particular, he emphasized the need for an ombudsman, a neutral independent source that would serve to collect information and generally be an informational clearinghouse available to everybody.

One of the main appeals of the ombudsman is that the office would reduce litigation and, as Johnson said, "enhance the credibility of open media laws."

Johnson spoke on a myriad of issues concerning openness in government in Tennessee. In particular, he emphasized the need for codification of existing case law.

"The rules and interpretations are not clearly defined in the statute, and thus the court of appeals makes inconsistent rulings," Johnson said. In this vein, the concern over what Johnson says is the "lack of standardizations for copy fees."

He spoke of a potential lawsuit in which his client, a former professor at Austin Peay State University who was considering litigation against the school, was charged \$4 per page for a copy of his personnel file by the university.

The lack of standardization for copy fees means that government institutions, such as APSU, have almost complete discretion in the amount they charge for copies of public records. As Johnson said, "the Attorney General makes it clear that making copies is not a profit center."

Johnson also made it clear that an overriding concern is the lack of punishment for government officials that disregard the Sunshine Statute. He noted that Tennessee is only one of 12 states that have no penalties for violations of Sunshine Statutes.

There are 24 states that have fines for violating open meeting and open records laws, 10 have civil penalties and 42 have mandatory fees and costs. He recommended a \$50 civil fine for officials found in violation. Johnson said, "If a public official violates open meetings or open records law, without a fine there is no incentive to follow the law."

The Open Government Study Committee plans on releasing its final survey and recommendations concerning open government in Tennessee sometime next year. ♦

Local angle

Given the confusion surrounding interpretations to Sunshine Laws and the freedom of information, we asked President Sherry Hoppe what she thought about Sunshine Laws.

The All State: Do you think that administrators and public officials have a good grasp of what Sunshine Laws are?

Hoppe: Sunshine Laws vary significantly in scope and breadth from state to state. Some local governments also have ordinances intended to provide public access to government decision-making. It's impossible for me to determine how knowledgeable public officials are about Sunshine Laws generally, but I do think that APSU stays on top on this issue, because we are fortunate to have a university counsel who helps us interpret the law when needed.

TAS: Do sunshine laws apply to Tennessee universities under the Freedom of Information Act?

Hoppe: No, the Freedom of Information Act is applicable to federal agencies only, not state governmental entities such as APSU.

TAS: During your presidency, have there been any instances in the past when access to a meeting had to be denied?

Hoppe: Meetings of university administrators are not "governing body" meetings as defined by Tennessee's Sunshine Law and are generally not open to the public. APSU's "governing body" is the Tennessee Board of Regents, whose meetings are generally open to the public. However, we have occasionally had reporters at various meetings across campus, and I am unaware of any incident where a reporter has been denied access.

TAS: Have student journalists ever been turned away from a meeting or denied access to public records?

Hoppe: Student journalists are not entitled under Tennessee's Sunshine Law to attend meetings typically held here on campus because such meetings are not "governing body" sessions as defined by Tennessee law. I am not aware of any request for records by a student journalist who is entitled to access under Tennessee being denied.

TAS: Are the open meetings laws significant to the search for a new university president?

Hoppe: Because the search for APSU's new president is being conducted by the university's governing body, those sessions are open to the public. It is my understanding that individuals other than the advisory committee members have been attending the meetings in which screening of presidential candidates is occurring.

TAS: Would you say that Sunshine Laws (whether relating to open meetings or open records) are essential to the functioning of democracies or on a smaller level, institutions of higher learning?

Hoppe: I concur that openness is an essential element for democratic institutions. Universities are not legislative bodies and are prevented by other federal and state laws from conducting much of their business in a fashion that would allow the public disclosure of the personal information of their students (and in some instances their employees). ♦



HOPPE

By DAVE CAMPBELL
News Editor

Last week's meeting of the advisory committee to find a new Ausitn Peay State University president added three new names to the current list that still waits to be reviewed.

Kaylene Gebert, Thomas J. Hynes and Michael Spitzer were all added to the list during the recent meeting that took place on March 22. SGA President Nick Pitts and Vice President Bryan Huffman are also on the advisory committee. March 22 was the final date to submit applications.

APSU President Sherry Hoppe announced her retirement in January and will leave the university July 31. The Tennessee Board of Regents continues its search for APSU's next president.

The committee will meet again to select the final three to five candidates for interviews in the Iris Room of the from noon to 2:30 p.m., April 3 in Morgan University Center.

The meeting is open to the public and press for observing only. There is a brief time prior to the beginning of the meeting in which comments and questions can be addressed to the committee.

The process of going through the applications is left entirely up to the committee. Below is the updated list.

• Robert H. Adams
Tennessee Board of Regents

• Linda L. M. Bennett
University of Southern Indiana

• James William Berry
Butler University

• Kendall A. Blanchard
Georgia Southwestern State University

• William Thomas Bogart
York College of Pennsylvania

• Kaylene A. Gebert
Middle Tennessee State University

• Timothy L. Hall
University of Mississippi

• Michelle R. Howard-Vital
Winston-Salem State University

• Thomas J. Hynes, Jr.
University of West Georgia

• Ann Candler Lotven
Texas A&M University - Texarkana

• Roosevelt Newson
University of North Alabama

• Chrisann Schiro-Geist
University of Memphis

• Bruce W. Speck
Austin Peay State University

• Michael Spitzer
St. Cloud State University

• Jackie Thomas
Middle Tennessee State University

Presidential search narrows to 15

More TBR schools consider smoking ban

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Though SGA did not pass legislation last week, there were still a couple of matters to be discussed at the current meeting.

"Peay" on the Lawn

The proposed spring fling event to take place during the study day at the end of the spring semester on the intramural field is full steam ahead.

Student Life and Leadership, according to SGA President Nick Pitts, has offered to help fund the event along with SGA.

APSU Smoking Policy

Upon the adoption of the smoking policy, it was agreed that the policy was to be reviewed by the President's Cabinet after a year of use.

According to Pitts, the policy is to come under review in the next President's Cabinet meeting in April where they will decide to keep the policy as is or extend the ban to include the current parking lots where smoking is permitted.

Pitts said that Middle Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University and possibly Tennessee Tech were seeking to ban smoking as well.

They were seeking to pattern their policy after APSU's. Richard Longstreth, senator, said that he had spoken with a few representatives from those schools and that the possible adoption of the policy was beginning to ignite controversy.

Pitts also mentioned that at the most recent Tennessee Board of Regents summit, APSU was seeking to have the ability to issue citations to anyone violating the smoking policy.

According to Pitts, the only thing APSU is able to do is send notification when a student has violated the policy. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Disability Awareness Month

April 4
Protect your Investment - YOURSELF
Workshop
1 - 2 p.m. UC 308

April 11
STAR Access - Mobile Unit
2-5 p.m. UC Plaza

April 13
Drive-in Conference
Tennessee Association on Higher Education
and Disability
UC Ballroom

April 18
WBC Challenge
1-3 p.m. UC fr ont sidewalk area

CPR training

The Center for Extended and Distance Education is sponsoring CPR and first aid training for health care professionals, approved for APSU nursing students. For details, call Mary Alice Burkhart at 221-7816.

School of Nursing events

The School of Nursing will host learning events showcasing services that could have local and global implications. Events will take place from 8 a.m. to noon, March 29, in McCord Room 221.

Upward Bound teachers needed

Summer teachers in all subject areas are needed to teach from June 4-July 13. Pick up an application at the High School Upward Bound office at 400 Ford Street.

Adult literacy program

Students are being sought who have an interest to help adults who want to learn to read. This organization is affiliated with The United Way. Minimum requirement would be one hour per week. Contact adviser Karen Sorenson for more information at 221-6246.

Diversity Day

The organization of Student Minority Affairs is sponsoring Diversity Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 28, in UC Room 303. Free food and refreshments will be served, accompanied by musical guests Put Together By God.

Italian Cultural Night

International Student Organization is hosting Italian Cultural Night featuring the movie "Ciao Professore," Discussion and Italian foods will follow the viewing. The event takes place at 6 p.m., March 28, in UC 305. Contact Deanna Hensley for more information at 221-7381.

SGA Elections

Elections are coming up. Voting will take place online from April 2-4 for new executive committee members.

Greek philanthropy weeks show more than letters by giving back

By TANGELIA CANNON
Assistant Online Editor

In every fraternity and sorority, whether it be in the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PC) or National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), each member is continuously trying to raise money for philanthropies. Money is raised in a number of ways. Most of the money, however, comes from the Greek Weeks that each chapter holds for their philanthropy.

Interfraternity Council:

Oct. 4, 2006, Alpha Gamma Rho held Barnyard Bash 2006. This was a one-day event that consisted of each of the three PC sororities competing in events such as volleyball, tractor pull and tug-of-war. The day helped raise money for AGR's charity Farm Aid.

Pi Kappa Alpha held Pike Peak Week from Nov. 27-30. The week was filled with activities that were aimed at having fun and raising money for their donation to Saddle Up. The week involved competing in powder puff football on Monday night, the brotherhood auction on Wednesday night and having PC sororities perform individual skits on Thursday.

"We were able to raise \$1,000 for Saddle Up, a nonprofit organization that implements the use of therapeutic horseback riding for mentally and physically challenged children," said Alberto Mendoza, president of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Jan. 21-26, Sigma Phi Epsilon held their annual Cinco de Seuss week. During this week, each of the sororities were invited to help raise money for Youth Aids. The events included Queen of the Golden Heart, Balanced Man Auction and a skit night. In addition to the activities, they also sold T-shirts and collected money at a table each day, having each sorority compete to raise the most money.

Sigma Chi will hold their annual Derby Days April 1-7.

Finally, Kappa Sigma will have their week April 15-20. Although Kappa Sigma's philanthropy changes from year to year, the money they raise is usually donated to the American Cancer Society.

"Last year one of our alumni had a really rare virus and we used the money raised to help him with [his] medical bills," said Lanny Begley, president of Kappa Sigma.

During the week, each fraternity or sorority will be participating in events such as a field day, where events such as egg races and other relay races will take place, as well as a skit night and brother auction.

They will also be selling T-shirts to help raise money. The favorite activity that takes place during this week is usually the "brother auction, because the brothers get to be creative," Begley said.

Panhellenic Council:

Alpha Sigma Alpha held their annual Ladybug Love Week from Oct. 23-26. During this week they raised \$2,866.60 that was split between Special Olympics and S. June Smith Center.

"We held an 'ASA Doll Face' pageant in which one guy from each fraternity participated, dressing up as their best Raggedy Ann doll while taking part in a question and answer portion, and a talent portion," said Katie Reinhard, last year's philanthropy chair. They also held a basket auction and a skit night as well.

Chi Omega's, Chi-O Cares week was Jan. 28 through Feb. 3. During this week, Chi Omega invited the IFC fraternities to come and participate in events that included a skit night, Chi-O jeopardy and Chi-O King competition. All money that was raised went to help the Make A Wish Foundation.

"Because we are having to share our week with another organization, we have not been able to confirm or plan our week yet," Alpha Delta Pi President Brittany Fuqua said.

However, their philanthropy remains Camp Rainbow and the Ronald McDonald House.

National Pan-Hellenic Council:

Alpha Kappa Alpha held their annual week from Feb. 11-17.



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Representatives from the National Pan-Hellenic Council judge a high school step show as part of the events last week. Events for philanthropy weeks vary and can include anything from community involvement to fundraising.

During their week they hosted Mr. Pearlfection Pageant, a dating game, hump day — which showcased people strolling and stomping. Peay Soup, a forum and on Sunday went to a community church together as a sorority.

"The Mr. Pearlfection Pageant went to Rod Gilkey. He competed in the pageant, where he had to answer questions and raise money for AKA. He was awarded a scholarship for winning," said Tori Brown.

Sigma Gamma Rho held their week March 11-17. They set up a table everyday in the UC and helped raise money for March Of Dimes. No members were available for comment.

Zeta Phi Beta held their week March 18-24. They held events such as a step show at Clarksville High School and had a table set up in the UC. Their philanthropy is "Z-Hope" Storks Nest.

Delta Sigma Theta will hold their week from April 15-20 to help raise money for Adapt and Memorial Hospital. No members were available for comment.

Kappa Alpha Psi held their week from Feb. 18-24. They raised money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. No members were available for comment.

Phi Beta Theta is holding their week March 25-31. No members were available for comment.

Omega Psi Phi will hold their week April 8-14. They will raise money for the United Negro College Fund, and their main event will be Miss Q Pageant. No members were available for comment.

Although the Greek community only makes up 5 percent of the campus population, with just over 400 members total, the Greek community is almost always involved within the community.

As Katie Reinhard said, "Greek Weeks are a great way to raise money for our philanthropies, and it feels good to know that we are helping so many people by participating in all that we can."

"The Greek community is all of us. Although we wear different colors, we are all united. We all work together and should continue to support each other," Brown said. ♦

Tenn. health commissioner visits campus

Top state official explains job



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Susan Cooper, Tennessee state health commissioner, visited with APSU nursing students last Friday. She explained the details of her job and answered students' questions.

World Briefs

Japan makes meek sex slavery apology

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's nationalist prime minister on Monday offered his clearest apology yet to women who suffered in the country's World War II military brothels.

He did not bow to international pressure to acknowledge that Tokyo forced thousands into sexual slavery.

Shinzo Abe's apology came three weeks after he set off a furor by saying there is no evidence showing the women were coerced.

This backtracks from a previous government admission that the Japanese military forced women to work at brothels for its troops.

"I express my sympathy toward the 'comfort women' and apologize for the situation they found themselves in," Abe told a parliamentary committee, using the euphemism for sex slaves that is used by Japanese politicians.

"I apologize here and now as prime minister."

Historians say as many as 200,000 Asian women, mostly from Korea and China, worked in Japan's military-run brothels.

Victims say they were forced to work at the brothels by the Japanese military and were held against their will.

But right-wing Japanese politicians, who make up the bulk of Abe's support base, have in recent weeks renewed efforts pushing for an official rollback on the landmark apology for sex slavery offered by a senior government official in 1993.

Protestant, Catholic parties come together

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The leaders of Northern Ireland's major Protestant and Catholic parties, sitting side by side for the first time in history, announced a stunning deal Monday to forge a coalition of archenemies within six weeks.

"We all saw something today that people never, ever thought would happen," said British Secretary of State Peter Hain, who expects to hand power May 8 to a coalition led by the polar opposites of provincial politics: Ian Paisley's

Democratic Unionists and Gerry Adams' Sinn Fein.

Paisley, a Protestant evangelist who for decades has sought to thwart compromise with Roman Catholics, sat at a table beside Adams, a reputed Irish Republican Army veteran whom Paisley long denounced as a "man of blood."

Throughout the tortuous 14-year course of Northern Ireland's peace process, Paisley had never before agreed to negotiate directly with Adams.

Their agreement, after barely an hour of discussions in the lawmakers' dining hall in Stormont Parliamentary Building in Belfast, called for Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionists to work directly together on a detailed program for government.

Britain, in turn, promised to pass emergency legislation Tuesday that would extend its deadline for a working power-sharing government from Monday to May 8.

On that date, the Northern Ireland Assembly would elect a 12-member administration with Paisley at its head and Sinn Fein deputy leader Martin McGuinness in the No. 2 post.

Gaza crocs concealed under woman's robe

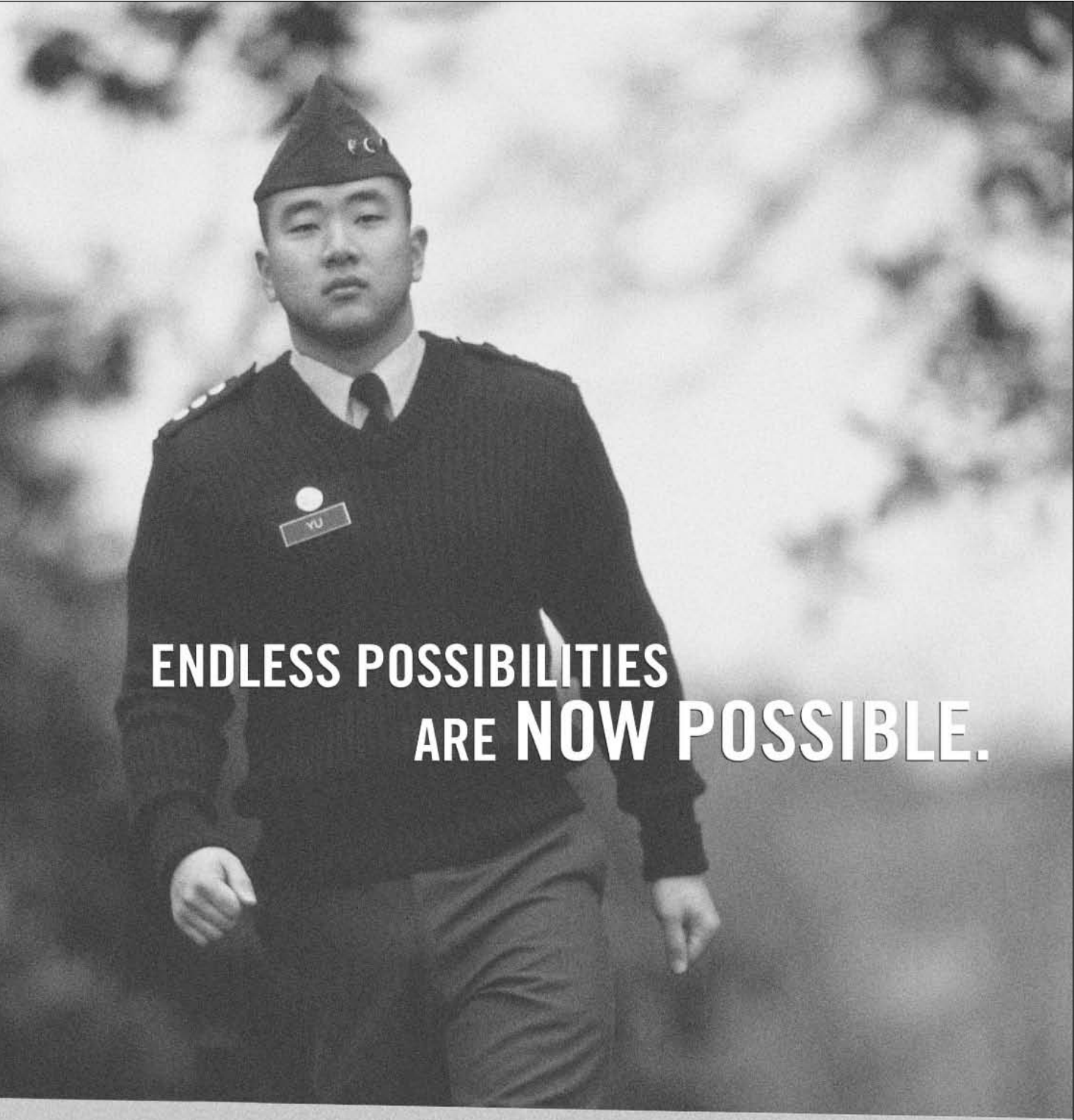
JERUSALEM (AP) — A woman with three crocodiles strapped to her waist was stopped at the Gaza-Egypt border crossing after guards noticed that she looked "strangely fat," officials said Monday.

The woman's shape raised suspicions at the Rafah terminal in southern Gaza, and a body search by a female border guard turned up the animals.

Each was about 20 inches long, concealed underneath her loose robe, according to Maria Telleria, spokeswoman for the European observers who run the crossing.

"The woman looked strangely fat. Even though she was veiled and covered, even with so many clothes on there was something strange," Telleria said.

The incident, which took place on Thursday, sparked panic at the crossing. ♦



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OUR TAKE

Rock the [SGA] vote

The elections for the executive council members of the Student Government Association are almost here. It is now time to start considering who you will vote for. More importantly, it's time to consider what you want in return for your vote.

We at *The All State* are closely involved with many of the campus organizations here on campus and do not take lightly something as important as the SGA elections.

Why are they so important? It's because the decisions that these future officials make during their term will have a direct effect on you — our readers.

You're not just our readers. You're members of Austin Peay State University. We all are, and as students, it's our responsibility to weigh the issues surrounding our campus and vote accordingly. What are the things we want to see happen? What are the things we want to ensure don't happen? What are some new goals

that we all can benefit from? These are some of the questions that we should ask ourselves over the next couple of days. After careful deliberation in these matters, we must find the right candidate who wants the same thing we do and vote for that person.

For those of you who aren't sure about what to consider in terms of issues for SGA, here are a few ideas. What are things that you want to see happen in terms of the parking on campus? Perhaps the SGA can work with APSU's president to make something happen. What are things you would like in terms of the smoking policy or campus unity? Is the current SGA executive council influenced too much by the administration?

Wherever these questions may take you, the common thread that relates each of them together is this: What should the priorities be for the newly elected SGA officials? Here is what some of our editorial staff had to say:



Editor in Chief
Mandy Rogers

"The office of SGA president requires determination, ingenuity and strength. Whoever is elected must understand that pleasing everyone while maintaining equality is not guaranteed and often unrealistic. We should be able to vote for: a vision — not a platform, a plan — not a promise, a student — not a politician."



Sports Editor
Michael Kellum

"The newly-elected officials should work with the administration to quickly and efficiently correct the mold problem in our dormitories and other campus buildings. Students don't need free T-shirts. They need adequate living quarters."♦



Assistant Features Editor
Sarah Bullock

"I think it would be a good idea to see what are the top three or four things that are important issues to students. The elected officials should do their best to accompany their needs as long as it focuses on APSU."



Assistant Perspectives Editor
John Ludwig



GRAPHIC BY MATT FRAZIER/ STAFF

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YOUR TAKE

I, too, respect Walter Cronkite but not left-wing orthodoxy

I am responding to an opinion article that appeared in the March 21, 2007 edition of *The All State*: "I Respect Walter Cronkite," by Jack W. Butler. Very rarely do I take the time to critically dissect a writer's work; if I did so regarding every article I read I would scarcely have time for anything else. There is a statement made in this particular article that troubled me enough to compel a rebuttal.

As the author relates his memories of Cronkite's reportage of events in the Middle East, he writes the following: "I felt the anger and frustration of an oppressed people living day-by-day in the dirt streets of a Third World country forced off their land by a more powerful government. I choked on the DDT sprayed from the backs of Israeli tanks as they drove down Palestinian roads, poisoning the unborn children."

It is an arresting bit of writing, so much so that the editor of the Perspectives section, a friend of mine, saw fit to highlight it in a larger font beneath the story title. Perhaps, however, Mr. Kasey Henricks should have asked the author to clarify and, by-the-by, possibly provide some source to back up the second part of that statement, the part having to do with Israeli tanks, DDT and unborn children.

Having followed events in that region for many years and being familiar with the catalogue of accusation and counter-accusation that makes up much of the Israeli/Palestinian debate, I was unfamiliar with this particular story. Having spent several hours the previous night Googling the elements of that sentence, I could find no reference to it anywhere except for an oblique reference to Israeli use of DDT recently published on an obscure Web site. Even so, the story was discounted as doubtful.

Not even in Counterpunch or Indymedia — usually reliable repeaters of any and all anti-Israel libels — could I find anything about this. But leave that aside; let us take the story at face value for a moment. The time period referenced in the article covers Cronkite's career as an anchorman on CBS (1963-1981). During much of that period, DDT was widely used throughout the world. Did this supposed Israeli use of DDT occur before or after the chemical was phased out by most countries in the 1970s-1980s? Britain, after all, was still using it in 1984, and DDT continues to be used by some countries today as a means of controlling Malaria outbreaks.

During the time period referenced by Mr. Butler (1963-1981), the use of DDT in the Middle East region would probably not have been a news story. But again, leaving that aside, Mr. Butler blithely goes on to imply — strongly — that the Israelis used DDT for the purpose of poisoning the Palestinian people, particularly unborn children. This is despicably egregious. The author also implies that he "learned these things from listening to the truth of one man's words," from Walter Cronkite's words.

I seriously doubt that Walter Cronkite said anything of the kind attributed to him here, just as I seriously doubt that Mr. Cronkite ever bothered to repeat the Arab accusations that Israeli Jews make matzoh with the blood of Palestinian children. The story that Mr. Butler relates is strikingly similar to the anti-Semitic libels of the Middle Ages, particularly to the accusations of well-poisonings during the period of the Black Plague, which resulted in a plethora of anti-Jewish riots and murders.

In this case, however, the story also conveniently serves to lessen any pro-Israel sentiment as a result of the Holocaust, by implying that Israeli Jews are or were deliberately gassing a civilian population. After all, Zyklon B, which was used to gas millions of Jews at Auschwitz, was also a pesticide. Thus, the Israelis are made out to be the same as the Nazis, at least if one buys into this story.

Nice. The author takes a story about Walter Cronkite and his journalistic integrity and as an example of that integrity, he inserts a nice gratuitous anti-Semitic slap that Cronkite would most certainly not have used or countenanced. So, the Israelis used DDT for the purpose

of poisoning unborn children; Mr. Butler, do you really remember Walter Cronkite reporting this particular story in just this way? Or is it more likely that your own bias led you to make a bigoted statement, using an apocryphal story and the cover of a well-respected journalist to validate your own peculiar perspective?

I suggest that Mr. Butler's memory is as defective as his understanding of journalistic standards. For instance, he states that as a child he vicariously "crouched in the steamy jungles of Vietnam when Cronkite made his living as a war reporter." Highly unlikely, considering that Mr. Cronkite's war-correspondent days were 1939-1945 — the period of World War II, not of Vietnam (1964-75). Perhaps the author was thinking of Dan Rather.

As for Mr. Cronkite, he served as a national political reporter for CBS from 1952 until his elevation to anchorman in 1963. In 1968, he did go to Vietnam for a brief period during the first Tet Offensive, after which he returned and broke character for one of the rare times in his career, offering up his opinion that the war was lost.

In any case, the author attributes Cronkite's (Rather's?) reporting from the jungles of the "Nam" to his development of empathy; an empathy so highly and extraordinarily developed that he could comprehend the sights, sounds, smells, and even the emotions of war as a result of watching one-minute stories on the evening television news. Allow me to say, as a veteran of the Iraq War, that this statement is grossly insulting to every man and woman that has actually experienced war. In plain fact Mr. Butler, you don't have a clue.

Forget that the writer's disturbing tendency to relate TV to real experience is reminiscent of Homer Simpson's constant outbreaks of "false memory," where the latter confuses events that took place in TV sitcoms with his own real life. Forget the overt appeal to the emotions that occurs throughout the piece, a piece which I strongly suspect has more to do with the author's desire to display his holier-than-thou commitment to left-wing orthodoxy than it does with honoring Cronkite.

Forget all of that and consider instead that, even in the opinion section of the newspaper, there is a responsibility to be factual and accurate. Opinion and analysis do not preclude the basic tenets of solid journalism. If a newspaper wishes to descend to the level of the worst sorts of bloggers, those whose opinions are rarely troubled with or informed by facts, then by all means, this is the way to go. If not, a newspaper's writers and editors should strive to truly emulate Walter Cronkite's legacy, not just say they respect it and then proceed to tear it to rags.

Philip Grey
APSU alumnus
history and political science

I don't want to see any butts

Smokers, I'm talking to you. Look, it's already clear that we have poor decision making skills because we pay money for something that's been proven to kill. Sure, it kills at a barely noticeable snails pace but it'll kill us all eventually. But while we're on this expensive, smelly, death-quest, let's not exacerbate the already negative public perception of our smelly wheezing crew. What you ask could possibly make us look like larger fools than we are already making ourselves look like? "Butt Placement." And I'm not talking about that sorority sister's decision last weekend to rub on you at the Front Page last Wednesday. I'm talking about litter. Sitting out in one of the smoking areas today, I noticed a small army of smooched cigarette butts lying around in the grass. There were so many I assumed there was no ash tray out there, which would've prompted a totally different letter to the editor, but sure enough there was one in tossing distance from the benches. Is it all that hard to put them where they are supposed to go? As long as we're trashing campus, we'll be perceived as trash as well.

Jason Baggett
Junior
Broadcast Communications

This week's poll question:

"Is America ready to elect a female president in 2008?"

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Marching towards peace Marching towards justice Marching to the Pentagon

By **DANIEL MAURER**

Guest Writer

Forty years ago, in 1967, roughly 50,000 demonstrators marched from the Lincoln Memorial to the Pentagon. A group of protesters, inspired by hippie activist Abbie Hoffman, was attempting to levitate the Pentagon. This was one of the major demonstrations against the Vietnam War, and it helped to stimulate further activism against the unjust and immoral war.

Fast-forward to the present. This year tens of thousands of protesters again marched on the Pentagon, this time to protest the unjust and immoral occupation of Iraq, as well as a whole host of issues which have led these protesters to call for President Bush's impeachment. One need not have been present in order to understand the full magnitude of the grievances. Consider the lies the administration told to rush the American people into an undesirable and un-winnable war. Consider the torture carried out in our names. Consider the spying. Consider the human costs, as well as the billions upon billions of dollars already thrown down the drain. Consider the increased risk of terrorism. Consider the veritable wars on science and journalism. Consider the obfuscation of the facts and the inability or unwillingness to acknowledge the American people's will.

After considering all of these things and many others, the real question wasn't: "Why were these people protesting?" The real question was: "Why wasn't everyone?" Well, to be honest, a great many were. The march on the Pentagon was only the keystone to a whole series of protests across the country between March 17 and March 20 of this year, a date that incidentally marks the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Tens of thousands showed up in Los Angeles and nearly as many in San Francisco. The numbers were genuinely staggering.

Well, it just so happens I was there on March 17 in Washington, D.C., and I

witnessed firsthand the passion and courage that these protesters possess. Some were understandably angry. Some were sad. Some were cheerful in spite of their circumstances (it was bitterly cold). Most had a sense of urgency and optimism that surprised me, probably as a result of the skewed perspective provided by the major media. I have to be fair — there were also large numbers of people who showed up to demonstrate against the demonstrators. They were a less diverse group — mostly veterans who claimed to be protecting the various war memorials from alleged threats of vandalism. I have my doubts. On one side of the street an objective observer might have noticed protesters claiming that there is "No War but the Class War," or one might have heard middle-aged men and women singing the lyrics to John Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance." On the other side of the street you would find a smaller group, primarily composed of white males, shouting insults like "Traitors," "Sissies," not to mention a whole host of expletives hurled across the divide in the presence of small children. I won't even bother to describe the various death threats I witnessed.

There is no doubt that the event was an historic marker for both sides involved. There is no doubt, for any individuals concerned with the facts, that the numbers in protest of the war far exceeded those of the "pro-Bush" crowd. The question undoubtedly on many protesters minds wasn't whether they were doing the right thing, but rather would it be enough. Will it ever be enough? Many activists, including some of the chief organizers of the event, are expanding their definitions of "democracy" in an attempt to counteract the virtual cold-shoulder they've received from the administration and many in Congress. To find out more about these developments, visit:

- <http://www.worldcantwait.org>
- <http://www.impeachbush.org>
- <http://www.answercoalition.org>♦

Identity is not ascribed

I'd like to talk to you about how I'm a struggling minority of Korean heritage and how I've been persecuted because I identify myself with other Asian Americans. All of you could read about my life and think, "What a fighter. What



**Assistant
Perspectives Editor
John
Ludwig**

fortitude and tolerance." I'd like for you to read and think that, but in reality I'm not a struggling minority and I don't identify myself as an Asian American. Why? It's just the way I was raised.

Before I go any further, there is some truth about what I just said. Coming from a Caucasian father and Korean mother, my oriental features dominated my classification throughout most of my early childhood. I was often the object of prejudice but mostly untactful inquisitions: "Are you Chinese?" said my fellow classmates from fifth grade. So I am not a complete stranger to bigotry. It's not a good feeling to have someone you don't even know call you a "chink" without provocation.

Yes, I have been subjected to mild prejudice not because of my identity, but because of my appearance. This prejudice is something that died away as I entered puberty and my father's European features flourished in me. Persecution and alienation went out the window when I started to look more white. Any surprise?

That's all well and good that I could escape the intolerance that darkly pervaded our country in the decades before, but it didn't really matter to me. Why? I didn't really view myself as Korean. You see, my parents divorced shortly after I was born, with my father gaining custody of me. I haven't seen my mother in years. As a result, I've spent all of my life disconnected from my Asian heritage and after all this time, I simply view myself as a typical white American.

It goes to show the power of assimilation. In the absence of my mother to reinforce my Korean lineage, I quickly became absorbed in the Caucasian mainstream. And despite my acknowledgement of this, I don't feel as if I'm turning my back on my heritage. Korea is not where I come from. It's where my mother comes from. My identity is not determined (or at least shouldn't be) by where my parents are from; where I'm from and the environment I live in determine my identity.

Granted, the identity I now assume is not entirely of my own accord. It does have a lot to do with the people I befriended and the isolation I experienced. As a result, the ability to reconnect to my mother's heritage has become increasingly difficult. The instances in which I encounter other Asian Americans illustrate this. Every so often when I'm out and about, someone of oriental background will approach me and try to engage conversation. My oriental features, though obscure, still shine through, prompting the age-old question, "Are you Asian?"

And even though the inquisitions are innocent, the response that springs through my mind every time is one of annoyance. Deep down, I don't want to be bothered. My lips will reluctantly say, "Yes, I'm half Korean," but my mind will say, "You don't know me. Leave me alone. Don't come talk to me just because I look somewhat Asian." It's a rude and mean-spirited attitude and from my pessimistic perspective, truly American. ♦

THE ISSUE

Social Identity.

WHY IT MATTERS

The world is filled with diversity. Understanding different points of view is a must in our pluralistic society.

WHAT'S NEXT

Raise awareness. Recognize difference. Overcome division. Unity is community.

Social Identity



GRAPHIC BY MELINA PEAVY

Gay is normal

Some individuals often ask me whether or not I would take a pill to become "normal." This "normality" is apparently a reference to "heterosexuality." I tell them no. I'm quite normal, actually. I can see, think for myself and use all my limbs.



**Perspectives
Alexander
Elliott**

I'm also capable of showing love, which is quite normal. And it's normal for me to love a man, as it may be normal for another guy to love a woman. I didn't wake up one day and decide to like men. It's a natural feeling for me, and I'm more than fine with that. Do you think my ancestors decided it would be cute to change their skin color one day because they looked forward to being harassed, enslaved and perpetually mistreated? Get a grip.

I was born black and gay. Pretty normal to me. I don't need a special pill to reverse the feelings and love, which my Creator happily gave me. When people ask me that, I find it funny. Maybe I should start asking them if they'd like a pill to turn gay. I'm sure some of them don't appreciate their natural preference for the opposite sex.

I'm proud of who I am. I look forward to getting down on one knee and asking for my husband's hand in marriage. I look forward to helping my husband get ready for work and taking care of our children. I look forward to soccer practices, dance recitals and prom preparation. I look forward to retirement, paying off the mortgage, sending my kids to college and growing old with my husband. That's normal for any family.

Maybe we aren't as different as we seem to my heterosexual counterparts. And that's normal. As for my gay constituency, please stop denying yourself the right to a happy, healthy life. Please stop thinking that you are second-rate citizens. Stop telling yourself, "It's only a phase." Please

stop marrying the opposite sex, only to end it a few years later when you realize that you can't change who you are. Stop leaving wives bitter and heartbroken with children confused about why daddy started dating Mr. Smith down the street.

"A real man stands up for who he is, where he comes from and where he's going."

It pains me to see so many gay men in denial, spiraling in a world of self-hate, emotionless sex and insecurity. Realize that you were born at a time where you can make a difference for future generations. Show the world that your worth, masculinity and power are not dictated by who you sleep with.

A real man stands up for who he is, where he comes from and where he's going. I'm not saying it's going to be a walk in the park, but you have to weather the storm to finally see sunshine. Younger gay generations need to see that it's not a problem. It's not a sin. It's not the end of the world.

When are we going to come together and set that example? As long as you stay in the closet or let others dictate how you should act or be, then you're part of the problem, not the solution. And you piss me off. ♦

Blinded by whiteness

It's easy to be sympathetic to the underprivileged, but viewing those who are labeled as such all too often makes the privileged feel more grateful for what they already have. This perception removes the responsibility the privileged have to their counterpart, and ignores a bigger picture that encompasses both of those who have and those who do not. It causes the connections of the privileged and the deprived to remain unexamined.



**Perspectives Editor
Kasey
Henricks**

Sympathy, at least, acknowledges that compassion is still intact for fellow humans. But sympathy alone is not enough. Sympathy reveals compassion, but it does not obligate actions of humility. Flip the coin on this perspective. If some people are generally underprivileged, then that means others are over-privileged. Understanding that being over-privileged affects the underprivileged brings the responsibility to resist many benefits when they come at another's expense. Just like Peter Parker's uncle once said, "With power comes great responsibility."

"There is not a white guy ... who would trade places with me — and I'm rich."

— Chris Rock

Being white means being born into privilege. W.E.B. Dubois once wrote, "Whiteness is ownership of the world." Being white means having a birthright. White people are born into a world run by and run for other white people. A person is less likely to ever question his or her racial legitimacy in a world that reflects his or her skin color.

Privilege in a world ruled by domination means that many benefits received by white people are unearned. Scholar Robert Jensen (who is white) articulates it best, "[Whites] all have plenty of help to achieve whatever we achieve. That means that some of what we have is the product of the work of others, distributed unevenly across society, over which we may have little or no control individually. No matter how hard we work or how smart we are, we all know — when we are honest with ourselves — that we did not get to where we are by merit alone." Though plenty of privilege benefits whites, the problem with white people's whiteness, as James Baldwin observed, is that it goes on unexamined.

Many whites do not understand what it means to be privileged. Being white means being born into special advantages and immunities. But the whites who fail to recognize this need to understand that "privilege" is not a one-dimensional term — it has both relative and absolute meanings.

Privilege is relative in the sense that we live in not only a racially divided country, but we also live in a country divided by class. This results in stratification; unequal distributions of power rank people accordingly. We see relative privilege where many white elites have better access and opportunity in such things as education, housing, the job market and the institutions of law and order when compared to whites of lower socioeconomic status. The privileges that come with being white are limited by social status; rich whites have more privilege than poor whites.

However, we see absolute privilege when we set the backgrounds of blacks and whites equal in such areas as socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, education and work — and being white trumps all. It's absolute in the sense that being white guarantees certain advantages over being non-white — advantages that can be evidenced by the many racial disparities that exist in this country today.

Being white is being privileged. For those who still don't follow, I'm reminded by something that Chris Rock once said in his performance "Bigger and Blacker." He said, "There is not a white guy ... who would trade places with me — and I'm rich." For all those white people out there, ask yourself: "Would you be treated differently if you were not white? Would your life be different?" The answers to these questions may reveal some of the psychology of what being white means.

Those who do not see that being white means being privileged have dehumanized themselves through denial and allowed themselves to believe that we all live in a fair world. This simply is not reality. Privilege and depravation are products of a society plagued with racism. The tragedy is when this reality is not acknowledged by whites because being white means that we don't have to think about being white. But every person has inherently racist perceptions, no matter what race that person is. As Edward R. Murrow said, "We are each a prisoner of our own experience." Being white and over-privileged is blinding because it allows whites the security to never have to examine it. But acknowledging one's social identity (race, class, gender, religion, ethnicity, education, etc.) and how it affects the identities of others (privilege and deprivation) is a step towards understanding differences and overcoming divisions. ♦

Student Government Association

The SGA Open House will be on March 28, 2007 at 12:20 p.m. in the SGA Office.
Come out and meet the candidates!

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**The Debate / Question
and Answer Session will
be held in the
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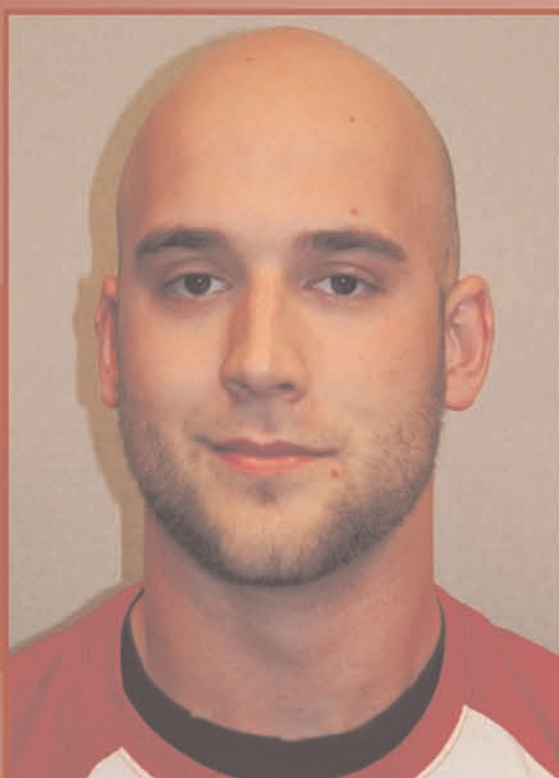


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This week in history:

1889

France premieres the opening of the Eiffel Tower located in Paris on March 31, 1889. The tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel and remained the world's tallest man-made structure until 1930.

1987

Philadelphia police respond to a 911 call and uncover a torture chamber in the home of Gary Heidnik, who was a former mental patient and convicted sex offender. Heidnik's was later used as an inspiration for twisted killer Buffalo Bill in *Silence of the Lambs*.

Word of the Day:

panoply \PAN-uh-plee\ • noun
A wide assortment or variety.

Example:

"Jeff's house was furnished with a panoply of up-to-date home entertainment devices."

Quote of the Week

"I think there are only three things America will be known for 2,000 years from now when they study this civilization: the Constitution, jazz music, and baseball."

—Gerald Early

Did you know?

~The fear of Friday the 13th is called paraskavedekatriaphobia.

~Every square inch of the human body has an average of 32 million bacteria on it.

~Most lipstick contains fish scales.

~The venom of a female black widow spider is more potent than that of a rattlesnake.

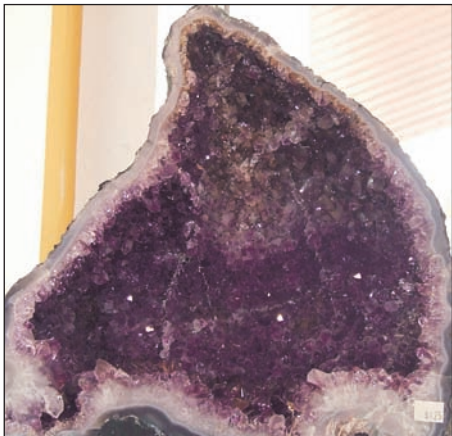
~The number *four* is the only number in the English language that has the same number of letters in its name as its meaning.

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Downtown hobby store really rocks



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR
Just as the name implies, RocknRocks has a wide selection of unique and beautiful rocks.



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR
The store has a huge selection of beads, available in a rainbow of colors.

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Staff Writer

One bead, two beads; red beads, blue beads; black beads, brown beads; old beads, new beads, every bead you can imagine. RocknRocks, a jewelry store on Franklin Street in downtown Clarksville, is the perfect place to express your creativity and unique style by making customized jewelry out of high-quality beads made from coral, wood, glass, gemstones and even bone to name a few. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, RocknRocks can provide you with an afternoon filled with relaxed, imagination-inspired, fun.

"Most people think they're not creative, but once they get started, they love it," said Mellanie Morgan, a RocknRocks employee. With a little patience, you can personally design and make earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Morgan said she likes to re-create the jewelry she sees in fashion magazines for a much cheaper price. "The prices here range from \$5 to \$100," she said. "You can always find something for your budget."

RocknRocks also offers consignment services. Independent jewelry makers are encouraged to bring in their pieces, set their own price and sign a contract allowing RocknRocks the ability to sell it for them. All RocknRocks asks for is a 20 percent cut from the cost of the piece being sold. This gives fledgling jewelry artists an opportunity to make their work public. Caroline Casteel, the 7-year-old daughter of RocknRocks owners Rick and Dede Casteel, makes her own jewelry and sold three pieces when her parents placed her work on display. All the experience she has in making jewelry has come through observation. "I learned by watching and doing it myself," she said. "It's really cool and fun to make."

If you're feeling unsure about your jewelry-making ability, you can always take one of several classes RocknRocks offers, such as a basic jewelry-making class on the first Saturday of

RocknRocks Information

Location: 111 Franklin St.
Clarksville, TN 37040

Phone: (931) 245-6400

Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m.-6p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

each month.

Also offered is a pearl knotting class on the second Saturday of each month. Both classes start at 11 a.m. and cost \$25, which includes materials and use of tools. You also get to take the finished product home with you. If you sign up and pay in advance, you get a \$5 discount. RocknRocks employees suggest signing up early though, because the classes are often packed. Other classes include wire weaving for rings and bracelets and lessons in how to make textured polymer clay dangle earrings. The price for each class varies, so if you are intrigued go to RocknRocks official Web site: <http://www.rocknrocks.com>.

RocknRocks also carries wire, elastic and tools so you can make your own jewelry at home. If you don't want to go to the store, you can buy all your jewelry-making supplies from the RocknRocks Web site. RocknRocks has one of the largest selections of beads online, most of which are imported from China and India. Dede Casteel said that 95 percent of RocknRocks income stems from online purchases. "I'm glad we're not dependent on our location," she said. "We're not as affected by the issues that affect other merchants." This gives RocknRocks the freedom to be what the Casteels want it to be: a place where they can express and pass on their passion for jewelry. ♦



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR
RocknRocks sells handmade jewelry and holds classes that teach how to make similar pieces.



SHANNA MOSS/PHOTO EDITOR
The staff can help buyers decide what stones to purchase in order to achieve a desired look..

APSU's Chemistry Club formulates interesting spring break

By HEATHER CLARK
Staff Writer

Mention Spring Break and most college students will think of sunny vacations or a simple week-long reprieve from rigorous studies and midterms. Few will think of liquid nitrogen and chemical reactions. Those few are true members of science clubs.

During Austin Peay State University's spring break, second graders at Barker's Mill Elementary School were treated to three days of scientific fun, courtesy of APSU's chemistry club.

The camp was part of the chemistry club's Outreach program run by faculty adviser Carrie Brennan and club treasurer Paul Maizan. Club member Chris White explained that the goal and purpose of Outreach is to give back to the community by visiting local schools to show kids the fun side of science.

Several students got to be part of interactive demonstrations designed to show, according to Maizan, "what actual science entails." Maizan gave combustion demos and inflated hydrogen balloons. Children even got to taste the exciting side of science with treats like liquid nitrogen ice cream and root beer made with the help of dry ice.

It's a great program for everyone involved. Kids

get an opportunity to have a fun, interactive and visually stimulating experience. Chemistry club members get the chance to work with the community. Most of the members who were first involved in the program admitted that the biggest incentive was the extra credit points offered. Once involved, however, they found further rewards in the experience. Extra credit is what first got freshman Niki Boyer into Outreach. For her, it was hardly a chore. "I love kids, and I love chemistry."

The time and work involved in assembling the project were quick to become secondary concerns. Maizan considers the club's efforts well worth it. The payoff for him on a personal level is "the fulfillment of seeing kids have such a great time." He feels that their mission is accomplished when, after their demonstrations, kids come up to them and talk about how cool science is. The kids also get a small glimpse of college life and student affairs, a road that lies just barely ahead.

"Chemistry club is a very involved group," said Chris White. The rest of the semester offers a green lecture series for the group, as well as the opportunity to judge regional science fairs. Outreach will continue throughout the semester with its last demonstration at Cumberland Heights Elementary on April 27. ♦



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The chemistry club entertained second graders at local Barker's Mill Elementary School [using demonstrations and experiments] during spring break.

Spring blossoms on campus



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The smells, sights and allergies of spring are taking the campus by storm and leaving their mark on vehicles, sidewalks, and students. Among the most developed blossoms are this and other trees in front of Claxton.

'The Onion's' news goes global

Associated Press

Having already blossomed as a newspaper, Web site and book publisher, *The Onion* — perhaps the most dominant provider of fake news anywhere — is bringing its brand of humor to the hot medium of the moment: Online video.

The dispatches on The Onion News Network, which went live Tuesday, aren't likely to be causing much missed sleep over at CNN and Fox News Channel, unless those outlets start covering fake news stories like Civil War re-enactors being dispatched to Iraq.

But on the Web, *The Onion* will be going up against several others who have already established themselves in comedy video, including Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

Much of that awareness, however, came from unauthorized clips being viewed on

Google Inc.'s YouTube, something that Comedy Central's parent company Viacom Inc. is suing YouTube over for \$1 billion.

Sean Mills, the president of the closely held company that runs *The Onion*, says he has "some tolerance" for unauthorized use of clips, and is optimistic that the company will reach a mutually beneficial arrangement with YouTube.

Clips from The Onion News Network will also be available for free downloads on Apple Inc.'s iTunes store, and Mills said the company is in talks with other Web companies about possible distribution deals.

In the meantime, *The Onion* wanted to give its audience as much flexibility as possible, and will allow features that are

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Students and faculty members at Austin Peay State University were able to enjoy a few days of rest and relaxation during spring break.

However, now it is over and spring is here. This season brings something else to look forward to (or dread) that probably is not considered as exciting as a free week from school or work — it's time for spring cleaning.

Spring cleaning is seasonal tradition of cleaning the home, bedrooms, and appliances, because they might get little to no attention during the winter months. Avoid procrastination and beat the summer heat by decluttering your home and using natural products that help get the job done.

This is allergy season. So, to reduce the chance of having an allergy attack, change the air filters and purifiers when needed.

According to the seller of Achoo Allergy and Air Products, "The air in your home is about 10 times dirtier than the air outside and allergens have been accumulating during the months of winter."

Another often overlooked source of allergens being released into the air is through vacuuming, where irritants will slip through filters.

In order to increase the efficiency of the filters and vacuum bags, make sure to change the bag before vacuuming to avoid polluting the air in your home. These simple steps can help create cleaner air, which can help alleviate allergy symptoms.

Instead of using harsh cleaning products, try natural, inexpensive products like lemon juice, vinegar and baking soda (they are also less damaging to your lungs).

Lemon juice can be used to put the shine back into brass and copper; vinegar, with equal amounts of water can be used as a solution for multipurpose/disinfectant (good for cleaning blinds and windows); baking soda is an excellent product that gets the build up of dirt off of sinks, tubs and kitchen appliances and can also be used for laundry.

Use baking soda when washing your bedding, sheets, curtains and pillows. Because baking soda is a chemical, make sure you test it on a small area before applying it to the whole surface area in order to prevent discoloration.

Also harsh chemicals should not be used on certain surfaces, such as marble.

Another way of getting the house in order is by cleaning cluttered closets. A closet that is disorganized can be frustrating, especially when something is needed



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Simple ingredients can be used to make safer, homemade cleaners.

in a hurry.

If you plan to keep textbooks (for future references), or other items not used regularly, use a storage box and place it in a closet out of the way. This provides an organized method of storage, since everything is in one box and can easily be labeled.

If attempting to get rid of old clutter and needing extra cash, consider selling those used textbooks or even having a yard sale for items like clothing and small appliances.

If you are the more charitable type, consider donating your useless belongings to stores like Goodwill annually to reduce the clutter.

By doing these simple things, you can create a much cleaner and healthier living environment. Also, you can feel good about yourself by using environmentally-friendly cleaning products and if you make donations to places such as Goodwill, you receive the added benefit of knowing you helped to give back to the community by helping others receive merchandise at an affordable price.

The presence of this colorful season is satisfying to the eyes; however, an unclean, cluttered room is not, so take the necessary steps to spring into cleanliness. ♦

Harold Ford Jr. challenges generation of today to be aware

By JESSICA BAIRD
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“The greatness of our country rests on the shoulders of this generation,” said Harold Ford Jr. during the IMPACT symposium last week.

Speaking to several hundred students and politically conscious Tennesseans at Vanderbilt University, Ford continued his crusade for the youth of America to become more politically aware.

Although President Bill Clinton wasn’t in attendance, his previous description of Ford paints a strong picture of Ford’s unwavering determination to make some changes within the current political realm.

“[He is] the walking, living embodiment of where America ought to go in the 21st century,” Clinton said.

Last November, Ford’s crusades led him to the closest Senatorial race in the history of the Volunteer State.

Although Ford was defeated by less than three percentage points by Republican Bob Corker, he has not faded from political or public view.

Currently, Ford teaches a course on American political leadership at Vanderbilt University.

This course, according to his students, gives the charismatic Ford a perfect outlet for spreading his infectious passion for politics and his desire for the younger generations to be informed and active in the political arena.

“I’d rather him be Senator Ford, but having him at

“The greatness of our country rests on the shoulders of this generation...This moment is our moment.”

— **Harold Ford Jr.**

Vanderbilt is the next best thing,” said one of Ford’s students in an assessment of his teaching skills.

In his speech, Ford echoed this student’s statements when he jokingly said, “I thought I’d be doing something else. In fact, I’d want to be doing something else. But you grow and mature through losing.”

Although the classroom has provided a new and unexpected outlet for Ford, his stance behind a podium at the IMPACT symposium showed that he is confident in any arena.

Prior to his most recent stint as a guest professor, and his run for U.S. Senator, Ford served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 10 years.

Ford is the youngest speaker in IMPACT’s 43-year history. Past speakers include Robert F. Kennedy, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Donald Rumsfeld and Colin Powell.

The focus of this year’s IMPACT symposium was “The Political Landscape.”

The political landscape is broken in several places and, according to Ford, is in serious need of a facelift. The area in which our country is lacking the least amount of direction, he said, is the war in Iraq.

“The real tragedy is not that the administration was wrong,” Ford said.

“The real tragedy is that they have not tried to correct their mistakes or try to learn from them.”

Even though Ford shared his frustrations with the current administration, he said his faith continues to guide him through both this indefinite war and the muddled political landscape.

When discussing President Bush, Ford said, “I pray for the guy every night and you should to, at least for the next year and a couple months.”

Although some Americans may feel that the situation in Iraq is out of their control, Ford would disagree.

His desire for Americans, especially the younger generations, to capture this opportunity to be heard was reiterated multiple times throughout the IMPACT symposium.

“This moment is our moment. [Decisions in our government] are determined by our involvement,” he said. “If we allow our government to belittle us, it will do just that.” ♦



FILE PHOTO
Harold Ford Jr. addresses the public at a public rally last year during his campaign for state senate.

Mental health problems no laughing matter

Soldiers , families often caught off guard by mental disorders after soldiers get back home.

By LORI PERKINS
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Fort Campbell soldiers have been involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom for over four years now.

Whether familiar or unfamiliar with the territory, they have to live in a desert climate with bullets flying around not knowing if they will live to see the next day.

Unfortunately, some do not.

Those who are fortunate get the opportunity to come home, adjust to a normal life and reunite with loved ones.

Still, they face hardships when they arrive home and realize that they have to fight a war inside their home and possibly inside their mind.

Once troops arrive back to Fort Campbell, they are removed from a war zone and placed back at home to function with family and everyday work. According to <http://www.MilitaryOneSource.com> after a traumatic event like a natural disaster, accident or act of violence, many people feel a flood of emotions.

They feel afraid, stunned, shocked or as though what they experienced wasn’t real.

We hear about certain issues some soldiers are faced with while at war (the sight of blood being shed or their fellow members killed) or when they return home they

find out about a cheating spouse, death of a family member, suicidal thoughts or are just unable to re-adjust.

According to the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, the estimates indicate that of the 22,000 deployed troops assigned to the 101st, 12-17 percent will return with a mental problem which will warrant evaluation and treatment from a mental health provider.

The disorders are likely to require treatment for depression, alcohol and drug problems, marital problems and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD.)

Mental health services are available as soon as soldiers step off the plane. Every soldier follows a seven-day reintegration model incorporating post deployment health assessment tasks.

The first day soldiers return, they are briefed and given opportunities to talk about any combat stress concerns.

On the fourth day of reintegration, soldiers have a face-to-face screening by mental health technicians and are provided with immediate referrals to mental health providers if necessary.

The DBH, Family Advocacy Program, Military One Source and the Veteran’s Administration are going to organize a plan that will extend early prevention and provide therapy for soldiers and their families.

Maj. Michael McGhee, M.D., chief of the DBH, works as a mental health expert for the 101st Airborne Division.

He treats adults, children and substance abusers. He

knows that the probability of soldiers returning with mental issues is high.

“The best cure for mental health is prevention. Take time to take care of yourself. If you feel you have a problem, come in early. It makes a world of difference,” Major McGhee said.

Mental health will continue to be of service to the soldiers even if they don’t accept the help that is available for them.

According to BACH, they currently have 32 licensed mental health providers available for soldiers and family members at Fort Campbell.

Over the past six months, BACH’s behavioral health staff provided 7,890 therapeutic and counseling sessions to adult patients.

From September 2006 to January 2007, there were 1,781 appointments unfilled. There are support programs available to soldiers and families 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The returning troops are coming back from an area often riddled with tension and fear, but yet they they fail to seek further help and after the relieving the mandatory help provided. The mental injuries inflicted by war often require the same degree of professional help a physical injury requires.

If you know a soldier that you suspect is suffering, one way to show support for them is to encourage and remind them that there are medical experts on or off post that can help them deal with psychiatric problems.

Remember, it is suggested by doctors that prevention is the key factor when mental health is at risk. ♦



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Maj. Michael McGhee, M.D. is a mental health expert for the 101st Airborne Division.

Signs of post-traumatic stress:

- Nervousness and anxiety — paranoia of danger still existing
- Depression — loss of energy or interest; negative changes in mood
- Anger and irritability — feeling anger towards people you love
- Mood swings — having trouble controlling your emotions
- Flashbacks — seeing images and vivid memories of event
- Difficulty concentrating — forgetting ordinary routine

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popular on video-sharing sites such as allowing Web publishers to embed clips into their blogs.

“We want as many people to see our news reports as possible,” Mills said. “We can work out a deal with YouTube when they’re ready.” *The Onion’s* network will start out with two new video clips per week, supported by ads.

An in-house staff of eight people will work on the videos, which have a professional look to them despite the buffoonery being discussed, such as a top-level technology executive who is forced to sell his estate and take a job managing a TGIFriday’s after his job goes to an illegal immigrant.

Scott Dikkers, one of the founders of *The Onion* who returned about two years ago and is now its editor, says the company is frequently approached with offers to do television shows but so far has turned them all down.

“What makes *The Onion* what it is is that it’s a totally uncensored voice. If you go through a network filter, you get a totally different vibe,” Dikkers said. “I don’t need someone to tell me what I can’t do.”

While the subject matter of the videos is sure to be funny, based on samples reviewed ahead of the

launch, it’s also a real business that a number of advertisers have already signed up for, including Dewar’s Scotch, Hyundai and Red Stripe Beer. Mills said he expects the online video operation to become profitable by the end of the year.

All this comes as *The Onion’s* print publications continue to expand. In early April it will launch an edition in Washington, its 11th, bringing its total weekly circulation to just over 700,000.

The Washington Post Co. is providing printing, distribution and help with advertising sales in the Washington edition in exchange for a share of revenue. Its print publications remain profitable, but *The Onion* is moving more and more toward the Web, where it now draws about 60 percent of its advertising revenue versus 40 percent from print, about the reverse of where it was four years ago, Mills said.

And while *The Onion* is happy to indulge its audience with a lot of flexibility over how and where to view its new video product online, its patience isn’t unlimited.

“If 98 percent of viewing is on YouTube, we need to figure out how to support that,” Mills said. “I think they’re motivated to make it work for people like *The Onion* who make the content.” ♦

Legendary composer, renowned conductor in residency at APSU

Lee Hoiby and John Whitwell fill the Roy Acuff Chairs of Excellence in the Creative Arts hosting master classes, concerts and informal speeches.



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Lee Hoiby takes a bow after the world premier of his 2007 piece, “American Parade”.



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John Whitwell guest conducts the Symphonic Band after a week of residency.

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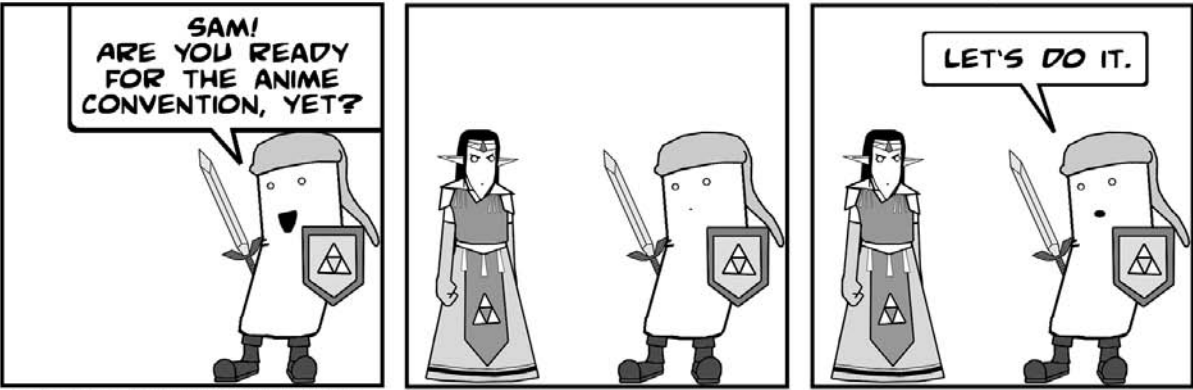
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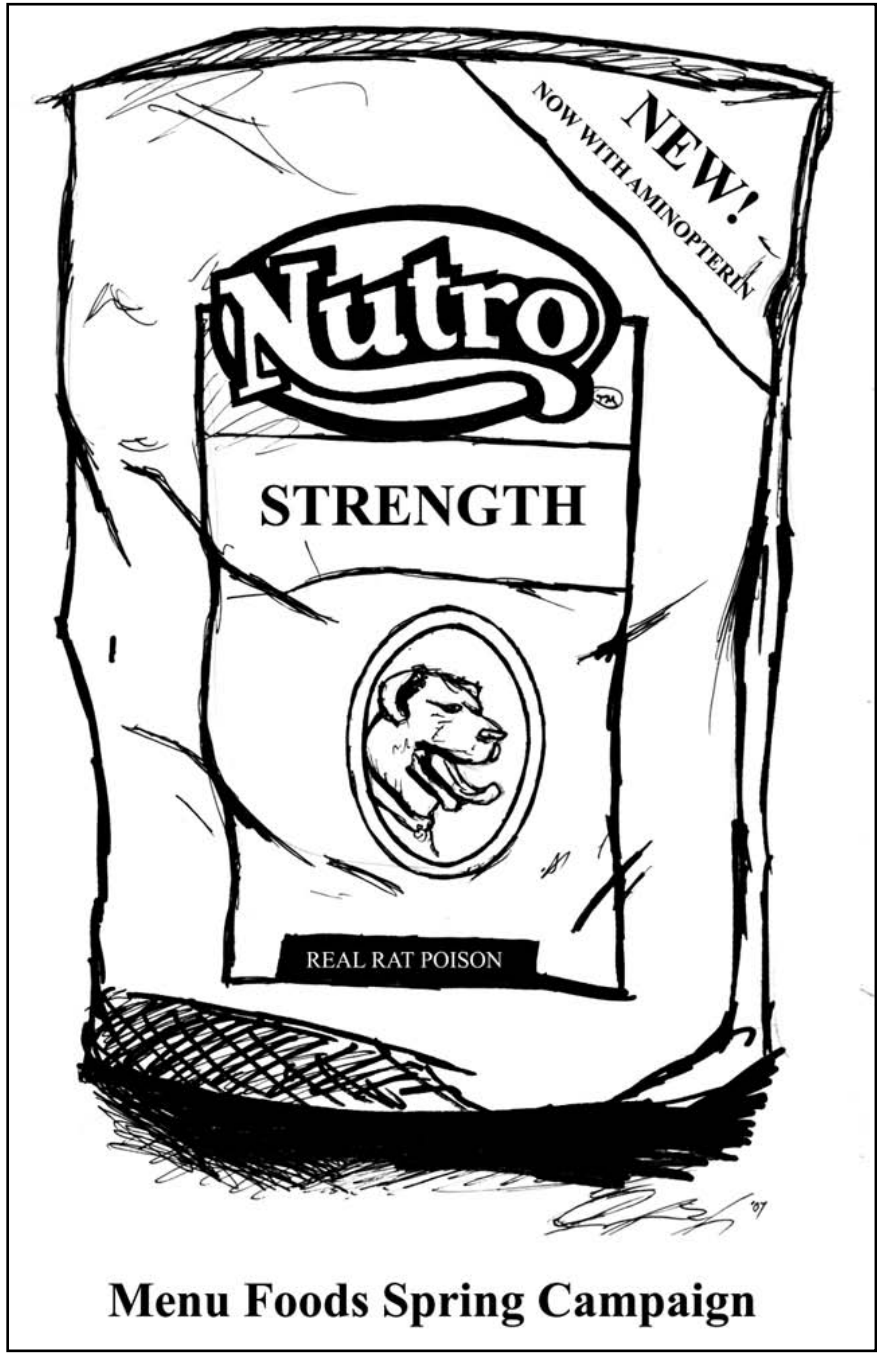
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Tennis teams lose to Eastern Illinois



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The doubles team of Michelle Liew and Mariana Pagan started off strong in their first five games but couldn't keep it up and eventually lost, 8-2, to the doubles team of Natalie Martin and Hayley Homburg from Eastern Illinois. Their next match will be against Morehead State on March 30

Both lose with a score of 6-1, will try to bounce back against Morehead State

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer
The Gobs tennis teams both lost on last Sunday with identical scores of 6-1 to Eastern Illinois University. On the women's side, the No. 1 doubles team of Mariana Pagan and Michelle Liew started off strong in the first five games but then fell apart. Liew almost double faulted an entire game and they stood no match against the consistency of EIU doubles team of Natalie Martin and Hayley Homburg. Liew and Pagan lost 8-2. The other doubles teams of Virginia Penner and Laura Gonzalez lost 8-2, and Isabel Rzezniczek and Beth Kistler lost in a close one, 9-7. APSU singles teams did not finish well either. Pagan lost 6-2, 6-3; Rzezniczek lost 6-0, 6-0; Liew lost 6-3, 6-2; Gonzalez lost 6-0, 6-0; and Kistler lost 6-1, 6-4. Penner pulled out the Lady Gobs' only win, defeating Stephanie Harmazy, 6-2, 6-3. The men's No. 1 doubles team of Lucas DeBrito and Nick Gallauer had great

overheads and volleys. They also both rushed the net consistently, which proved to be the other team's Achilles heel. EIU's team of Vuk Milicevic and Brandon Leafert lost 8-5. The Gobs teams of Patrick Puertolas and Will MaGee lost, 8-6, and Leandro Zenklusen and Leonardo Locatelli were defeated 8-5. On the singles side, DeBrito served up some aces against EIU's Chuck Levague. DeBrito had to switch his game around against the lefty but ended up falling by a score of 6-3, 6-0. The No. 3 Locatelli won his fourth-straight match and his third-consecutive conference match against Leafert with straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (10-4). Zenklusen's third set was an emotional roller coaster. It went back and forth just like a tennis ball, and he ended up dropping the match 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 to Chris Thomas. Puertolas lost 6-3, 6-1; MaGee lost 6-3, 6-1 and Galluer lost 6-2, 6-3. Both teams will travel to Morehead State on March 30 hoping to pick up a win. ♦



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Lucas DeBrito hits against Morehead State. DeBrito lost in singles play 6-3, 6-0 and also fell short in doubles play with his teammate Nick Gallauer.

Lady Gobs track and field competes in Alabama Relays during weekend



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Sophomore Melissa Nobbs runs the 3,000-meter steeplechase during the Spring Fling earlier this month, which was held at Austin Peay. APSU will host the Austin Peay Invitational, Saturday, April 7.

Sophomore Bertha Castillo finishes fifth in 1500-meter run, sophomore Jen Pond gets top-20 finishes in shot put, javelin

BY MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer
The Austin Peay State University women's track and field team went to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to participate in the Alabama Relays last weekend. Teams from over 10 schools, including Georgia, Southern Miss., and Vanderbilt, competed for four days. In events that averaged more than 20 athletes, the Lady Gobs left everything out on the track to put together a solid performance. After breaking the APSU record in the 10,000-meter run last week, sophomore Bertha Castillo continued to perform well this season by finishing fifth out of a huge field of 52 participants in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:39.91. Castillo was only four seconds off the school record in the event and 10 seconds behind winner Lauren Williams from Belmont, who finished in 4:29.35. Sophomore Jen Pond posted the only other top 20 finishes for the team in two events. First, Pond threw the shot put 42-02.25 (12.86m) to take 13th place in the event. The first-place throw was 53.09 (16.38m) by Chandra Brewer.

Next, Pond continued to throw well, taking eighth place in the javelin with a throw of 128 feet (39.02m). Krista Woodward from Georgia made the first place throw of 153 feet (56.06m) and broke the Canadian Record. Last weekend's javelin throw was just seven feet shy of Pond's personal best and was also the fourth straight meet where Pond has placed in the top 10. Highlights for the rest of the team included personal-best times posted by sophomore Tameka Southern and freshman Julie Wood in the 400-meter dash. Southern finished with a time of 1:01.29 and took 24th place. Wood took 28th place, finishing with a time of 1:01.85. Junior Becky Horn from Western Michigan won the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.86. The 800-meter run was won by Tiffany McWilliams from Adidas with a time of 2:04.44. APSU freshmen Tracee Gruskiewicz and Breonna Brown set their personal bests in the event. Gruskiewicz ran a 2:22.91 for the 20th spot, and Brown finished in 22nd place with a time of 2:23.99. The Lady Gobs' next event will be the Austin Peay Invitational, Saturday, April 7. ♦



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OPINION

APSU’s best athletes
are home-grown ones

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Senior Staff Writer

There is no place like home. That should be the Austin Peay State University athletics department’s motto, considering nearly every Govs or Lady Govs sports contains athletes who grew up and went to high school in Clarksville. Take football, for instance. The Govs’ all-time leading rusher is Clarksville High graduate Chris Fletcher, who easily eclipsed 3,000 yards in 2006 to surpass the former record of 2,995 set by Jay Bailey from 2000-2002.

And can you guess where Bailey hailed from? None other than Clarksville High himself.

You can move to the receiver spot where Lanis Frederick makes his living. The sophomore, who set the Govs’ single-season record for reception yards and receptions, was Fletcher’s teammate as a Clarksville Wildcat.

In men’s basketball, the story is the same.

Sophomore Drake Reed, a former standout at Clarksville-Northeast High School, led the Governors in scoring (15.8 ppg) while also claiming the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year award.

Sophomore Ashley Beck set the Lady Govs soccer team career record for goals scored with 14 this season, posting seven in each of her first two seasons.

Beck is just the first example for the soccer team since head coach Kelley Guth has signed two more — Clarksville Academy’s Mary Beth Burchett and Montgomery Central’s Michelle Johnson.

Are you getting tired of examples? Well, these are just a few players who have impacted APSU either in their career or this season and are from Clarksville.

Although many of APSU’s athletes are from all over Tennessee and some even mostly from various states, it’s nice to see so many local athletes grow up around this university and then be able to contribute to its athletics.

With one of the most famous military bases, well over 100,000 in population and seven local high schools, it’s no surprise there are so many good athletes in the area.

I personally have watched many of the incoming freshmen signees, and I can tell first-hand that the future is bright for athletics not only at APSU, but in Clarksville overall.

Michelle Johnson spent her senior year at Montgomery Central turning opposing defenses into a shooting gallery, posting over 30 goals, while Burchett’s tenacious offense and defense will be an incredible asset to the Lady Govs soccer team.

So, you might be asking yourself, what’s my point? The point is for anyone who are Governors fans of any kind, whether you are from the Clarksville area or not, you don’t have to wait for your favorite Govs or Lady Govs team to start in order to see great athletes and teams.

As I have said, there are seven local high schools with which a good portion of their athletes are enrolling at APSU each year.

Take some time out of your schedule and drop by a high school game. I promise, you won’t be disappointed.♦



YOUNG

Govs open up OVC season with losses

APSU gets swept over the weekend
against Jacksonville State on the road

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

In Jacksonville, Ala. the Austin Peay State University baseball team began Ohio Valley Conference play last weekend confidently because they had won their last nine games.

However, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks opened the Govs’ OVC season with a three-game sweep this weekend.

The Govs’ OVC season began with a doubleheader on Saturday. In the first game, the Govs seemed in control after scoring four runs in the fourth inning to take a 5-1 lead.

Senior pitcher Shawn Kelley was harassed by Gamecock hitters all day. His trouble peaked in the bottom of the eighth when he was nailed in the right ankle by a line drive hit.

Kelley stayed in to pitch to the next batter, Eric Beck. Beck rewarded Kelley’s toughness with a two-run home run over the left field wall.

Kelley pitched seven innings, allowing six runs on 10 hits and six strikeouts. Sophomore David Vicini closed, allowing one run on one hit.

The Gamecocks scored the game-winning run when Jake Ball hit a single, advanced to third on a Vicini wild pitch, then scored on another wild pitch making the score 7-6.

In the second game, Jacksonville pitcher Ben Tootle held the Govs at bay for six innings, allowing only one run in four hits and striking out seven.

Conversely, four APSU pitchers combined for 13 runs off 12 hits and one strikeout in the game. By the sixth inning, the Gamecocks led 13-1. Senior Jake Lane was the only Gov with multiple hits in the game, going 3-for-3 with one RBL.

The Govs tried to rally in the ninth, but only scored three runs to make the final score 13-4.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, APSU junior Will Hogue started a new hitting streak after his 10-game streak ended Saturday. Junior Tyler Farrar led off with a

single, and junior Levi Chesire was hit by a wild pitch from Jacksonville State pitcher Donovan Hand.

Hogue then smacked a two-run double into the outfield to give the Govs the early 2-0 lead.

Hand made up for his early error by shutting down the Govs until the ninth inning. Hand pitched an impressive complete game, allowing only three runs on six hits and striking out 12 batters. Nine of Hand’s kills came in the last four innings.

Senior pitcher Matt Reynolds pitched seven innings for the Govs. Reynolds allowed four runs on six hits and struck out six. Three of those runs came in the fifth inning.

Reynolds hit the lead off hitter. Then another runner got on base off a sacrifice bunt that resulted in a Govs error.

Gamecock Nick Clecker hit a line drive to right field that was misplayed and turned into an in-the-park home run that put Jacksonville State ahead 4-2.

Lane came up big offensively for the second day in a row with a home run in the bottom of the ninth.

But Hand was merciless from the mound, and the final result was another APSU loss, 4-3.

The Govs fell to 12-9 overall and 0-3 in OVC play. They hope to make up some ground in the OVC this weekend when they play a three-game series at Morehead State.♦



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior pitcher Shawn Kelley struggled against Jacksonville State in the first game, allowing six runs on 10 hits in seven innings. Junior Will Hogue saw his 10-game hit streak come to an end after going 0-for-4 in the first game. Junior J.B. Gilbert now has the longest-game hit streak with 11. With the sweep over the weekend the Govs are currently 0-3 in the OVC.

Upcoming Govs Baseball
Schedule

- Wed 28 vs Evansville
- Sat 31 vs Morehead State
- Sun1 vs Morehead State
- Tue 3 vs Western Kentucky
- Wed 4 vs Vanderbilt

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APSU hires former Govs quarterback

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

The new start to the Austin Peay State University football team can finally take off now that they have a leader in newly-hired football coach Rick Christophel. APSU was on a frantic search after the sudden February resignation of head coach Carroll McCray to become an assistant coach at Furman University.

“This is really exciting,” said Christophel. “The atmosphere is really good, and we have to keep this kind of atmosphere going the whole time and do the things that we have to do as far as getting people back involved in this football team.”

Christophel will take over a Govs’ team that finished 3-8 last season and are heading into their return into the Ohio Valley Conference, which they haven’t been a part of since 1996. Christophel is no stranger to APSU or the football team: He was a 1975 APSU graduate and has 25 years of coaching experience, including a 10-year stay as an assistant coach at University of Alabama-Birmingham. While at APSU, he was a four-year starter, playing safety his freshman year before moving to quarterback for the next three seasons. Christophel finished his career ranking second in passing and punting yards. As a quarterback, he completed 175-of-384 passes for 2,073 yards and 14 touchdowns, while as a punter he averaged 35 yards a punt.

“It’s been my dream for a long time to sit down and talk to the players and tell them what direction I would like to go,” Christophel said. “The reason to get in this business is because of the players. The wins and losses will come, but if you get the right kind of players and you get them to play the way we expect them to play then I think that we will be OK.” The

vacancy for the head coach position was one that drew plenty of interest with 70-plus coaches applying, hoping to be that special coach to bring APSU back to dominance.

“The final selection was very difficult,” said APSU president Sherry Hoppe. “I felt that Coach Christophel was the best match for APSU. I am confident not only that he will provide the kind of leadership we need to be competitive in the OVC, but also that he will represent APSU with character and integrity both with our team and our community.”

Christophel began his coaching career at APSU as an assistant coach from 1979-1981 where the Govs recorded back-to-back 7-4 seasons, including a 5-2 mark in the OVC during 1980.

“This is a young team that is still growing,” Christophel said. “The maturity level is not there yet so we may have a chance to grow and be a little bit better than what people think we are, but we won’t know that until we get to evaluate in spring practice.” ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
APSU named Rick Christophel the football program's 17th head coach. Christophel, who spent the last 10 years as an assistant at UAB, will lead the Govs as they return to OVC play in 2007.

OPINION

Writer searches for sports-loving woman

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

As a sports fan, it is easy for me to envision and write about the activities of other sports fans because I assume they are watching and wondering the same thing I am.

Will Florida repeat as national champs and make me ball up and eat my bracket sheet while tears stream down my face? Can anyone stop Kobe Bryant? How does Daisuke Matsuzaka throw that strange looking “gyroball”? Who is going to catch all of Vince Young’s passes next year?

Honestly, I also have to admit that I assume most of the sports fans I envision are men. When you think of the average sports fan wearing his or her favorite jersey and cap, yelling at the television or sitting at a sports bar high-fiving their friends, is that sports fan a woman?

Every man dreams of the woman who will include seeing the Pro Bowl as part of their honeymoon in Hawaii and considers watching the game and letting her have the last chicken wing as quality time spent together.

In honor of National Women’s History Month, I decided to go to the source and separate fact from fiction. I asked the women of Austin Peay State University to help me find the truth about the female sports fan.

The first six women I attempted to interview claimed not to have an opinion on sports because they did not play or watch any. I popped a couple of mints and continued my quest.

Next, I discovered a group of women who reminded me of some guys I know who watch women’s volleyball and tennis. They admitted that they watch sports to look at guys. Unfortunately, they did not want their names on the record. However, they did provide me with some insight.

I had previously heard that some women could tell what sport a man played by looking at his butt. These humble ladies informed me that NBA shorts are too long, every baseball team should wear white pants regardless of their team colors and football players have the greatest butts in sports.

Amused, enlightened, but unsatisfied, I continued my search and eventually found junior Charity Garrett.

Garrett attends college sporting events to support her cousin who plays for APSU. She does not play any fantasy sports or read any sports articles, but she watches sports on TV.

“I watch softball and football on TV,” explained Garrett. “My favorite sport is softball because I used to play it in high school. Also, I don’t like the Colts. I always go for the Titans.”

Ironically, Garrett does not watch sports with her boyfriend.

“I have a boyfriend, and I believe he watches sports,” said Garrett. “I don’t know. I’m usually not with him when he watches. We don’t watch sports when we are together.”

I feel Garrett represents the average female sports fan that does not play sports. Sophomore Brandi Jones was another example I found.

“I watch basketball, mostly college,” said Jones. “I like it because people get so into it. It is a pretty intense game. You have to have a lot of talent to play.”

Although Jones likes to watch college basketball, she is not suffering from March Madness.

“I like Austin Peay and I think Duke is pretty good,” explained Brandi. “I don’t read the newspaper to keep up with them or anything like that.”

I did not find a woman anxiously watching ESPN in the food court with her brackets filled out and a copy of Sports Illustrated in her bag.

I did find a diverse group of intelligent women that range from the casual admirer to the athlete who may someday become the next correspondent for Monday Night Football. The next time I expound on the plight of the sports fan, I will definitely have a more complete vision to inspire my words. I promise to only occasionally entertain the fantasy of watching the Super Bowl with Halle Berry in a Titan’s jersey. ♦

Lady Govs win two of three games against OVC rival Morehead State



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Ami Bush recorded two hits, two runs and one RBI in the first game against Morehead State. Bush also had one run and two of the Lady Govs’ four hits in the third game during the weekend. The Lady Govs won two of three games against Morehead State, losing the second game in an 8-0 shutout, and are now 15-11 overall and 4-2 in OVC play. The loss in game three dropped MSU to 2-6 in the OVC. The Lady Govs’ next game will be a doubleheader Wednesday against Belmont starting at 3 p.m.

Senior Natasha Anderson pitches herself into record book with 790th career strikeout

By ANDREW SOLARSKI
Guest Writer

The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs softball team traveled to Morehead State last weekend and picked up two wins out of three games. The Lady Govs won the first game behind a record-breaking performance by senior pitcher Natasha Anderson. On her 15th strikeout of the day, she registered her 790th career strikeout, breaking the record held by APSU Hall of Famer Angela Thompson, who played for APSU from 1992-1995.

Anderson finished the day with 16 strikeouts. APSU did not produce much offense in the first game until the sixth inning, where the Lady Govs scored three of their five runs while holding their opponent to one.

In the second game, a costly error in the bottom of the first proved to be too much for the Lady Govs to overcome. Ashley Taylor, APSU’s left fielder, dropped a fly ball from the first Morehead State batter.

Morehead proceeded to score four runs in the first inning and continued to rack up runs and hits on pitcher Lacey Briscoe.

Morehead finished with eight runs on 12 hits in six innings of play to defeat the Lady Govs 8-0.

Anderson completely took over the third game. She picked up her second win of the weekend and notched her overall record to 10-5. She also recorded 10 strikeouts, bringing her weekend total to 26.

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— Jim Perrin, head women’s softball coach

the third, Anderson hit a sacrifice fly to score what would eventually be the winning run.

Overall, head coach Jim Perrin was pleased with his team’s performance. Although, he said he felt that the second game on Saturday was the worst game that he had seen his team play all year.

“We still aren’t taking what we do on the practice field onto the game field,” Perrin said. “On the practice field and in the batting cages, we are so relaxed and confident. I think that in game situations, we think too much. We just need to relax.”

Perrin was very proud of Anderson, though, saying, “She pitched extremely well.”

He still believes that his team is, “a lot better than we are playing,” which is a good sign for the Lady Govs because with a 14-10 (4-2 OVC) record they are in the top four in the Ohio Valley Conference. ♦



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior pitcher Natasha Anderson became the Lady Govs’ all-time strikeouts leader during the weekend. Anderson got her 790th strikeout against Morehead State, passing APSU Athletic Hall of Famer Angela Thompson. She is 10-5 for the season so far and capped the weekend play against Morehead with 27 strikeouts. Anderson also helped in the third game with a sacrifice fly that eventually turned into a winning run.

Upcoming Lady Govs Softball Schedule

March 28 vs Belmont at Lady Govs Field	April 3 vs Lipscomb at Lady Govs Field
March 30 vs Samford at Lady Govs Field	April 6 vs Tennessee Tech in Cookeville
March 31 vs Samford at Lady Govs Field	April 7 vs Tennessee Tech in Cookeville