



# 1,500 newspapers stolen from campus

By SARAH BULLOCK  
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's campus police are continuing to investigate the theft of 1,500 copies of *The All State*, APSU's student newspaper that reported on the recent arrest of senior leading basketball scorer Anthony Davis.

Nine buildings had empty newspaper racks, including Claxton, Clement, Trahern, MMC, Sunquist Science Center, Kimbrough, Blount and Meacham.

Reports of the stolen papers trickled in from as early as 10 a.m., and by the afternoon, *The All State* filed a report with campus police. Newspapers were found in dumpsters, recycling bins and trash cans. A felony theft is any offense over \$500.

The losses for the newspaper, because of advertising revenue and double printing costs, were estimated at \$1,500. Davis received a citation on March 22 after a routine health and safety check in Meacham apartments

for simple possession and alcohol containers on campus, and was arrested for the former offense.

His arraignment is set for April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in Clarksville's general sessions court.

If Davis is convicted of the simple possession charge, he could receive the maximum sentence of 11 months, 29 days in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

The day before *The All State* printed the story covering his arrest, Davis contacted Martin Fox, editor in chief, three times with concern that information in a story that would be published was false. "He was polite," Fox said.

"But he called me three times and told me three times he wasn't arrested and handcuffed and dragged down to the police station."

While Davis was not handcuffed, he was, as police reports indicate, "he was under arrest."

Campus police said they cannot do anything about the stolen papers, and technically cannot call them stolen.

"If you're going to give something away, you can't enforce someone not to take it," said director of public safety, Lantz Biles. "This is not considered a felony because the papers are free. You can't add up all the money you put into a free product that someone stole, if you want to call it that, and charge him or her for a felony. I do not have the legal authority."

*The All State*, while a student-run newspaper, is paid for through advertising dollars. Student scholarships at the paper are funded in part by university money.

"We have been observing the surveillance tapes but in each building we can not identify when someone picks up a newspaper if they have more than one or even who it is," Biles said.

"Even if we could, all we could do is refer it as student misconduct. I can't go asking questions without a warrant. What we need is for students to be frank and honest but students are not going to talk about other students if it was a student," Biles said. "We're back

at square one."

The First Amendment Center indicates that it is difficult to prosecute thieves who have stolen campus newspapers, at times entire circulations due to the stories published, but it is not impossible to punish offenders.

Other campus newspapers concur, such as those in the city of Berkeley and the state of Maryland, which have passed newspaper theft laws in their respective areas.

These laws were passed, in Berkeley for example, for the theft of a student newspaper, which endorsed the current mayor's opponent.

"I am deeply disappointed that someone would resort to stealing newspapers," Fox said. "We have a staff of over 50 students who work really hard to produce this paper each week."

Regardless for the reason behind these thefts, the general consensus among legal experts is that the theft of newspapers is a heinous act of intimidation and oppression of the freedom of the press. ♦



Several copies of *The All State* were found in open a dumpster behind the Dunn Center Wednesday afternoon. Newspapers were also found in trash cans outside seven other buildings around campus.

## New Hispanic Cultural Center opens



AMANDA COCHRANE/STAFF  
Erica Albarr, Pi Nu Vice President; Tina Tarpy, Pi Nu president and Renaud de Saint Ceran, make sombreros for the Hispanic Cultural Center opening on April 13.

By ROBERT BUTLER  
Staff Writer

The Hispanic Cultural Center will open on April 13 with a lab and workshop for students majoring in Spanish. Tina Tarpy, a small group of students and faculty felt that the atmosphere was right for a center since last October.

"A group of Spanish students, myself, Ramon Magrans and Miguel Ruiz made a proposal for Sherry Hoppe last October," said Tarpy, a senior, foreign language major and president of Sigma Delta Pi (the Hispanic honors society).

The center will be available to all students, and will be especially beneficial to students of Spanish—including workshops and computers that are set up in Spanish.

The purpose of the center is to broaden the Clarksville community's sense of the Hispanic languages, cultures and history. "The center will provide the resources that every student needs to study the history, literature and the arts of the Hispanic culture," said Tarpy.

The new cultural center will be located on the first floor of Austin Peay State University's Morgan University Center.

The Hispanic Cultural Center looks similar to the atmosphere to the African American Cultural Center in that it will have a television, couches and artwork. "We are trying to get Spanish artwork also," said Tarpy.

Ramon Magrans, professor of Spanish who hosts the study abroad trip to Mexico, said that he has been pushing for a Hispanic Cultural Center for nearly 23 years and that he is willing to work with students in the workshops. "We now will have the resources it takes to work with Spanish students or anyone who wants to know more about the language and the culture," said Magrans. The grand opening will occur on Wednesday, April 13 at 12:00 a.m. Free tickets can be picked up at the information desk in the UC with a valid APSU ID. Though the permanent hours of operation for the center are not yet concrete, students interested in more information about the Hispanic Cultural Center should review the announcements on the APSU website or call the center at (931) 221-6645. ♦

## Outsourcing the children



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF  
Students of a pre-kindergarten class at the Emerald Hills Child Learning Center hold up signs with various opinions that express opposing views on outsourcing.

### APSU attempts to maintain Child Learning Center and budget

By AMANDA COCHRANE  
Assistant News Editor

According to Barbara Phillips, vice president for Austin Peay State University's Student Affairs office, consideration of outsourcing the Child Learning Center is a possibility in order to maintain a healthy budget.

"There is a strong possibility that we will consider outsourcing the management and operation of Child Learning Center," said Phillips.

The Child Learning Center takes care of the children of APSU students, faculty and staff in two different locations. The main

center is the Sexton building the works with children 6 weeks to 4 years of age, and the Emerald Hill houses the Pre-K class, which is 4-5 year-olds.

According to Phillips, outsourcing is only one of many options. Another option is to revise some of the ways that the Child Learning Center is operating to provide a more efficient way of service. "With operation costs soaring everyday, we just feel that we need to look at all the options," said Phillips.

Currently, for Student Affairs there is no request for a proposal on any of the options that are looking into.

When asked about possible raise in fee rates, Phillips said "What we are trying to do is maintain the ability to maintain quality childcare service without having to raise fees either at all or with any great significance."

Currently, fees rates can cost up to about \$130 a week depending on the age of the child. "The people who have children there should care that they are getting quality care, they should care that we have a quality program, and that we are doing that at a reasonable cost to them," said Phillips.

"So that is why we are taking a look... are there other options for us to consider in order to do that." ♦

## Theft by dining services employee

By AMANDA COCHRANE  
Assistant News Editor

Aramark employee, Sondra Meriweather of 408 Howard St. Clarksville, TN 37040 was arrested on Monday, April 4, according to Austin Peay State University Campus Police for theft of property and identity theft.

A student reported his or her Govs ID stolen and campus police monitored transactions made with the missing card, said campus police.

Lt. Ron Szlosek made the arrest at Killebrew Hall after the student's Govs ID was used in the C-Store, Cafeteria and food court, according to campus police. Dining services Director Jeff Richardson, declined to comment on the case.

Police did not have the official report available at press time and said it would be completed after Szlosek returned from a two-week vacation. ♦

## FBA player dies of spinal cord injury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former NFL defensive lineman Al Lucas died Sunday from a presumed spinal cord injury sustained while trying to make a tackle for the Los Angeles Avengers during an Arena Football League game, the team said.

Lucas was pronounced dead at California Hospital after attempts to revive him were unsuccessful, team physician Dr. Luga Podesta said in a statement.

"It is with great sadness that we confirm the passing of Al Lucas."

At this time, the thoughts and prayers of the entire Avenger organization are with his wife and family, team owner and chief executive officer Casey Wasserman said in a statement.

The 26-year-old Lucas was injured during a first-quarter kickoff return against the New York Dragons.

Television replays showed Lucas bending down to make a tackle. The Dragons' ball carrier and a blocker tumbled over his head and back, with the blocker's leg appearing to hit Lucas in the head.

Lucas did not move after falling to the ground.

The 6-foot-1, 300-pound lineman played two seasons (2000-01) for the Carolina Panthers, making 49 1/2 tackles in 20 games. He attended Troy State from 1996-99 and won the Buck Buchanan Award his senior season as the top defensive player in Division I-AA. ♦

## Students elect new SGA executive council for upcoming semesters

By AMANDA COCHRANE  
Assistant News Editor

With the primary and run-off election complete, the Student Government Association has its new executive committee.

Both the initial election and the presidential run-off election brought 1,384 votes total, making this a record election year. In the presidential election, Kevin Kennedy received the majority of the votes with 746 to Will Ward's 227 votes.

In Kennedy's platform statement,



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he said, "As a member of the previous Executive Committee,

I have gained knowledge and experience about the practices of SGA here at Austin Peay. I will continue to advance SGA, placing a new emphasis on legislative and policy-changing initiatives. Also, I will ensure SGA remains an important part of the

many of the programming activities on campus."

Kennedy is eager to hold the position and has already set his agenda for upcoming plans.

"Currently, we are planning to attend a Constitutional Assembly retreat April 16-17 where we will build teamwork and define our goals for the new General Assembly. We have developed quality programming traditions the past few years and hope to continue those, but also plan to expand our role in legislative



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processes for the students," Kennedy said.

The run off election for the office of vice president, Nick Pitts won with 362 votes. Deanna Hensley received 234 votes.

In reaction to winning the vice presidential race, Pitts said, "I am pumped up!"

Ally Lambert won the election for

secretary with 360 votes. Bruce Anderson received 321 votes.

"I am so excited about this opportunity and I cannot wait to get started! Kevin and Nick are both very bright guys and I think that we are all going to work very well together to get things accomplished," said Lambert.

Write-in candidate for president, Martin Fox garnered 57 votes, while Kristin Crandall, who was a write-in candidate for vice president, received 71 votes and ran on the same ticket. Crandall's 71 votes pushed the vice

presidential election into a run-off.

"We decided to run as write-ins because we see SGA elections as more of a popularity contest than a real selection of preferred political ideologies," said Fox. "Very few people knew who was running let alone how the candidates stood on various issues. To drive the point home, we ran a blitz campaign starting two days before the election," said Fox.

Editor note: Ally Lambert was not available for photo at press time. ♦



# Students able to sleep soundly due to safety

By STEPHANIE COWARD  
Guest Writer

Sleep soundly Austin Peay State University: your campus is the safest in Tennessee. According to the most recent campus crime statistics from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, APSU is the safest center for higher education in the state.

The most recent information on the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation website ([www.tbi.state.tn.us](http://www.tbi.state.tn.us)) is from 2003, and the statistics show that the biggest crime on APSU's campus is theft from buildings.

This problem can be prevented, according to APSU

director of Public Safety and Police Lantz M. Biles.

"We have to educate the community that crime prevention is everybody's issue," Biles said.

The 14-person APSU police department is trying to do just that. They have numerous programs in the works.

The Fatal Vision alcohol program and Rape Aggression Defense classes are two new programs coming to APSU.

These programs target the prevention of crimes such as rape, alcohol abuse and theft. A number of these programs are going to be written by the APSU officers.



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The residents will be able to call the police and tell them which programs they want.

After they call and coordinate a time for the classes, the police will come to the residence halls and teach the classes in the lobby.

In addition to the new programs, APSU has existing crime prevention programs that will continue. There is a security

escort service from 6 to 11 p.m., seven days a week. The service only provides escorts throughout campus.

Another security program that Biles encourages students to take full advantage of is Operation ID; Operation ID aids in theft prevention and allows campus police to identify stolen items.

"It is a very good, very basic very, solid program," Biles said. It can take anywhere from 5 to 20 minutes to have an item engraved and documented.

The length of time depends upon the material being engraved.

The item will be engraved

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## campus safety

The campus police offer these tips for preventing crime:

Lock outside doors and windows when you leave your room.

Lock the bathroom door behind you.

Never loan out a room key.

Do not prop doors open for friends.

Always look to see who is outside before opening your door.

Use the escort service when moving around alone.

## Omega Psi Phi Rho Kappa Chapter Week



Monday: April 11 Greek Mixer  
AACC 7p.m.- 10p.m.

Tuesday: April 12 Neo Soul Night  
Java City 6:30p.m.- 9:00p.m.

Wednesday: April 13  
Humpday with The Ques and Deltas  
UC Plaza 11a.m.-2p.m.

Thursday: April 14  
Fashion Show with Sisters United  
Red Barn 7p.m.-9p.m.  
After party at Stiffers

Friday: April 15 Game Night  
AACC 7p.m.- 10p.m.

Saturday: April 16 Purple Haze  
Club Plex 9:11p.m.-until

## Custodian appreciation rarely seen, now heard

By Sarah Bullock  
Staff Writer

Almost a year ago, custodians at Austin Peay State University were under a great scrupulous eye and promised changes in their work force.

To renovate the custodial work force, APSU hired GCA Services Group Inc. as a contractor. As a result, eight janitors lost their jobs. The difference was exactly what faculty wanted, and now goes completely unnoticed.

This came about because of comments and surveys taken by the faculty and staff regarding unsatisfactory work.

The APSU Physical Plant now employs 28 janitors of many different skill levels rated from one to five, (five being the most skilled and one being the least).

The skill attached determines what kind of work the janitor will be assigned. Most janitors enjoy their jobs, and few have complaints. William Adams has been working here since February of this year.

"I get along with the students and it's nice to hear from professors when you do a good job," William stated while cleaning the Kimbrough auditorium.

Janitors receive many benefits as a result of their working here like tuition for one class a year, which William responded, "I've always been interested in music and I like all kinds of music. I've been thinking about taking some

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— Henry Campbell

classes."

The Physical Plant family sticks together. Even Adams, who has been working for little under two months, enjoys working alongside custodial veterans. "We look out for each other and make sure we all find a room with a coffee pot in it for break," he said.

Leonard Moore, employee since 1971, defines devotion to the career and a company. "I just go to work every day, even if I'm feelin' sick. I try to make it," Moore said.

When asked about his favorite part of working he said, "I haven't really thought about that." What he was not saying, his superior, Henry Campbell, did for him.

"If I had three more of him, we wouldn't have ever needed a contractor," he explained. Campbell also added,

"Leonard comes to work every day on time

and when he was in the hospital, I came to see him. While I was standing over his amputated leg he told me, 'Henry, I'm coming back to work for ya'."

His six months in the hospital didn't even use up all of his sick days. Not including his vacation time.

When classrooms are clean, people do not notice but when the opposite is true, they do. Amanda Ebersole, freshman social work major, recalled, "No, I don't really remember seeing any dirty classrooms."

Like, there's this one classroom I go to everyday and it stays relatively clean."

Her friend, Carla Dorris, also a freshman social work major, said, "I don't really know the janitors but buildings and stuff are pretty clean." She went on to say, "But the dorm hallways are nasty." Let it be known that the Physical Plant is not responsible for dorms, the University Center and some other large buildings cleaned solely by the contracting service.

"The reward for a janitor is when people do not notice what they do, but they know that Austin Peay's facilities are presentable and usable to its best advantage, even if a student or teacher gives them a thank you or any recognition at all," said Henry Campbell.

"All of the Physical Plant's janitors are top notch individuals who love their job and enjoy seeing things in its best shape." ♦

## Good Morning APSU Campus Community

### Interviews with SPI

Recruiters from SPI will be on campus April 15, 2005, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. interviewing candidates for the product promotion of national consumer brands. A great way to earn extra income while in school (\$12-18/hour). Recruiters are interested in all majors, especially communications and business (with a concentration in marketing). For more information contact, Career & Advisement Center at 221-7896 or at [wrightm@apsu.edu](mailto:wrightm@apsu.edu).

### GSA Elections

The Gay/Straight Alliance is holding elections during their meeting on April 14 at 4 p.m. in the UC Lobby outside Java City. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to run for an office, please stop by. For more information contact, Scott Starley at 647-1366 or at [ssstarley14@apmail.apsu.edu](mailto:ssstarley14@apmail.apsu.edu).

### Multicultural Cook Book Recipes Due!

The deadline to submit recipes for the Multicultural Cookbook is drawing near. Please submit recipes on or before April 15 to [richardson@apsu.edu](mailto:richardson@apsu.edu) or drop it in the mail to AP PO Box 4695. For more information contact, Tanya Richardson at 221-7043 or by email at [richardson@apsu.edu](mailto:richardson@apsu.edu).

### The Generational TIMEBOMB!

The Generational TIMEBOMB! Tick tick, tick... or how to solve Social In-Security. Check out "The Coming Generational Storm," net Library's electronic book of the month. "The Coming Generational Storm" will be available to Woodward Library patrons April 1-30. For more information contact, Sharon Johnson at 7914 or at [johnson@apsu.edu](mailto:johnson@apsu.edu).

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### Adopt-a-Highway Volunteers Needed

The APSU Community Activities Committee is in need of volunteers for its spring project April 30 from 9-11 a.m. If you are willing to participate, please contact Heather Legg. For more information contact, Heather Legg at 221-6357 or at [leggh@apsu.edu](mailto:leggh@apsu.edu).

## ASTAR PROGRAM

The ASTAR Leader shares a large part of the everyday responsibilities for the effective operation of the ASTAR Program. As such, student leaders are expected to serve as "role models" to the participants of the ASTAR Program.

### Primary Duties and Responsibilities are:

- Serve as a mentor for high school students participating in the ASTAR Program
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- Monitor behavior of participants during the program
- Work closely with participants in all aspects of the program
  - Abide by all residence life and university rules
  - Assist with the opening/closing and individual check-in and check-out of residence hall as required
  - Be on duty as assigned
  - Perform other job related duties as assigned

### ASTAR Leaders must meet the following qualifications:

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- Demonstrate Leadership
  - Previous work experience w/ youth
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Applications will be available on Monday, April 11th, in the University Center, room 206. Deadline for applications to be turned in is Friday, April 22nd

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Deadline for Applications: April 15.

Orientation Coordinators and Assistants provide leadership during Freshman Orientation activities and assist new students as they register for classes during Summer Welcome.

Salary: Orientation Coordinator- \$1250; Orientation Assistant- \$1000  
Dates: Training- June 6,7; Summer Welcome- June 7, 16, 17, July 7, 8, 21, 22, August 5, 25; Freshman Orientation: August 26-28 (2.5 days)



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with a number that is relevant to the student. A driver's license number or a social security number are two that are frequently used.

The department and the student both maintain documentation that includes the items, serial number and the student's personal identification number.

Someone from the department will go to a student's room to ID their items if requested to, and Biles asks

that the appliances are turned around for them when they get there.

Though the number can be filed off, it is a deterrent for the thief. "Criminals are looking for a situation. They're picking the path of least resistance," Biles said.

Operation ID is the resistance thieves avoid. "A thief sees that number, they know it's going to be hard to make money from it," Biles said.

APSU also has emergency call boxes on buildings throughout the campus.

The red and silver, speakerphones are mounted to the sides of various buildings.

If a student feels threatened in any way they can push the red button and will be instantaneously connected to the campus police dispatcher.

Many students are unaware of the call boxes. "What red boxes?" Dana

Coulter, a 19-year-old advertising and market major said.

Biles hopes that when the campus maps are updated the locations of these boxes will be added to it.

"I will feel safer once I find the boxes and learn how to use them," Coulter said.

Students can also report crimes anonymously through the AP Web for Students.

The police web page has an online

form that can be filled out and sent directly to the department. This form does not require any identification of the student.

Students can also call campus safety to report crime or any other suspicious activity. The police have a 24-hour dispatch that can be reached at 931-221-7786. Students should dial 4848 for any emergency on campus.

The campus police offer these tips for preventing crime:

"I think that people have to understand that the individual is responsible for their personal safety.

As much as I may want to, I can't be with you 24 hours a day seven days a week. You can't rely on your dad, your brother, your sister, your significant other, the dog, the knife or the gun.

All of those things are plan B options; they're second choice," Biles said. ♦

## State revenue projections still positive

By LUCAS L. JOHNSON II  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE—State Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz said Monday he's optimistic about state revenue projections after sales tax collections were \$14.8 million more than estimated in March. Sales taxes also came in higher in February, Goetz said.

"The sales is 65 percent of what we collect," said Goetz, adding that Tennessee has been about \$30 million above estimates in past years. "That's a good sign going into trying to put the budget to bed."

One budget problem facing state officials is TennCare, the state's expanded Medicaid program for about 1.3 million poor, disabled, elderly or otherwise uninsurable.

The state is planning to cut 323,000 enrollees in order to reform TennCare and

keep it from consuming an additional \$650 million in state spending next year—which would require deep cuts in almost every other budget area.

However, state officials are waiting to see if a federal court judge in Nashville will allow the disenrollment, and the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Ohio is reviewing whether that judge can even prevent the cuts. Both rulings are expected this week.

"Obviously with TennCare and a lot of other things, there's need for that money," Goetz said.

A negative in the March revenue report was the shortfall in business tax collections, which came in \$24.7 million under budget. Franchise and excise taxes were expected to be \$128.9 million.

Even though the business taxes are 14

percent of the state's total tax collection, the finance commissioner said he's not worried because April is the big month for them, "and we will know within a couple of weeks what franchise and excise will do for the entire year."

Gov. Phil Bredesen has said he wants to use any extra money that could result from tax collections on state employee pay raises.

Right now, employees get a one percent raise and one percent bonus.

But Goetz said the governor wants to replace the one-time bonus money with recurring money, which "would free up one-time money to be used for other things," a plan he says looks promising.

"Right now, based on this month's returns in sales, you'd have to say it's very positive," he said. ♦



Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz turns to his assistant for tax revenue numbers as he answers questions regarding March revenue figures for the Fiscal Review committee in Nashville, Tenn., Monday, April 11, 2005.

## Alcohol ad rules infringe on free speech, says attorney general

By ROSE FRENCH  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE—Some state rules that limit alcohol advertising infringe on free speech, according to an opinion released Monday by the Tennessee attorney general's office.

Existing Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission rules "would be subject to serious constitutional challenge on First Amendment grounds," according to an opinion from the office of state Attorney General Paul Summers.

The opinion cited two decades of U.S. Supreme Court decisions on state-imposed restrictions on alcohol and gambling advertising in reaching its conclusion.

The state lawyers looked at current ABC rules that spell out specific limits for alcohol advertising.

One says that distilled spirits may not be advertised "in any manner" on radio or television stations in Tennessee.

Another prohibits wine advertisements from giving the name,

address or telephone number of a Tennessee licensed wholesaler or retailer.

Audio portions of television and radio ads are not allowed to contain references to the availability of alcoholic beverages.

However, use of the word "beverages" in broadcast advertising that principally relates to food service is not considered a violation.

Danielle Elks, the ABC executive director, declined to comment because she said she had not

thoroughly looked over the opinion yet.

The opinion was requested by state Sen. Joe Haynes, D-Nashville, who is sponsoring a bill that would limit ABC enforcement of its alcohol advertising regulations.

Charles Sonnenberg, who manages Frugal MacDoogal's beer and liquor warehouse in Nashville, one of the largest retailers in the region, said if the business had more freedom to advertise, it would.

"Would we care to? Yes,"

Sonnenberg said. "We should have that option if we choose to use it."

The opinion said one of the current ABC rules reviewed likely would be found constitutional.

That regulation says television ads by liquor-by-the-drink licensee may show "normal scenes of activity within the restaurant portion of any such licensee" but not "consumption of alcoholic beverages" and may not make drinks the focus of the ads.

The rules have been in place since before 1982, when the attorney

general's office found them likely to be constitutional. But several Supreme Court decisions rendered over the last two decades were considered in the latest legal review.

"Outright bans against the advertising of alcoholic beverages are likely to be met with skepticism" by courts, the opinion said.

"The state would be required to prove that the ban or restriction serves as an actual state interest and that the restriction or ban protects or furthers that interest in a definite way." ♦

## Business Manager scholarship position now available at the allstate

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WORLD NEWS

# Japanese textbooks outrage neighbors

**Associated Press**

The government's approval of a revised version of a contentious history textbook for use at junior high schools from next April has caused uproar in China and South Korea with criticism that the textbook has distorted history.

Diplomatic sources said anti-Japanese sentiment may spread in the two countries as they did four years ago when the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology approved a textbook criticized for glossing over Japan's wartime aggression.

The ministry approved 103 textbooks, including the revised one, last Wednesday. The textbook in question, published by Fusosha Publishing Inc., was compiled by members of the nationalist Japanese Society for History Textbook Reform.

"This time, we must win," Kanji Nishio, honorary chairman of the society, said at a group meeting in Tokyo in late January. Textbooks are screened every four years, and after the 2001 screening, only 0.04 percent of schools adopted its textbook.

One society executive said at that time, "We will get revenge four years later."

The target this time is 10 percent.

Nobukatsu Fujioka, the society's vice chairman and the author of the textbook, said the revised version is aimed realizing a teaching guideline called "Love for Our Country's History."

A member of the government's Textbook Authorization Research Council, the screener of school textbooks, said, "Compared with the previous one, descriptions irritating China and South Korea have decreased this time. The society might have self-regulated."

He said there were quite a few "irritating" points in the textbook before its application for screening was filed, including a sentence saying, "Japan's advances southward (in the Pacific War) were to defend it for survival."

In a room at the education ministry in January, a textbook screener and Fusosha Publishing officials met to modify the textbook. The screener repeatedly said, "How about the descriptions in the current version?"

The screener thus implicitly asked the publishing company to change the descriptions in the revised one to those in the current book approved four years ago to avoid angry reactions from Asian countries which suffered from Japanese wartime actions.

"We were quite severe in our opinions," said a ministry executive. Such opinions numbered 234, the largest among history textbooks.

Although Fusosha's textbook was largely modified, there remains a sentence about the Pacific War, saying, "Japan's victories in the early stages of the war cherished a dream and courage for independence among Southeast Asian countries and India."

"I collapsed in worry," recalled an executive of a publishing company. Four years ago, the company was the sole publisher carrying the words "comfort women" in its textbook -- the Japanese euphemism for foreign women who were forced into sexual slavery for the Imperial Japanese Army.

The textbook did not sell well, forcing the company into a tight business corner. Its executives visited shareholders and banks for money, but the company eventually went bankrupt, and a new company has been created.

The new history textbooks approved do not even mention "comfort women," and some of them dropped the word "forced" in describing women taken to Japan for work before and during the war.

An official at the publishing company said, "There are parts which we have intentionally removed because we will be in trouble if the

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AP PHOTO/PETER DEJONG  
U.S. Cardinal Bernard Law celebrates a mourning Mass for late Pope John Paul II, in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Monday, April 11, 2005. Law resigned as archbishop of Boston in December 2002 in the midst of a sex scandal that shook the Catholic Church.

## Victim protests Mass

### Former archbishop of Boston leads service

By EDWARD HARRIS  
Associated Press

Cardinal Bernard Law celebrated Mass in mourning for Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica on Monday, ignoring protests from victims that his handling of the sex abuse scandal in the U.S. Catholic Church should disqualify him from the honor.

Police broke up a small but symbolic protest staged by two victims of sexual abuse at the hands of American clergy, escorting one of them off St. Peter's Square as she was preparing to distribute fliers.

Several uniformed officers walked Barbara Blaine, founder of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, behind barricades set up at the entrance to the square. The officers did not explain why they escorted Blaine off the piazza, and she had no immediate comment.

Blaine and another leader of the group brought their campaign for reform to the center of Roman Catholicism, demanding that Vatican officials bar Law from celebrating the important Mass mourning John Paul.

They arrived in Rome just hours before

Monday's service at St. Peter's Basilica to condemn what they called the Vatican's "hurtful decision" to choose Law for the honor. The Mass went ahead without disruption.

"In these incredible days, the pope continues to teach us what it means ... to be a follower of Christ," Law said, reading his homily slowly in Italian. "Our faith has been reinforced."

He also said Italian, Polish and other pilgrims were inspiring in their huge tribute of love and devotion to John Paul. Nearly 3 million mourners flooded Rome for his funeral last week.

Law resigned as archbishop of Boston in December 2002 after unsealed court records revealed he had moved predatory clergy among parishes without alerting parents that their children were at risk. More than 550 people have filed abuse claims in Boston in recent years, and the archdiocese has paid more than \$85 million in settlements.

American cardinals generally have declined to comment on Law's celebrating one of the nine daily Masses for John Paul, a period of mourning called Novendiales. Some have said the Vatican likely chose him because he leads

an important church, not to give him a personal honor.

St. Mary Major is one of four basilicas under direct Vatican jurisdiction.

The assignment gives Law a position of influence. In their homilies, cardinals can highlight what they consider key concerns for the church. Observers will be analyzing the remarks for clues as to how the cardinals will vote when they begin meeting April 18 to choose a new pope.

Blaine said earlier Monday that the group was not opposed to Law's participation in the conclave, but that his public role in the papal transition was hurtful.

"We are the sons and daughters of the Catholic family who were raped, sodomized and sexually molested by priests," Blaine said, holding a photograph of herself as a child around the time she said a priest began molesting her.

"At this time, we should be able to focus on the Holy Father's death, instead of Cardinal Law's prominence."

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declined comment. Law also

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# India and China to improve relations

By NIRMALA GEORGE  
Associated Press Writer

India and China, the world's two most populous countries, agreed Monday to form a strategic partnership to end a border dispute and boost trade in a deal marking a major shift in relations between the Asian giants.

The agreement eases decades of mutual distrust between the nations, which share a mountainous, 2,500-mile border and fought a war in 1962. Parts of the border still are not demarcated.

"India and China can together reshape the world order," Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said at a ceremony for his Chinese counterpart, Premier Wen Jiabao, at India's presidential palace.

The two nations account for one-third of the world's population.

The agreement outlined steps to demarcate the disputed boundary through a "fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution, through equal and friendly consultations," a statement announcing the partnership said.

The agreement does not involve defense arrangements, so it will not give Chinese ships the use of Indian ports.

An 11-point plan to settle the border dispute was finalized Sunday at a meeting between India's national security adviser M.K. Narayanan and China's Vice Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo, the leader of the Chinese delegation to the talks.

The plan states that the countries would consider historical factors, geographical features, people living in the area, security and whether the area was currently under Indian or Chinese control when marking the border.

India says China still holds 16,000 square miles of its territory in the Kashmir region, while Beijing lays claim to a wide swath of territory in India's northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, which shares a 650-mile border with China's Tibet region.

China also recognized the Himalayan territory of Sikkim, located between Nepal and the kingdom of Bhutan, as a part of India, an Indian foreign ministry official said.

"A new map which the Chinese have published shows Sikkim as part of India. This is no longer an issue between us," Shyam Saran, a top official in the External Affairs Ministry, told reporters.

Sikkim was an independent principality before it was annexed by India in 1975. China never recognized Sikkim as an Indian possession and has claimed part of the territory as its own.

Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said the government had no immediate comment on the agreement between its two neighbors. The Foreign Ministry also declined to comment.

Saran said "the partnership is not a military alliance nor is it directed against a third country."

China is Pakistan's main trading partner and a big backer of its military, while it has tense but improving relations with India, with whom Pakistan has fought three wars.

Chinese engineers are helping fund and engineer a \$248 million port in the remote southwestern Pakistani town of Gawadar. The project will decrease Pakistan's reliance on its main port in Karachi. China also is helping fund a new nuclear reactor in Pakistan to be used to generate electricity.

India and China agreed to boost bilateral trade to \$20 billion by 2008. Last year, trade totaled \$13.6 billion, with India recording a \$1.75 billion trade surplus, according to India's trade ministry.

The statement, while giving few details, said the agreement would promote diplomatic

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# Mass: Protest creates controversy during selection process

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has declined to comment through an aide at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, where the pope had appointed him archpriest last year. Law has apologized for his failures.

The Survivors Network, which claims hundreds of members, has spent more than a decade pressing U.S. bishops to acknowledge the scope of molestation in the church.

They have picketed parishes, alerted the public to accused priests living in their communities and pressed authorities to prosecute bishops who failed to report abuse.

Asked if the protest was wrong at a time when the church is grieving, Blaine said bluntly: "The Vatican's decision to have Law celebrate the Mass was inappropriate."

Some Catholics say the group is too strident and has close ties with lawyers making millions of dollars from suing the church.

The Survivors Network says the overwhelming majority of its members have never sued and are too traumatized to do so. They say they adopted their tactics after bishops promised for years to take action against guilty clergy, then never did.

Some Boston Catholics said Law's role in mourning the

"We are the sons and daughters of the Catholic family who were raped, sodomized and sexually molested by priests."

— Barbara Blaine, founder of the Survivors Network

pope was another a sign that church officials did not understand the betrayal parishioners felt over his wrongdoing.

The abuse crisis erupted in 2002 with the case of one accused priest in Boston, then spread nationwide, compelling American bishops to enact sweeping reforms of their discipline policy for guilty priests.

According to studies the bishops commissioned to restore trust in their leadership, more than 11,000 abuse claims have been made against U.S. clergy since 1950. The total payout to victims has climbed to at least \$840 million. The Vatican, meanwhile, released video Monday to give

outsiders a peek at the conclave where a new pope will be selected by the 115 cardinals who are under age 80 and thus eligible to vote.

The Vatican compiled the videotape to help explain the centuries-old election as cardinals, silenced by a pledge not to talk to the media, met again Monday to plan the conclave.

The video offers a tour of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, the hotel-residence for the cardinals during the conclave. It includes shots of the frescoed Sistine Chapel, where the voting occurs, and the path cardinals will take to get there.

It also shows the bronze-rimmed urns where the cardinals will place their votes. Previously, cardinals placed their ballots in a chalice. The video ends with a view of the stove, dusty and full of ashes, where the ballots will be burned.

Black smoke wafting from the Sistine Chapel's chimney signals no pope has been elected, and white smoke signals a new pope.

The videotape was aired as cardinals arrived in the rain at the Vatican for their seventh meeting to map out details of the conclave.

Silenced by an unprecedented pledge not to talk before a pope is chosen, they waved to reporters as they headed into their meeting.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls announced that the grotto beneath St. Peter's Basilica, where John Paul was laid to rest Friday, would reopen to the public Wednesday at 7 a.m.

Vatican security was preparing the Sistine Chapel, taking undisclosed measures to thwart would-be hackers or electronic eavesdroppers from listening in on the cardinals' private deliberations and getting early word of who the next pope might be.

The names of those emerging as possible papal successors include contenders from Latin America, such as Cardinal Claudio Hummes of Brazil, Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga of Honduras and a Vatican official from Africa: Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria.

Europeans mentioned include Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels, Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn of Austria and German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. Italian "papabili" include Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi and Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re. ♦

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book does not sell well."

"I got mad. Japanese distortion of history insensitively is abnormal," said Wong Xuan, a 25-year-old man in Beijing upon hearing the results of the textbook screening.

Bitter reactions are also strong among Chinese intellectuals worried about worsening bilateral relations.

"As long as the Japanese take such an attitude, we cannot allow Japan to become a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council."

In Seoul on Wednesday, demonstrations continued

around the Japanese Embassy to protest the textbooks and an ordinance enacted by Shimane Prefecture to establish Feb. 22 as "Takeshima Day."

Japan and South Korea claim sovereignty over islets in the Sea of Japan called Takeshima in Japan and Tokdo in South Korea.

On the same day, the South Korean government summoned Japanese Ambassador Toshiyuki Takano to lodge a formal protest over Fusso Publishing's textbook that says South Korea is "illegally occupying" the islets. ♦

## Partners: Settling border disputes

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relations, economic ties and contribute to the nations "jointly addressing global challenges and threats."

"The leaders of the two countries have therefore agreed to establish an India-China strategic and cooperative partnership for peace and prosperity," the statement said.

The two countries also signed cooperation agreement in areas such as civil aviation, finance, education, science and technology, tourism and cultural exchanges. "This is an important visit. We are working to promote friendly ties of cooperation between our two countries," Wen said.

Wen was expected to bring up the issue of Tibet and the role of the Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India, but it was not immediately clear if it

was discussed.

India allowed the Dalai Lama to set up a government in exile in the northern Himalayan town of Dharmasala after he fled Tibet in 1959 following an aborted uprising against Chinese rule in the territory.

Both sides have in recent years forged closer economic ties, hoping improved trade relations will also help expedite the resolution of political differences. China is keen to develop a free trade area between the two countries.

Their combined population is 2 billion, which would make it the largest free trade area in the world. During their talks, Wen and Singh agreed to set up a panel of experts to study the concept. ♦

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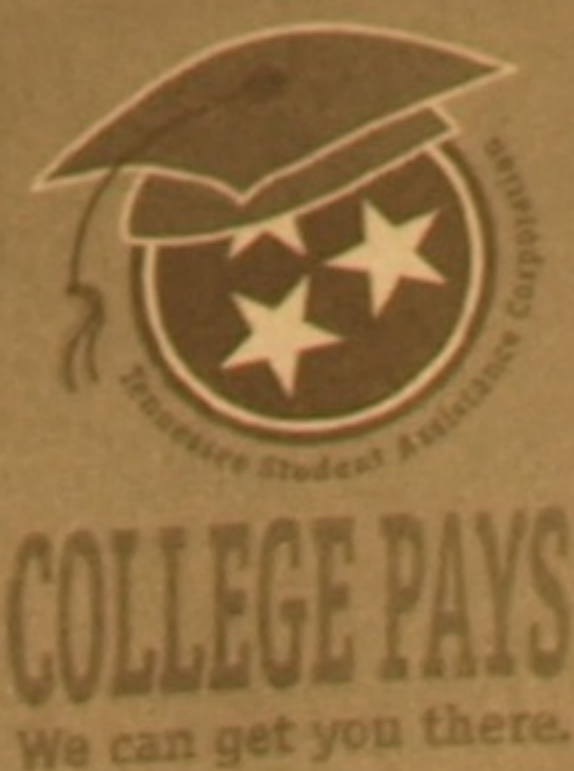
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## OUR TAKE

# Our biggest fan

We at *The All State* recently held a "contest" to find out who the biggest fan of our paper was. We're not quite sure if the anonymous winners are students, but we know one thing for sure: one copy of the paper wasn't enough for them. Last week, the unknown criminals picked up 1,500 copies of *The All State* in one day. Three thousand papers are distributed every week, so that means they grabbed over 50 percent of our circulation.

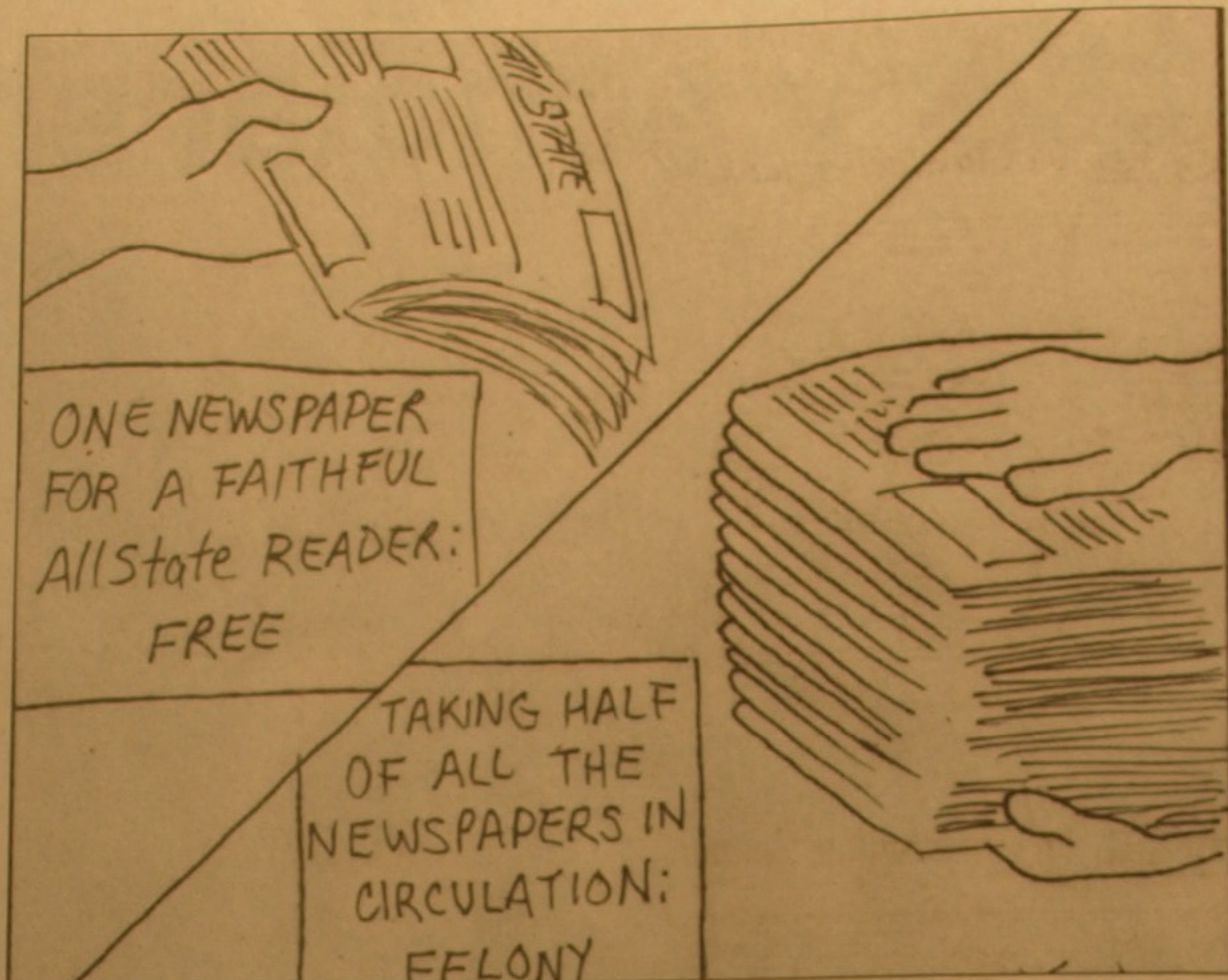
After counting all the stacks of issues in the dumpster we couldn't find all of the evidence - er, contest entries. We were aware that students read our paper, but we didn't expect that such a high level of interest existed for us. If we weren't so disappointed about our right to freedom of expression being trashed, we might be flattered.

Interestingly, and maybe coincidentally, this particular issue of *The All State* happened to have an article regarding a certain star basketball player. Anthony Davis last week was arrested for simple possession; when we did our jobs by breaking this story, several other papers followed suit. It is our duty to report the

truth regardless. Davis was very interested in the article, calling three times to say he wasn't arrested (the police report indicates he was). His concern for the story however does not link him to the incident.

Whoever our winners are, they don't get a cash prize and have made no piaculative efforts. *The All State* has already given *The Leaf-Chronicle* a grand prize total of \$1,000. So in a way, the vandals did take an extra grand out of our pockets, they just didn't get to reap the benefits. The runner-ups (the rest of the campus who reads the paper) won a second printing of 2,000 copies of last week's issue. In fact the grand prize money went towards the cost of printing the runner-up prizes.

If no one shows up to accept this incredible honor, perhaps they will be flattered to know they have also violated the First Amendment and committed a federal offense. All jokes aside, this act of vandalism was very disrespectful to our entire staff, the hours of work we put into bringing the news to our campus and our faithful readers that look forward to reading each issue.



By MARTIN FOX

## YOUR TAKE

# Zionist revolutionaries and Nixon mutate sports fans into radioactive volcanoes

Back in 1980, the government set off their surplus stock of old hydrogen bombs inside of Mt. St. Helens and then tried to convince everybody that it was a freaking volcano or something. Yeah, right. They irradiated the

whole country just about, but nobody seemed to notice all those mutations and how things started getting really weird about then.

You do realize that nearly all of today's Republicans were once freaked-out flower-children and pot-smoking hippies at one time? Isn't it kind of strange that they all mutated into lawyers, investment-bankers, stock-

brokers and cubicle-clones right about the time the fallout had settled? Pretty freaked-out coincidence if you ask me.

So what happened to the normal people you ask? Well there are no more normal people today, not as we understood the term back then. Today nearly everybody has pretty much succumbed to some type of bizarre behavior. Take sports fans, which used to be kind of the gold standard of normal in America. Now you listen to these people calling up Jim Rome or Dan Patrick and actually seriously arguing that a good shortstop is worth a quarter of a billion dollars and that there's nothing wrong at all with a kid walking out of high school into a hundred-million dollar contract for playing basketball.

Sure, that's fair-market value, even though the guy on the phone flips out on most occasions when he gets a hospital bill or finds out his taxes are going up a penny on the dollar to pay for his kid's school and those greedy teacher's salaries.

The same guy might be one of those people who paints his body in his team's colors and puts their logo on his medicine-ball belly, and then stands in the end-zone with twenty of his

closest similarly half-naked friends in late December - drunk, freezing, shouting obscenities at ten-year old kids wearing the wrong team's jacket. That might be normal behavior in Jersey, but it never used to be in fly-over country.

Not until, you know, that thing happened with the government. And then everything just started going to hell, as opposed to the sanity and predictability of the Nixon administration.

Ah, the good old days. Back then we kept our conspiracy theories simple. The Catholic Church was running guns out of Haiti to the world-wide Zionist revolutionary movement which was going to kick God out of schools and into the street, right out there with all the people made homeless by liberalism and welfare, which was actually instituted so that people would have money to buy drugs and guns with which to destabilize society, thus resulting in the takeover of the papist theocracy which could then put God back in school and kick those commie-traitor teachers out on their butts along with their "Evil-lution."

At which point I guess the Jews were going to get a Rabbi nominated as Pope who would then use the Vatican bank to finance the rebuilding of the Temple for the Anti-Christ. I don't remember what the Evil Corporations were supposed to be doing during all of this; I'm pretty sure it was evil though, whatever it was.

So there it is. Why am I the only person apparently who knows about this? Well, the Mt. St. Helens fallout never got to me because I was wearing my lead-lined Chicago Bears wooly-hat. Also, I got out of having that mandatory chip installed in my brain when I told the government doctor at the free clinic in Berkeley that I had to go to do a thing for this guy. He bought it. They're probably still waiting for me to come back.

Anyway, I am the only one who knows the truth. If you think I'm crazy or that I'm making it all up, it's because you're insane. Take my word for it. Now go back and watch Fox News so that you don't miss getting your marching orders.

Weirdo. ♦

## Safe pot smoking is a myth

This is a response to, "Harmless Pot Smoker Unjustly Arrested" by Dave Campbell. Just as in many other countries around the world, ours has laws set to maintain a certain amount of peace and control and keep people civil. Certain laws are also set to keep some from harming other or even themselves. Smoking, buying, selling, possessing and even growing marijuana is against one of these laws. In your liberal fantasy world there may be a character referred to as "a harmless pot smoker," but in the real world the rest of us live in, commonly called "reality," smoking marijuana can be far more than just harmless. With this being said I would like to share with you two of my own experiences with marijuana.

Right about now you may start to say to yourself that I am another one-sided opinion, with little experience on the issue. Let me set you straight really quick. In my teen years I had my own fair share of experiences with marijuana and other drugs just as most teens do. Until one single event turned my life around and straightened me out.

As for my first story, it is one that involves to really good friends. These two friends were on their way to the beach on a normal sunny day in Southern California with a bag of marijuana that they had just purchased from a local dealer they knew very well. This dealer had purchased his supply of marijuana from the same people he had always purchased from, but somewhere throughout the exchange of hands, before it landed in the hands of these two friends, someone decided to spice up the "harmless" marijuana a little bit. Just like the dealer, the two friends were not told about the addition to their bag of marijuana.

While on their drive to the beach, these two friends decided to light up a joint, figuring it would put them in the right mood for some late afternoon surfing. Shortly after smoking the joint, they both began feeling a lot different than they normally did off a joint. They both

began to get extremely jittery and excited. The passenger said his heart was beating so fast he thought it was going to burst out of his chest. The driver found himself so overwhelmed by this "harmless" marijuana, it was as if he were in another world and unconsciously began speeding out of control and driving as if he were in the NASCAR races.

After several minutes of trying to calm the driver and himself down the passenger was finally able to convince his friend to get off the highway and stop. They stopped at a nearby McDonald's where they sat in the parking lot, concerned and talking with one another until they came down off of their high. Once they were both able to think straight, they talked for hours about what had just happened. The driver was more scared and shaken up about it than his friend, and he expressed how for that brief time on the highway he lost touch with reality and felt the need to increase his speed, and drive like he was racing everyone else on the road. They both sat and wondered what the outcome would have been not only for them but the innocent around them had they not pulled off the highway and stopped the car.

My second story hit real close to home for another young man. As the normal teenager, they were not always thinking as much as they do now and they were living in that fantasy world that you are still living in.

This young man's father was a Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury Department. As he takes a look back now at what he was doing (smoking and buying "harmless" marijuana), he realizes now that had he lost his father while his father was doing his job he would have had no one to blame but himself. His father was out everyday tracking down and arresting the people responsible for shipping and smuggling large amounts of marijuana and a variety of other drugs into our country. This young man was buying his "harmless" marijuana from these very same people, not through them directly, but indirectly through others. Once it was brought

into the country, it was portioned out and split up to be sold, and this young man was buying it and indirectly supporting the smuggling that was going on.

His father was out doing the best he could to stop this from happening and was also trying to provide the best life possible for his son. He was trying to raise this young man right, providing him with the best upbringing he could and still trying to uphold and enforce the laws that his very son was breaking.

So, to you Dave Campbell I say this. See the light and come back to reality. The truth is, you never know what has been added to your "harmless" marijuana and what effect it will have on you or what it will make you do. There is also no such thing as an "innocent pot smoker" in the real world. For every "innocent pot smoker" buying his marijuana from a dealer, supporting the smuggling of drugs into our country, there is a father, husband and a loved one, putting his life on the line to stop the smuggling and dealing of "illegal" drugs in our country. The only thing the "harmless innocent pot smoker" is innocent of is not directly killing those who uphold the law. You know, that families loved one. However, they are guilty of indirectly paying someone to kill them.

There really is no such thing as an "innocent pot smoker" but there does live someone who does nothing more than support breaking laws and cause indirect damage to others lives.

It is a shame that one day you will be able to call yourself a college graduate and yet you still feel sympathetic and want to be associated with these kinds of people. Personally, the only sympathy I felt while reading your story was for the two cats that lost their lives because of this guy. Leave your meaningless world of fairytales and fantasies and come back to reality, we welcome you with open arms.

Marcus Daw  
Sophomore  
Business Marketing Major

# Reflections on the Pope and Christianity

## Agnostic mourns death of John Paul

For those of you who aren't privy to my religious convictions, it's pertinent that you know I'm agnostic to fully understand the views conveyed in this article. However, before I go any further, a major misconception must be invalidated:

agnosticism is not synonymous with atheism.

Atheism is a belief in which one is certain that no deity exists. Conversely, agnosticism is a belief in which one is uncertain of a deity's existence due to the dearth of refuting or supporting substantive evidence.

Hence, I also tend to convey harsh and critical views toward religion (especially conservative Judeo-Christian religions), religious systems and the

corresponding hierarchical figures governing them. However, Pope John Paul II was one of the few religious figures I have respected; he may have been the only person, other than Mother Theresa, that I've ever lived to lucidly consider as "virtue incarnate."

Not only was he utterly consistent in his convictions, and lacking the hypocrisy that typically runs rampant among religious leaders, he embarked on a lifelong mission to spread peace while also seeking contrition for the many atrocities committed in the name of Christianity.

Solely for the sake of brevity, John Paul II was

probably the first Pope to have received the sheer number of comments involving being the "first Pope to..." Furthermore, if any of you can name one of these firsts-just one or any other action undertaken by John Paul II that was inconsistent with the ideology of the Roman Catholic Church, please write to *The All State* to discount this thesis.

If the world's religious leaders were more like John Paul II, I would have much less to criticize. As I've watched the news in the past, I've often found myself engaged in extreme, obscenity laden, verbal criticism of the many popularized religious figures in this world, from Jerry Falwell to Osama Bin Laden.

Conversely, when I was watching the news on the morning of April 4, I found myself engaged in a similar behavior, but instead directed toward the insincerity of a "Royal Analyst," who was quoted as saying that the death of the Pope was a terrific opportunity for Prince Charles to raise public opinion by postponing his wedding.

As anti-Bush as all of my devoted readers know that I am, even he has enough tact not to exploit the death of a great man to further his political agenda.

And Pope John Paul II truly was a great man, even in the hearts and minds of those of us who did not agree with his doctrine. Throughout his life, he continually and persistently worked to right the wrongs of this world, and has given Christians and non-Christians alike a standard of kindness and compassion to aspire to.

Let us remember him with the respect and admiration he deserves. I only hope the next Pope continues the legacy of peace, reform and involvement that the late John Paul II began.

Best wishes. ♦

## Papal conservative views are applauded

The bible teaches that the will of God is for those of the Christian faith to "not be conformed to this world," so why is it that in the wake of the Pope's death, so many people are calling for the Catholic Church to conform to the ways of the world by

dropping its conservative stance on moral issues such as abortion and homosexuality?

I should say that I am not a Catholic, and disagree with Roman Catholicism in many ways, but I have respected the strong stance of the Catholic Church on moral issues in recent years. The late John Paul II maintained a strong conservative stance throughout his papacy, and can probably be credited with keeping the Catholic Church free from the disease of moral relativism that has struck down so many mainline protestant denominations.

Of course, I'm speaking of the Catholic Church's official stance on issues. One only needs to look at the priesthood's problems to see that moral decisions are ultimately a matter of individual responsibility. Why is it that so many denominations have decided that it would be in their best interests to abandon the Bible in the name of "tolerance" and "personal freedom" and other weak, pathetic drivels used by those who call themselves modern?

People are abandoning the mainline (i.e. liberal) denominations in droves. Why? Because they have embraced the notion that truth changes, that the Bible, upon which the Christian faith is based, is not inerrant, and only certain feel-good parts of it apply. Consequently, we have church members who think there is nothing wrong with abortion, gay ministers and other manifestations of sin.

However, truth that changes is not truth at all. Sin is real, and must be confronted, not embraced. Once a denomination abandons this idea, all real doctrine is thrown overboard and the teaching of the church is reduced to "let's all be nice to each other," and once that happens, what's the point of being a Christian at all? The moral relativism of our day teaches that all religions are just different paths to heaven, but that is a doctrinal house of cards. Just a puff and it will blow over. I'm not advocating hating sinners, because we are all in that category.

I will say that the Bible clearly teaches that accepting our status as sinners and asking Jesus to forgive us of that sin is the only way to heaven. Christians cannot blithely accept the relativity of our day that says "what's right for you might not be right for me," because this shallow philosophy will not answer the deep, important questions of life such as "what is the point of my life?" and "what will happen to me when I die?"

I admire John Paul II for showing that Christians ought to have principles that don't change with the times. Because of this strong stand, the Catholic Church has remained a potent force in the world.

Unless the College of Cardinals resists the pressure to conform to the world, the next pope will "modernize" the Catholic Church and so lead it down the path of self-destruction. ♦



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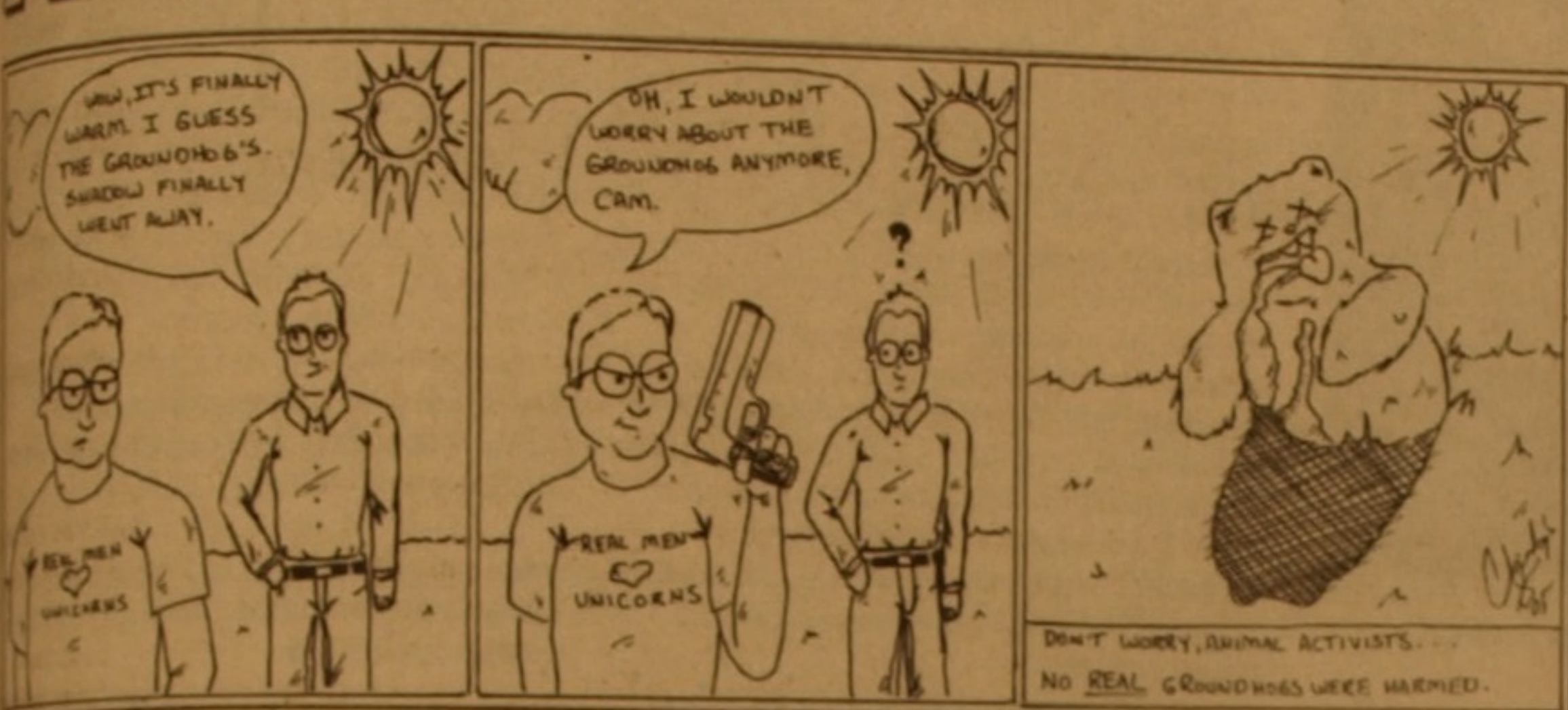
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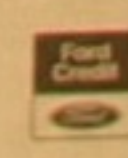
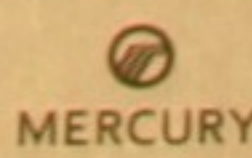
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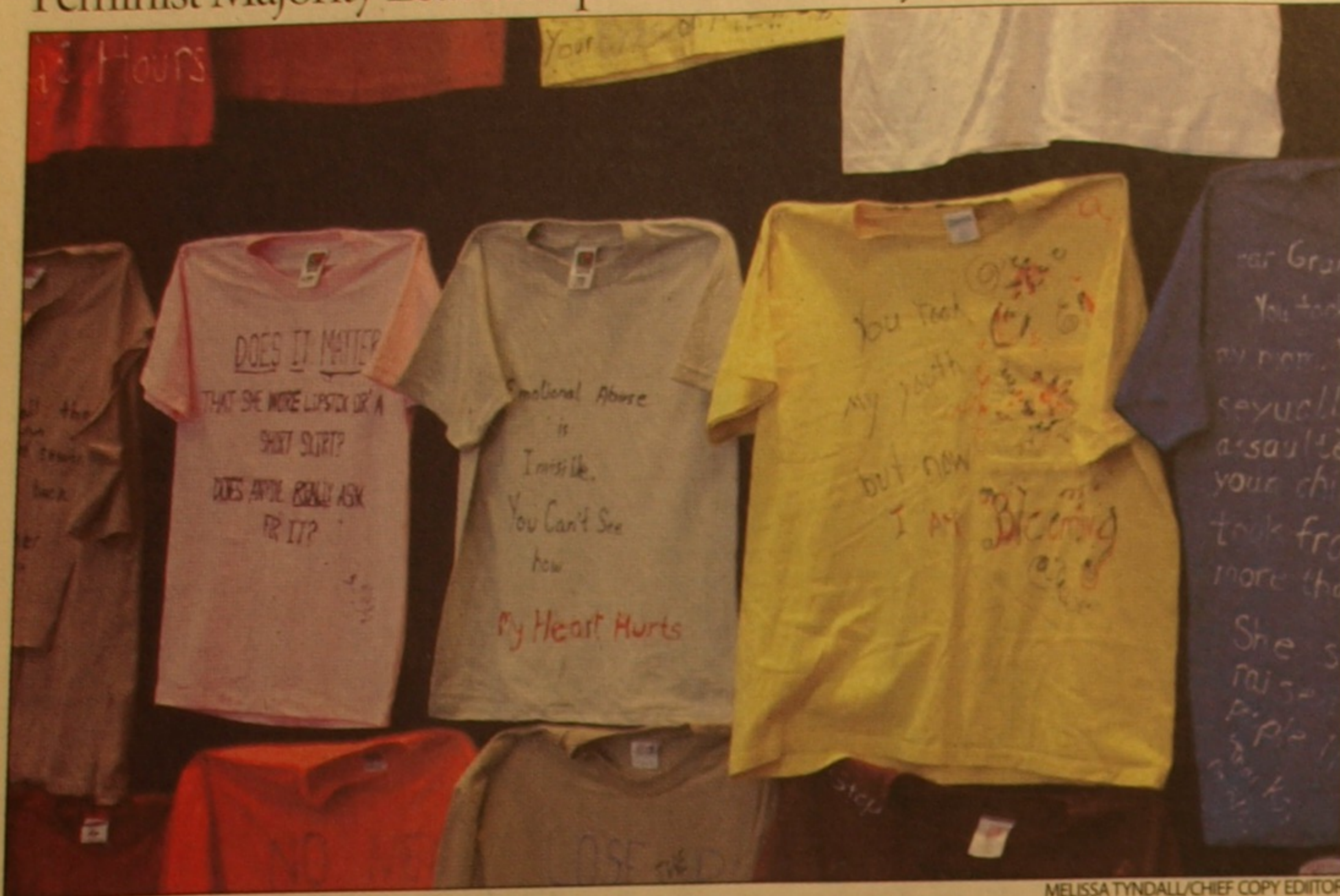
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## Clothesline project reaches out

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance in conjunction with APSU Women's Studies battles against domestic abuse



Over 300 T-shirts have been collected in the Clothesline Project since 1997. Each T-shirt designed represents an instance of domestic violence.

By MELISSA TYNDALL  
Chief Copy Editor

Statistics indicate that there are four deaths a day in the United States due to domestic violence. These deaths equal out to 1,400 per year, a greater number than soldiers killed in Vietnam. So, what is Austin Peay State University doing to remedy this and educate both students and the Clarksville community? The answers lies in the plethora of T-shirts tacked on the walls of the Morgan University Center last Friday.

On April 8, the APSU Women's Studies Program and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) sponsored the Clothesline and Handprint Projects in the UC (rooms 303, 304 and 305) from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with co-sponsors from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department's Domestic Violence Unit.

The Clothesline Project, which began in 1997, is a collection of over 300 T-shirts created by women and children who have experienced domestic abuse—whether physical, verbal or sexual. Though most of the T-shirts were made by women and children, men are also welcome to make shirts. "Anyone who has had an experience with violence is welcome to make a shirt," said Corrie Cecil, president of the APSU FMLA, "we don't turn anyone away."

The Handprint Project was launched at APSU last February and gives men the opportunity to place his handprint on a shirt as a gesture to battle and prevent violence against women.

Assisting with the presentation sponsored by the Domestic Violence Unit was senior social work student Greg Poston. Poston, the unit's first intern, presented a slide show which educated the community on what the unit does, why it is important to battle domestic violence and how to keep the unit (which operates on grant money) operating.

The big question may be "what about men?" While men also experience domestic violence, statistics show domestic violence occurs more to women. Though some may see the project as one-sided against men, or may even chalk the project up to flaming feminine liberalism, Cecil disagrees.

"Supporting feminism and feminist rights doesn't mean you hate men—quite to the contrary—(this) brings both together."

In 1998, nearly 31 percent of American women reported being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

It is estimated that 503,485 women are stalked by an intimate partner in the United States each year. While women are less likely to be the victims of violent crimes overall, women are 5 to 8 times more likely than men to be victimized by a partner.

Family violence costs the nation from \$5 to \$10 billion in annual medical expenses.

More information on domestic violence can be found at the National Coalition Against Violence website at [www.ncav.org](http://www.ncav.org). For more information on FMLA and the Women's Studies program contact advisor Jill Eichhorn at (931) 221-6314. ♦

## Play makes a Splash



Turtle (Alanna Wilson), left, and Mouse (Elizabeth Durham) discuss why Toad looks funny in a bathing suit.

## Theatre-goers should leap over to The Roxy for a "Toadally" froggy experience

By REBECCA YEATTS  
Staff Writer

One might feel the slightest bit foolish taking when taking a seat at the Roxy on Friday night. The play, meant for children, had no children in tow.

However, within the first 10 minutes, one would forget they were the oldest people there, and still have the most fun at a play they've ever had.

For its latest production, the Roxy Regional Theatre is pulling a page, or fifty, from a childhood classic.

"A Year With Frog and Toad" is a fun stroll through Arnold Lobel's stories of the amphibious friends.

The cast of "A Year With Frog and Toad" is superb. Reid Kirchoff and James Stover are splendid as Frog and Toad, respectively. Ricky

Oliver, Alanna Wilson and Elizabeth Durham bring humor as they slip in and out of roles of different woodland creatures, but Oliver's portrayal of Snail, the persistent letter carrier, is particularly comical.

The Roxy is going all out for this production, giving the whole theatre a froggy feel. A whimsical art exhibit by local artists Larry and Monica Sakko is on display in the Peg Harvill Gallery in the lobby of the theatre.

Filled with infectious songs about everything from cookies to sledding to Toad and his ridiculous bathing suit, "A Year With Frog and Toad" is great for the kids, and for adults as well. Theatre-goers will leave the Roxy humming and smiling, guaranteed. "A Year With Frog and Toad" will run through April 23 at 7 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, at 2 p.m. ♦



## Trahern displays new art exhibits

By WAYNE ELLIOTT  
Assistant Features Editor

The 37th Annual Student Art Show, which held its grand opening on April 11 in the Trahern Art Gallery, displayed art from all students who wished to be included in the event. Awards were given to the following:

Best Of Show - "Exalt The New God" by Robb Flandry  
1st Place - "Futurist Napalm Walk" by William Gentry  
2nd Place - "Study" by Chris Penny  
3rd Place - "Shit Faced With Pride" by Jason Scott

Honorable mentions went to Tom Deal, Brian Taylor, Melina Peavy, Jesse Shaw and Michael Trace Watts. The exhibit will be open from April 11 until May 3.

"Bottleneck Posters", a senior exhibit presented by Melissa Anderson, also opened on April 11, displaying various montage photos of famous figures. "The idea of making montage posters for my exhibit came to me when I made the first two in Advance Digital Imaging," Anderson said. "I hope to begin a strong career in the graphic design field after graduation in December, 2005."

The show remains on display from April 12 through the 15, from noon to 3 p.m. each day.



PHOTOS BY THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

TOP: Artist Chris Penny, alongside his parents, views entries in the 37th Annual Student Art Show.  
RIGHT: Artist Melissa Anderson, creator of "Bottleneck Posters," with her montage of Ozzy Osborne.

## New course sheds light on gay and lesbian authors

By DAN MAUER  
Staff Writer

When some students decide to attend a university, they do so knowing that they are going to learn some things that they did not expect.

This coming fall, there is a new English elective course being offered that promises to do just that—Gay and Lesbian Literature, a cross-cultures course, taught by Arthur Eaves.

As some of you may know, there was a recent change in core requirements that reduced the number of world literature courses required for students.

This development upset some of the staff, because they felt students were missing out on a lot of the multi-cultural and diversity elements that world literature courses provide. As an attempt to make up for this shortcoming, several elective literature courses have been created to hopefully make up for the loss of the old 260 courses.

The Gay and Lesbian Literature course will

cover a broad range of subject material, including fiction, poetry, plays and music to attempt to shed some light on a topic that is all too often glossed over in literature courses.

It is important to understand that this course is an elective that may be taken by any student, so long as the prerequisite ENGL 2030 is met.

This is not a course designed specifically for homosexuals; as anyone may enroll.

The specific works to be covered are not set in stone as yet, but you can count on covering authors such as Shakespeare and Homer. About two-thirds of the course will cover more contemporary works, primarily from the American culture.

The course will also discuss the award winning play "Angels in America." Certainly the course will also include some of the powerful AIDS writing.

So, of course, this class will discuss some controversial topics in literature in an attempt to remove the wool that has been pulled over

the eyes of most Americans.

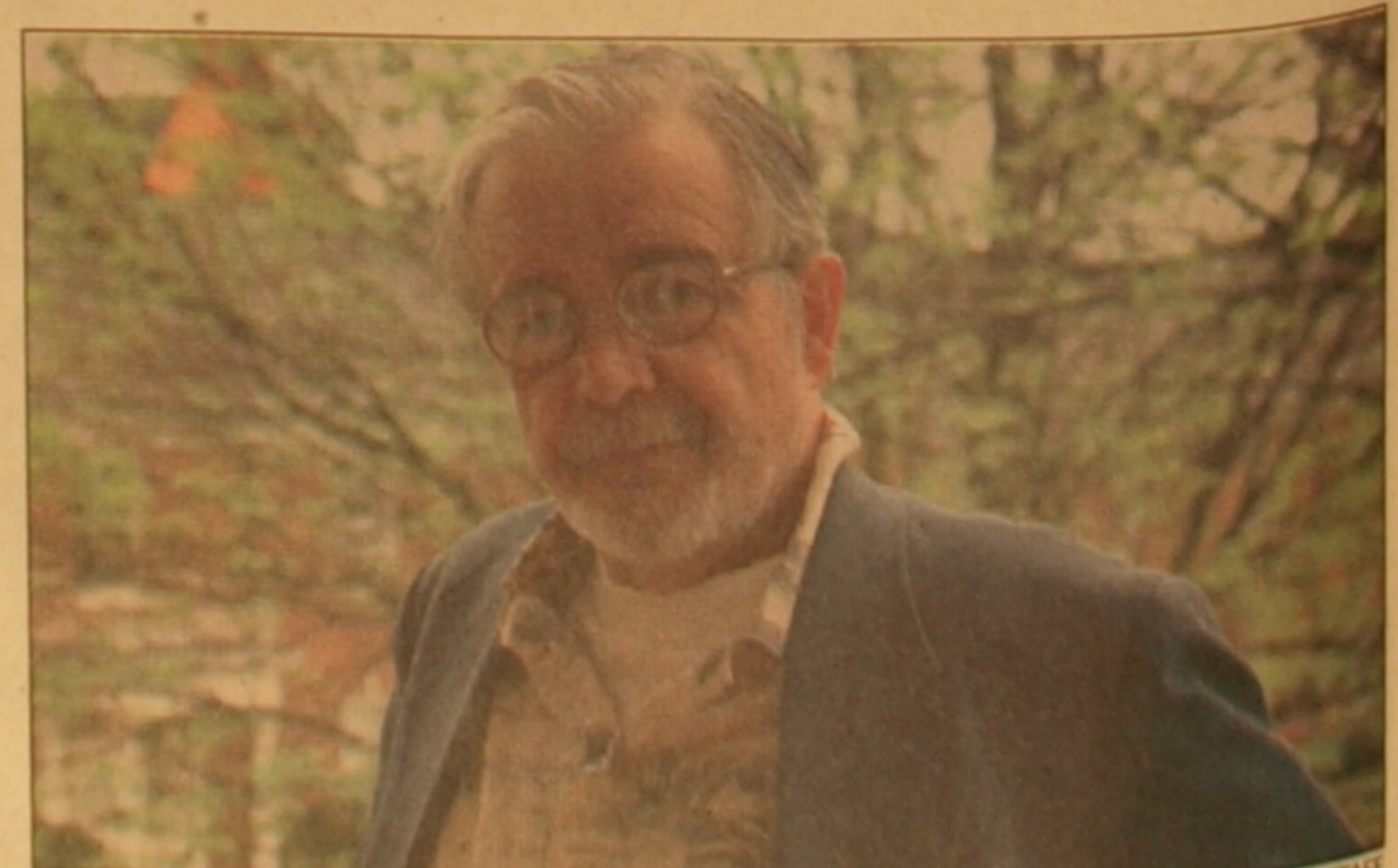
As Eaves said, "This is a course where we'll also talk about religion and politics, the other two things you're not supposed to talk about, as well as some other cultural issues, but we'll try to do it an intellectually responsible way."

His feelings were that most students will miss a great deal of what is out there unless someone takes the time to point it out to them. That is why this course is being offered.

Students interested in taking the course should speak with their advisor first, but this is an excellent course for all English major or minor students to take and it is available to all students as an elective should they choose to expand their awareness.

The course number is ENGL 340N (09) and will be offered this coming fall on MWF 12:20-1:15 p.m. Check the APSU course catalog for more details.

This course is a wonderful eye opener to the multi-cultural and diverse world that students will no doubt face. ♦



Arthur Eaves, a professor of English, plans to focus on religion, politics and cultural issues in this course.



# Taekwondo brings discipline and fitness



AP PHOTO/COLUMBIA DAILY TRIBUNE, G.J. MCCARTHY  
John Hollingsworth of Gladstone, Mo., left, watches his 9-year-old son, Ryan, practice form for the 8 to 10-year-old first-degree black belt bracket.

By JESSICA HAWK  
Staff Writer

"Kill Bill", "Rush Hour" and "Karate Kid" are just a few movies have entertained and familiarized the United States with the practice of martial arts. Martial arts have grown in popularity over the past few years. There are several types of martial arts; Austin Peay State University has taken a special interest in Taekwondo.

The meaning of the word Taekwondo literally is "the way of feet and fist." This meaning comes from Taekwondo being a combination of "empty-hand" techniques and impressive kicking techniques of Korea's native "tae-kyon." It is also commonly known as "Korean Karate." APSU has joined together with Clarksville Taekwondo Academy to introduce Taekwondo classes to the student population.

Ben Garen, head instructor, of Clarksville Taekwondo Academy, has worked closely with APSU's administration with setting up classes in the Drew Simmons Center that will provide students with multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits of Taekwondo training. Taekwondo focuses on physical fitness by targeting coordination and dexterity. Mental Taek training enhances memory and concentration skills while emotionally builds self-confidence and a sense of personal empowerment.

After shortly observing Ben Garen, accompanied by his assistant and daughter, Cynthia, it is clear that they are experienced instructors who enhance the learning experience and strive to assist pupils in experiencing the full benefits of Taekwondo

training.

The class begins with introductions from both instructors and students, warm-ups, stretching and standard techniques. The class then slowly progresses into combinations of techniques and plyometrics. Plyometrics provide a natural and controlled method of resistance training, which helps sculpt and tone all major muscle groups.

Garen's "multi-phased" goals for Taekwondo at APSU include first finding the interest level of students toward Taekwondo. Garen expressed his commitment to working with APSU by mentioning his desire toward merging with an academic department to create a course offering that combines the history and study of the culture in relation to Taekwondo. But the first step is getting students involved in the classes.

"Come to class with a clear mind from pre-set notions or prejudices towards Martial Arts, come open-minded and with humbled spirits," stated Garen.

Wear comfortable clothing, shoes are optional and bring a towel when coming to Taek class. Prepare for an extensive work-out, a new experience and lots of fun in Garen's class. Don't wait to grab a few friends and attend because classes are temporarily offered until April 24.

Regardless of past experience with martial arts you will be impressed after participating the class.

Taekwondo is taught in the Drew Simmons Center on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. and Sundays at 5:30 p.m. For more information e-mail [peayrec@apsu.edu](mailto:peayrec@apsu.edu) or [www.geocities.com/Clarksvilletdtkacademy](http://www.geocities.com/Clarksvilletdtkacademy).

## Disability awareness month promotes acceptance and equality

This month's program educates students and encourages awareness, student participation and unity.

By CANDISE MCCAIG  
Staff Writer

April is disability awareness month. Bryon Kluesner, assistant director for disability services at Austin Peay State University, is heading the event planning this year.

Throughout his entire life, he has been involved in helping improve the lives of disabled individuals. He believes that non-disabled persons in general have a misconception about the disabled. He also says, "Just because you're in

a wheelchair doesn't mean that you can't be an active participant in society." Disability Services is also grateful to the social work, sociology and education fields on campus for their help in educating students about disabilities and helping to open students' minds and hearts to the struggles of disabled individuals. This year's event is not focusing on learning disabilities instead the focus is more on physical impairments.

Only in the past 4-5 years, according to Kluesner, has there been a declared disability awareness month, and APSU has been active in promoting the month since it began. And even before the awareness month was declared APSU organized events to promote awareness.

Zeta Nu, a student organization for disabled students, has also been involved in the planning, along with the office of disability services. Any and all students are welcomed to help with and participate in the events. The Office of Disability Services has an open-door policy and enjoys student participation.

The events are being promoted through APWeb, *The All State*, flyers and posters as well as word of mouth.

Events include The STAR Access Express, which provides computer access evaluation, workplace accommodations, employer orientations as assistive technology to those in need of the services but are unable to access them, in the UC Plaza Wednesday, April 13

from 2 to 5 p.m. This event will include free soft drinks, cotton candy and snow cones and T-shirts with a valid AP ID. Kluesner states that students with a sweet tooth will obviously enjoy the variety of refreshments being served. Those who are not students are asked to donate one canned good to "AP Can Provide." Also, Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Java City "A Beautiful Mind" will be shown.

Free pizza will be served. Then, on Wednesday, April 20, Ms. Wheelchair Tennessee, Elizabeth Alley, will be speaking in UC Room 306 from 2 to 4 p.m. and a movie will be shown in Java City from 7 to 9 p.m., free refreshments will also be served.

Student response to the activities is overall

positive. Students, such as Jeremy Cross, a freshman history major, feel that it is important to campus life to promote awareness; however, he was unaware April was Disability Awareness Month. Understandably students also believe APSU should do a better job of promoting these events. Other students believe that too often, when talking about disabilities, we as a society, only focus on the things we can see (things like color blindness or behavioral handicaps go unnoticed).

April should be a fun-filled month of activities that will help us all the better understand and respect those with disabilities of all types. So, enjoy and meet new people and maybe even learn a few things.

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# Squads prepare for OVC



Junior Alana Carere (left) and Jonathan Brown (right) both hit the ball during the indoor season. The Gobs are scheduled to participate in the OVC championships this weekend.



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## TENNIS

By MICHAEL TAYLOR  
Assistant Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University men and women's tennis teams dropped a pair of Ohio Valley Conference matches to Tennessee Tech, 6-1 and 7-0, Saturday and dropped their final regular season contest to Murray on Monday.

The Gobs fell to 6-17 overall and 3-8 in conference play. The Lady Gobs fell to 3-14 overall and 2-8 in league play.

The Gobs got off to a slow start, dropping the doubles point early. The Golden Eagles (4-18, 4-3 OVC) took over from there, winning five of six singles with APSU senior Cody Wall picking up the lone win at No. 6 singles.

"Tennessee Tech played better than us," head coach Ed Dickson said. "It was good to win at the No. 6, but we really have to have everyone play together and play well at the same time to be successful."

"The women are playing hard," said Dickson. "We're going through some rough times, but we have to keep fighting."

On Monday, the story wouldn't be any different as the women lost all six singles and one doubles match to the Racers.

The men on the other hand picked up only one win, from senior Jonathan Brown, while two matches were canceled due to the weather.

APSU's women tennis team have completed their season, the men will play OVC championships in Nashville this weekend. ♦

# Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Tia Hendricks enjoys track, school and people. According to her coach Doug Molnar she is well-grounded in all three areas. "Tia is one of the most well-liked on the team," he said. "She is a joy to work with and is really excited about what she is doing."

Hendricks said she is glad she attended Austin Peay State University and really enjoys the school.

"I heard about the track team and their good program," she said. "Plus, they had my major so it all worked out."

During the indoor season Hendricks ran a 9.34 at the McDonald's Invitational and placed ninth at the Ohio Valley Conference indoor championship.

So far in the outdoor season, she has placed ninth at the Gatorade classic in the 100-meter hurdles and third at the Vanderbilt Spring Classic in the 400-meter hurdles.

Last weekend at the APSU Governors Invitational, she placed fourth-place finishes in both the 400-meter hurdles and in the javelin throw.

Hendricks said she really worked on her upper body in the off-season.

"I basically just did a lot of weight and strength training," she said. And she does not plan to stop there.

"I want to throw farther in javelin, run faster in the hurdle and finish with a 3.0 GPA," she said.

With her dedication, Hendricks may just pull off that 3.0. She balances her athletics and school work by staying organized and keeping a planner of events and things that need to be done.

Hendricks said she wants to help improve the team by being a better role model and by working harder in practice. Finally, Hendricks said she couldn't do any of it without her teammates. "They won't let me quit, and they always stay on me," she said. "They are very motivating." ♦



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Tia Hendricks jumps a hurdle in the Lady Gobs Invitational held last weekend. Hendricks finished 4th in the 400-meter hurdles.

## Question and Answer

Name: Tia Hendricks  
Class: Sophomore

Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Major: HHP

After College: Physical education teacher

Favorite Place to Eat: Any Chinese restaurant

Role Model: Jackie Joyner Kersee

Favorite part about being APSU student athlete: "Getting to travel to different places"

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# Rowdy and Hardy shut out Golden Eagles



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF  
Junior Cody Youngbloods slides into a base for safety as a Middle Tennessee player leaps over him.

By MICHAEL YOUNG  
Staff Writer

Govs' starting pitchers Rowdy Hardy and Devin Thomas had only one word on their minds going into this past weekend's three-game series against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles - shutout.

The two Governor hurlers threw back-to-back complete-game shutouts in Saturday's double-header with each defeating the Golden Eagles, 6-0. The complete-game shutout was the first for Thomas as a Bat Gov while it was the second consecutive complete-game shutout for Hardy.

"I think both (Hardy and Thomas) had outstanding games," Austin Peay State University baseball coach Gary McClure said. "They had excellent command of their pitches and good stuff to go along with it. To shut someone out is a feat by itself, and it is incredible to have two complete-game shutouts on one day."

Hardy (5-3) only allowed four hits while striking out four in his win, as Thomas (4-3) gave up three hits while walking two and striking out five.

The Govs pitching wasn't the only thing working for them. The Govs offense hammered four home runs during the weekend series while posting a .351 team batting average.

"I thought we did good at the plate from batters one through nine," junior catcher Tommy Smith said. Smith went

## BASEBALL

4-9 (.444) against the Golden Eagles with five RBIs. "Everybody hit really well and did their job at the plate. We were very pleased with the way we hit the ball."

The Govs (18-12, 5-4 OVC) kicked off the first game as shortstop Jared Walker and third baseman Jacob Schroeder homered in the first and fourth innings to go up 2-0 in the fourth.

The Govs posted another four runs in the eighth and ninth innings off six hits to round out their scoring.

In game two of the doubleheader, the Govs again defeated the Golden Eagles, this time 6-0, as they scored two runs in each the second, fourth and seventh innings off nine hits, including a two-run home run by catcher Jeremy Cabbage in the fourth inning.

After a 50-minute delay of the start of Sunday's game, the Golden Eagles came out fighting as the teams went into the sixth inning tied 5-5. Tennessee Tech scored one run in the sixth and a four-run eighth inning appeared to put the game out of reach for the Govs.

However, the Govs took advantage of three walks and an error by the Golden Eagles to mount a five-run ninth inning to take game three, 10-9.

"I think we definitely proved to the opposing team that we could swing the bat," senior shortstop Jared Walker said.

Walker led the Govs offense, as he went 6-12 (.500) with two walks and one RBI to bring him up to 199 career hits. "Especially Sunday when we were able to score five runs in the ninth to come back and win."

Govs closing pitcher Brad Daniels (3-

1) picked up the win after pitching three innings, allowing four runs on three hits.

The Govs sweep of Tennessee Tech (6-24, 1-7 OVC) boosts them up to a three-way second place in the OVC as the Golden Eagles fall to last place. ♦

## Govs face Memphis

By MICHAEL YOUNG  
Staff Writer

Coming off a three-game sweep of OVC rival Tennessee Tech, the Austin Peay State University Governors are set to take on the Memphis Tigers Wednesday.

The match-up between the two teams will be the second of the season as the Govs mounted a come-from-behind 9-6 victory over the Tigers earlier this season.

"It will be a tough game," APSU baseball coach Gary McClure said. "They are a solid ball club, and it's at their place, so it will be a lot tougher game."

"We'll just have to come out and play our game like we are capable of doing. The main thing is being mentally prepared." The Tigers (8-20, 2-10 C-USA) are currently the

victim of a seven-game losing streak which began on March 30 with their loss to the Governors.

The Tigers have struggled throughout the season defensively.

"It's going to be a battle just like last time," junior catcher Tommy Smith said. "They are especially going to come hard at us after their loss last time."

The Govs (18-12, 5-4 OVC) have managed to accumulate a .305 team batting average with senior Jared Walker (.368) and Brett Luther (.352) leading the strike. The Govs' offense also has yet to be shutout this season.

The Govs pitching staff has performed well this season, as they have a 4.84 ERA with five complete games and five shutouts. ♦

## Charles "Bud" Jenkins plays a behind-the-scenes, but vital, role in athletics



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF  
Jenkins has been taking charge of the Dunn Center for the better part of two decades.

By MICHAEL TAYLOR  
Assistant Sports Editor

Whenever word gets out hear about a game-winning shot or a last-second touchdown catch, students probably never think about how the facilities coordinator would have a part in that play. It's simple.

Without a scoreboard, there would be no way to keep score in basketball, and without lights there would be no way to catch a ball in the outfield. This is all part of a day's work for Charles "Bud" Jenkins, who is the facilities coordinator for Austin Peay State University.

Some of Jenkins's duties include anywhere from maintaining a calendar of events for the Dunn

Center to working the laundry room for the athletic teams. He must also keep a daily log use of the Dunn Center, which details all the athletic teams on a daily use, as well as any others with an activity and want to use it.

His coordination is not limited to the Dunn Center; it also branches out to other athletic facilities on campus.

"It may sound easy, but it's really not. It can kind of get hectic sometimes, but I love my job," Jenkins said.

For about 20 years, Jenkins has been working with APSU athletics. While Jenkins was attending school at APSU majoring in geology in 1990, he was a student worker for the athletic

department. Although he did not graduate from the university, he was offered a job as a temporary worker in athletics.

After two years of temporary work, Jenkins was offered a full-time position, and he has been here ever since.

In his time at APSU, Jenkins has seen many famous faces come and go. Mercey Morris, Johnny Cochran, Mayo Angelo, Hank Williams and former president George Bush and his wife Laura Bush have all come to the Dunn Center for various reasons.

"Although I didn't get an opportunity to meet them, it was a sight to see all the secret service people here with the President," Jenkins said.

"I think that on that day there might have been the most people I have ever been in or near the Dunn Center."

Jenkins has also seen a lot of former athletes come and go, too. Ones that graduate, transfer, and even ones that move on to the next level of play. He has developed friendships with each of them.

"I have seen many athletes come and go," Jenkins said. "I feel as though I have done my part in helping them succeed."

Whether or not the athletes have moved on to the next level, many have gained a remarkable experience through APSU athletics, where Jenkins plays a vital part as the coordinator for the facilities. ♦

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(doubleheader)  
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Tennessee,  
2 p.m.,  
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### Friday

Tennis  
at OVC  
Championship  
Nashville, Tenn.

### Saturday

Tennis  
at OVC  
Championship  
Nashville, Tenn.

Baseball  
vs. Southeast  
Missouri,  
(doubleheader)  
1 p.m.,  
Clarksville, Tenn.

Softball  
vs. Tennessee  
State,  
(doubleheader)  
1 p.m.,  
Clarksville, Tenn.

### Sunday

Tennis  
at OVC  
Championship  
Nashville, Tenn.

Baseball  
vs. Southeast  
Missouri,  
(doubleheader)  
1 p.m.,  
Clarksville, Tenn.

Softball  
vs. Tennessee  
State,  
(doubleheader)  
1 p.m.,  
Clarksville, Tenn.

### Monday

Golf  
at OVC  
Championship,  
Decatur, Ala.

# Football returns to scholarship, OVC

By MANDY WHITE  
Sports Editor

The speculation is over; a long-awaited moment has arrived. Austin Peay State University announced in a press conference Friday that the Govs' football program will indeed return to scholarship play.

At the conference, a theme emerged from each of the speakers, those of whom included Sherry Hoppe, APSU president; Jon Steinbrecher, Ohio Valley Conference commissioner; Dave Loos, APSU athletic director and Carroll McCray, APSU head football coach. It was evident that APSU plans not to only join the OVC, but to boast a team in the hunt for a championship.

"We don't want to just be competitive," Loos said. "We want to excel and compete for a championship."

But the question many are asking is, "Will adding scholarships to the program make the needed difference for a championship team to emerge?" McCray thinks it will.

"Sure, it does take a while," he said. "But the plan is to get the program to that point as soon as possible."

In what Steinbrecher called an "incredibly bold move," he congratulated APSU for adding

scholarships during a time when most schools are not.

APSU will not compete in the OVC next season. Instead, the team will continue in the Pioneer Football League for the 2005 season before becoming an independent, partial scholarship program for the 2006 season. Next season, the Govs will add four OVC schools to their schedule, including Murray State, to see how they measure up and to reinstate rivalries. Finally, in 2007 the Govs will compete with the full 60 scholarships in the OVC.

"Next season it's up to the players to prove that we can compete at the OVC level and play with those caliber teams," McCray said. "As far as recruiting goes, Austin Peay is the first place I've coached where I didn't have scholarships. We know where the kids are; we just have to sell ourselves to them."

The university as a whole is trying to sell itself to more and more students. With an enrollment increase of 13.5 percent this year (more than any other school in Tennessee), Hoppe is planning a vision which incorporates both academics and athletics.

Hoppe also told APSU Sports Information that the school's "public and internal images were diminished when scholarship football was dropped. It affected how students viewed this university." She said she sees scholarship football as an investment in APSU's future.

"I want the university to grow to about 10,000 to 12,000 students," Hoppe said. "I want to create a campus synergy where there's something going on all the time. I think that's essential for a college, and athletics are a big part of that."

Academics and athletics are already beginning to merge. The Jumbotrons in the Dunn Center are completely operated at APSU basketball games by students in the communications department. The experience students are offered from those types of projects is exactly where Hoppe's vision for the university leads.

"By getting the academic and athletic departments to work together, we can create an involved campus that will bring the community together," she said.

Hoppe also commented that in order to comply with Title IX, the university will likely make some minor adjustments, including the addition of a small number of assistant coaches to women's sports at APSU.



Head football coach Carroll McCray gets regional coverage at the press conference held Friday, as he talks to Paul Jones, the sports director of WZTV-Fox 17. The conference was held at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Nashville. Many of the major TV stations in the area covered the event, as APSU announced they will return to scholarship play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

# Venable ties school record for home runs

By MANDY WHITE  
Sports Editor

One of the few bright spots for the Lady Govs during the weekend was junior Brianna Venable's solo home run during Saturday's first game of the three-game series.

The blast signaled her 22nd career home run, which ties the school record set by Austin Peay State University Hall of Fame member Andrea Miller.

"I was really only looking for a line drive to get on base," Venable said. "It felt really good to get that home run, though. I didn't even know that I was that close to tying the record. I read it in the newspaper, actually."

APSU (11-25, 4-7) was swept by Samford this weekend, losing 6-2, 5-0 and 7-4 to the OVC rival. The Bulldogs are ranked No. 1 in the league with a 19-16 overall record and a 12-3 conference mark.

"We've got to start bringing what we do in practice onto the field," senior Jessica Warden said. Warden led the Lady Govs in hits during the weekend with five. "When we get behind, we tend to let down instead of fighting back. We've got to learn to be aggressive players

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rather than passive players."

Aggressive is the key word, as head coach Jim Perrin told the team after an overall disappointing weekend.

"We have got to be more aggressive, intense and focused," Perrin said. "Those teams that play with intensity and focus are the ones that bounce back. Instead, we let things get us rattled. Right now, that's what is hurting us."

The Lady Govs look to do a little bouncing back of their own as they play host to Middle Tennessee State University 2 p.m., Wednesday in a doubleheader. The Blue Raiders have lost the last nine consecutive contests leading up to play with APSU. They are 6-24 overall and 0-4 in the Sun Belt Conference.

"We really need to rebound against MTSU," Perrin said.

"I'm looking forward to the match-up. I think it helps to play games during the week. Sometimes if you just practice, your timing can get off. And this weekend will be critical for us, especially since we play Tennessee State next weekend."



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF  
Taylor Newberry hits in Saturday's 5-0 loss.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF  
Ashley Porter pitches while Jessica Warden anticipates a hit in her direction. Porter picked up the loss, bringing her record to 2-4 on the season.

# APSU hosts meet in refurbished stadium



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Above: Keisha Richardson crosses the finish line as the 4x100 team wins the event with a time of 48.76.

Right: Danja Yates jumps hurdles, placing second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.11.

BY ASHLEY SCHILLING  
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University track and field team finally had a home meet last Saturday. Teams from all across the state of Tennessee made the trip to APSU to compete against the Lady Govs. The meet ushered in the first home track meet at the newly paved Governors Stadium.

Several of the Lady Govs finished in top places while others surpassed their personal best records of the outdoor season. "You know it is a great facility, and it is a chance for us to show off the facility, as well as a chance for the athletes here to show off their abilities in front of a home crowd, which is always a good factor," head coach Doug Molnar said. "It was a real neat experience as the first real big meet here."

In the 100-meter dash, junior Sherlonda Johnson placed first (12.01) with fellow teammate freshman Keana McCall falling just behind in second (12.32). Also in the 100-meter was sophomore Connie Every, who finished in sixth place with a time of 12.74. Every also had a 12th-place finish (26.97) in the women's 200-meter dash.

In the 400-meter dash, two runners



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finished in the top 10. Running for APSU were senior Shameka Strong who finished in sixth (1:00.29) and senior Cicely Sullivan who rounded out the Lady Govs effort in eighth place (1:00.35). One of the top performances of the day belonged to sophomore Julie Smith, who finished first in the javelin throw with a distance of 33.00 meters. It also served as a personal record for Smith.

"Julie Smith had a huge personal record for us in the javelin under very tough conditions," Molnar said. "It was wet and muddy out there, and it was slippery with them throwing on the grass. I was very concerned at the start of the competition about the conditions out there but she comes out there with a seven foot throw. Now she is

ranked in the top three or four in the conference. It was a pretty good meet overall."

On the men's front of the APSU track event was freshman Josh Yeckering who finished first in the men's 5000-meter run. Yeckering finished with a record time of 15:50.84.

"It feels good," Yeckering said. "I improved my time by about 17 seconds. I thought I could have done a little bit better but we started out pretty slow. I didn't notice it until really late in the race and by the time I noticed, I heard my coach yelling out to me to start passing people. Once I did, I pretty much commanded the race."

In all, the Lady Govs Invitational was a glimpse into the near future. On Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, the Lady Govs will once again play host in the O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

# Bon voyage!

Graduating senior Cassandra Peek will play in China this summer

By MICHAEL TAYLOR  
Assistant Sports Editor

Cassandra Peek, a senior guard, has been selected to a team that will tour China this summer for a sports developmental trip along with four other Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball players.

"This is a great honor, and I'm very proud of her," Andy Blackston, head women's basketball coach, said.

Peek was the lone senior on the team this season, starting all 27 games for APSU and averaging 32.0 minutes each game. She led the team with 110 assists and averaged 6.9 points per game and 1.9 rebounds per game.

"I am kind of nervous about going overseas, but I'm excited to have this opportunity," Peek said.

The team will leave on May 9 and will return 13 days later. While in China, Peek will experience international competition and develop basketball worldwide by teaching in clinics.

"This is a big honor for me because I am getting to share what I love, basketball," Peek said.

Each player going on the trip had to raise \$3,000 to fund the trip.

Although, it seems like a lot of money to raise, Peek didn't have that much trouble



JAROD LEONARD/FILE PHOTO

finding funding.

"I thought it would be a lot harder to raise the money," Peek said. "Most people have been really generous and are really showing me lots of support."

There was only one other APSU women's basketball player represented on this squad in the last half century. Christy Wade joined the tour when Peek was being recruited four years ago.

The other four girls on the squad who join Peek will be from Eastern Kentucky Ashleigh Huffman, Jen Patterson, Miranda Eckerle and Tennessee Tech's Marissa Hensley.

Huffman, a senior forward, played in 29 games, averaging 7.3 points and 4.4 rebounds last season.

Patterson, a freshman guard, played in 29 games for EKV averaging 2.4 points per game and nailing 11-of-13 from the free throw line this season.

Eckerle was fourth in the OVC with points averaged with 15.7, while hitting 43.3 percent of her three-pointers attempts last season. She nabbed all-OVC honors and averaged 7.1 rebounds.

Hensley, a freshman forward, played in 29 games, started in 11 games and finished the season averaging 7.3 points and 4.4 rebounds.