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TBR may pick smokers' pockets



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By DAVE CAMPBELL

News Editor

The current smoking policy at Austin Peay State University received an addendum last week when the Tennessee Board of Regents voted to issue citations to students who smoke outside designated areas.

"The 'smoking tickets' stem from a disciplinary rule allowing monetary fines for violating the smoking ban that is already in place at APSU," said Mary Morgan, director of communications at TBR.

Under the current disciplinary system, a warning is given and, subsequently, a

hearing for people who continually violate the no smoking rule.

The new policy allows fines to be attached to the citations. The fines will start at \$25, increasing with each offense, peaking at \$100, according to Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Sherryll Byrd.

There are several steps before this change to policy can take effect. It will be a year before this decision affects APSU students.

Morgan explained that from here the rule must go to the attorney general's office, the secretary of state and must finally be approved by a committee of the Tennessee

General Assembly.

Upon final approval, this decision will be permanent and not even the Student Government Association will have a say in the matter.

"We believe there was student input at the campus level before the rule was submitted to TBR," Morgan said. Byrd said that the fines will not apply to faculty and staff but that university employees will be subject to disciplinary action.

"They will be dealt with under the employee discipline process," Byrd said. "They are bound to the same policy."

Byrd said that the university could not fine employees under this policy.

"Eventually an employee could be terminated," she said.

Still, students could be subject to fines on their first offense, according to Byrd. "There have been students who have cussed out administration," Byrd said. In a case like this, where students are particularly hostile toward authorities who are enforcing the policy, there is the possibility of fines being applied before a warning, according to Byrd.

Byrd explained that the smoking policy has already been effective and since people know the rules now, any possible confusion has been cleared up. Byrd does not anticipate having to use the fines. ♦

Community bands together for special olympics, disability awareness

Events will coincide with fundraising many organizations participating

By APRIL MCDONALD

Assistant News Editor

Disability Awareness Month is here once again. Events will be found across campus throughout April. Communications instructor Caroline Sawyer and the department of communications are holding a televised pledge drive on April 29 to raise money for Area 12 Special Olympics.

Area 12 covers Montgomery and Stewart counties and Fort Campbell and serves roughly 500 special needs participants from young children to adults.

"We raised \$6,400 last year. This year our goal is \$10,000," Sawyer said.

Local Artists such as Red 40, P. Jones, Loreto, Corrina Chapman, Brand New Love, Salem Ridge Quartet, Mystery and others will be performing live music in the Dunn Center during the pledge drive. The \$1 admission will go towards the Special Olympics.

The event relies on volunteers from Austin Peay State University and the surrounding community. In addition, organizations and others that participate will have the opportunity to speak during interviews that will be conducted throughout the event.

"We hold the spring games and basketball games here (at APSU) every year at no charge," Sawyer said. "We hope to make this an annual event," Sawyer said.

The track and field event is April 28 and spring games start April 27, so it will be a Special Olympics weekend.

The event will air on Cable 99, which reaches approximately 100,000 homes within the area from noon to 10 p.m., April 29. Volunteers will be accepted up until the day of the event. Disability Services is also holding several events throughout the month. On April 11, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the STAR Center Access Express, a 42-foot long mobile technology unit, will be at the University Center Plaza.

"The Access Express helps to extend the STAR Center's mission to ensure that all individuals with disabilities or other special needs maximize their potential for independence and achieve their personal goals of employment, effective learning and independent living through assistive technology, assistive aids and support services," according to the company's Web site.

Students will be able to look at many of the technologies that people with disabilities use to aid in their everyday lives. Beginning at noon April 18, outside of the UC, will there will be the Wheelchair, Blind and Crutch challenge with cotton candy and drinks. The WBC challenge is an obstacle course that allows people without disabilities to understand the difficulties and challenges that are faced everyday.

Participants will begin by maneuvering a wheelchair from the UC to the Woodward Library, where they will don a pair of glasses that distort vision and be required to complete a task.

After the task is completed, participants will make their way back to the UC using a pair of crutches. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to attend and participate. There are approximately 600 APSU students are registered with Disability Services. ♦



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Jarrod Bradley competes in the 50-yard dash as part of Special Olympics events at Norman High School, Saturday, March 31 in Norman, Okla. Bradley won the race.

SGA results find some disqualified

"There are appeals going on for the presidency and secretary, and we cannot discuss anything until its over."

— Allyson Lambert, SGA chief justice

Candidates appeal decision, hearing scheduled for today

By APRIL MCDONALD

Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association executive committee will have to wait a bit longer before announcing who the new president and secretary will be.

"There are appeals going on for the presidency and secretary, and we cannot discuss anything until it is over," said Allyson Lambert, SGA chief justice.

Chris Drew and Bryan Huffman are appealing the decision of the election board, which removed their names from the voting count.

All candidates must follow the Austin Peay State University Electoral Act, and the SGA constitution when campaigning.

According to Lambert, both Drew and Huffman violated the section which states that campaign materials cannot be hung in the residence halls.

The policy also states that candidates must get permission from University Facilities before hanging any flyers.

"They both violated this policy," Lambert said.

The tribunal hearing is scheduled for April 11.

More information will be available following this hearing.

For updated information as it becomes available, visit <http://www.theallstate.com>. ♦



HUFFMAN



DREW

Music chair receives TBR fellowship honor



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The fellowship was named after Maxine Smith, a civil rights and educational activist who worked for TBR for 12 years.

By ELIZABETH BRUCE

Staff Writer

Gail Robinson-Oturu, chair of the department of music at Austin Peay State University, has been accepted into the Tennessee Board of Regents' Maxine Smith Fellows Program.

The program was named for Maxine Smith, a civil and educational rights activist who served at TBR for 12 years.

It gives black employees at TBR universities the opportunity to learn more about TBR by attending the organization's meetings and working on various projects with a TBR mentor.

Oturu was nominated for the fellowship by APSU President Sherry Hoppe, Provost Bruce Speck and Vice Presidents Richard Jackson and Mitch Robinson.

The nomination was sent to TBR, where Oturu was selected to participate in the fellowship, along with 10 others. In February, the fellows visited the Legislature and state capital. Last month they attended the TBR quarterly meeting.

The fellowship lasts for nine months and will end in

November.

Oturu will remain at APSU and continue teaching full time for the duration of the fellowship.

She will, however, be spending a few days away from campus each month to attend TBR meetings and to meet with her mentor, Paula Short, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs at TBR.

For the project that must be completed, Oturu and Short have set up two think tanks comprised of various faculty members from TBR institutions to devise an answer to the problem of mounting workloads of faculty at TBR universities.

Oturu will meet with the groups within one to two weeks to discuss their progress.

At the project's end, she will write a position paper to articulate their findings.

Oturu said that she feels that the fellowship has strengthened her as an administrator and allows her to do a better job at APSU. Of the program, Oturu said, "It has been very insightful, and has strengthened my knowledge and understanding of administration and how TBR operates." ♦

Professor pours out poems about family and Puerto Rico

Falconer to read poetry in late April, many of which were written at APSU

By TANGELIA CANNON

Assistant Online Editor

Blas Falconer, Professor of English, who has been teaching at Austin Peay State University since Fall 2003, published his first poetry book, "A Question of Light and Gravity," last March.

The book was not scheduled to be published until this month, but was pushed ahead and released a month early by the University of Arizona Press.

This has allowed Falconer more opportunities that he might not have had.

Last February, Falconer attended a conference, The Associated Writing Programs Conference in Atlanta, which is the biggest creative writing conference in

the country.

According to Falconer, the press happened to have advanced copies of the book there, so Falconer was able to do a book signing, which led to someone asking him if he would do a reading at a party for a Latino organization.

Although there are a few poems from Falconer's early days of writing poetry — the earliest poem being written in the spring of 1994 — most of the 45 poems were written while here at APSU.

However, they all have the same three themes: family, love and Puerto Rico.

"Each of these are woven together, because they are truly about the same thing — finding peace with family," Falconer said.

A struggle between these is introduced in the early pages of the book, with a meditation found in the middle and a resolution at the end of the book.

Falconer says that it is no secret that he is gay and a Latino.

"My sexual orientation has created a lot of conflict within my family, as well as within myself," Falconer said.

"When you're born a particular race or ethnicity, you have people around you who help you to understand who you are. But when you are born gay, you don't have anyone telling you what it means to be gay — or even that it is okay to be gay," Falconer said.

These conflicts and life experiences have naturally eased Falconer into writing about family and love.

The fact that Falconer remembers Puerto Rico as the "perfect place" has drawn him to write poetry about Puerto

Rico.

"A Question of Light and Gravity" is Falconer's first book of poetry; however, he also has a 15 poem chapter book, "The Perfect Hour," which he considers to be a teaser.

Falconer is in the process of beginning his second book of poetry which he plans to focus on the Fondling Wheel, a historical issue that affects the human race.

"The Fondling Wheel is the device used in orphanages. This was mainly used for unwed mothers, who would drop off their baby in a wheel that they would spin around so that the mothers did not have to be recognized," Falconer said.

The Center of Excellence at APSU will be hosting a poetry reading for Falconer's new book April 19 at 8 p.m. in Gentry Auditorium in Kimbrough.

This reading is free and open to the public. ♦



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Professor Blas Falconer says that his poetry comes naturally from his life experiences.



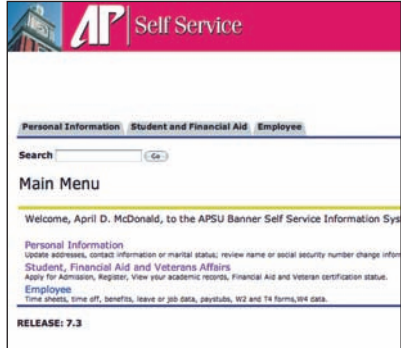
# 'Some bugs' inhabit Self Service

By APRIL MCDONALD  
Assistant News Editor

Students began registering Monday on the new Self Service Web site. "They still have some bugs to work out, and should have had them worked out before today," said Tona Davis, senior, elementary education major. Faculty members use the same Self Service site to retrieve the alternate PIN that is required for registration. Only the major and minor advisers, department secretaries and department chairs have access to the alternate PIN. If a faculty member is not a students

assigned advisor, they will not have access to this number. Faculty members had the opportunity to attend training on the new system. "This first time using it will create a lot of confusion as would any undertaking of such a magnitude," said Stuart Bonnington, psychology professor. "Our secretary has been doing an incredible job of helping us navigate the system." "I think both sites will provide more functions than we currently have, but they are not completely set up yet," said David Kanervo, political science and sociology professor.

"Self Service doesn't do degree audits yet, so I have to switch back and forth when advising students. The fact that Self Service does not quickly 'time-out' as Web for Faculty did is certainly a benefit," Kanervo said. Once the student has the alternate PIN he or she can add or drop classes from any computer. Unlike APWeb, the Self Service Web site will only shut down occasionally for maintenance and will be available at all other times. Class searches can now be performed for instructional method, campus, part of term or instructor. ♦



This is the interface of Self Service which has replaced APWeb.

## Good Morning APSU

### Campus Community Calendar

#### Disability Awareness Month

Today  
STAR Access - Mobile Unit  
2 to 5 p.m.  
Plaza UC

April 13  
Drive-in Conference  
Tennessee Association on Higher Education and Disability  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. UC Ballroom

April 18  
Wheelchair Blind Crutch Challenge  
1-3 p.m. UC front sidewalk area

#### CPR training

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

#### Upward Bound teachers needed

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

#### Adult literacy program

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

#### Executive board positions

The Govs Organization Council is looking for students to fill executive board positions for student organizations. Applications and job descriptions can be found at <http://www.apsu.edu/sll/GOC.htm>. Deadline for all other officer applications is April 13.

#### Higher Education Summit

Student Government Association will sponsor a Higher Education Summit at 6 p.m., tomorrow in the University Center Ballroom. Kim McMillan, senior adviser to Gov. Phil Bredesen will be the keynote speaker.

#### Peay Soup-Poetry Slam

The African American Cultural Center is hosting the first Peay Soup-Poetry Slam from 7 to 9 p.m., April 24 in the AACC. Prizes will be offered. Poets who wish to participate need to register by April 23.

#### Annual ROTC ball

ROTC is hosting its annual ball at 5:30 p.m., April 21 in the UC Ballroom. Contact Luke Basler for more information at [lbasler14@apsu.edu](mailto:lbasler14@apsu.edu) or call (314) 603-7702.

#### Student organization and leader awards

Awards are being given to outstanding student organizations 6 p.m., April 20 in the UC Ballroom. There will be a reception to following the ceremony.

# Violence against homeless increases

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — It was a balmy night, the sort that brings the homeless out from the shelters, when the police were summoned to America Street. On the driveway of a condo, just a few paces from the gutter, lay a dying man. He looked to be around 50, a resident of Orlando's streets, judging by the moldy jacket. He'd been bludgeoned so badly that he could hardly move. Before being rushed to the hospital, where he died of his head injuries, the man, August Felix, described his attackers. Young fellows did it, he whispered to the officers who got to him first. Kids. Within three months, two 16-year-olds and three 15-year-olds had been charged with second-degree homicide for the March 26, 2006, attack. The motive? "I don't think there was a motive," said Sgt. Barbara Jones, a police spokeswoman, "other than, 'Let's beat someone up.'" That high-schoolers had turned allegedly on a whim into executioners brought pause to city officials and advocates for the homeless. Not just because the killing was unprovoked, but because it fit into a trend larger than Orlando: a nationwide surge of violence committed largely by teenagers and young adults against some of America's most vulnerable citizens. A 2006 report by the National



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Roland Rode, originally from the Baltimore area but a long-time West Coast resident, reads the Bible while sitting in his bunk at a homeless shelter for veterans in San Diego.

Coalition for the Homeless found that there were 142 attacks last year against homeless people, 20 of which resulted in death, a 65 percent increase from 2005, where 86 were violently assaulted, including 13 homicides. By comparison, 60 such attacks were reported in 1999, the year the coalition, the only entity to gather such data, began to study the problem. These numbers are likely low because they only reflect the most egregious attacks reported in newspapers or by agencies that serve the homeless and some victims themselves, according to

Michael Stoops, acting executive director of the Washington-based coalition. The trend is particularly troubling, he says, because such attacks no longer occur just in major cities on the East and West Coasts, as was the case in the 1980s. In its most recent study, "Hate, Violence, and Death on Main Street USA," the coalition documented attacks against the destitute in 62 communities in 26 states last year alone. Since 1999, such violence has occurred in 44 states and Puerto Rico and in 200 communities nationwide. The overwhelming majority of the



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This graphic shows the increase of violence against the homeless deaths and non-lethal incidents since 1999.

attackers 88 percent were 25 or younger; 95 percent were male. No less than 68 percent of those accused and convicted in attacks were between the ages of 13 and 19. This pattern of violence, in Stoops' view, hasn't gotten the attention it deserves from the public or law enforcement. "Homeless people are the newest minority group in America that is OK to hate and hurt," he said. "It's as though, somehow, they're viewed as less deserving, less human than the rest of us." ♦

# Book breaks ground on tough subject from tough time

By KYLE NELSON  
Staff Writer

The University of Nebraska Press will be releasing "Sex Crimes under the Wehrmacht," written by Professor David Snyder of Austin Peay State University's history and philosophy department. The book examines Nazi Germany's treatment of criminals and how they were cycled to fight in the front lines during World War II. The book, Snyder said, is divided into two parts. The first part discusses how the German penal system changed to serve manpower shortages in the Wehrmacht, which were the German armed forces. "Manpower demands became so great, that the German armed forces decided that



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Professor Snyder traveled to Germany during his research for the book.

it was impractical to let convicted soldiers sit around in prisons. So they created penal and parole units," Snyder said. "The penal and parole units were a form of punishment, but the punishment still served the war effort."

The second half of the book explores the types of people who were taken out of prisons and placed in the penal units. "Rapists, child molesters and even homosexuals more often than not found themselves quickly back at the front in one of the special units, and then to regular units if the proved themselves to be devoted soldiers," Snyder said. "The army really didn't care if you were a pedophile, rapist or homosexual, as long as you were willing to fight for the final victory." Snyder said it took three trips to Germany and about six years to write this book. As part of the research for the book, Snyder looked at different case-files of soldiers and criminals that were archived in

Germany. Using these, he found out their crimes, how they were punished and then followed their paper trail to the front. This book will be the first of its kind in English. Snyder said that there has been very little written on this subject. There are a few works in German, but no studies in English. "In this regard I am a pioneer," Snyder said. Snyder became a part of the APSU faculty in 2003 with a doctorate in modern European history from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His specialty is in military history. The hardcover version of this book will be available July 1. ♦

## Former senatorial candidate visits campus



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Chris Lugo, former Green Party senatorial candidate, visited campus April 19 to talk to Professor Robert Butler's organizational behavior class about political reform.

### World Briefs

#### Guantanamo detainees start hunger strike, are force-fed instead

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Several detainees at Guantanamo Bay have joined a long-running hunger strike that attorneys say is a protest against harsher conditions at a new prison unit. This brought their number to 13, a spokesman at the U.S. military base said Monday. All were being force-fed through tubes inserted into their noses, said Navy Cmdr. Robert Durand, a Guantanamo spokesman. The strike, which began in 2005, has had as many as a dozen participants in recent months but reached 17 in the days before the trial in March of David Hicks. He is the Australian detainee whose case marked the first U.S. war crimes conviction since World War II. Durand suggested the prisoners were trying to gain the attention of dozens of reporters. These reporters covered the trial at the U.S. Naval base in southeast Cuba. This where about 385 men are imprisoned on suspicion of links to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

#### China and Japan come together

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — China's premier will visit Japan this week for the first time in seven years, in a sign that ties may finally be stabilizing after years of rancor over the Japanese occupation of China in the first half of the 20th century. Expectations for the visit are mixed, yet the mere fact that Premier Wen Jiabao is going reflects a sharp turnaround in relations that began with an icebreaking visit to Beijing by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in September. "I feel strongly that my trip has a real mission," Wen told Japanese reporters in Beijing ahead of the three-day visit starting Wednesday. "Sino-Japanese relations are at a critical stage and both countries should make an effort to push forward ties." Wen plans to address lawmakers and issue a joint statement with Abe expressing their "aspirations to build a strategic and mutually beneficial relationship." Military cooperation, economic dialogue, and collaboration on energy conservation, environmental protection and finance issues are also on the agenda. ♦

# Desire2Learn replaces Blackboard

By APRIL MCDONALD  
Assistant News Editor

Blackboard will no longer be the platform used for Austin Peay State University online classes come the Spring 2008 semester. John St. Clair, director of training and technical services for the Tennessee Board of Regents online degree program, said that after a system-wide process, bids were accepted and Desire2Learn became the new online instruction program. "Blackboard did not submit a proposal," St. Clair said. The chosen platform — Desire2Learn — is currently used by universities such as the University of Arizona, University of Iowa and Ohio State University. According to the Desire2Learn Web site, the learning environment [platform] provides a complete Web-based suite of easy-to-use tools and functionality. This enables effective, and timely course development, delivery, assessment, communication, collaboration, management and community building. Much of the robust functionality cannot be found in standard Learning Management Systems. The full version of the Learning Environment software includes: • A widget that informs the user of any new e-mails, discussion board posts, quizzes due, assignment

"Blackboard did not submit a proposal."

— John St. Clair, TBR

feedback and more. • Personalized settings that allow users to change some settings to customize the learning setting such as fonts, what events to monitor, accessibility and other features. • A briefcase feature is also available for the user to store files or documents that can then be accessed wherever there is an Internet connection. • There is a calendar to which all class events are automatically added. • An instant messenger will allow users to chat with classmates or instructors while both are online will also be available. The features available to APSU students are unknown at this time. "Every course should have an online component by the time we transfer over from Blackboard to Desire2Learn," said Katherine Bailey, multimedia specialist of Extended and Distance Education. ♦

# SGA continues to vote butts out

By KYLE NELSON  
Staff Writer

The April 4 meeting of Student Government Association was the scene of one vote and a few discussions.

#### Smoking Policy

SGA voted to keep Austin Peay State University's smoking policy as is. The vote pitted to keep the current policy, which only allows smoking in designated parking lots, rather than completely ban smoking on campus. The vote did not allow for a repeal of the smoking policy. Nearly everyone voted for keeping the policy with one abstention. No one voted for a total ban on smoking.

#### ISBN to be provided by professors

Senators voted to have APSU's professors provide the ISBN for the textbooks to be used in their classes in

order to streamline students' online search for these books. If provided, then a student can type in the book's ISBN, the number provided on the barcode, to pull up the book faster online.

#### Follet books no longer to provide

SGA announced that Follett books, the current supplier of the APSU bookstore, will no longer be the provider.

#### Recommendation on expanding wireless Internet on campus

SGA recommended to APSU's office of information technology to expand into the residence halls and all administrative buildings, but only if it did not come at the price of a slower Internet. Currently none of the residence halls or Ellington have wireless Internet connections. ♦



OUR TAKE

Google goofed

According to The Associated Press, toward the end of March, Google replaced satellite topography of post-Hurricane Katrina with imagery from before the disaster. After subcommittee chairman Brad Miller said “Google’s use of old imagery appears to be doing the victims of Hurricane Katrina a great injustice by airbrushing history,” Google later changed imagery back to the post-hurricane maps. As a large public figure with millions of people viewing its content everyday, Google has an obligation to the public to be honest, true and fair. Posting old overviews of New Orleans ignores the current problems the city is dealing with. People are still displaced, exiled and doing their best to rebuild their city. As people try to regain their sense of security, New Orleans has now become the murder capital of the U.S. The topography change cannot help but give the impression that everything is back to normal, which is not the case despite continuing progress. The least Google could do is reflect this condition through its map portal with accurate topography. To Google’s credit, many employees volunteered to work with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NASA and others to post updated imagery of the affected areas in Google Maps and Google

Earth as quickly as possible, according to John Hanke, director of Google Maps/Local/Earth. So it’s evident that Google has been sensitive to the needs of Katrina victims. Countless people have relied on Google Maps for updates on the status of family and property. So why would Google want to display maps that are both fraudulent as well as emotionally distressing? In response to Miller and his subcommittee’s inquiry, Hanke said “a combination of factors including imagery date, resolution and clarity” are factors that help decide what topography to provide. In his official company blog, he includes that he is surprised at the negative response the map change has been receiving. Hanke’s response sounds weak. It would have been better if he just admitted that the change was a mistake and that they didn’t think hard enough about the situation. To us, this is a case in which Google Maps gave more priority to high-resolution imagery than timely accurate imagery. Though this incident may cast concern on how Google makes decisions, the backlash from Miller’s congressional subcommittee has likely made the company re-evaluate how they incorporate public sentiment when making decisions. A little tact goes a long way. ♦

Yeah, same to you pal

Recently, a Northwest Airlines flight scheduled to take off from Las Vegas to Detroit was canceled. That in itself is not really news. For anyone who has ever flown Northwest Airlines, each passenger who bravely accepts the adventure that is called *Northwest* should be given hazard pay upon arrival at their intended destination. Of



Politically Speaking Dr. Greg Rabidoux

course, it’s no guarantee you’ll arrive at your intended destination and as for “on-time” arrivals, well perhaps their E-Ticket should just say, “Relax, you Americans are too worried about time; if you are truly worried, fly Midwest.” Why this mini-diatribe about the unfriendly skies (I know that’s United, but again, relax) of Northwest? Well, back to the flight being canceled. Not because of engine trouble, wings needing to be de-iced, faulty landing gear or even problems at the gate (the usual suspects). No, this time it was because the pilot on board this particular craft was cursing obscenities as the passengers were boarding. Now usually, I have this on good faith, pilots, as well as flight attendants, tend to mock, abuse and generally express their not-so hidden rage at those they would serve in either silence or more muted tones than this pilot apparently chose on this occasion. “Hey, Tiffany, did you notice the guy in row five, seat six?” “Yeah, no wonder we need wider seats and can’t afford to provide a feedback for these people.”

You don’t even want to know the nicknames they have for the wee, little ones among those of us who fly. Barfers, Wing-Nuts, Exhaust-Fumes, engine-trouble makers, these are just some of the many colorful, less-than-complimentary terms I have been privy to over the years. But, it has at least been customary to wait until we, the passengers, are seated before bringing out the whole fusillade for all to see and admire. Now, in fairness, the pilot, who was doing the cursing, both into his cell phone, with the cockpit door open (a mistake right there, unless would-be terrorists avoid Northwest, which is quite possible) and at passengers who were boarding, is obviously under stress, and who wouldn’t be? What with Iraq, the fuel prices to fly those “Big Birds,” the Cubs off to another losing season and all those buttons on the control panel of his jet, who wouldn’t be stressed? Come to think of it, who among us hasn’t wanted at one time or another to “let loose” and “unload” on our fellow passenger, or neighbor, whose dog

does his or her “business” on our front yard and not his or her master’s, that obnoxious guy, you know the one, who cuts you off in traffic then slows down then has the temerity to share his middle finger with you as he passes by your window. Yeah, that guy.

Okay, so we can all relate to our stressed-out, quite probably over-cafeinated Northwest pilot (probably has to pay for his own Starbucks coffee at the airport lounge due to Northwest budget cuts, and you know how expensive a simple espresso is these days). Let’s keep in mind, however, that if you’re going to curse out your passengers, you should at least offer complimentary peanuts, pretzels or how about those new Cheetos with jalapeno? Come to think of it, I could shrug off a few “sticks and stones” if someone is going to give me free stuff, or haven’t you ever been to a New York deli before?

Maybe Ann Coulter, the long-legged blonde (Clairol No. 7) political pundit and darling of the conservative crowd was over-cafeinated as well when she chose to call presidential candidate John Edwards a, um, rhymes with maggot. You know, the “other” F-bomb. Now, Edwards has been having a rough few weeks, what with the re-emergence of cancer in his wife, a YouTube video that shows him paying far, far too much attention to his beloved hair (all to the tune of “I Feel Pretty” from “The Sound of Music”) and consistently lower poll numbers than those other one-term democratic U.S. Senators named Hillary and Obama. Still, being called a maggot? Ironically, David Brock, author of “Blinded By the Right” and an out of the closet, gay politico, who once was fondly described as “The Right Wing Hit-Man,” for his apparently baseless (or close to it) attacks on the Clintons, paints an interesting portrait of Coulter. Suffice to say, that some of these pundits work hard at earning sobriquets like “Queen of Mean” or “King of Trash.” Just think what they say when they are not in the public eye.

So, what have we learned today boys and girls? First, I’ve said it before, and I’ll risk being called redundant and say it again: Demand your free snacks when you fly and grow “Rhino Skin” when the flight crew stares at you and curses you up and down the aisle. Simply shrug it off. You get to (hopefully) exit the plane in due time. They have to do it all again the next day. Next, get yourself to a real New York deli, but don’t expect to be coddled. The pastrami alone is worth the abuse, but do insist they cut it extra-thick. Be prepared to hear language you might only hear when boarding a Northwest flight. Finally, demand at least some insight from your political pundits. If all they’re going to do is call presidential candidates bad names and be potty-mouthed commentators, well, you know where to go to hear that kind of language. ♦



Nuclear Proliferation By Ahmadinejad.



It’s cool America. He’s got this one covered.

YOUR TAKE

Legalize marijuana; it’s common sense

I am surprised by last week’s “Marijuana, Ya Dig?” First I must comment on the “debate” between Steve Hager and Bob Stutzman. That is not a debate, it is a for-profit road show. Steve Hager is hardly a recognized or representative voice within the drug policy reform movement. Second, your editorial is full of ill-conceived notions. Your editorial says reducing “crime is accomplished when people stop breaking the law, not when people do away with the law.” When the law itself is criminal, what then? The prohibition of cannabis is not based, in any sense, on common sense or any real threat. The laws prohibiting cannabis are the contrived machinations of a xenophobic, bigoted, career prohibition bureaucrat (Harry Anslinger). Only through manipulating public perception by raising the specter of crazed minorities in the media and by presenting perjured testimony before the Congress of the United States were laws against cannabis enacted. There is no fatal level of consumption to cannabis. According to DEA administrative law judge Francis Young (1988) cannabis is “one of the safest therapeutic substances known to man.” Even the purported harms of smoking cannabis have fallen by the wayside with the results recently published by UCLA’s Donald Tashkin. Probably the planet’s most authoritative voice on cannabis and the respiratory system, Tashkin concluded that there is no associative risk of smoking cannabis and lung cancer. In fact his results show that

there is likely a causative reduction in the likelihood of cancer among pot smokers. Evidence of the efficacy of cannabis as medicine is abundant. In Canada, Sativex”, a patented, whole cannabis pharmaceutical extract, is the only medicine available to multiple sclerosis patients who suffer from the torturous pain of peripheral neuropathy. Prohibition of cannabis has nothing to do with law, science or common sense. When law bears no relationship to justice, when it turns law into a mockery of justice, there is no moral compunction to honor such laws, regardless of the will of the majority.

Allan Erickson Drug Policy Forum of Oregon

Jesus says ‘yes’ to the ganja

Humans should stop caging humans for using the God-given plant cannabis (kaneh bosm / marijuana) and one reason that doesn’t get mentioned, is because it is biblically correct since Christ God Our Father (the ecologist) indicates He created all the seed-bearing plants, saying they are all good, on literally the very first page — see Genesis 1:11-12 and 29-30. The only biblical restriction placed on cannabis is that it is to be accepted with thankfulness — see 1 Timothy 4:1-5. What kind of people created cannabis prohibition and extermination? Stan White The Green Collar Worker

Music migrates to the online world, larger audiences for smaller artists

By CHRIS WHITSON Guest Writer

Whether genre, production or method of distribution, music is constantly transforming. I grew up mostly in the 90s, when buying CDs from music stores was still the most popular way to get your favorite song(s). I’m used to shelling out \$15-20 for maybe a song or two on a CD of an artist I heard on the radio. It seems that music has drastically changed since the turn of the millennium. Record sales have dropped 20 percent this year from last year. Tower Records has shut down and moved completely online. Other record stores will soon follow suit or soon slip into the cracks of music distribution. There seems to be only one word that describes the music community these days — digital.

Digital music seems to be a much more economical platform for the consumer. Instead of paying \$16 for one song that you want, you can go on iTunes and purchase it for 99 cents, which is much more reasonable. There have been artists who I wanted to support by buying their CDs, but I soon realized that the majority of money I pay does not go to the artist at all. Although there are many programs that the consumer can use to obtain their favorite artist legally, such as iTunes or Rhapsody, there is still a huge “pirating” community out there too. The pirating of music has been the turning point in music distribution. The “consumer” can find any artist, any song and any variation of the song for the price of air. Of course lawsuits against these file-sharing communities (e.g. Napster) have deterred this illegal trafficking of digital property.

This new stage of music sharing is also loosening the icy grip major record labels have on what’s hot and what’s not. Exposure for aspiring underground artists has exploded due to increased online publicity.

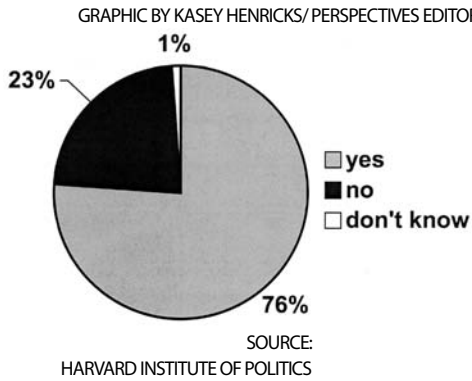
“This new stage of music sharing is also loosening the icy grip major record labels have on what’s hot and what’s not.”

There are pros and cons of digital music. If we could just take a step back and increase the protection on this intellectual property, digital music wouldn’t hurt anyone. If people want to hear more of their favorite artists, why not support them so that they can spend their time creating instead of working “9 to 5.” Coming from an artist’s standpoint, I believe digital music is great, but I would like to see a check for someone else enjoying a part of me. Each song an artist writes is a piece of them. The music community will never go back to the days of physical product after this technological shift. What do you think? ♦

Is Generation Next addicted to Facebook?

Here’s a random sample of how many U.S. students have an account on the Web site:

... you know admitting you have a problem is half the battle ...



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**What's in this issue:**

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**This week in history:**

**1861**

April 12 — The Civil War begins when Confederate troops under the command of General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. During the next two days, over 4,000 rounds were fired upon the Union-held and poorly supplied fort, leading to its surrender to the Confederate forces. Two days later, President Lincoln called up over 75,000 Union troops to stop the South's rebellion.

**1974**

April 8 — Babe Ruth's home run record of 714 hits is broken when Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits home run 715. Aaron broke the record with an audience of over 53,000 people packed into the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Aaron's accomplishment also earned him physical threats and racist hate mail, due to the fact that he was the first African American to achieve this distinguished baseball honor.

**Word of the Day:**

hypothecate • \hy-PAH-tuh-kayt\ • verb : hypothesize

**Example Phrase:** The scientist hypothecated that the lab rats' new behavior was linked to changes in their sleep patterns.

**Quote of the Week**

"Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more."

— Mark Twain

**Did you know?**

~ In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch or clock is usually 10:10.

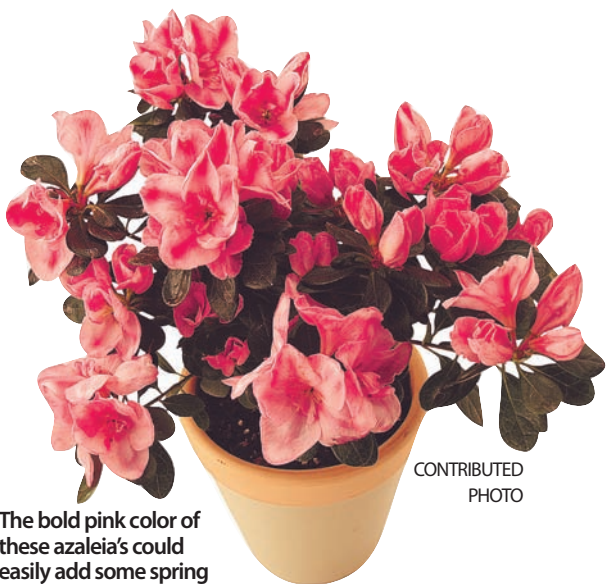
~ Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.

~ The average life span of a major league baseball is 5 to 7 pitches.

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Mind, body, home for spring



The bold pink color of these azalea's could easily add some spring color to a bland dorm room. Consider checking out a book on container gardening to learn more.

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"We shape our dwellings and our dwellings shape us."

— Sir Winston Churchill  
past Prime Minister of England, 1940-1945



Bright yellow daisies will not only brighten a home, but plants also serve as natural air purifiers, increasing the oxygen content in the air.

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Invite spring colors into your home

By AIMEE THOMPSON  
Staff Writer

The best part about spring is its sense of newness. Brilliant colors are appearing everywhere, and flowery scents are reawakening sweetest memories. We've emerged from the cold, dark days of winter, and are finally able to trade in our sweaters and boots for T-shirts and flip flops. With this changing of seasons comes the desire to change, to shake things up, and this spring is no exception. Here are five ideas to get you on your way to expressing your newfound spring freedom:

Color it happy

This spring, make every decoration choice about color. Pastel pinks, yellows, greens and blues work well with white walls and serve to liven up anyone's mood. They help to stimulate the mind and are easy on the eyes, making a dorm room a much more pleasant place to be in. Each color creates a different emotion in people, so choose one that brings out the desired effect. For instance, pink makes people friendlier, and yellow makes them happy. Greens and blues serve to calm people and make them more focused. Adding color to your life can be as simple as buying light green pillows and a green and white striped bedspread, or putting up a sunny yellow shower curtain and bathmat to brighten up a gloomy bathroom. Look for boring spots in a room, and wake them up with a splash of color.

Eenie-meenie-minie-mo

It's been said that the condition of a person's workplace is an indicator of their overall state of being. If this is true, then a cluttered closet equals a cluttered



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Consider adding a 'spring-y' color to a room, which can not only brighten up the room but can help to brighten up a mood as well. If painting walls is not an option, consider posters, colored curtains or colored bedding.

mind. Take the time to clean out closets, and get rid of all those bulky winter clothes. Pack them in boxes, put them in storage, or if you really want to be daring, give them to Goodwill. This gives you the added space needed for new spring clothes.

One man's junk, another man's treasure

Going to Goodwill, Salvation Army or even wholesale stores like Fred's can be a great way to find unique accessories for a room's new spring look. Yard sales are another great place to find hidden treasures. You never know what you can discover at these stores, and more often than not (after a little searching), you can find something really great for next to nothing.

Take the time to smell the roses

The benefits of having a houseplant are well known; they take in the carbon dioxide humans breathe out. In addition, plants expel the oxygen humans breathe in, and they can have a calm, soothing effect on nerves. They also add to the general aesthetics of a room. When buying a plant, consider how much light and space is available, as well as how much maintenance the plant requires. Chinese evergreen trees and Pothos vines make great indoor plants because they require low light and little water. They're also hardy enough to take a bit of neglect. Of course, you can always go for something simpler, like African violets, but it's all up to you.

Duck, duck, goose

It's amazing what rearranging furniture can do for the look and feel of a room. Get creative; move the bed so each morning you're greeted by the sunrise, or arrange chairs so your eyes are directed at that great collage you did in art appreciation. Also, try to maximize the amount of space you have. This will help the room feel airy and relaxed rather than stuffy and confined.. ♦

Pottery artist visits from China

Special Chinese clay allows teapot artist to create beautiful, efficient crafts

By HEATHER CLARK  
Staff Writer

Ceramics instructor Ken Shipley has enjoyed two excursions to China this year. Both trips have revolved around crafting ceramic teapots and celebrating the country's prominent tea culture. Shipley even visited the city of Yixing, a place that has long been known as the capital of pottery-making. Students who might have been curious about his venture overseas are now getting a taste of the experience. Yixing native and master teapot artist Gu Mei Qun is visiting Austin Peay State University now through April 20. She is hosting workshops for students every day through April 13 (8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Thursday), and will host open forums for students and the public April 16 through April 20.

Mei Qun, a member of the Chinese Arts and Crafts Association, is currently in the U.S. giving lectures and demonstrations across the country at locations like the New Jersey Art Center of America and West Virginia University. Her stop in Tennessee is as a guest of Ken Shipley, who has put in generous amounts of time and effort to make her visit to APSU possible.

With this visit, Shipley is hoping to provide his students, and all who would like to participate, with an insider's view of the rich, ancient tradition of Chinese ceramic art. With the enormously demanding economy of the nation's tea culture, the city of Yixing has long been held in the utmost regard for its distinguished teapots. The history of the Yixing teapot dates back to the Sung Dynasty (960-1279).

It was during this time that the distinctive, trademark clay began being mined around Lake Taihu. This special, localized clay is porous in nature, allowing the pots to actually absorb the flavors of the teas brewed within. They are characteristically fired unglazed for the sake of better tea-making and natural beauty. For these reasons, Yixing teapots have been prized possessions of scholars, art collectors and tea aficionados throughout the centuries.

In addition to the demonstrations and lectures given on campus, Mei Qun will also have an exhibition of her work on display at the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center from April 10 through April 22. She and Shipley will also host a discussion about her work at 1 p.m. April 18 at the Crouch Gallery of the Customs House.

Forums and workshops are open to the public. Anyone interested in the events can contact Ken Shipley at 221-7325.



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Gu Mei Qun demonstrated the 500-year-old way she makes teapots for Ken Shipley's ceramics class.



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Holes are being put in the pot so the tea can move through.



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Mei Qun smoothes out the bottom of the teapot so it will sit level .



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The teapot looks finished right? However, there are still several other steps ceramicists must go through to finish the teapot.



# Decemberists get warm reviews from fans

By JESSICA BAIRD  
Staff Writer

Inventive lyrics and innovative music have made The Decemberists arguably one of the most refreshing bands in recent years.

With critical acclaim and loyal fan base in tow, the indie rock favorites wowed a sold out crowd in Nashville last week.

“We play a wide variety of our songs. There are lots of sing-a-long, and lots of zaniness,” said Jenny Conlee, multi-instrumentalist of The Decemberists, in a pre-show interview.

The self-described ‘zaniness’ is due in part to the epic lyrical landscape on songs such as “The Mariner’s Revenge Song,” off the album “Picaresque” which was released in 2005.

Colin Meloy, frontman and lyricist in The Decemberists, typically writes from a character’s point of view.

This take on songwriting helps to make each song a short story and each album an unforgettable tale.

“He feels really comfortable [dealing with] dramatic characters,” Conlee said. “He enjoys taking a character and exploring it.”

“The Mariner’s Revenge Song” served as the finale during the group’s stint in Music City. The opening lyrics to the nearly nine-minute song set a scene for two mariners meeting in the most unusual of places.

“Our ship’s sole survivors in this belly of a whale... I guess we’ve got some time to kill,” Meloy sings.

With Meloy urging the crowd to ‘scream like you’re being attacked by a whale,’ the audience readily obliged.

Swaying in unison from side-to-side, clapping and singing along to this one-of-a-kind sea chantey, the entire crowd showed they are happily on board The Decemberists’ ship.

This adoration prompted one audience member to say, “It’s like I’m at church camp,” after Meloy persuaded the entire audience to sit down and then stand again in a roar of shrieks and applause.

The appreciation was not one-sided, with Meloy calling the audience “sweet and kind,” and Nashville a “miraculous city.”

About half way through the show, the group was joined by Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, two of Music City’s most celebrated musicians.

The duo, along with The Decemberists, played the title track from Welch’s release “Look at Miss Ohio.”

Another show highlight came courtesy of the band’s most recent single, “O Valencia!” off their latest release, “The Crane Wife.” The snappy, dance-worthy tune tells the story of a pair of star-crossed lovers.

Musically, the song is a perfect pop confection. However, with lyrics such as, “With your blood still warm on the ground Valencia I’ll burn this whole city down,” the song can only belong to a band as unique as The Decemberists.

Thanks to pushing musical boundaries, a devoted fan base and unforgettable live performances, The Decemberists’ ship shows no sign of sinking. ♦



COURTESY OF CAPITOL RECORDS

Indie rock favorites, The Decemberists, performed to a sold out Nashville crowd last week.

# Binge eating big problem in regards to health issues

By LORI PERKINS  
Staff Writer

Common eating disorders like anorexia— when someone deprives themselves from food — and bulimia —when someone eats compulsively, then vomits — are frequently mentioned in the news. Both disorders are practiced when a person is trying to lose weight.

However, compulsive eating is a disordersimilar to bulimia with the exclusion of vomiting that tends to get overlooked because society focuses on celebrity stars who suffer from anorexia or bulimia disorders or because so many people use the excuse of how much they love food and never consider that they may have a problem that is detrimental to their health.

United States citizens have the highest rate of obesity. Obesity is associated with Binge Eating Disorder (BED).

Anyone who overeats increases his or her chance to gain weight; however, overweight people are not the only sufferers from this disorder. According to WebMD, “nearly half of all people with binge eating disorders have a history of depression.”

Many people report feeling anger, sadness, boredom, anxiety or other negative emotions which can trigger

an episode of binge eating. Impulsive behavior and certain other psychological problems also seem to be more common in people with BED.

Like other disorders, BED seems to result from a combination of psychological, biological and environmental factors.

When a person is under a lot of stress they can turn to food to deal with their issues.

Research is still in progress. WebMD states that BED probably affects two percent of all adults or approximately two million Americans.

Among mildly obese people in self-help or commercial weight loss programs, 10 to 15 percent have BED, according to <http://www.webmd.com>. The disorder is ever more common in those with severe obesity.”

Binge Eating Disorder can start between the stages of maturing adolescence on until the early 20s. BED is more common in women than in men but men are still affected.

The disorder affects both blacks and whites, but that does not single out other ethnic groups.The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on women’s health says, “Eating disorders are one of the key health issues facing young women.”

The specific nature of the most common eating disorders, as well as risk and protection factors, may vary from group to group, but no population is exempt.” The cause of BED is not known.

The important factor to know about BED is that health risks are associated with BED: such as increase in weight, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, heart disease, higher risk of gallbladder disease and some types of cancer.

Binge Eating Disorder is a mental illness that causes a person to let their emotions take over and eat uncontrollably. However, eating a large portion of food from time to time does not mean you have BED.

People suffering from anxiety, stress or depression often turn to food for therapy. When eating around the clock becomes a habit, finding out about eating disorders can be mentally disturbing and denial can become an issue.

If someone suspects that they or an acquaintance is suffering from this disorder, seek medical treatment with either Health Services or a primary care physician. Continue to have a great passion for food, but learn to limit intake.

Nutritionists suggest that “eating to live is much better than living to eat.” ♦

## Symptoms of Binge Eating Disorder

1. Frequent episodes of eating what others consider an abnormally large portion of food.
2. Frequent feelings of being unable to control what or how much is being eaten.
3. Eating much more rapidly than usual.
4. Eating until uncomfortably full.
5. Eating large amounts of food, even when not physically hungry.
6. Eating alone out of embarrassment at the quantity of food eaten.
7. Feelings of disgust, depression or guilt after overeating.
8. Fluctuations in weight.
9. Feelings of low self-esteem.
10. Loss of sexual desire.
11. Frequent dieting.

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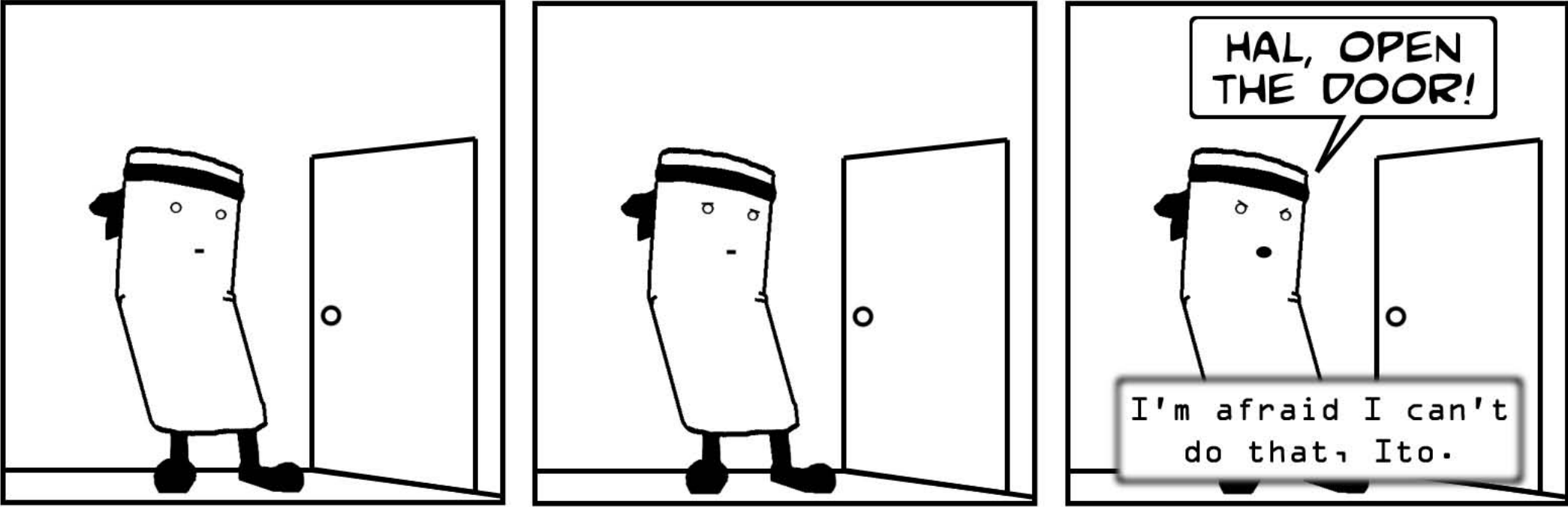
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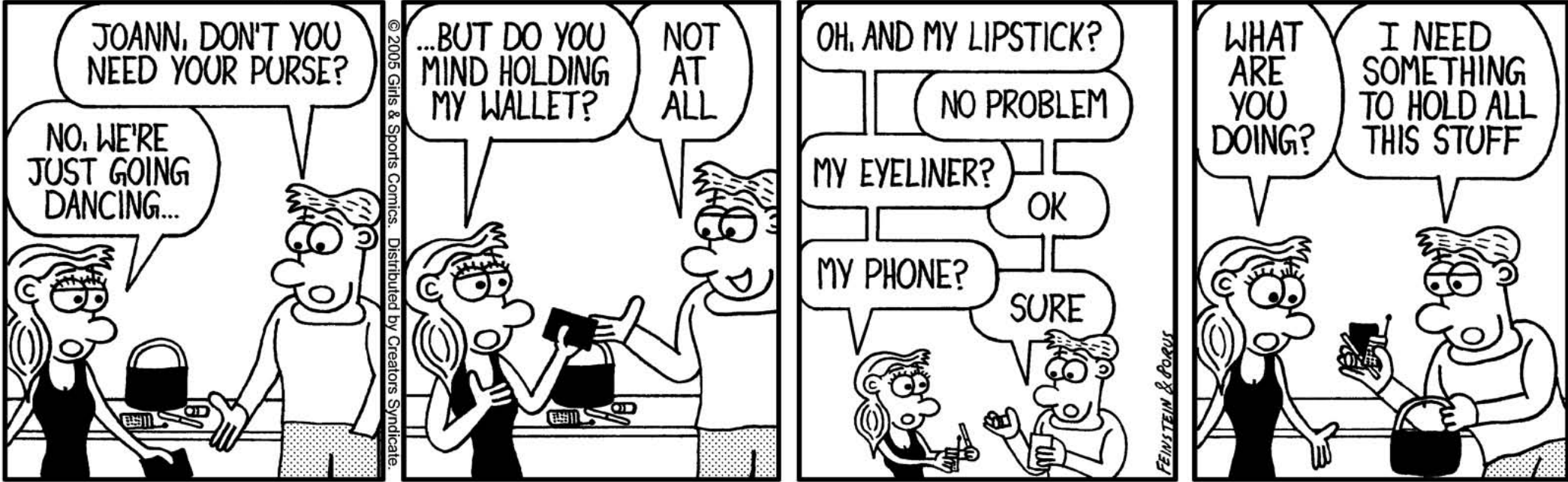
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by Linda Thistle

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## OPINION

# Robinsons should be remembered

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**  
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In 2007, there are two Robinsons whose stories should be told and retold to keep their legacies and impact on history alive—the infamous Jackie Robinson and former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson.

In a view of sports, these two figures are as big as they come. On the field or court, everyone knows Michael Jordan, Hank Aaron and Walter Payton. But none of these greats could have achieved what they did without the accomplishments of either Robinson.



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Eddie Robinson, the coach of the small, all-black college in Louisiana, led the Grambling Tigers football team for 57 years. The longtime coach practically put the university on the map when he sent the first black player to the National Football League. I'll say it again — the first.

Without the first, there wouldn't have been a second, or third or maybe not even the league we see today where over 75 percent are black.

Eddie Robinson posted 408 victories as a coach, the second most in college football history, paved the way for NFL greats such as Payton, O.J. Simpson, Mike Singletary, Lawrence Taylor and on and on. Eddie Robinson was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1997, and the great coach had battled with it for almost 10 years before passing away last week.

In another respect, the 2007 baseball season marks the 60-year anniversary of Jackie Robinson's entrance into Major League Baseball, breaking down the color barrier way before the so-called civilized American society allowed blacks the same rights whites have benefited from since this country was made.

However, I don't believe that all the credit goes to Jackie. Not to take away from his legacy because Jackie Robinson deserves a lot of credit for being able to handle an entire league of white players who hated him as well as thousands of fans sending death threats to him just for setting foot on the same field as whites. Some of the credit needs to be given to the Brooklyn Dodgers owner Branch Rickey, who chose Jackie Robinson to be the first black player to enter the MLB. Rickey went out on a limb as a white owner asking a black player to join his team.

The Dodgers' owner picked Jackie Robinson because of a few of the young player's traits — his ability on the field and his toughness off it. Rickey wanted a player who could withstand the pressures of the racial backlash he knew would come as soon as Jackie Robinson joined the organization. He needed someone strong enough not to fight back, and that was Robinson. The rest is all credited to Jackie. If the rookie hadn't have succeeded in his first season, black players could have been set back another decade. Instead, Jackie Robinson earned Rookie of the Year honors en route to a Hall of Fame career.

This is the story of the Robinsons, and if you are a young black American, especially an athlete, cherish the accomplishments of these two men. Your success practically is owed to them. ♦

## Sesay wins *The All State's* first Final Four contest



MICHAEL KELLUM/SPORTS EDITOR

Ibrahim Sesay is the winner of the *The All State's* final four contest.

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**  
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Every March, sport fans and people who are just bored fill out the NCAA basketball tournament bracket to see how close they can get to perfection. Some pick their favorite team, others on the lower seed of the tournament, the 2007 winner of *The All State* competition Ibrahim Sesay had his own method of picking the winner.

"I watch plenty of college basketball. So I already know who is going to win most of the time," he said.

Sesay picked two of the four teams in the final four and picked Ohio State and Florida to meet in the championship, with Ohio State winning. Though Florida, won Sesay was the closest of all the people who entered the contest. With that win Sesay was awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Play It Again Sports.

"Im not sure what Im going to buy yet but I am sure I will be able to find something that I can use." ♦

# Track and field hosts invitational



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Senior Ashley Genslak clears the high jump. Genslak cleared 1.58 meters to place first in the event after returning from a two-week layoff from stitches.

## Lady Govs place in several events despite injuries to two of top athletes

By **MARLON SCOTT**  
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Track and field teams from nine schools brought their coats, gloves, and blankets to Clarksville on a cold and windy Saturday to compete in the Austin Peay State University Governors Invitational.

While most of the schools brought large squads that included their best performers, the APSU Lady Govs had to compete without sophomores Bertha Castillo and Jennifer Pond because of injuries.

Castillo recently shattered the APSU record in the 10,000 meter run. Pond is the team's best shot put and javelin thrower.

"We are still really banged up," said head coach Doug Molnar. "We will hopefully get Jen Pond back by the end of next week. That's a big loss because she is leading the conference in shot put and is second in javelin. We did get Ashley Genslak back and she won the high jump this week. That is a big step back after being out for two weeks with stitches."

Genslak cleared 1.58 meters to take

first place in the high jump and was only one of several Lady Govs who competed well Saturday.

Freshman Molly Berkiewicz placed first in the pole vault, clearing 3.35 meters.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, sophomore Melissa Nobbs finished in 12:35.7 to take second place and freshman Tracee Gruskiewicz placed first in her debut in the event with a time of 12:15.14.

"This was my first steeplechase ever. It was pretty exciting," Gruskiewicz said. "It was cold. The water, definitely, was not the best part of the race."

Also debuting in an event was sophomore Anna Claire Raines. Finishing with a time of 18:45.55, Raines placed third in the 5000-meter run.

The Tennessee State University women's team put on an impressive display in all the short distance running events. They were the top four places in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. In addition, they had two of the top three best times in the 400- and 800 meter runs as well as the 400-meter hurdles.



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Junior Danja Yates jumps over a hurdle. The Lady Govs competed in their invitational despite injuries to sophomores Jennifer Pond and Bertha Castillo. Castillo earlier this season broke the 10,000-meter record, while Pond had been this season's most consistent shot put and javelin thrower.

TSU continued their domination in the 4x100 and 4x 400 relays, where they took first and second place in both events. The Lady Govs were right behind TSU in some of those events.

Freshman Tameeka Southern was fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02.54. India Allen finished the 100 meter hurdles in 17.3 to also place fourth.

In the 400-meter hurdles, freshman Julie Wood paced fifth, finishing in 1:13.3.

When the event was done and everyone sprinted to escape the cold, Molnar reflected on the long, busy day and was relieved that it was over.

"Everything went pretty smoothly. It was a tough weekend because of the holiday weekend. The whole meet went fairly smoothly and I was pretty pleased with that."

APSU competes again in Knoxville, Tenn. at the Sea Ray Relays April 12 through 14. ♦

# Govs drop two of three games to Samford

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Senior pitcher Shawn Kelley gets ready to pitch against Samford. Kelley threw his third complete game of the season in the Govs win in game one 5-1.

The Samford Bulldogs blew into town on a cold wind that froze the Austin Peay State University Governor's offense. The Govs scored three runs in the three-game series that Samford won this weekend 2-1.

The doubleheader on Friday began with a pitching duel that had both teams struggling to score. Senior right-handed pitcher Shawn Kelley was impressive on the mound, pitching all nine innings and holding the Bulldogs to zero runs in five hits with four strike outs.

"I played good out there today," Kelley said. "I went out there every inning and tried to have a quick inning to get us back in the dugout and give us a chance to score. We didn't get a lot of runs, but you are not going to every game. Fortunately, we got that one run."

That one run came in the bottom of the eighth inning. APSU had managed only two hits in the game until senior Jake Lane smacked the ball into left-center for a standup double. Lane moved to third on a sac bunt laid down by sophomore Ryan Gilboy then scored when junior Josh Meeker, pinch hitting, hit a ground ball that on the fielder's choice, the third baseman missed the throw.

Samford senior right-handed pitcher Chandler Tidwell had to take the unearned run and the 1-0 loss despite pitching eight innings allowing just three hits and striking out five.

The Bulldogs got immediate revenge by lighting up senior Gov left-handed pitcher Matt Reynolds early in the second game and establishing a 3-1 lead before head coach Gary McClure called for a pitching change in the fourth inning.

"He (Reynolds) didn't get off to a great start," McClure said. "It was a tough night. I'm not making any excuses for him. He has done a great job for us. I just didn't think he quite had the velocity he has had and his stuff wasn't quite as sharp tonight."

"I went out there every inning and tried to have a quick inning to get us in the dugout and give us a chance to score."

— Senior pitcher Shawn Kelley, on his play Friday night against Samford

Despite three more pitching changes, Samford continued to generate offense while the Govs seemed frozen solid, and the Bulldogs won the second game 5-1 to split the series 1-1 before heading into the final game on Saturday.

It looked like the Govs offensive woes had ended when junior Will Hogue tried to drive the ball through the right field scoreboard for a home run to give APSU the first score of the game.

However, two errors in the sixth inning brought the Bulldogs right back into the game. The score remained tied until the ninth inning when Samford capitalized on two more errors by the Govs to score three more runs.

First they misplayed a line drive by the leadoff batter that allowed him to reach. Then they compounded the mistake when the next batter legged out to first on a sac bunt that the Govs should have anticipated.

When the bases were loaded after walking the Bulldogs pinch hitter, Samford freshman Wayne Miller cranked a double down the third base line that emptied the bases and gave the Bulldogs the 4-1 win. The Govs have produced only one run in each of the last four games while their pitching staff has limited their opponents to a .240 batting average.

Jake Lane summed up the Govs struggles in the series this weekend.

"Our defense was there, but we couldn't put the ball in play." ♦

# Lady Govs lose three games to OVC rival Tennessee Tech in weekend play

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The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs softball team was swept in a three-game series against Tennessee Tech University last weekend, might soon want to forget. APSU lost both games on Friday, 5-3, and Saturday's game 3-0.

The Lady Govs started Friday afternoon's game with a bang as freshman Ashley Taylor hit her fifth home run of the season.

Junior Taylor Newberry followed that up with a two-run single. Anderson (11-9) struck out TTU batters through the first five innings. But it would be hard to keep the league leading Lady Eagles down for long as they capitalized on a costly error made by Lady Gov second baseman Brittany Williams with two outs in the sixth.

The Lady Eagles would score two runs on that error and again, with two outs in the bottom of the seventh and final

inning, the Lady Eagles tied the game on a single. Finally TTU's Beth Boden, who leads the Ohio Valley Conference in home runs, smashed a walk off two-run homer to win the game and crush the Lady Govs' hope of upsetting TTU.

Friday's night game would start off just like the afternoon one.

The Lady Govs jumped out to an early 3-0 lead thanks to a double by Taylor and a sacrifice fly.

This time the Lady Govs' lead would only hold up for three innings instead of five.

Boden hit her second home run of the day with a solo shot in the first and Katie Spicer would add one of her own in the third as the Lady Eagles would score in each of the first five innings.

APSU kept fighting though as they added runs in the fifth and sixth innings with the help of Taylor again and a couple of singles by Beth Carr. Unfortunately, it would not be enough as the Lady Govs fell

5-3.

The start of Saturday's finale was almost polar opposite for the Lady Govs as they couldn't muster a hit. This would set the tone for the rest of the game as they would fail to get their first hit until the top of the fourth inning.

Tennessee Tech, however, scored early against Anderson, whose record fell to 11-10.

The Lady Eagles would score in the first, second and fourth inning as Anderson served up three runs on 11 hits in six innings.

It seemed as though APSU would get something going in the fourth when Sarah Longmire singled, but the Lady Govs could only muster up two more singles in the game all in separate innings as they fell 3-0.

Following Saturday's loss, the Lady Govs (16-18, 5-7 OVC) have lost seven in a row with five of those losses coming against OVC rivals. ♦



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Sophomore Lacey Briscoe pitches against Lipscomb. The Lady Govs are currently in fifth place in the OVC standings.