



And...Action!

This student has a passion for film. Ian Farley strives to become a filmmaker in the near future.

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Flag football team goes to nationals

APSU students earn bid to a national flag football tournament in Florida after competing in various tournaments around the region.

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Smoking referendum ballot now online

Voting for policy ends tomorrow, students encouraged to vote

By ROBERT BUTLER

Staff writer

The student government association decided to let students vote to ban smoking on campus. Students are currently able to place votes on the university website.

SGA president Kevin Kennedy feels that the SGA has made the best decision handling the smoking issue.

"The Senate has done a wonderful job facilitating the discussions on the possible smoking bans," said Kevin Kennedy.

He says the decision would have been easy for a group of students of about 40 on SGA to vote on this issue, but insists that it would not have been a fair way to illustrate

the opinion of all the students.

"This places the full governmental power in the hands of the students," said Kennedy.

Kennedy describes the process as a full democratic process.

The current rule made by SGA states that people must stand 30 feet from each building on campus. There is not an actual law on this issue. Campus police will not give a citation to a student for standing outside the building.

The new rule states that smokers will have to go on campus parking lots to smoke.

There have been mixed reactions from

students on the new idea. Steven Farmer a sophomore, majoring in mass communication, says that he does not see any problem with the current smoking policy.

"If it is away from the building it's ok, but if it is in the parking lot students are going to complain that they are out there getting wet just to take a smoke," said Farmer.

Alex Borrás a junior, majoring in mass communication describes the referendum as being too extreme.

"Second hand smoke is probably worse

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JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Austin Peay State University's student government association is sponsoring an online campaign where students can vote on the new smoking rule.

Provost qualified for new position

"I think he's ready for a presidency."

—Sherry Hoppe, APSU President

By STEPHANIE COWARD

Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University may be losing its Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at the end of the 2005-2006 academic year.

Bruce Speck, recently appointed Provost, is one of four finalists in the running for the Presidency of West Texas A&M University.

Texas A&M Vice-Provost and Mathematics professor, William Perry, J. Patrick O'Brien, Dean and Economics professor at Loyola University and Gary Moore, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Jacksonville University in Florida are Speck's competition for the West Texas A&M position.

One of the four finalists will be replacing outgoing President, Russell C. Long.

Long is the University's ninth president. According to a West Texas A&M press release, Long will step down Dec. 31, or when his successor is named.

Whichever one happens first will determine his departure date from the university.

Each of the four finalists is participating in their own interview sessions with West Texas A&M University faculty and students.

The last interview is to take place on Dec 5. According to a local Texas online newspaper, a search advisory committee will meet and decide on its recommendation for president after the interview sessions conclude.

They will then present their decision to the A&M Board of Regents.

The university has said that it hopes to have made a decision on the new president by the end of the 2005-2006 academic year.

Speck refused to comment on his possible move.

"I think he's ready for a presidency," Sherry Hoppe, APSU President said.

West Texas A&M University is in Canyon, Texas and has an enrollment of over 7,300 students. APSU currently has an enrollment of approximately 8,600 students.

Many key positions have been vacated since the spring 2005 semester.

Houston Davis left APSU to take a new position as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Jennifer Meningall, who was the APSU Vice President for Student Affairs, is now the Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of South Florida.

Meningall, who was with APSU from 1998 until July 1, 2005, has served in a variety of administrative positions throughout her 18 year career.

The University of South Florida has over 42,000 students enrolled and this opportunity was one she felt she could not turn down. Blanche Wilson, Director of Student Life and Leadership is leaving APSU in December.

She has accepted the position of Director of Grant Writing and Development for Student Affairs at the University of South Florida.

She has been with APSU for 16 years.

Wilson will be working under Meningall.

"I am leaving because it presents a very good opportunity for me to grow in an area which I have a lot of interest," Wilson said.

This is a permanent move and one Wilson is looking forward to.

Wilson gained the necessary skills for her new position at APSU.

Barbara Phillips has announced her retirement from APSU effective December 2005. Phillips is currently the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

Study Abroad audited



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Mexico graduation picture: Pictured above are summer 2005 Universidad Internacional graduates holding diplomas/certificates. They were going home after their four-week term in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

By JASON DRUMM

Guest writer

In the spring semester of 2005, an audit was issued on the Spanish Study Abroad Program to Mexico at Austin Peay State University.

According to the program's website, the Spanish program has been in effect at APSU in collaboration with the Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca, Mexico since 1982.

"It appears some practices were not following APSU's policies," said Dr. Bruce Speck, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

"One purpose of this audit is to find out who was involved," James Diehr, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said.

"A few students complained about a

certain situation and soon after, an audit began. Student travel is a touchy topic because of all the liabilities."

"Audits aren't always negative. This is only one of many audits on campus," Speck said.

"An audit is simply a mechanism to see if we're functioning correctly."

"The relationship between the University in Cuernavaca and APSU should not change (due to the audit)," said Professor Ramon Magrans, "they are very patient."

While the program is being audited, it is also on hold.

Students are not able to partake in the Spanish Study Abroad Program until the audit is finished.

The expected completion of the audit is in the spring of 2006.

"It is a shame. If (the program) needs to be audited, that's okay, but it's a shame to hold the students," commented Culley Carson-Greffe, Associate Professor at APSU.

"I loved the program; everything was great. I was floored when I heard about the hold on it," said Enrica Albaro, a third year Spanish major.

This audit not only affects the students, but the faculty as well.

Carson-Greffe has been to the Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca four times, and with the study abroad program at APSU once.

"I take classes whenever I go. The credits count toward a graduate degree," Carson-Greffe said.

Even though the program is on hold, there are other ways for students to gain

knowledge and credits with the Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca. According to Diehr and Magrans, students can and have gone to Cuernavaca independent of Austin Peay.

"There is no reason why APSU won't accept the credits if they are in compliance with the requirements of the Admissions Office," Magrans said.

"Also, it is less expensive for students to go independently."

The program is a total immersion experience that provides students with the opportunity to become fluent in Spanish.

During their stay, students participate in excursions and activities, including bullfights in Mexico City and classes in salsa dancing and cooking.

Bidding for renewal of dining contract begins



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Students are pictured dining in the the campus cafeteria. Aramark has been awarded the food service contract for Austin Peay State University for 10 years. It is an international company specializing in food services for stadiums, arenas, campuses, businesses, and schools.

By KERRY KING

Staff Writer

The current Austin Peay State University food service contract with Aramark is up for renewal.

The contract is renewable every five years and the last open bidding process was in 2001.

According to Joe Mills, director of housing at APSU, the university's purchasing department and the Housing Office share responsibility in the food service bidding process.

As part of the contract process, the housing office generates a bid document through a committee made up of faculty, staff and students, Mills said.

The purchasing office sends the bid document to companies that provide campus dining service operations inviting them to submit their bids for food service to APSU.

"We'll ask interested companies in the bidding process to come on campus and see what facilities we have," Mills said.

"We set a minimum expectation about

what we want for our dining service. The companies make a presentation to the committee about what services they'll provide."

"We like to see the personalization, what their company is going to do; then our committee can ask questions about their proposals," Mills said.

After the presentations, the committee scores each company and passes their recommendation to the Purchasing office for the final award.

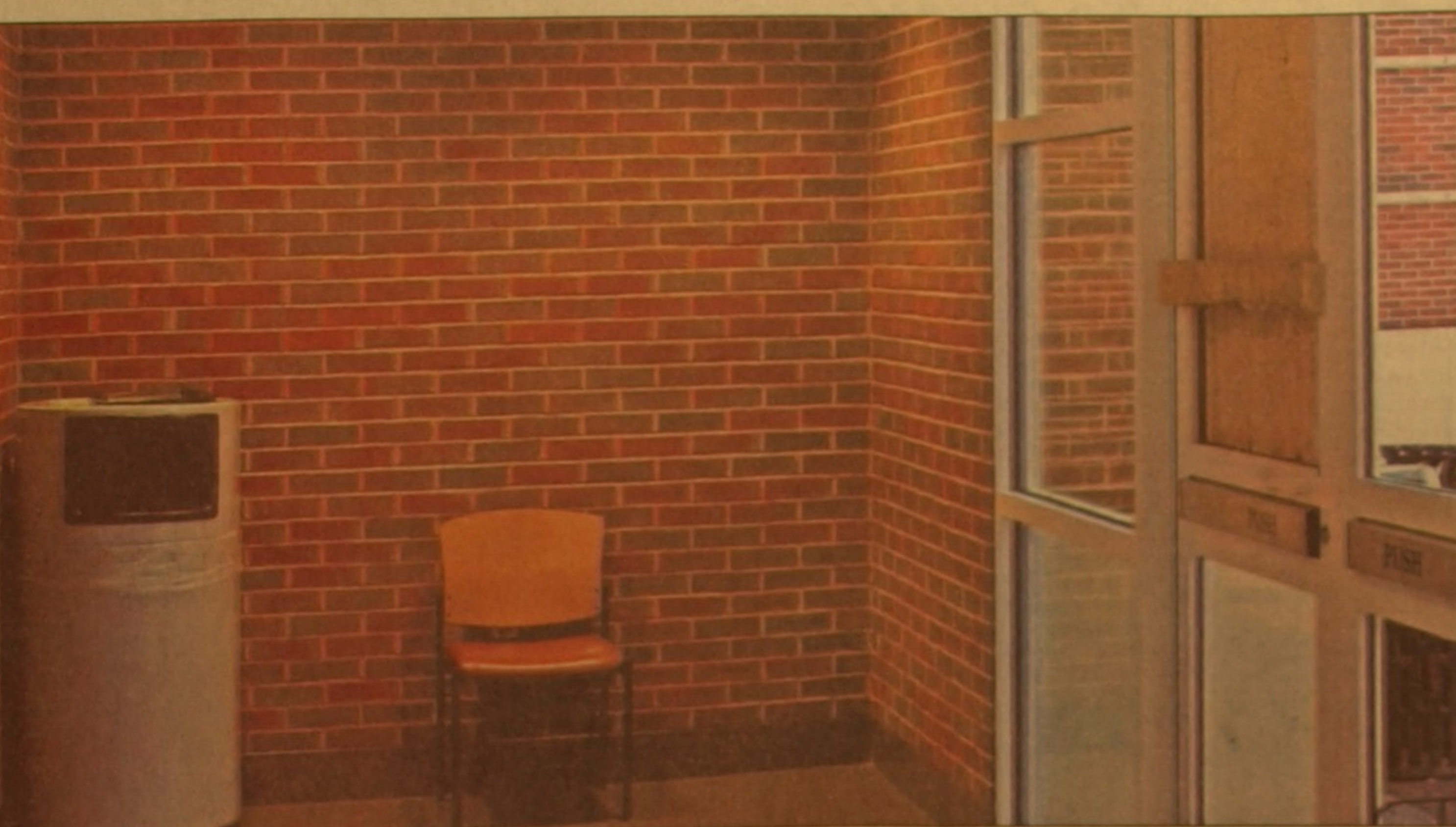
The Purchasing Office issues all contracts and purchase orders for the university.

During the last food service bidding in 2001, Mills said four companies bid for the APSU contract: Chartwells Food Services, Sodexo Marriott Services, Aramark and Gourmet Services.

Judy Blain, director of purchasing, said Aramark has been awarded the food service contract at APSU for the past 10 years. According to Mills, the bid document

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ATM stolen from University Center



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

A single chair sits in the spot where an automated teller machine was stolen from the Morgan University Center on Sunday. According to Austin Peay State University's Police Chief Lantz Biles, a witness discovered the robbery at approximately 6 a.m. The four thieves, according to UC Building Supervisor Brian Gaither, broke through a door window to reach the ATM. They picked up the machine and loaded it into their van, which was confirmed to be stolen by Biles. At press time, the identities of the suspects remain unknown. For more information, log onto The All State's website at www.theallstate.com

Aramark: Changes may be in store for food services

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will be sent out before the winter break. The decision will be made by March 1 and the new contract will take effect on July 1. "We want the best product at the best price that provides the best service. If Aramark is that company, then they'll get the contract," Mills said.

"If it's anybody else, then we'll definitely look at going with them."

No matter who gets the new contract, food changes are a future possibility.

Mills said the trend toward cooking while

you wait similar to the Bene pasta station in the Food court, and the increasing popularity of self-serve salads and buffets. "Personally I think we're getting away from the traditional cafeteria meal," Mills said.

Mills' personal ideas for future food service include adding more food venues in additional buildings, and another coffee location on campus that might be located in one of the classrooms buildings.

"We'll put these ideas in the bid and we'd like the providers to tell us where it would work best, for the students, faculty, staff and the entire campus," Mills said.

"They are the food service experts; we'd like them to come in and tell us what they

think we ought to have, and then we can pick from there what we want."

If a new provider gets the APSU contract, the current food service workers are generally given the opportunity to apply for jobs with the new company, Mills said.

Future changes could affect the current management staff who might be reassigned or relocated if Aramark isn't awarded the contract, Mills said.

Mary Palmer, a 10-year-employee of Aramark, isn't worried about the upcoming contract.

Palmer said the food service employees have been told they won't lose their jobs if a new provider gets the university contract.

Palmer has worked for several food service providers in her 29 years at APSU.

Palmer said her wages were cut by 50 cents an hour when Morrison got the APSU contract years ago, but her original wage was restored after a trial period with the company.

Aramark provides food and facilities management services to universities, school districts, stadiums, health care institutions and businesses throughout the world.

The company provided food service for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Jeff Richardson, food service director, was not available for comment at press time. ♦

Attention Graduating Seniors

Congratulations! You are cordially invited to the

Senior Salute

3-5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005

Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill
751 North Second St.

hosted by the National Alumni Association
Austin Peay State University

We know that graduation will be a busy and exciting time for you, so let us help you get this special event off to a happy start. Please join us as the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill for a complimentary reception in your honor (casual dress).

There will be shuttle transportation to and from the Pace Alumni center and campus (in front of the Book and Supply Store) every half hour between 3-5 p.m. for information or to RSVP, telephone 221-7979.

Smoke free: voting comes to a close for students

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than smoking but having to go the parking lot seems extreme," said Borras.

Don Ferguson a senior majoring in public management and criminal justice says that there should be an alternative.

He says that he would not mind a designated smoking area here on campus.

"I disagree with making it an entire non-smoking campus, because it is an infringement on the rights of smokers on campus," said Ferguson.

Ferguson also works in institutional research department here on campus.

He says that he is looking at the issue both as a student and as an employee.

Fetisfa Grier a freshmen,

"Everybody is not going to go by the new rule because of certain weather conditions,"

- Fetisfa Grier, student

majoring in nursing, says that students should vote for the new policy.

"Everybody is not going to go by the new rule because of certain weather conditions," said Grier.

The All State website will have the results form the vote as soon as they are made available. For updates visit www.theallstate.com. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Graduate's Etiquette Dinner

Fall 05 Graduates can come to UC 211 and sign up for the Etiquette Dinner at 5:30 pm on Nov. 30 at the UC Ballroom. Learn how to dine in a business setting and get a free meal! For more information please contact Shaun Ketterman at kettermans@apsu.edu or 7838.

SGA Associate Justice Applications

Applications for SGA Associate Justice may be turned in as late as 4:30 p.m., Dec. 5, to the Office of Student Affairs in UC 206. For more information please contact Allyson Lambert at sgasec@apsu.edu or 7262.

Fall 05 Grad's Night on the Town

Fall 05 Graduates can pick up a free ticket to the Roxy and discount coupon to the Blackhorse from SL&L, which will be good on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Numbers are limited! For more information please contact Shaun Ketterman at kettermans@apsu.edu or 7838.

The Spot

Join us at 8:00pm Friday, Dec. 2 in the AACC for "The Spot". There will be board games, card games, music, Kool Aid making contest, Playstation 2 tournament, free food, and prizes. For more information please contact Christopher Poynter at poynterc@apsu.edu or 6276.

Homecoming Focus Group

You all are invited to a Focus Group Meeting on Nov. 30th from 11am-12pm in UC312. We will be discussing Homecoming 2005 and gathering your thoughts on how you all feel the events, planning, organization, and overall Homecoming went. We would really appreciate your attendance at this meeting, because we really do want to hear what you all have to say. For more information please contact Nikki Loos at loosn@apsu.edu or 7431.

Annual Phonathon Set for Spring 2006

Alumni and Annual Giving's annual Phonathon will be held in February 2006. Faculty are encouraged to participate to help raise money for their department and/or departmental scholarship(s). More details to follow. For more information please contact Carolyn Britton brittonc@apsu.edu or 7979.

How would you like a \$1500 scholarship for talking on the phone?

The APSU Office of Admissions will have positions open this Spring in our Student Telecounseling Admissions Representatives (STARS) program. This is a scholarship program where you become a part of a prospective student's admissions process. Qualifications to work must be a second year, FULL-TIME, student on MAIN CAMPUS. Must have a 3.0 G.P.A. Must NOT have any other scholarship over \$1,000. Exceptions to this are Resident Assistants and Hope Scholarship recipients. Job Requirements: You MUST work 4 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday. There are no exceptions for outside jobs or extra-curricular activities on campus. If interested, please email the following information: Name Social Security number Year in School Contact address and phone number No phone inquiries please. Those who inquire by phone will not be added into the applicant pool. There is one Part-Time position open and you only work 2 days a week. For more information please contact Makeba Webb at ebbm@apsu.edu or 7661.

Win a 2005 Ford Mustang Convertible!

Enter to win a 2005 Ford Mustang Convertible! Proceeds from the raffle go to fund academic and athletic scholarships at APSU. Enter as many times as you wish. Tickets are only \$10 each! Drawing to be held at halftime of ESPN Bracket Buster game on Feb. 18. You must be 18 years old to enter. For more information please contact Heather Legg at leggh@apsu.edu or 7127.

Fall 2005 Graduates' Appreciation Events

Nov 30 - Graduates' Etiquette Dinner

5:30 PM, UC Ballroom, Learn business dining etiquette with Mr. John Johnson and get a free meal! RSVP with SL&L at 7431. Seats are limited, 40 seats on a first come first served basis! Business casual dress recommended.

Dec 1 - Spa Day

1:00 PM, UC 303, Come receive massages, manicures, and facials. Free for students, Grads receive free gifts. Refreshments will be available.

For more information on any of these events, contact Student Life & Leadership at 7431



OUR TAKE

Security stolen along with ATM

This past Sunday morning, four masked bandits arrived in a stolen van at the front door of the University Center and smashed a door, proceeding to steal the automated teller machine that was located just inside the breezeway according to building supervisor Bryan Gaither. At this juncture we do not have reason to believe the A-Team was implicated.

Last week, we expressed our discontent with efforts to improve campus safety and security, particularly referring to the area surrounding the UC. We hate to sound like the nagging parent in this equation but hey, the warning was there.

Immediately, some may wonder if our words influenced the actions of the perpetrators. You could ask the same question of the USA Network that played the movie Barbershop, four days in a row this past week. The movie features a plot to steal an ATM. So this reminds us of the old argument: Does media influence behavior on a significant level?

We cannot conduct a psychological study, but the suspects were probably not thinking of the idea that they got from the student newspaper or what

they saw in a movie this past weekend.

The most likely possibility is that the suspects acted, driven by nothing more than their own free will and possibly desperation.

At this point, we can only speculate as to the motives of the guilty parties, but what is clear is that there was a vulnerable place that contained a readily accessible prize. The UC provided that place.

Coincidentally, campus police should have no concerns of a repeat incident as APSU is fresh out of ATMs. Extra security may be placed upon beverage machines.

We're not saying to dress this place up like Communist Russia, but a little more attention to security detail is definitely in order. If the campus patrols are more frequent and widespread than ever, it is more than a little disconcerting that there is a hole in campus security wide enough to fit a stolen van packing an ATM.

Students deserve to feel safe on their own campus. Whatever efforts are actually taking place to achieve that security must be increased. Stolen ATM machines make for good jokes, but student safety is no laughing matter. ♦

Freedom is reciprocal especially in academia

There are limitations to everything, and that includes the admirable tendency toward tolerance. For my part, tolerance goes out the window when I have to confront people who

are not willing to concede that I have the right to an opinion or a belief, all the while expecting me to defend their "right" to silence or intimidation of others. I hate to break this to people for whom free speech is

a one-way street, but simultaneously having your cake and eating it is as philosophically untenable a proposition as it is physically impossible.

However, a professor at New Jersey's Warren Community College doesn't think so. John Daly recently resigned after a controversy over some remarks he sent via e-mail to a student, Rebecca Beach, who was sponsoring a pro-war rally. His feeling is that the ensuing fallout infringed upon his academic freedom.

Did he deserve the outcry that resulted? Yes. Controversy naturally follows as a result of being controversial, and absolutely no one has the right to be unopposed on their views. To expect that his comments would be ignored is akin to the idiocy of Hollywood stars complaining about privacy. Some things just go with the territory. However, did he deserve to be pressured into resigning? That is an important question, and we should not make that determination based on taking Professor Daly's comments out of context. So here they are, unedited: November 13, 2005

Dear Rebecca: I am asking my students to boycott your event. I am also going to ask others to boycott it. Your literature and signs in the entrance lobby look like fascist propaganda and is extremely offensive. Your main poster "Communism killed 100,000,000" is not only untrue, but ignores the fact that CAPITALISM has killed many more and the evidence for that can be seen in the daily news papers. The U.S. government can fly to dominate the people of Iraq in 12 hours, yet it took them five days to assist the people devastated by hurricane Katrina.

Racism and profits were key to their priorities. Exxon, by the way, made \$9 Billion in profits this last quarter — their highest profit margin ever. Thanks to the students of WCCC and other poor and working class people who are recruited to fight and die for EXXON and other corporations who earning megaprofits from their imperialist plunders. If you want to count the number of deaths based on political systems, you can begin with the more than a million children who

have died in Iraq from U.S.-imposed sanctions and war. Or the million African American people who died from lack of access to healthcare in the US over the last 10 years.

I will continue to expose your right-wing, anti-people politics until groups like your won't dare show their face on a college campus. Real freedom will come when soldiers in Iraq turn their guns on their superiors and fight for just causes and for people's needs — such freedom fighters can be counted throughout American history and they certainly will be counted again.

Prof. John Daly

Okay, I shall now proceed to anger hyper-partisans on both sides. As simplistically sophomoric as most of that first paragraph is, there is not one thing in it for which Professor Daly deserves to be fired. Far worse has been said by people who still hold positions by virtue of tenure. The same goes for the second sentence of the second paragraph. As vile as this guy's politics are, in the realm of academia, it would be a bad precedent to restrict his right to believe those things and to express those beliefs, provided of course that regurgitating his world view is not required to pass his class. However, I refer you to the first sentence in the second paragraph. For that statement he deserves to be fired, without consideration for any of his other pronouncements.

"I will continue to expose your right-wing, anti-people politics until groups like your [sic] won't dare show their face on a college campus." Essentially, what he is saying is that he will intimidate people with other viewpoints until their views are silenced, and dissent from his personal world view is eradicated. That guy should not be grading papers.

Let me be clear about this: Rebecca's group, "Young America's Foundation," is as simplistic in their world view as Professor Daly is in his. The posters which her group put up relied on estimations of relative numbers of casualties under communism versus the number of people liberated by Ronald Reagan, with those numbers being arrived at through what can only be considered as "creative accounting."

No one should be swayed by arguments that are as specious as that, nor should they consider Professor Daly's numbers to be gospel without first finding out exactly how those numbers were arrived at. In both cases, the reasoning is shamefully shallow and pedantic. But it isn't Professor Daly's politics that call his fitness to teach into question; it is his inability to tolerate a viewpoint different from his own. Are his students being graded for knowledge and the ability to make a logical argument, or are they being graded on "political reliability?" Colleges and universities are institutions wherein free inquiry and diversity of thought should be encouraged; they should not be indoctrination centers.

People who are utterly intolerant should not be allowed to hide behind protections that they are not willing to extend to others in return. ♦

THE WEIGHT OF FINAL EXAMS ON A STUDENT.



By MARTIN FOX

YOUR TAKE

This is in response to the opinion article by Micheal Weakley "Building character paves the road to a more honest campus." In his opinion article he calls into question the morals, ethics and character of people who preach that Jesus is the only way to heaven. I just wanted to say in defense of these people (being one myself) that it is our belief.

All Christians may not believe it, but there are many who do. It is also our belief that Jesus wants us to go and bring his message to all the world, not to force them, because they have to make their own decision about what they believe, but to tell them if they choose to listen. Jesus did speak of love and his principles were based on love, but he also said that he was the way, the truth and the life. He also said that "No one comes to the Father but by me." So you come to the point where you have to ask yourself if you believe all that Jesus said or if you are going to pick and choose what you want to believe and not believe according to what is most convenient for you. That is everyone's choice.

For me, to not believe any part of his words is to cause it all to lose its integrity because if part of it is a lie, then why not all of it? So the only good place for it to me would be in the trashcan. What I am trying to get

across is that for me to believe the way that you do is to deny my most basic and foundational religious belief.

My point is not to try to convince you or to debate religious beliefs with you, but it is to ask how you believe that you can publicly slander me for my religious beliefs and retain your own character. In this country, we have the right to believe what we believe and practice our religion, which is what those men in the black suits are doing when they are preaching Jesus from the pulpit.

In our culture we are supposed to be tolerant of other people's religious beliefs. It does not seem tolerant when you are calling people immoral, unethical and calling their character into question for practicing what they believe to be true. To me it is just a subtle form of religious persecution.

Although, it may not seem to be a big deal to you, when I read the paper and see that people like me are being attacked for practicing their religious beliefs, it is very disturbing. It is disturbing but not surprising because Jesus predicted it, and I believe it will get worse. It is not a pleasant thought, but like I said, I can't pick and choose what I believe.

I do not mean to be attacking you because I do respect your opinions, but I just get tired of Christians being slammed all the time because they

choose to believe and practice the teachings of Jesus and not conform to the popular opinion of our day. If it has to happen then it can at least be called what it is.

I know I may be passed off as a religious zealot, I am proud to say that I am pretty zealous when it comes to Jesus, sadly maybe not as much as I should be. I usually keep my mouth shut and do not say anything for the fear of what people will think. It is usually not very popular to speak out as a conservative Christian; many people do not like it. In my mind, that just proves my point even more.

People do not have to like them or agree with them, but should my religious convictions not be tolerated just as everyone else's in America are supposed to be, or does that apply only to certain ones? You do have the right to say what you believe and so do we. You may think that I am lacking in character because I believe that people have to accept Jesus to go to heaven but maybe I believe you are lacking in character because you don't.

So does that mean that I should publicly slander you because I do not agree with your beliefs? I thought that that was supposed to be what we should avoid doing to others.

LeAnna Reynolds
Graduate Student
Guidance and Counseling

We can stand, equally

According to political philosopher Thomas Hobbes, every human being is equal. This equality has nothing to do with supreme beings or morality but with nature. Hobbes postulated that every human was equal because of each person's ability to kill another human.

What one human had in strength, another had in cunning. What one had in engineering,

another had in foresight. Millions of assets were said to be distributed so that each person's talents balanced with the rest of humanity, rendering everyone able to kill each other.

Hobbes' ideas were not without their credibility. They created a basis for a government to protect the people from the liberties they possessed so that they might have the necessities of life. This further means that to have a functional society, the people must give up some liberties to be able to live happily with their remaining liberties. The question is: how many is enough, and how many is too much?

I must preface what follows with a statement of my experience that is not shared to offend, boast or upset - only to explain: I have never been poor; I have never been rich; I have never been independent. I share these facts to express that I have never been without food or shelter so my opinions will be skewed because of this luxury. However, I have never been rich. In addition to this, I have never stood on my own two feet.

Even so, with a Tennessee public schooling education, I have never had a problem finding a job for higher

than minimum wage.

Human beings are equal in their ability to make money. On paper, no sensible or logical human being would argue this fact. In society, this idea is shunned and dismissed, if it is ever approached at all. This is, in many cases, because of prejudices, history and stereotypes. Since, each person in society is judged separately based on attributes such as race, income, age, gender and intelligence, their abilities are predetermined and never fully explored. Consider the following: a human will act in the way he is treated. This can limit or encourage growth and exploration of self. If one is treated like an honor role student, one is going to act like an honor role student - if for no other reason than because such behavior made the student feel responsible for that persona. If one is treated as a dependent, one is going to act dependent. If your parents are giving you advice, money, shelter, and a path in the world, you are going to act as a dependent. There are exceptions to this behavior, but they are few. One will generally act as one is treated.

Having considered this view, try to picture the government as one person. How does it treat you? Do you live up to its behavior and expectations? If the government treated you like a multinational corporation, would you act like one? If the government treated you like a pet, would you act like one? The overall evidence to this answer, in most cases, is yes. The government treats me like a student, and I act like one - a dependent one. If the government did not give me a lottery scholarship, I would not act dependent on the government. I would be obligated to find a job at the risk of hurting my studies. In this case, I am glad the government wants me to depend on them, and happily, I oblige to acting like a dependent.

However, when the government gives money to people determined by

race, income or lack thereof, gender, age or by general misfortune, they are treating them like dependents and this is how they will act.

Granted, in some cases, the unfortunate are not determined by prejudices, stereotypes or history but by genuine need. These cases are severe and worthy of the attention of the people. Let me stress this last statement. There is no argument that states "no one is unfortunate," for that would be a fool's argument. Even so, should the genuinely unfortunate seek help and be dependent on the government? Their title alone, "government," states no obligation to interfere with these affairs but only to govern, to administrate, to regulate and to oversee, never to compensate.

The government has made compensation a part of their priorities. Americans have integrated being compensated into their behavior. We are giving up too many of our liberties - the liberty to fall and stand up once more.

Each human being is not only capable of killing another but capable of making the same amount of money. What one lacks in skill, one makes up for in intelligence. What one lacks in ingenuity, one makes up for in creativity. The possibilities are endless. Yet, this endlessness of possibility is only achievable in a society without compensation from those that govern and oversee.

This correction can never be achieved if it is dependent on legislation to begin. It must begin with the exceptions to the rule. It must start with those who are willing to take their liberty to fall and stand up once more. Refuse handouts, refuse dependence and refuse stereotypes and prejudices. If this happens, legislation may follow.

Think of all the talent that may be shared and contributed to society if every American were not afraid to fall and stand up once more. ♦

WE WANT YOUR OPINION

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BY JIM KEEFE

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Literature show feeds the hungry



Professor Kitterman performs with Crouse and Emery during Bread and Words.

THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

By REBECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

In the spirit of the season of giving, last Tuesday, November 22, the Department of Languages and Literature presented their 11th annual Bread and Words charity event. The event is a soup potluck with live music and readings by students and faculty from the department. They ask for a \$5 donation that goes directly back into the community. All of the proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes, the local soup kitchen in Clarksville.

Bread and Words always promises to be entertaining, and this year was no different. The UC Ballroom was filled with music and the appetizing scents of hot soup and fresh coffee.

Those in attendance were treated to not only a full buffet of delicious soups to choose from, but also readings from five writers. Blas Falconer, assistant

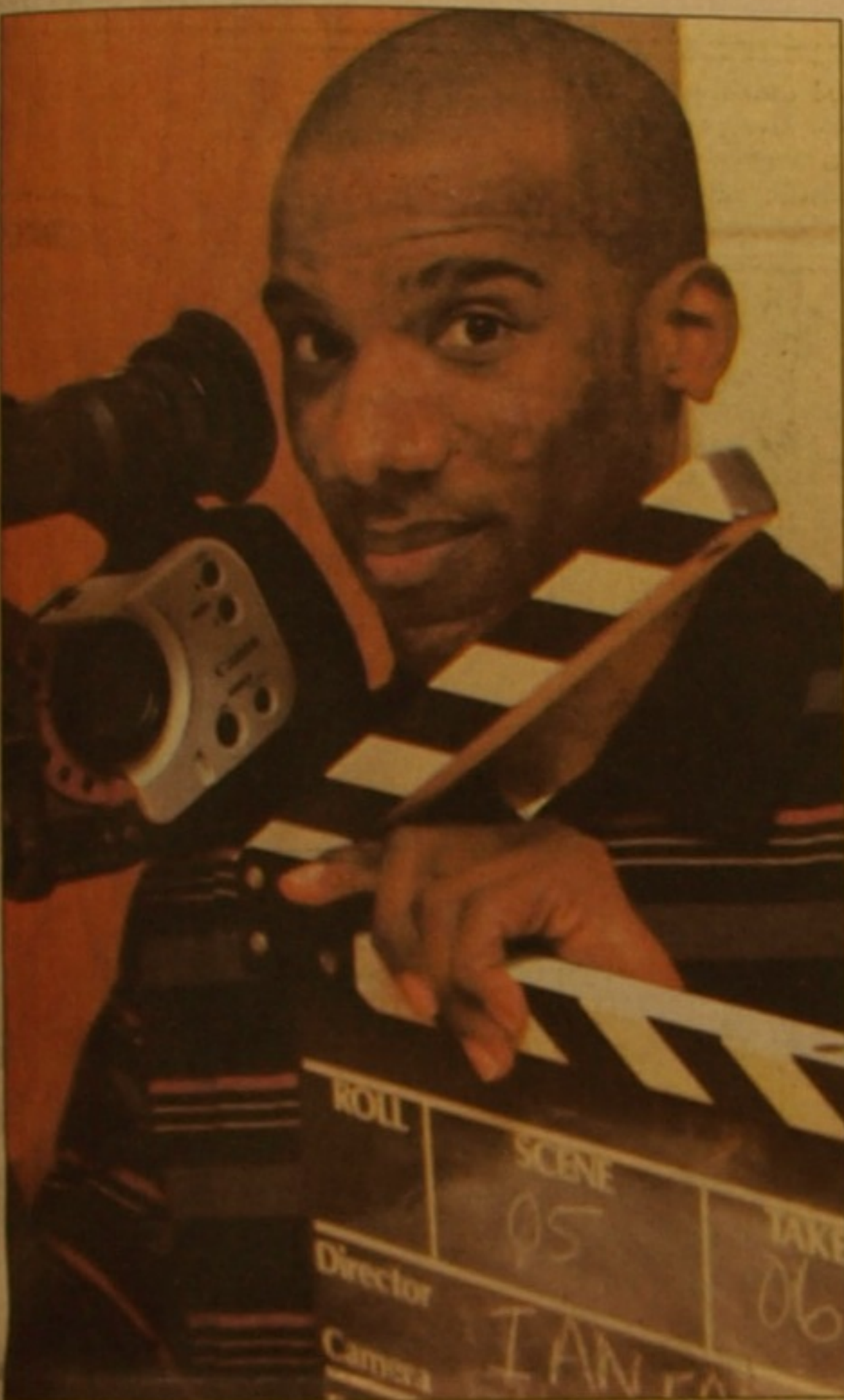
professor of English, Rebecca Beach, adjunct professor of languages and literature, and Megan Gregory read original poetry selections while Lauren Batey and Robin Moss read their fiction works.

No two pieces were alike, and all were beautifully written. And, as tradition goes, there was a special blues performance by Professor Barry Kitterman, backed by Chuck Emery and Jeremy Crouse, that was a delight to listeners. Moss, whose piece dealt with her own personal struggles with faith, was happy about the turnout.

"It's nice to see so many people come out to support this."

Though the night was fun, there was a cause behind it all. Over \$700 was raised to help feed the hungry in town. According to Kitterman, Loaves and Fishes can make a meal for about a dollar, making for many full stomachs this holiday season. ♦

Hard-working student has a passion for film



By A.J. DUGGER
Staff Writer

There is one man here who is a proven, charismatic leader. One man who is reaching out to help others in their time of need. That voice. That smile. That deep, contagious laugh. That wit. It could only equal up to be one man... Ian Farley. Ian Eriq Farley, a senior broadcast communications major, was born in Chicago, Illinois. His father joined the military when he was a young child, so he's had the chance to live all over the world during different periods of his life.

He's been to Texas, Virginia, Germany, Italy, France, Maryland and now, Clarksville, and he's been an instant inspiration to all who meet him.

"He always has a smile on his face. Ian brightens my day," said Aleah Begarly, a sophomore education major.

Farley wishes to write and direct films in the film industry.

"Movies and writing are two things I really enjoy because they really have a lasting impact on our society," said Farley.

Ian is far from being a rookie when it comes to writing and directing films. As a matter of fact, he has been creating his own video projects since high school.

"I had a teacher named Ms. Jackson whose class got me interested in TV production," Farley said.

During his years here at Austin Peay State University, Ian has filmed a number of humorous film projects. Among the people he has worked with is Josh Copeland, a sophomore communications major.

"I greatly look forward to his next creative

work and continuing to see how he grows as an artist and director," Copeland said.

Copeland has spent hours editing video projects with Ian on computers and gets useful advice from him.

"Get him in conversation, and he's very low key... but when you see his short movies, you see this wild and active imagination put on the screen, and because he's such a laid-back guy, you can't help but be surprised by it," Copeland added.

Farley's films have gotten him recognition. He created a video for Clarksville Gas and Water, and one of his projects won Best Comedy Segment at the National Broadcast Society Convention.

Professors that Ian admires here at APSU include Kathy Lee, Dr. Gotcher, Dr. VonPaulko, John Mosely, and Dr. Zhang. Farley also learned a lot from David Wesner, who doesn't teach at APSU anymore but has made a lasting influence on Ian.

All of the previously mentioned professors have motivated and inspired Ian in their own, unique and different ways.

Farley is currently the RHD at Rawlins Hall, and he has lots of respect from everyone there.

"He's a stellar guy. He's top notch... he's high speed. He's always on top of his duties," said Ramson Marcus, a freshman computer science major who lives in Rawlins.

Michael Reagan, a junior geoscience major, met Ian when he was an RA at Cross Hall.

"I respect him. I think he's a great guy," Reagan said of Farley.

Emmanuel Chokuba also met Ian when he worked at Cross Hall.

"He actually cares about the people living in the building," Chokuba said.

Farley has one brother and two sisters. One of his sisters, Signe Farley, is a junior here at APSU.

"I'm glad I have a family that is supportive and fun to be around. I can get more laughs out of them than I can a show on Comedy Central," Farley said of his family.

In addition to being on the Dean's list for eight semesters, Ian is also known for his soccer playing skills.

"He's a great soccer player," said Jackson Gabbard, a senior English major. "Not too many people know that."

Ian proves himself time and time again to his friends, really coming through when needed, and has been defined as a very reliable guy as well. Farley has encouraging messages to freshmen and other new students here at APSU.

"When life gives you lemons, make apple juice!" he said with a smile.

"Make the most out of these days at Austin Peay, and pursue your dreams. And freshmen... please become sophomores!"

Ian is a positive spirited, hardworking individual who is focused on his goals but still has fun at the same time.

"I want to make an impact. I want to achieve my dreams and stay in sight of what makes me happy," he said with a smile.

If one has not met Ian Farley or at least been in the atmosphere of his presence, then they're missing out on a great guy. According to all who know him, this is a proven fact. ♦

Schulz's 1960s holiday favorite still tops TV charts

'A Charlie Brown Christmas' continues seasonal tradition

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

Good grief, network executives said when they first saw Charles Schulz's "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

"They thought it was too slow," executive producer Lee Mendelson recalls being told by the powers-that-were at CBS in 1965.

But the special was an instant hit with critics and audiences.

Forty years later, its ruminations on the spirit of Christmas, backed by a lilting jazz score by Vince Guaraldi, remain fresh and affecting.

Schulz, the creator of Charlie Brown and the rest of the "Peanuts" comic strip gang, never doubted that the program he'd written was good, Mendelson said.

Schulz, who died in 2000, considered it his favorite of the "Peanuts" TV specials.

"I guess you can have an animated scene where you have a kid read from the Bible," Mendelson said of the show, in which Charlie is depressed by the commercialization of Christmas until he is reminded of its unchanged meaning.

The sermon falls to Linus.

"I can tell you what Christmas is about,"

he says, recounting the story of Christ's birth.

He ends with, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, goodwill toward men."

"A Charlie Brown Christmas," directed by animator Bill Melendez, airs 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, on ABC.

It's paired with "Charlie Brown Christmas Tales," based on Schulz's work and featuring each of the Peanuts characters, including Snoopy, in individual vignettes. ♦



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Charlie Brown and Linus appear in a scene from the beloved TV movie.

Exotic ceramic creations on 'Fire' in Trahern



KIM BALEVRE/STAFF

'Fire Walkers' features vivid ceramic pottery and figurative creations. The exhibit runs until Dec. 7 in the Trahern art gallery on campus. Peter Rose, James Diehr, Judy Brater-Rose, Melody Shipley and Ken Shipley are contributors. The exhibit is sponsored by the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts and the Department of Art at APSU.

Teacher called too liberal Museum explores Africa

Associate Press

The school superintendent whose district includes Mount Anthony Union High School has labeled "inappropriate" and "irresponsible" an English teacher's use of liberal statements in a vocabulary quiz.

"I wish Bush would be (coherent, eschewed) for once during a speech, but there are theories that his everyday diction charms the below-average mind, hence insuring him Republican votes," said one question on a quiz written by English and social studies teacher Bret Chenkin.

The question referring to the president asked students to say whether coherent or eschewed was the proper word. The sentence would be more coherent if one

eschewed eschewed.

Another example said, "It is frightening the way the extreme right has (balled, arrogated) aspects of the Constitution and warped them for their own agenda."

Arrogated would be the proper word there.

Chenkin, 36 and a teacher for seven years, said the quizzes are being taken out of context.

"The kids know it's hyperbolic, so-to-speak," he said. "They know it's tongue in cheek. They know where I stand."

He said he isn't shy about sharing his liberal views with students, but invites vigorous debate in the classroom.

"Never once have I said, 'OK, you're wrong,'" he said. "Instead, it's, 'OK, let's open this up. Let's see

where this can go."

Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Superintendent Wesley Knapp said he would not want his children subjected to such teaching.

"It's absolutely unacceptable," he said. "They (teachers) don't have a license to hold forth on a particular standpoint."

Knapp said he was recently informed of the situation and that it was a personnel issue that he took seriously.

Principal Sue Maguire said she hoped to speak to whoever complained about the quiz and any students who might be concerned. She said she also would talk with Chenkin about the context of the quiz. "I feel like this needs to be investigated," she said. ♦

Associated Press

A new museum dedicated to Africa's history and influence opened Saturday in a neighborhood that's fast becoming the city's cultural center.

The Museum of the African Diaspora is aimed at exploring how Africa, where some of the oldest human remains have been discovered, has influenced the world as people left the continent and settled elsewhere.

"Just the way that 'Roots' made us think about our ancestry, we hope this museum will help deepen people's understanding of their place in the human family and evolution," said Belva Davis,

president of the museum's board of directors.

The museum, known as MoAD, depicts the struggle and violence that has marked the African continent and the human experience.

Its displays range from ancient stone tools found in Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge to contemporary African art depicting the exploitation of black women.

An oral history project will collect stories from Hurricane Katrina survivors who relocated to the Bay Area.

The three-story museum opened near the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and Yerba Buena Gardens in the heart of downtown. ♦



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Bat Govs use fall to fill future voids

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University baseball team ended its fall signing period on Nov. 16 with their seventh signee, Andrew Bradley, of Hamilton, Ohio. Bradley is one of five pitchers signed by Govs' head coach Gary McClure in an attempt to fill the future void APSU will possess at the pitcher position after this season.

The Bat Govs will lose seven pitchers after the 2006 season, including two-time OVC Pitcher of the Year Rowdy Hardy and right-handed hurler Brad Daniel. The two pitchers combined to contribute 17 of the Govs' 38 wins last season as well as 147 strikeouts.

"It is a tremendous loss," McClure said. "Just looking at Rowdy alone, he contributed 24 wins in the last two seasons, and just losing him alone would be a big loss. Brad is about the equivalent out of the bullpen, but both of them will be huge losses to our pitching staff."

The Govs also lose pitchers Jeff Lykins, Corey Gunter, Dane Milleville, Jamie Ganz and pitcher/first baseman James Ray. The pitchers contributed for a combined seven total wins and another 110 strikeouts to the Govs' 2005 effort.

"This is the reason why we have been going out and signing a lot of pitchers, because we knew what we would face after this season," McClure said. "All of

these guys have contributed to the team and they are all helpful to have on staff."

With the possibility of junior right-hander Shawn Kelley going into the Major League Baseball draft, the Govs' loss could increase greatly. Kelley proved himself last season as APSU's second conference starter as he posted a 7-4 record and a 3.59 ERA while dishing out 70 strikeouts to opposing batters.

McClure began to reinforce the pitching ranks at the start of the fall signing period when he landed local product Daniel Tenholder. Despite missing the 2005 season due to shoulder problems, Tenholder displayed his talent during his sophomore year when he posted a 9-2 record and a 1.19 ERA while chalking up 90 strikeouts in 65 innings

pitched.

"Daniel brings a lot to our staff because he is a hard thrower," McClure said. "He throws around 90 (m.p.h.) and he has a lot of life in his fastball. I think once he gets some experience he is going to be one of our better pitchers."

McClure then followed up with Franklin standout Matt Kole. The 6-2, 175-pound hurler out of Ravenwood High School replaces the Govs' dual-threat pitcher/first baseman James Ray.

"Matt is a guy

that I am very excited about," McClure said. "Recruiting him is like knocking out two positions with one player because he can pitch and he plays really well at first base."

Later on, the Govs doubled their amount of signed pitchers with right-handers Jacob Brisbin and Jason Stoermer. Stoermer, a pitcher from Owensboro, Ky., demonstrated great velocity last season during his 5-1, 1.73 ERA performance for Daviess County High School.

Brisbin and the Govs' final signee, Bradley, are expected to provide an immediate impact on the Govs' pitching staff. Both pitchers bring experience at the junior college level, as Bradley comes in from Wabash Valley College in Illinois and Brisbin's experience was gained at Fort Scott Community College in Kansas.

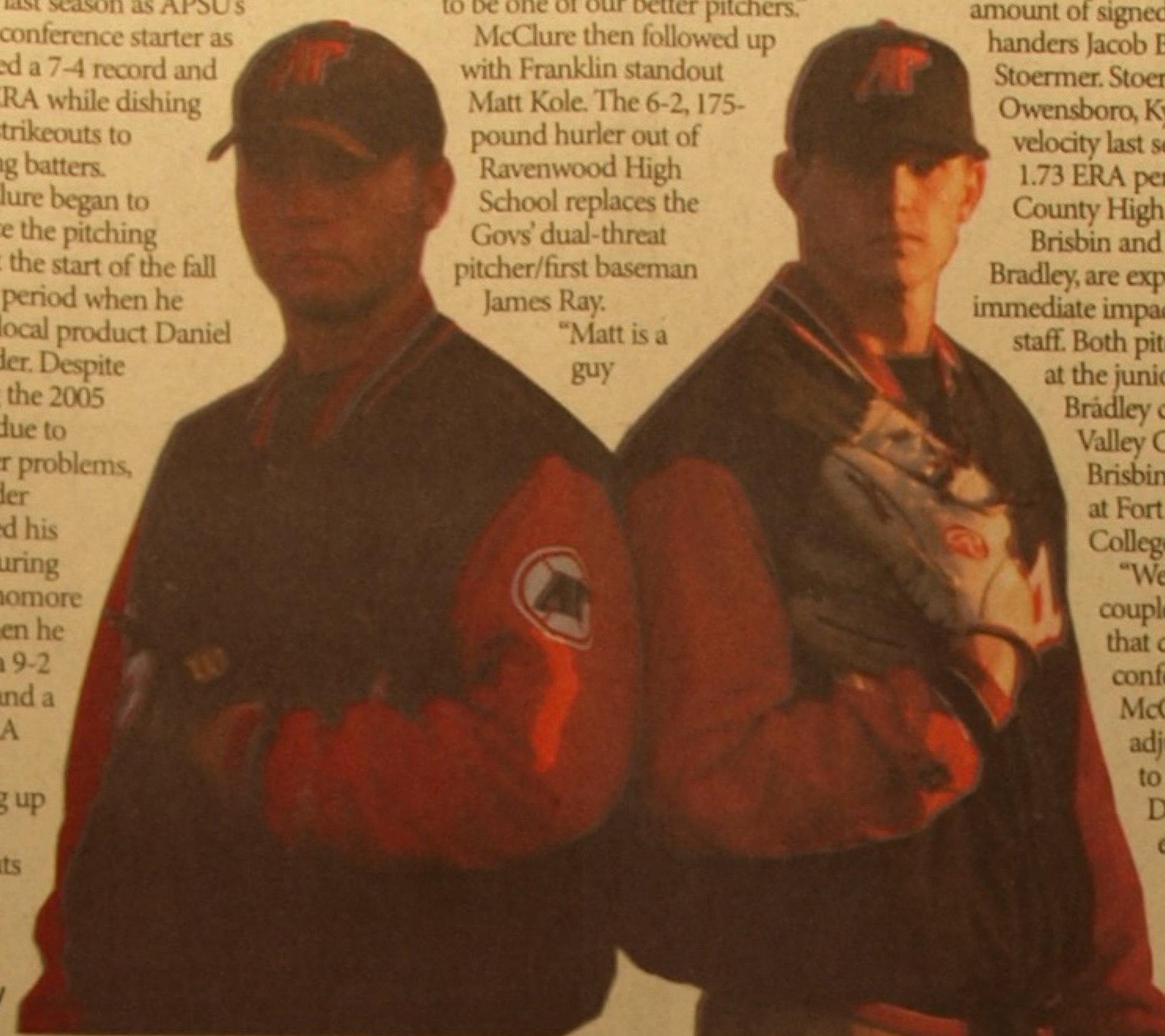
"We wanted to bring in a couple of junior college guys that could compete for a conference starting spot," McClure said. "It is an adjustment for any pitcher to come in and pitch at the Division I level, but it is even less of an adjustment for junior college guys because they have competed on a similar level. Andrew (Bradley) and Jacob

(Brisbin) both show a lot of promise and could definitely provide an immediate impact on the team."

Outfielder Daniel Baggett and catcher Tyler Beck rounded out the Govs' fall signees. Both players will assist the Govs in depth at their respective positions at the start of the 2007 season. ♦

Baseball Signees

- ♦ Daniel Baggett
6-3, 200-pound outfielder
- ♦ Tyler Beck
6-4, 280-pound catcher
- ♦ Andrew Bradley
6-0, 185-pound right-handed pitcher
- ♦ Jake Brisbin
6-1, 200-pound right-handed pitcher
- ♦ Matt Kole
6-2, 175-pound left-handed pitcher/first baseman
- ♦ Jason Stoermer
6-1, 275-pound right-handed pitcher
- ♦ Daniel Tenholder
6-1, 190-pound right-handed pitcher



Senior pitchers Brad Daniel and Rowdy Hardy

APSU students earn bid to national tournament

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

An all-girls flag football team sponsors itself and makes it all the way to the national championships. Their goal is to not only get local respect, but national as well.

It sounds like a Disney movie just waiting to be made, but in reality, it's a true story right here on Austin Peay State University's campus. The team includes the majority of the APSU Lady Govs track team.

"We want to be national champions," said head coach Greg Jones of his team G-Unit's goal when the season started. "We wanted to be nothing but the best. We had a good group of girls last year when we won the school championship, and we felt the only way to get our point across was to win it again this year and go further."

Team G-Unit had an outstanding record of 15-1 over the last two years, including not getting scored on all of last year. Yet getting an invitation to Nationals wasn't an easy task for this team.

They first had to beat everyone at APSU. Next they went to Middle Tennessee State University, where they placed second in quite possibly their hardest game of the year.

"We had to play them at their house, with their home crowd rooting all for them," said Meagan Anderson, a linebacker/tight end. After placing second at that tournament, they went to Western Kentucky, where they again had to play on another team's home turf, this time Western Kentucky. Still, G-Unit won the tournament, and they now are heading to Nationals in Florida.

Team G-Unit said they are close not only because of their team unity but because of what they went through to get as far as they have during the long season.

"We got here all on our own, with no

Who's who on team G-Unit

Head Coach - Greg Jones
Corner/wide receiver - Leann White
Linebacker/cornerback - Danja Yates
Cornerback - Constance Every
Linebacker - Kenyetta Stone
Quarterback/wide receiver - Tamika Southern
Linebacker/Tight End - Megan Anderson
Wide Receiver - Sherlonda Johnson
Linebacker - Renee Crawley
RB/Middle Linebacker - Tia Hendricks
Quarterback/free safety - Takeshia Richardson
Wide Receiver/Free Safety - Tasha Price

help from APSU," Jones said.

"We hustled to really get this team to go somewhere," cornerback Connie Every said. "We had fundraisers, and even went to the mall asking people for help to support us."

Through all the fundraising the team came up with close to \$250. Needing a place to stay and not having extra money to waste on hotel rooms, the team looked for connections with other teammates for help. One of those connections came from Anderson.

"Meagan's grandparents really helped us out. Her family gave us housing and food," Every said.

As far as transportation goes, they just rode with the teammates who had cars.

"That is one of the best things about our team, that we all play well together," said Tasha Price, wide receiver/free safety. "If it wasn't for us as a team, we wouldn't be where we are now."

It seems that the team's grit and determination has paid off. Since they won the Western Kentucky tournament, their bid to Nationals was an all-expense paid trip to Pensacola Florida from Dec. 28-31.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The G-Unit flag football team poses with their first-place trophy after winning a tournament at Western Kentucky University. The team will travel to Pensacola, Fla., for the national tournament on Dec. 28-31.

"The people at nationals are paying for everything," Anderson said. "They're paying for our plane ticket, hotel, entry fee - everything. Whatever they don't cover, David Davenport, the (APSU) intramural director, said he would cover the rest."

As far as the best player on the team, they say all of them are superstars.

"To be a winning team, you can't just have one superstar or just one great player," said Jones. "We had to conduct ourselves as a winning team and couldn't go in with problems. None of our opponents care what we have been through; They're going

to play us hard regardless."

Jones said they want to win the championship and keep the tradition going for years to come, and any girls interested in joining should probably be incoming freshmen.

"We want to bring some respect back to Austin Peay on the intramural level," he said. "We just want to replace the few that we lose and come back strong."

Jones said he believes the winning tradition the girls have had will carry over to the track season.

"We have unity on this team and

everybody just stays positive."

One way the team stayed positive, was by praying before every game.

"I just want to thank God," Every said. "Without him, none of this would be possible."

Finally, Jones wants every team out there to know that just because they're winning doesn't mean they're going to soften up on the competition.

"We are still hungry," he said. "We won't be full until we bring the national championship back to Clarksville and to Austin Peay." ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Just because J.P. Felder is a freshman doesn't mean doesn't have any experience. The 6-7, 225-pound forward/center has played against some pretty tough competition.

During his high school basketball career at Campbell High in Smyrna, Ga., Felder played against several players who are currently in the NBA, including Dwight Howard (Orlando Magic), Josh Smith (Atlanta Hawks) and Lewis Williams (Philadelphia 76ers). Felder and Smith were teammates and graduated at the same time. As a rookie, Smith won the NBA dunk contest.

"It was a challenge to play against those caliber players in high school," Felder said. "I played with Josh, but I met Dwight while I was guarding him - we went up for the ball together, and he dunked on me really good."

Despite the joking, Felder confessed that the challenge helped prepare him for playing Division-I basketball.

"Playing that type of competition has prepared me physically and mentally," he said. "If I can play with and against those guys, then I know I can do anything. A lot of guys can't say that right out of high school."

During his four years at Campbell High, Felder was named to Atlanta/Naismith Tipoff Club Team of Year, comprising the top 21 players and was named All-Cobb County as a senior. He also earned Georgia Class AAAAA honorable mention All-State.

In his leisure time, Felder's favorite thing to do is to play his bass guitar. He taught himself to play, and he's been playing for almost eight years.

"I never took lessons, so I feel like I've learned a lot from teaching myself," Felder said. "It was hard in the beginning, and now I love it, so now I think I can do whatever I put my mind to regardless of what it is."

Although he doesn't write his own music, he enjoys playing all types. Some of his favorites are funk tunes like Bootsy Collins. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Freshman J.P. Felder has netted 19 total points and 13 rebounds during his limited time on the court. The 6-7 forward/center has also posted a 58 percent field goal percentage during that time.

APSU Sports Briefs

Adversity haunts Lady Govs

Freshman guard Casey Attebery has quit the women's basketball team for personal reasons, reported Austin Peay State University Sports Information. The Ashland City native will remain in school at APSU. Attebery, niece of the legendary University of Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summit, was likely to see significant time off the bench for a young, inexperienced Lady Govs team.

APSU loses another guard indefinitely with the loss of starting point guard Ashlee McGee to a knee injury.

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Vital Stats

Name: J.P. Felder
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Hometown: Smyrna, Ga.
Sports Idol: Shaquille O'Neal
Favorite Sports Team: Washington Suns

What is your favorite thing to do in Clarksville? Play my guitar
Favorite place to take a girl on a date? "Wherever she wants to go. It's about her, not me."

How do you get pumped up for a game? "I like to get somewhere alone, stretch out, say a prayer and get focused."

SPORTS
SCHEDULE
AT A GLANCE

Thursday

Women's Basketball
at Tennessee Tech,
5:30 p.m.,
Cookeville, Tenn.

Men's Basketball
at Tennessee Tech,
7:30 p.m.,
Cookeville, Tenn.

Saturday

Rifle
at Morehead State,
9 a.m.,
Morehead, Ky.

UPCOMING

Dec. 5
Men's Basketball
vs. Lambuth (exhibition)
7 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Dec. 8
Women's Basketball
vs. Morehead,
5:15 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Dec. 8
Men's Basketball
vs. Morehead State
7:30 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Dec. 10
Women's Basketball
vs. Eastern Kentucky
5:15 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Dec. 10
Men's Basketball
vs. Eastern Kentucky
7:30 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

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

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

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

Govs get two wins in tourney

APSU enters conference schedule on win streak

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Assistant Sports Editor

The Governors men's basketball team will open up conference play this Thursday with a road match-up against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles.

The Golden Eagles (2-1) have averaged 96 points per game this season with senior forward Derek Stribling's 16.3 points per game average leading the way.



SCHLADER

Schlader said, "We are going to have to step it up defensively. I think they are going to try to push the ball. They are really athletic, so we are going to have to try and contain that."

Although many of their points come on the inside, the Golden Eagles are still shooting 45 percent from the three-point line with an average of 23 points per game from the arch.

"If they can beat us on the outside then we just have to give credit to their shooting," senior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton said.

"Hopefully, we can put pressure on them and make their shots limited. We have just got to play our game. We need to slow it down, take good shots, get it inside and just play defense."

The Govs go into conference play with a two-game win streak that was picked up in the last two rounds of the South Padre Island Invitational.

The Govs picked up their first win of the season against Delaware State in the invitational. After going into halftime down five points, the Govs came out in the second half firing.

For most of the second half, the Govs were forced to play catch-up, but a strong performance by seniors Hampton and Schlader led APSU on a 24-7 run during the final eight minutes of the game to carry the Govs to a 57-51 victory.

Hampton led the way offensively with 18 points as he hit five of seven shots from the field as well as all seven free-throw attempts for the Govs. Schlader added 15 points and eight rebounds of his own, while sophomore Fernandez Lockett came alive with 11 total points.

"We had a lot of offensive production from a lot of different people," Hampton said. "It wasn't just the seniors stepping points. Todd (Babington) stepped up, Fernandez stepped up his game, all the point guards got some points and the guys off the bench came in and contributed. We were just able to capitalize on the offensive end."

The win allowed APSU to stay alive in the tournament and take on Texas Southern in the final round of the tournament.

As neither APSU nor Texas Southern were able to pull away, the game was forced into overtime. However, Hampton and sophomore guard Todd Babington's back-to-back three-pointers sparked a 16-2 run in overtime for the Govs to propel them to a 82-70 victory.

"These games helped us out a lot," Hampton said. "Our younger guys got a chance to experience what it is like in a close game and even in an overtime game. They got an opportunity to see a lot better type of competition and that is going to help us get ready for OVC play."

"Big teams play on a different level and they are on a different level talent-wise," Schlader said. "It helps because if you can play well against that type of competition then you can definitely play well against teams in the OVC."

Babington led the Govs this time with a



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Above: Austin Peay's Drake Reed, right, drives to the basket as Texas Southern's Brian Egwauta (50) defends during the first half of a South Padre Island Invitational game in South Padre Island, Texas, on Saturday.

Right: Austin Peay guard Maurice Hampton (21) drives past Delaware State defender Joe Dickens during the first half of a South Padre Island Invitational game in South Padre Island, Texas, on Friday.

career-high 20 points while Hampton added 16 points to the effort. Schlader posted his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Schlader, who struggled shooting earlier in the season, earned all-tournament honors with his steady performances throughout the South Padre Invitational.

"He really helped out," Hampton said. "We were able to get the ball down inside to Zac and he was able to make a move. They weren't doubling him as much but when they were then he was shooting over him. His shots were falling so he was a big help to us."

Despite the wins, many Govs players are not ready to be too confident in their play this early in the season.

"We all still have a long way to go," Schlader said. "We still have a lot of work to do, but we are a work in progress."

Either way, the Govs turned a potential 0-5 start to a much improved 2-3 record as they enter a tough conference schedule. ♦

Coach's
Corner

By ANDY
BLACKSTON



Lady Govs begin conference with Tennessee Tech

The Lady Govs basketball team will begin its Ohio Valley Conference schedule earlier this season than in the past because each team in the league will play each other team twice. So now after only three games and a 1-2 record, we will face Tennessee Tech Thursday night in our conference-opener.

Right now I'm really encouraged by the attitude and the effort put forth by this team. I think they grew up a lot last weekend and even stunned Memphis. We rose to the challenge, beating them for the first time in school history. The question was, though, could we go out and do it two nights in a row at the Lady Tiger Classic. It turns out we couldn't, but we came out ready and were really close. We were down by one with 24 seconds remaining, and we had the opportunity. We just have to capitalize.

There are some things we're going to continue to work on before our conference-opener against Tennessee Tech. One thing we need to focus on is simply shooting the ball better. Our guards shot pretty low percentages. We've also got to shoot better from behind the free throw line. Against Belmont, we only shot 58 percent, and you can't do that against good teams and come out on top.

Tennessee Tech is a powerhouse in the OVC and were picked to win the 2005-2006 crown. They've got Emily Christian, a senior, who is probably one of the best posts in the league. Along with our forward Ashley Haynes, Christian was selected to the preseason first-team All-OVC. Kendall Cavin, a TTU junior, was chosen to the preseason second-team All-OVC, and she is a good all-around player who can shoot the three and put the ball on the floor to drive. Those two players are going to be key for us to stop.

We have to go up to Cookeville Thursday night and believe in what we do. If we execute, we should be in a position to compete with the Eaglettes. Because the conference season is starting so much earlier than it has in the past, we have a lack of information, as far as a scouting report and knowing what to expect. But it's going to be the same for Tennessee Tech, so whether it's conference or not, it's time to play ball. ♦

TALE OF THE TAPE

APSU	Stats	TTU
65.0	Scoring Average	70.2
60.3	Points Allowed per game	64.8
42.7	Field Goal Percentage	44.0
30.1	Three-point percentage	34.5
60.4	Free Throw Percentage	80.9
43.0	Rebounds per game	31.0
22.5	Turnovers per game	17.0
1.0	Blocks per game	1.0
9.0	Steals per game	6.0

Lady Govs dominate Memphis, fall to Belmont

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs traveled west this past weekend to the Lady Tiger Thanksgiving Classic in Memphis. They went 1-1, first with a win coming against Memphis, 74-49, Friday night, and then losing to Belmont, 64-60, Saturday.

Friday night's victory against Memphis was first-ever win against Memphis for the Austin Peay State University women's basketball team, and it snapped their nine-game losing streak dating back to last season.

Memphis guard Tamika Butler scored Memphis' first seven points, tying the game up, seven all. The Lady Govs then went on an 11-1 run including five points by freshmen Valeria Quinn making the score 18-8 with 10:59 left to play in the game. Memphis came racing back, scoring five straight points, but APSU countered their run with one of their own, scoring 10 straight points to lead at halftime, 34-17.



BACON

APSU's Amber Bacon, a Memphis native, had eight first-half points, including two three-pointers.

Ashley Haynes scored five points, and pulled down eight rebounds. The Lady Govs shot 12-of-29 in the first half and also shot 62 percent from the free throw line.

The Lady Govs went into the second half and put the game away early, leading by as many as 29 points with 15:13 left in the game. Haynes scored nine points in the early part of the second half. APSU's largest lead came with 7:27 left, leading 65-31. They ended up winning the game by a 25-point margin, 74-49.

Bacon led the way for the Lady Govs, scoring 15 points on 5-of-10 shooting. Haynes chipped in 14 points and 16 rebounds in the process of getting her second double-double of the season. Nine

of the 10 Lady Govs who played scored, and APSU made 26-of-55 field goal attempts, including shooting 43 percent from three-point range.

The Lady Govs out-rebounded Memphis, 52-44, and dished out more assists (17-8) and also put pressure on Memphis defensively.

"We played well defensively, which made our offense do better," head coach Andy Blackston said. Memphis made Austin Peay turn the ball over 25 times, but couldn't take advantage, shooting only 21 percent from the floor.

"I think we really played well against Memphis," said Blackston. "It was good to beat the host team, and was a big confidence builder."

After winning against Memphis, APSU played Belmont, who beat Clemson in the tournament first round, in the championship game.

As the game began, both teams started out evenly, trying to get a feel for how the

other team played. Belmont had the lead until Kellea Reeves scored, giving the Lady Govs a 14-12 lead. APSU and Belmont again tied 17-17 before the Lady Bruins began making a push and took the lead at 25-19. A three-pointer and lay-up by Belmont with only two minutes remaining in the first half gave Belmont its biggest lead of the game, 39-29.

Going into the second half, neither team could find the basket, each team having droughts of four minutes.

The Lady Govs narrowed the lead, 57-51, with 3:37 left in the game. APSU continued to cut the lead little-by-little when a three pointer by Saundra Hale knocked Belmont's lead down to only four points. The Lady Govs continued to scratch and claw their way back into the game with back-to-back lay-ups by Breana Link and Reeves, which brought the lead down to one point with 24.9 seconds left to play. However, Belmont held the lead to win the game, 64-60.

Reeves contributed 15 points on four-of-seven shooting. Haynes again recorded a double-double, her second of the tournament, with 12 points, on 6-of-13 shooting and 13 rebounds. Belmont out-shot APSU 40 percent to 36 percent, and out-rebounded the Lady Govs 43 to 36. The Lady Govs shot only 58 percent from the free throw line.

"Our free throw percentage was lower than it needed to be, and we have to get better," Blackston said. "They were a strong team, and the game came down to a couple of seconds, and our shots just didn't go down."

Regardless of their loss, Blackston said he was happy with his team's performance over the weekend.

"If we can maintain our play as of late, we are going to be good," he said. "We just want to improve as the season goes along."

The Lady Govs next game is Thursday against OVC rival Tennessee Tech, 5:30 p.m., in Cookeville. ♦