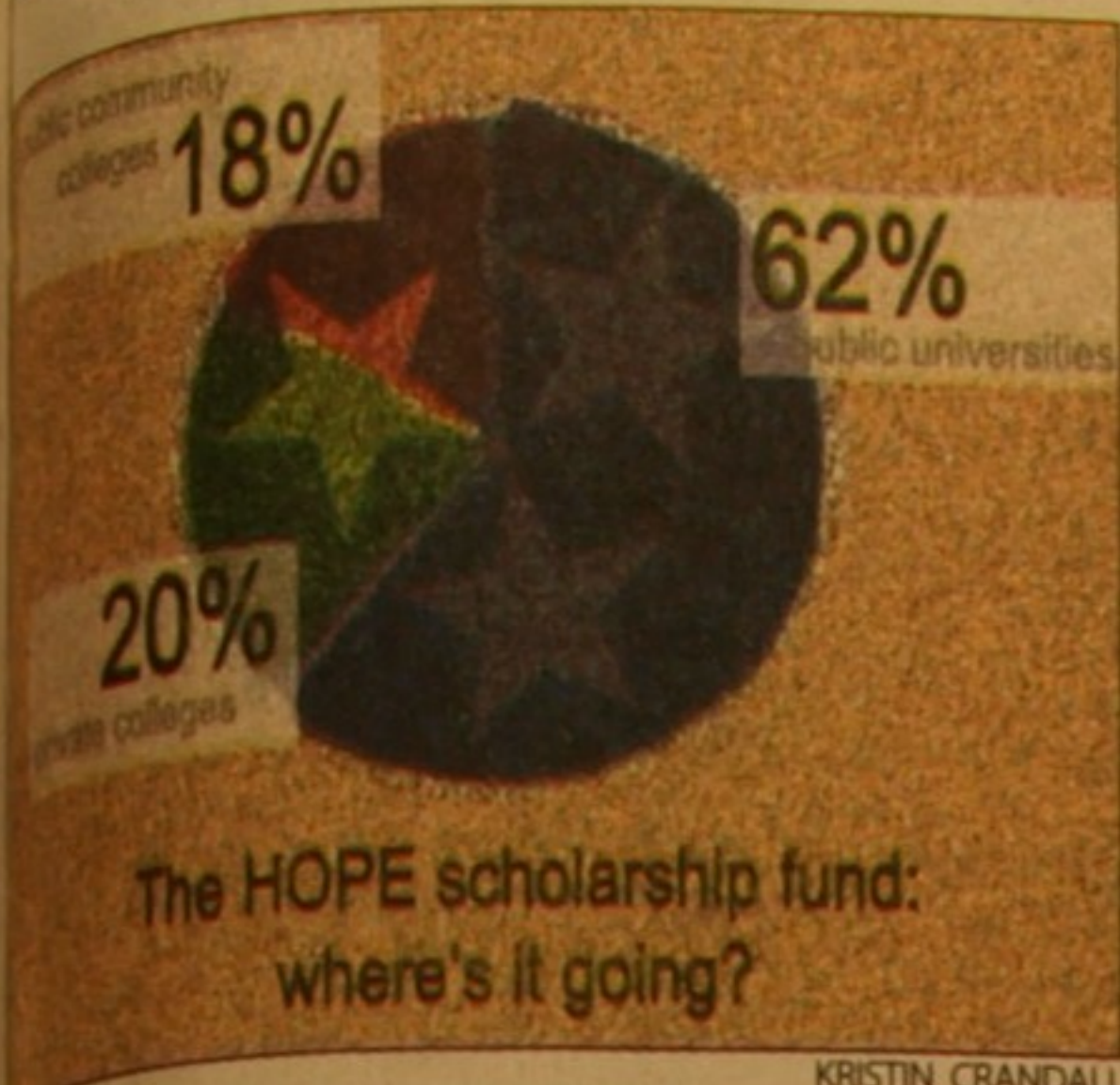


State grants fewer HOPE scholarships than expected



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Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee's HOPE scholarship program gave out fewer grants in its first year than state officials had expected.

About 30,060 Tennessee students attending college in-state this fall received the lottery-funded scholarships, which were worth more than \$44 million.

But at one point the Tennessee Higher Education Commission projected that as many as 45,000 students would receive grants from the new scholarship program.

Brian Noland, THEC's associate executive director, said the state's estimate was too high because it relied on inaccurate federal government projections of the number of high school graduates in the state.

He also said some people still don't know about the scholarships. "There were 30 students who applied and got the scholarships in October." They were enrolled (in colleges) and still didn't know this was available," he

said.

Noland said the number of HOPE scholarships awarded in Tennessee was still greater than in other first-year lottery programs in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and West Virginia.

"So, while we may have been below our projections, I think everyone is pretty happy with the first year of the program," Noland said.

The Tennessee HOPE scholarships are \$3,000 to \$4,000 the higher amount is for students with either exceptional grades or a dire financial situation at four-year colleges and universities and \$1,500 for community colleges.

According to THEC, 18,674 students attending the state's nine public universities received the grants, while 6,017 students attending the 13 public community colleges got them. Another 5,278 students attending private colleges in Tennessee received the HOPE awards.

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville had the

greatest number of recipients, 4,923, while Middle Tennessee State University had 3,747.

UT President John Petersen said the program did a good job in keeping the state's best students in Tennessee.

"If we let those students go out of state to go to school, it's so much harder to get them back," he said.

Among private schools, Nashville's David Lipscomb University had the greatest number of recipients, 445, followed by Carson-Newman, Belmont, Vanderbilt and Maryville College. More than half the recipients at Vanderbilt received an extra \$1,000 for excellent grades, a far higher ratio than any other school in the state expect Rhodes College in Memphis, where about one in three of the lottery scholarship recipients earned it. Noland said he expects the scholarships awarded to increase next year based on Georgia's experience. Officials there saw scholarships rise from about 27,800 to around 32,000 between the first and second years of the program. ♦

Tennessee sheriffs violate law

By MARC PERRUSQUIA

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - All across Tennessee, from Memphis to Mountain City, sheriffs and police don't know the law that gives citizens the right to see crime reports. High in East Tennessee's Appalachians, a woman seeking a report from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in Mountain City has a driver's license seized. A background check finds nothing, yet a detective turns her away, saying reports aren't released "to just anybody."

Near the banks of the muddy Mississippi, a graduate student visiting the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in Memphis is told daily reports are available a three-day-old log is all she has.

In Nashville, the state capital, police say they need \$33 to produce a report. Law enforcement officers have a similar message in Jackson, Hattiesburg, McMinnville, Jefferson City, Greenville and many other towns along the state's 482-mile spine: Go away. These reports are confidential.

For nearly 50 years Tennessee law has guaranteed citizens the right to inspect public records, including crime reports, yet a statewide audit this month found more than a third of city police agencies and close to half of county sheriffs' offices failed to comply.

Thirty of 85 local police agencies surveyed 35 percent denied citizen requests to view crime reports.

The audit by the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government, a nonprofit watchdog group, found that 40 of 49 sheriffs' offices 45 percent denied requests.

"That's terribly disappointing," said Lucian Pera, a Memphis lawyer who has filed suits on behalf of The Commercial Appeal to open government records.

"These law enforcement officers are supposed to know what the law is, including the public records law," Pera said. "It's a no-brainer: The public needs access to records to ensure police accountability and to feel safe in their community. Basic information about crime traditionally has been open to the public, he said, long before the 1957 Open Records Act made it the law.

Police blotter logs or indexes that briefly chronicle the day's crimes and disturbances are part of that tradition. In some incident reports, documents that briefly summarize the time, place and particulars of a given burglary, car crash, mugging, fight or other

disturbance.

Yet, repeatedly, law enforcement officers told auditors they could not see such reports.

The auditors reporters, students and others who volunteered made unannounced visits to law enforcement offices in all of Tennessee's 95 counties Nov. 2-4 and asked to see reports.

If asked who they were or why they wanted the record, auditors were instructed to ask if that was necessary to see it. If pressed, they would identify themselves first simply as a citizen and, if needed, as a reporter or student working on a project. This was done to see how agencies performed under the requirements of the state Open Records Act.

The law says that, with some exceptions, state, county and municipal records "shall at all times, during business hours, be open for personal inspection by any citizen of Tennessee."

In theory, citizens should be able to see a record right there, on demand, but the audit only recorded a document denied if they were told they would have to wait 48 hours or longer.

All over the state, auditors were denied access or put off. They received a variety of reasons.

One agency in West Tennessee claimed releasing any incident reports might pose a threat to homeland security.

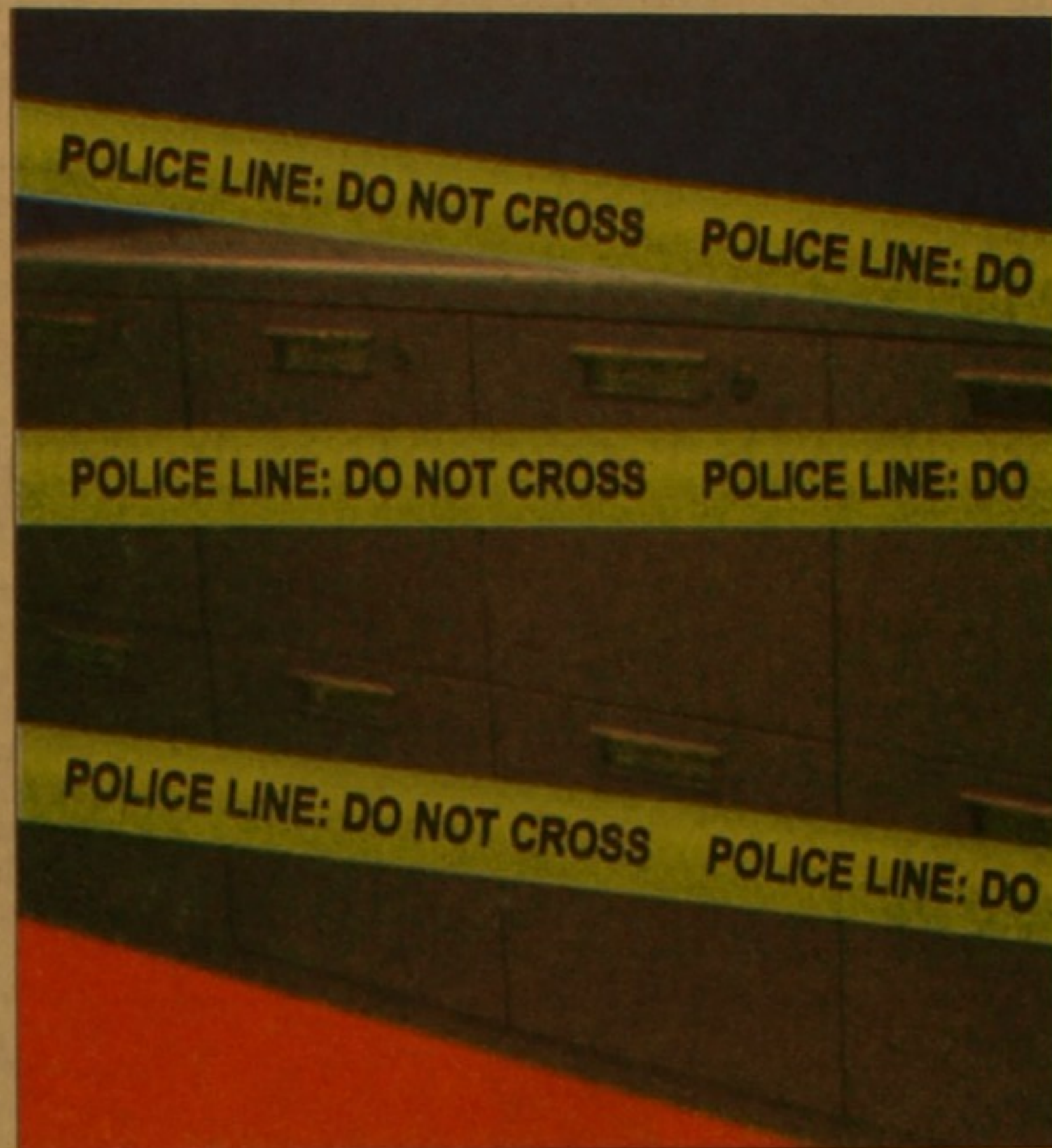
A sheriff's deputy in Middle Tennessee had a simple answer when an auditor asked to see reports on vehicle break-ins: "We just don't do that."

Two leading reasons given for withholding records involved privacy concerns and claims the matter was under investigation.

Both those reasons came to play in intimidating fashion when auditor Doug Davis went to the Hickman County Sheriff's Office in Middle Tennessee asking to see a crime log and separate reports on a burglary and a theft. He soon found himself surrounded by Sheriff Randall Ward and two detectives.

"They were, in effect, detaining me by taking my driver's license and holding me in a back room," Davis said later.

Davis, a reporter for The Daily News Journal in Murfreesboro, said that, in fairness, the detectives became antagonistic because he would not tell them who he worked for. He was allowed to see a crime log but never got the reports. Ward did not respond to



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three messages left at his office over three days.

Liset Marquez, a reporter for the Chattanooga Times Free Press, had a similar experience at the Sequatchie County Sheriff's Office in East Tennessee, where she asked to see the crime log for the past 24 hours.

An officer there wanted to know why, then asked for identification. Marquez, who recently moved here from out of state, handed over her California ID and Times Free Press badge, which were photocopied.

An officer there told her she couldn't see the records because they contained private information and were under investigation.

"I asked why I couldn't see it and he then told me, 'Because it's the law,'" Marquez wrote. Randal Lockhart, chief of detectives there, didn't respond to calls left at his office.

Tennessee law doesn't require a citizen to have a reason for looking at a record. The law does grant an exception that allows police to withhold records involving an ongoing investigation, but Pera said it's widely held that the exception applies to investigative reports, not the basic summary contained in the initial incident report.

Alan Johnson, a Nashville attorney, said state Attorney General opinions have condoned requiring some proof of Tennessee citizenship, such as a

driver's license, but said officials at times go overboard.

If a citizen asks to see a police personnel file they can be required to produce personal details, including a home address and telephone number, but police shouldn't demand all that to see an incident report, said Johnson, who represents the open records coalition.

At times, lack of accommodation not intent seemed responsible for denial of access.

When Kim Morris visited the Shelby County Sheriff's Office seeking an up-to-date crime log, she was passed from office to office before Central Records hooked her up with a three-day-old log.

"I was on a wild goose chase," said Morris, a journalism graduate student at the University of Memphis.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Shular, who has worked hard to improve public access, likened the incident to a missed opportunity.

"Someone should have directed them to me," he said. "Any citizen can make a request to the public affairs office and we'll get them the report that same day." According to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 10-7-503 to 10-7-508, all state university police records are public information, therefore they must be made available to citizens during business hours and can't be refused for viewing. ♦

Educators, social advocates say federal proposal could impact Hispanics

By SHEILA HARDWELL BYRD

Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. - A federal proposal to create a national database of all college students has raised concerns within the education community.

Some fear the system is another step toward a "Big Brother" society and could discourage Hispanics and other immigrants from seeking a degree.

The U.S. Department of Education says it wants more information about students as a way to better track trends such as retention, graduation rates and net tuition. The agency wants to create a unit record system at the federal level that would collect data from individual student records.

"The department is holding public meetings with key stakeholders from schools, states and other interested parties to get feedback and suggestions," agency spokeswoman Stephanie Babyak said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday.

The proposed system is supported by several groups, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities is opposed, and already has begun lobbying Congress to quash the proposal.

"Our biggest concern is that if a student takes a single course, they will be entered into a major national database. It would keep records on them by social security number," said NAICU spokeswoman Sarah Flanagan. "We don't believe that enrolling in college is the type of activity that should warrant this type of big brother intrusion."

Before the Department of Education can proceed with the project, Congress must approve the development of the new system.

Flanagan said another concern is the system's impact on the Hispanic community. She said the proposal could discourage some Hispanic Americans, whose parents are undocumented, from seeking an education.

The Rev. Sally Beville of Jackson agreed that the proposal would create another hassle for the Hispanic population.

Beville, the coordinator of Hispanic Ministries for the United Methodist Church in Mississippi, believes the proposal is fallout from the terrorist attacks of 2001.

"People who are not advocates of immigrants, their premise is that to track them down, catch them and get them out of the country," Beville said.

Mississippi has about 39,000 Hispanic residents, according to 2000 Census Bureau figures. Beville and others put that figure closer to 100,000 as most Hispanics who are not documented don't participate in a census count.

Federal law allows children of undocumented Hispanics to attend public school without a social security number, but not college, Beville said.

Roy Klumb, president of the state College Board, said the board hasn't reviewed or addressed the proposal. Klumb said he personally doesn't see any problem with creating a national database.

Klumb said students already are tracked in several different ways. For instance, social security information is needed from students applying for financial aid.

"Under the circumstances, particularly with foreign students who come into the country on visas, we have students who are in the country whose relatives are illegal, I think the government has every right to set up an apparatus to deal with this," Klumb said.

"I can't see where beyond this any honest American would have any problem with whether their name is kept in a database or not."

Patricia Ice, a Jackson attorney who practices immigration law, said the potential for abuse is too strong.

The Education Department said it wouldn't share its student records with other agencies, but Ice said if Congress gave the OK, the student records could be used to track people for everything from fines to child support to Homeland Security violations.

"All Congress has to do is pass a law saying it could be used," Ice said. "They would already have the information." ♦

Vacancies in classroom cause for teacher demand in Alabama

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Linda Clark doesn't have a teaching degree. She didn't finish college. But for the last three weeks, Clark has been teaching a class of 20 kindergartners at Alberta Elementary School.

While that's not uncommon since schools routinely hire substitute teachers who have nothing more than a high school diploma and who pass a background check, here's what makes Clark different: She isn't filling in for a teacher on maternity leave or who had a family emergency. The school simply hasn't been able to hire a qualified teacher to teach the class.

"We've never had a difficult time recruiting elementary teachers, and we've had that this year. To me, that's a bad sign," said Walt Maddox, personnel director for Tuscaloosa City Schools.

With the school year nearly half over, the city school system still has 10 vacancies for classroom teachers. Maddox said, most of them in the areas of math, science and special education.

Maddox said he expects to fill the slots by the start of the next semester in January.

In the meantime, schools are relying on retired teachers and other substitutes to pick up the slack.

In a few cases, he said, students have been divided among existing teachers, pushing class sizes slightly above the limit recommended by the Alabama State Department of Education.

Tuscaloosa County Schools has no classroom teacher vacancies at the moment, said Barbara Spencer, assistant superintendent in charge of personnel, but she said it gets harder every year to find teachers to hire.

"Some of it is because of No Child Left Behind," she said. "We're looking for more highly qualified teachers."

The federal No Child Left Behind of 2001 requires teachers to take a certain number of college courses in the subjects they teach to be considered highly qualified.

Those teachers who haven't met the standards by the end of next school year could be removed from the classroom.

Even with a bevy of colleges and universities such as the University of Alabama, Stillman College, the University of West Alabama and the University of Montevallo offering teacher education programs, the pool of people is much smaller than it used to be, Spencer said.

"Every day you're recruiting, recruiting," she said. Maddox and Spencer aren't the only ones complaining of a teacher shortage.

"I get calls on a regular basis from school systems looking for special education teachers, elementary teachers, really every area," said Yolanda Eubanks, who places UA

education majors in student teaching and clinical positions.

Eubanks said the university is graduating fewer teachers this year about 60 will receive their diplomas in December but the numbers are only slightly smaller than in years past.

The real reason Alabama schools can't find new teachers, she said, is because they are going elsewhere, lured to neighboring states like Georgia that pay higher salaries, signing bonuses, even the first month's rent on an apartment.

Eubanks said while it's true that the average starting salary for teachers in Georgia is higher than in Alabama, long-term salaries in the two states are comparable.

"But a kid coming out of school isn't thinking in the

long-term," she said. "They're thinking, 'I've got to start paying off in six months.'"

Josh Averett, a math education student on track to graduate from UA next month, said he hasn't been tempted to take a job out of state.

Not that the promise of more money isn't appealing, but he grew up in Tuscaloosa and has a fiancée still in

school at UA.

Add in the fact that he'll be certified to teach math, traditionally a rare specialty subject area for high school teachers, and competition among local schools for Averett's services has been fierce. In one week alone, five schools located in Tuscaloosa County called and asked him to come in for an interview.

He just accepted an offer from Tuscaloosa County High School to begin in January. "I didn't do anything," Averett said. "I didn't even send out a resume."

Hoping to stand out from the competition, some school systems in Alabama are taking a cue from neighboring states and offering bonuses to prospective teachers. Last month, the Mobile County school board voted on a plan to give teachers in math, science and special education an extra \$6,000 to teach with the system.

And Tuscaloosa City Schools, as part of its proposed restructuring of underperforming schools on the west side of town, plans to give teachers a \$5,000 supplement if they earn National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification.

While the county school system lacks the local funding to offer such perks, Spencer said the school system soon will be forced to offer signing bonuses if it wants to attract qualified teachers. "At some point, we may have to get on board with signing bonuses," she said.

"We just have to watch other school systems and try to keep up with the competition," Spencer said. ♦

The news in brief

THEC approves APSU's new Homeland Security concentration

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has approved a new Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in homeland security at Austin Peay State University.

Students will be able to enroll in the program in Jan. 2005.

The new concentration should help meet the urgent need—in and around Fort Campbell—for personnel educated in this highly specialized field. It is part of a proposal by APSU to implement an Institute of Global Security Studies.

Currently, at the APSU Center @ Fort Campbell, APSU offers an Associate of Applied Science in Police Administration, which is directed toward basic law enforcement education, as opposed to the new four-year degree, which would focus on homeland security and terrorism.

The Tennessee Board of Regents approved the program last September.

APSU receives \$400,000+ grant from Lumina Foundation for Education

APSU has been awarded a grant to study pressures that influence educational policy and planning.

The \$403,500 grant from Lumina Foundation for Education will fund two years of research as APSU partners with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS).

Project Directors Dr. Houston Davis, associate vice president for academic affairs at APSU, Dr. Brian Noland, associate executive director for THEC, and Patrick Kelly, senior research associate for NCHEMS, will coordinate the study, which is part of the national Education Needs Index project.

"The Education Needs Index is a 50-state study of educational, economic and population pressures that influence educational policy and planning at local, regional and state levels," said Davis. "The index will introduce an econometric model and regional research that will assess conditions and trends for all 3,141 U.S. counties, or their equivalents, and allow peer comparisons across a variety of indicators."

APSU hosts Boy Scout University with 1,000 scouts attending

APSU recently hosted more than 1,000 Boy Scouts and their adult leaders for the Cogioba District Merit Badge University. According to Dr. Tony Golden, former APSU professor of psychology, this is the largest and best-attended event of its kind ever held in this district, which includes Clarksville, Montgomery and Stewart counties, and Fort Campbell, Ky.

Cole elected to serve on 4-H Board of Trustees

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff writer

Tamira Cole, junior English major, is the first Tennessean elected to serve on the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees. Cole was one of six new members elected Oct. 1. She will serve a three-year term.

"Standing in front of that room in West Virginia on Oct. 1, 2004 was one of the happiest moments of my life. I feel as though this honor is not me it is me simply representing every 4-H'er in America right now. I love 4-H and what the organization stands for and promotes. I look forward to representing 4-H'ers across America for the next three years on the Board of Trustees. I'm currently serving on the Resource Development Committee and reviewing new innovative ways to market to donors across the world," said Cole.

As a 12-year member of 4-H, Cole was the state champion in



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personal development (2002), West Tennessee Public Speaking Champion (2001-2002), 4-H Scholarship winner, officer for the Tennessee 4-H State Council, member of the Tennessee 4-H All-Star Council, president of the Madison County 4-H Club and West Tennessee District All-Star Lesser Chief.

Cole said, "Being on the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees is a wonderful honor. When Don Floyd Jr., the CEO of National 4-H Council called me and said that I had been submitted as a Youth Class nominee for the Board, I jumped up and down. I knew that the responsibilities and duties were great but that I could also do it with ease," said Cole.

"I feel so very blessed to have had such an awesome experience in Madison County 4-H. I feel that without the strong 4-H background of dedication and loyalty provided by my family, church, Sharon Tubbs, adult volunteer leaders and the Madison County 4-H Extension Service I would have never had an opportunity such as this to grow and spread my love of 4-H to young people world wide," said Cole.

APSU Extended Ed offers classes Nov. 29-Dec. 15

Learn a new skill with a course from Austin Peay's Center for Extended and Distance Education

Computer Courses

•"MS Word XP Basics" meets 6-8 p.m., Mon. and Wed., Nov. 29-Dec. 15, at 106 Public Square. The cost for the course is \$109, the lab fee is \$5 and the text is \$25.
•"MOS Access XP-Core Certification" meets 9 a.m.-noon, Wed. and Fri., Dec. 1-15, at 106 Public Square. The cost for the course is \$182, the lab fee is \$5 and the text is \$55.

Foreign Language

•"Conversational Spanish-Part 3" meets 6-9 p.m., Tues. Nov. 30-Dec. 14, in APSU's Clement 134. The cost for the course is \$72.

Parents, Children and Divorce

•"Parents, Children and Divorce-Montgomery County" is the state-mandated course divorcing parents with minor children are required to take before the divorce is granted. The class meets 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4, in APSU's Clement 132. The cost for the course \$40.
•"Parents, Children and Divorce-Dickson County" meets 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat., Dec. 11, at the Renaissance Center in Dickson, room

220. The cost for the course is \$40.

Online Classes-Register by Dec. 8

•The "Certificate in Gerontology" costs \$189.
•"Certificate in Complementary and Alternative Medicine" costs \$199.
•"Certificate in Spirituality, Health and Healing" costs \$149.
•"Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach" costs \$79.
•"Paralegal Certification Program" is a six-part online program. Each course costs \$158.
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Please register a week in advance. For further information, telephone the Center at (931) 221-7816, or visit www.apsu.edu/ext_ed.

UT Knoxville MBA students help nonprofit groups

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -University of Tennessee MBA students are getting some hands-on experience while lending a hand to nonprofit organizations.

A pilot project with a small group of students and two nonprofit groups last spring proved so successful that the UT master's in business administration

program is turning it into a full-fledged class.

"They did excellent work," said Bill Johns, former vice president for development at the East Tennessee Economic Development Agency, one of the groups helped by the class.

"If they had conducted that (analysis) for GM or for GE or Wal-Mart, it would

have cost about \$100,000," he said.

As it was, the work cost the nonprofits nothing.

"We have a history of doing live projects with companies," said Sarah Gardial, the UT College of Business Administration's associate dean for academic affairs. "We (also) have a can-do faculty that is willing to think outside the box," she said.

Good Morning APSU Campus Community

Correction

Spring Semester 2005 LDSP 3000-04 LDSP 3000-04 will be held 8:00-9:25 a.m. during the Spring Semester. The information given earlier was 8-9:25 p.m. previously. For more information, please contact Lynne Yarbrough at yarbroughl@apsu.edu or 6844.

Kwanzaa

The African American Cultural Center will be showing the documentary, "The African American Holiday of Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture," to educate everyone about the holiday at noon, Dec. 1 and 8, and 3 p.m., Dec. 7 and 9. For more information, please contact Valerie Barnes at shelbyc@apsu.edu or 7120.

"Kwanzaa: It Takes A Village"

The play "Kwanzaa: It Takes A Village" will be shown at 6 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2. The play shows the spirit of Kwanzaa through its seven principles and help the audience understand one can succeed alone. For more information, please contact the African American Cultural Center at shelbyc@apsu.edu or 7120.

UJAMAA

Cooperative Economics African American Student Association has invited local entrepreneurs to offer advice during the UJAMAA Day panel from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., Dec. 1. The principle of cooperative economics will be honored by focusing on community building through support for local business. For more information, please contact the African American Cultural Center shelbyc@apsu.edu or 7120.

Cramming Without Crashing

Cramming without crashing is designed to help students manage time, study skills and stress level, in order to do well on finals. Also being offered are great test taking tips to help students maximize their grades. For more information, please contact the Counseling and Testing Center at duncank@apsu.edu or 6162.

APSU Holiday Gift Assistance Program

Help an Elf is a holiday gift program for the children of APSU students. The gifts are purchased by various departments and organizations and individuals. More than 30 families are ready to be adopted. Please consider adopting a family and help make the holiday brighter. To adopt a family, please contact Student Affairs, UC 206. For more information, please contact Beverly or Vanessya at 7341.

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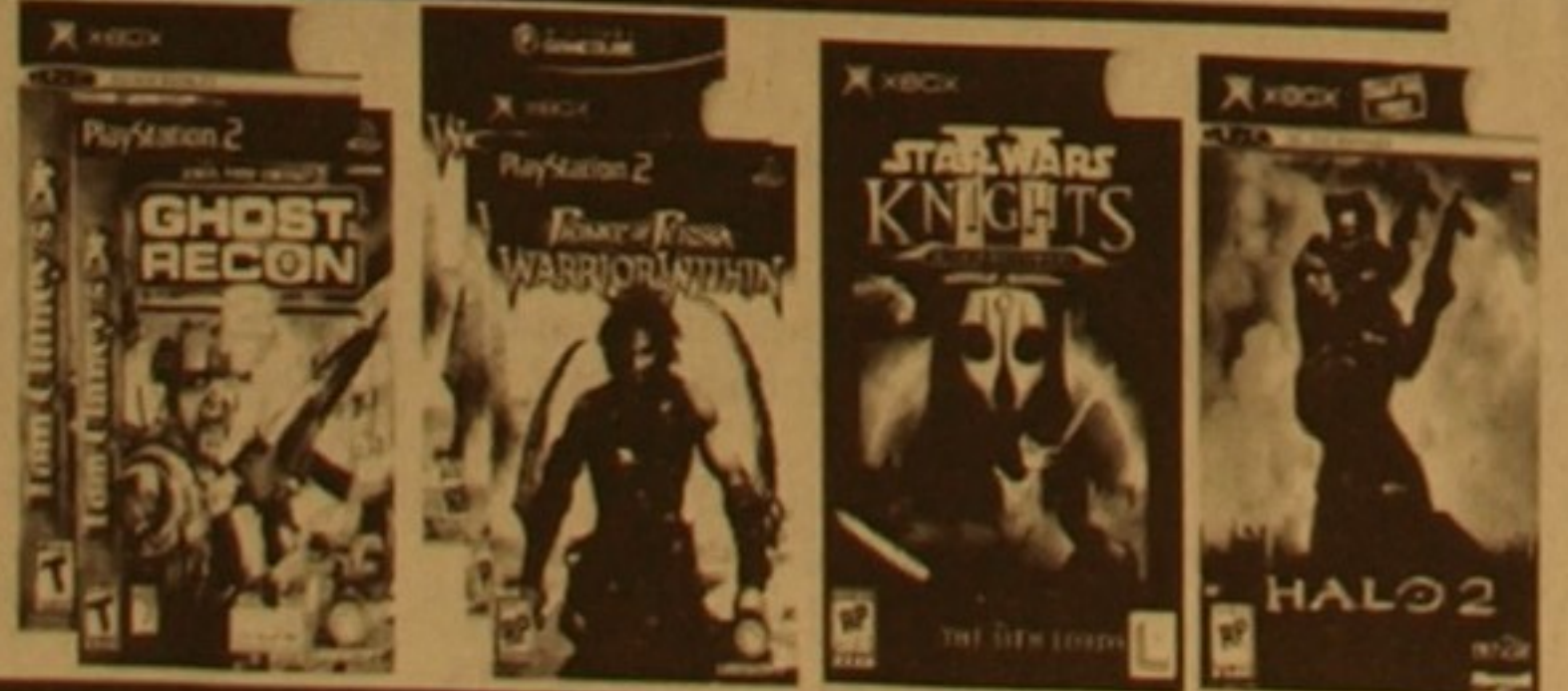
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S TAKE:

Pro-lifers are killing us

Over Thanksgiving break I was amongst the brave who ventured out on 'Black Friday' and braved the traffic and crowds in order to save \$10 on some electronic device. Sitting in traffic backed up for miles at the mall entrance in Charlotte, NC, my family and I witnessed a somewhat disturbing event.

Looking over to the side of the road, where a line of people were holding up signs and yelling, I saw a depiction of a baby fetus on a poster board covered in blood. Then I saw pictures of baby fetuses with their appendages cut off and sitting besides their bloodied bodies. A little graphic I know. Imagine sitting in traffic with your kids, taking them shopping for Christmas gifts, and having to explain why people were holding up these pictures and the angry man was yelling into a microphone so loud you couldn't make out what he was saying.

I understand everyone has their views on abortion and honestly, both sides have valid arguments. It appears, however, that the pro-lifers have become so radical, they discredit what they stand for and give a lot of pro-lifers a bad rap. How does this relate to the Austin Peay State University campus? At the beginning of the semester, at a student organization fair an organization passed out baby plastic fetuses. This seems like an

ineffective way of getting a point across. The point, I suppose, the organization was attempting to make was, "Here's a baby. You should cherish it and not kill it by having an abortion." That is their opinion and they are entitled to it. What do you think will end up happening to the plastic fetuses? I know we are suppose to be a product of higher education, but give us a break; we are also college students. The baby fetuses end up getting thrown at other people or in the trashcan. By the end of the day the organization's point holds no water considering there are a plethora of plastic baby fetuses in the trashcans all over campus.

To come full circle, I understand that the day after Thanksgiving provided a large audience for this group to get their point across, but the day is usually a day for families. It is arguable that this is a family issue, but ultimately it is inconsiderate for these groups to present this issue in front of children, especially on a holiday. It is the parents' responsibility to inform their children on the topic at a time that they feel is appropriate. Are these not the same people who want to improve family values and take violence out of morning cartoons? And here they are on the streets the day after one of the biggest family holidays holding up violent pictures. ♦

Our Savior needs state money

Separation of Church and State is one of America's greatest constitutional rights. I strongly support keeping religion out of the government. I don't want to hear that I can't curse because God told someone to ban profanity after worship service this weekend. Since God told them, I wouldn't be able to

question it, since the Lord Almighty is the ultimate veto. We'd have millions of people claiming divine revelations everyday.

Austin Peay State University currently funds multiple organizations, the Baptist Collegiate Ministries and Victory Campus Ministries being a few of them. Is APSU violating separation of Church

and State by using state tax money to financially support faith-based organizations?

I have visited several of APSU's evangelical groups during my time here as a student. The first one I went to turned me off when they

told someone dealing with depression that they didn't need to seek help; God would magically heal them.

Another one lured me in with Softball; soon they start asking me every other second if I've been memorizing scripture verses. Instead of treating me like a human being, these groups saw me as a project to convert to their beliefs. And I'm already a Christian!

I eventually found a good group of people at the BCM. We don't always agree, but the people there have good souls and treat me well. After late night Taco Bell runs and conversations, I can call people there my friends. I would also recommend the Wesley Foundation.

It is skeptical to have a state university funding religious organizations. The bottom line, however, is that college is all about finding yourself, spiritual beliefs included. When APSU financially supports groups, they aren't supporting the message; they are supporting students developing their identities in the groups. Spiritual development is very important. These groups serve as a stepping stone for discovering personal convictions. On a side note, I hope other religions besides Christianity start forming organizations. I would be the first student to visit the Islamic Collegiate Ministries. ♦

We don't need no schedule changing

Many students still seem to be having problems adjusting to the change in class times. It's no wonder, when you have classes starting at times like 11:25 a.m. Many students just know that when they get out of one class they need to head

directly to their next one. The Tennessee Board of Regents has really confused Austin Peay State University students with their new class length policy.

The policies of the TBR are the reason for the longer classes. They have made quite a few changes in how Tennessee universities are to be run. This is just one of the many rules the

TBR has imposed. They are requiring all TBR universities to add a few minutes to their classes. This cuts a few days off of the semester, but forces many students to have longer school days.

Longer school days are tough on students that work. There are many students who that have to work to support themselves and pay for college. Longer classes force students to work later at night or work fewer hours. It was really tough to get in enough hours to live off of even with the shorter classes, so with the

longer classes it is nearly impossible.

Many students don't know exactly when their classes start or end. A lot of them just know they have about 10 minutes in between classes. Amanda Darity, sophomore, still has a hard time remembering the class times. "It's almost the end of the semester and I still forget what times my classes start and finish," Darity said. "Why on earth would a class start at 2:20 instead of 2:30? It's simply ridiculous." This has also caused some awkward amounts of time in between classes that are Monday through Friday (like first-year foreign language classes) and classes that are held on Tuesday and Thursday. Nikola Collins, sophomore, is in this predicament. "I have a Latin class that runs three days a week on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule (11:15 to 12:10)," Collins said. "Basically that means I have thirty minutes between class on Tuesday and Thursday."

Many students just want the old class times back. "Many professors don't utilize the extra five minutes anyway," Darity said. "I'd rather just go back to the schedule we had before the TBR beat the smaller universities into submission." It really is TBR that is entirely to blame. APSU (along with most of the other universities in Tennessee) are required to comply with TBR's new policies, which have also included cutting required classes out of the bulletin.

Most students would be a lot happier if TBR just let the class times go back to being 50 minutes with 10 minutes in between classes. ♦

Iraqi civilians ignored, apathy remains the trend

The War on Iraq has not over and we do not care. Following two attempts, our President is willing to spend even more of our money on war instead of

education? And we don't care. Remember the banner back on May 1 that hung above President Bush's head on the aircraft carrier? It was rather ironic that he was on the USS Abraham Lincoln, (named after good old honest Abe). Ha! Really. Mission accomplished? That wasn't referring to the War on Iraq was it? Apparently I missed something because following the recent skirmish in Fallujah, American soldiers were entering what was termed

as the most important battle since the invasion of Iraq. According to the Associated Press, Marines say this most recent attack was going to "bring the

heaviest urban fighting since the Vietnam War."

The aircraft carrier incident occurred about 19 months ago and after believing the lie that the mission was accomplished, we still don't care. It's funny what a two-worded military idiom can do to inattentive Americans these days. Warning: apathetic Americans will continue to vote for idiot warhawks if they don't know what's going on.

The newly elected President Bush has outlined his "ambitious" plans for increasing the number of troops for the war-torn country, and we don't care. According to a New York Times report if the newly elected President Bush (what were we thinking?) intends on keeping our troops in Iraq, it would "require a minimum of two additional combat divisions, or nearly 40,000 more American troops, beyond the just over 140,000 currently planned for the Iraqi election period." If this is what passes for ambition these days, count me out. Of course these plans are also focusing on protecting elections and reconstruction and securing the infrastructure of the ravaged culture. This is well and good but also too little too late.

Presently, with the attack of Fallujah being called a success, the administration will still be facing pressure

to increase the amount of active military in Iraq. If history is any guide, we look to be drifting toward a draft. A Times reporter wrote, "the overall situation is grim, with the insurgency continuing to grow in strength and audacity and credible elections in January anything but certain." The Times also reported that an apartment complex was "ground to rubble" and a train station was "obliterated in a hail of 2,000-pound bombs."

The Guardian out of the U.K. reported the phone conversation of a resident living in or around the city. Some thing our own media outlets could learn from. He spoke of how tragic the situation was in Fallujah. When a bridge was swept away by U.S. troops, a key means of transportation was leveled, stranding wounded citizens and leaving them with no hope of medical treatment.

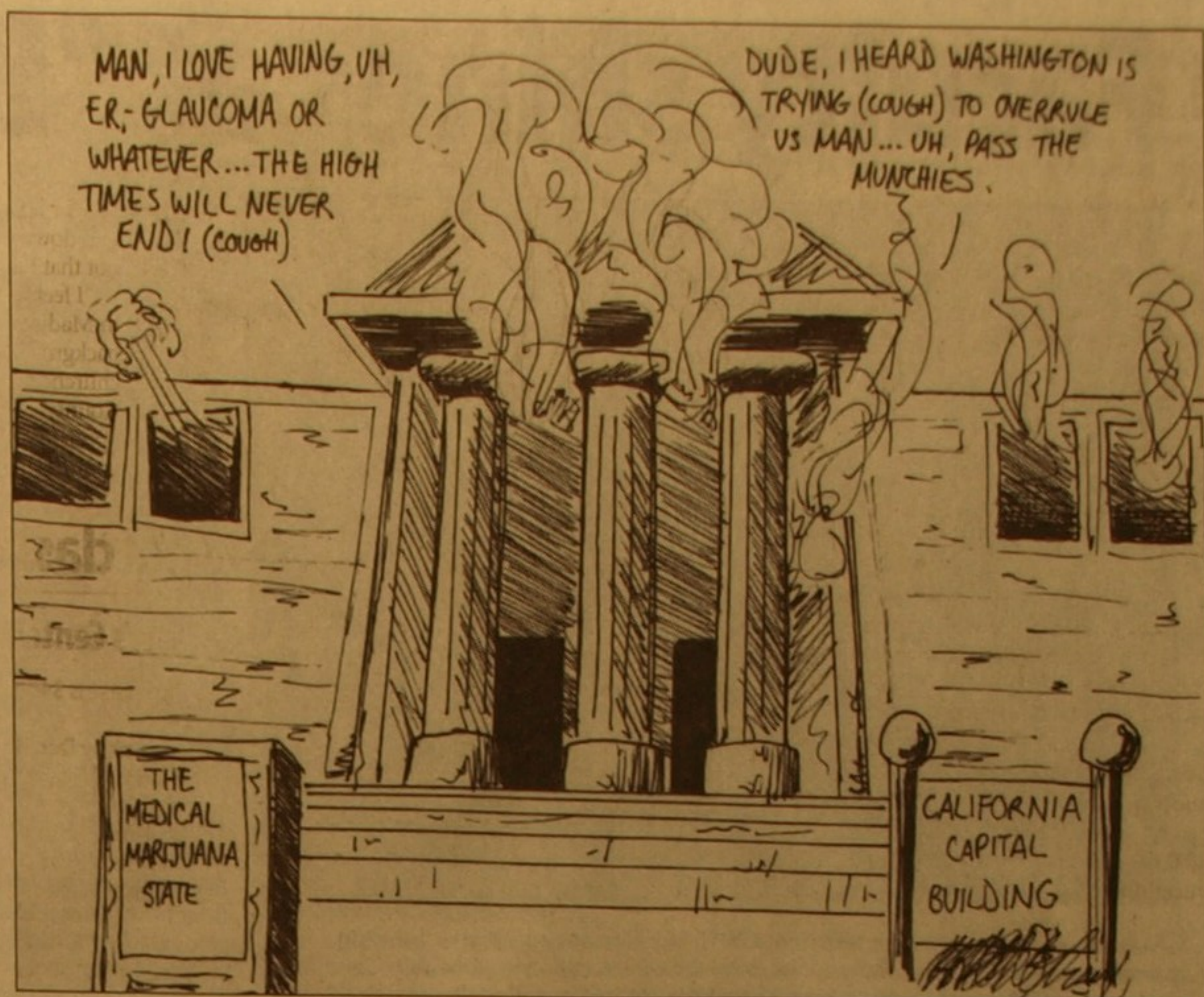
The same resident spoke of how the power was cut in the city. Surely, this will be the least of his concerns, once the power returns. Their culture, their history, their ways of life that were reflected in museums containing some of the world's oldest and most precious art—decimated. Some key sites of Mesopotamian artifacts and other historical points of interest including Ur itself have been devastated in

attacks since the beginning of this war.

As of Nov. 24, Reuters and Associated Press both reported a possible maximum of 16,742 (over 14 thousand, the minimum) civilian deaths since the start of the war. Do we really care that this amount of people exceeds (by five times) the amount of people that died in the World Trade Center attacks, and just like those people, these civilians were going about their daily routines. It is even plausible to assume that a large portion of people had no way of being informed that their lives were about to be taken from them, at the order of the commander and chief of the United States.

The point being: that you, the comparatively comfortable U.S. citizen should be informed and aware of how the shoe would fit on the other foot. Imagine a foreign infantry invading your neighborhood. Consider the horror if you turned on the news to witness the torching of the Smithsonian or the sacking of the White House. I'm sure we loyal Americans would take to the streets and our own idea of justice would ensue. Where is our concern for people other than those within our own borders?

This week, as troop deaths reach a record high, consider our apathy that is rising with it. ♦



By MARTIN FOX

YOUR TAKE

Hoppe's letter lacks accuracy

I am an Admissions Counselor for Austin Peay State University and it seems like every time I come off the road from a recruitment trip, there is some type of "mess" going on. It really disheartens me to see my Alma Mater being dragged through the mud constantly with false allegations. What is not being realized is that each time APSU takes a trip through the mud, small stains get left behind each time.

These stains affect our campus as a whole, from a recruitment standpoint to employee morale. One of the fictions stated in Dr. Hoppe's letter last week was that "African American enrollment is dropping because of a hostile environment." This of course is not true. What has to be realized by those that have a problem with APSU is that your standing out in front of our main gates with a coffin with Dr. Hoppe's name on it is not only an addition of fuel to the so called "hostile" environment, but really just down right sick and tacky. I picked up a copy of *The All State* after being in Memphis for a week and my mouth literally hit the floor.

The "dissatisfied" are worried about minority enrollment, but when a prospective student brings their family into APSU for a tour and they pick up our newspaper to see all the drama going on, what kind of reaction to you think Mom and Dad are going to have? It really saddens me when I go to recruit at a high school in Memphis, Jackson, etc. and I have to spend 15 minutes of my 30 minute presentation I give to junior and senior classes to undo the effects of the smear campaigns that have plagued this school for the past 2-3 years. Yes, the word of what is going on here at APSU is that far spread into the state.

As a minority employee, and I speak solely for myself, I am quite pleased with my employment here at APSU. I began work as a student from 1996-2000 and then came on as full time staff in 2001.

What seems so strange to me is that members of the outside involvement never stopped to really question other minority employees, just the disgruntled one(s). All that seems to be represented to the media and other outside agencies is the "unhappiness" of the minority staff, which we are not all unhappy. I cannot speak for the minority faculty, because I am classified as staff. I guess what it all boils down to is that these facts need to be gotten straight before they are presented to the public.

Next time, how about getting the opinions of other faculty and staff members before you go out there protesting like every minority at

APSU thinks an injustice is being done. Rules and Contracts: We all have them in our respective positions and as we all learned in kindergarten, the rules must be followed or you suffer consequences. As an Admissions Counselor, the largest part of my responsibility is to travel to different areas (mine being West, TN) to recruit prospective students. My recruitment this year has kept me out of the area for a large part of this semester, longer than I have ever been out. The kicker for this travel season, though, is that I'm pregnant. I hit the road when I was 6 months pregnant and when I got off the road, I was 8 months. Was I forced to travel this way? No. Better for me while traveling was knowing that I had people back on my campus that cared about my well being. It felt really good to have not only the people in my building making sure everything was okay with me, but whenever I saw Dr. Hoppe, or Dr. Meningall, or Dr. Davis, they ALWAYS took the time out to ask how the baby and I were doing. I have never complained about my travel this season because I had a choice: I could have either resigned and found another job or did what I was supposed to do; fulfill my contractual obligations.

From what I can gather from this last "uprising" is that the faculty member just didn't turn the homework assignment in and we as an educated society know what that brings about: failure. When I give my presentations to prospective high school students, my main college survival tip I give them is to be cognizant of deadlines. No one holds your hand in college. If you make and "F" in a course because you didn't turn in a paper that was listed on the syllabus from day one, you shouldn't cry about it. You knew what you had to do. The same applies to the career world.

If a legitimate situation ever arises at APSU, it may end up going to the wayside if people don't stop crying wolf. There are always three sides to every story: Your side, their side, and the truth. I think it's time to get all three sides out to the media and outside agencies before this institution crumbles due to time spent on other things instead of the most important: the higher education of our children.

Instead of spending our time in front of the gates with a coffin complaining, how about putting that energy into getting additional monies into the school so more scholarships can be offered to deserving kids. Let's try some fundraising instead of ruckus-raising!

Makeba D. Webb
APSU Admissions Counselor

'Vaginas' appreciate males

I would like to respond to Mr. Toro's opinion piece on *The Vagina Monologues* by Eve Ensler.

This play intends to help stop violence against all women, and does not in any way involve negating the men who are participants in women's lives.

The play celebrates sexuality, birth, aging, body image, and the people whom we love.

It in no way includes, as Mr. Toro states, "a vagina with chlamydia saying 'Goo-goo-gaga.'"

In the patriarchal society that exists today, by and large men are celebrated.

Feminists are working toward equality, acceptance of body image, gender and sexuality, and the opportunities for persons to make choices that affect their lives regarding reproduction, sexuality, and lifestyle.

Perhaps Mr. Toro has not yet seen *The Vagina Monologues*. He calls it a national phenomenon, however, he might be surprised to know that Vaginas are speaking out in Beijing, Berlin, London, Paris, Kyoto and many other places. He can rent it the movie version at Blockbuster, see it at the Roxy in January, or here on campus in February.

I believe everyone can learn and benefit from this piece, and I would encourage everyone, both men and women, to view it with an open mind.

I would encourage everyone to participate in a Women's Studies course, or one of the many events that Women's Studies and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance co-sponsor, such as the Feminist Film Series, Book Talks, The Clothesline Project, and others, as well as the *Vagina Monologues*.

I am seriously offended that Mr. Toro relates vaginas, i.e. women, speaking out to the impending apocalypse.

People spoke like that before women could make reproductive choices (1973), before women could vote (1922) and before women could pursue higher education.

May I remind him that many excellent women, namely Kristy Galbraith, Melinda Simmons and Tammy Bryant are the very reasons that he has the opportunity to be published in *The All State* today?

In the 21st century, why would we choose to oppress anyone?

The headline on Mr. Toro's article reads, "Appreciate all parts." Mr. Toro, that is all the *Vagina Monologues* is asking you to do.

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UC 303

Stress Bingo
Thurs, Dec 2
3 to 4 p.m.
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Center

Multicultural Lunch n'
Learn
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UC 305
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African American Student
Association

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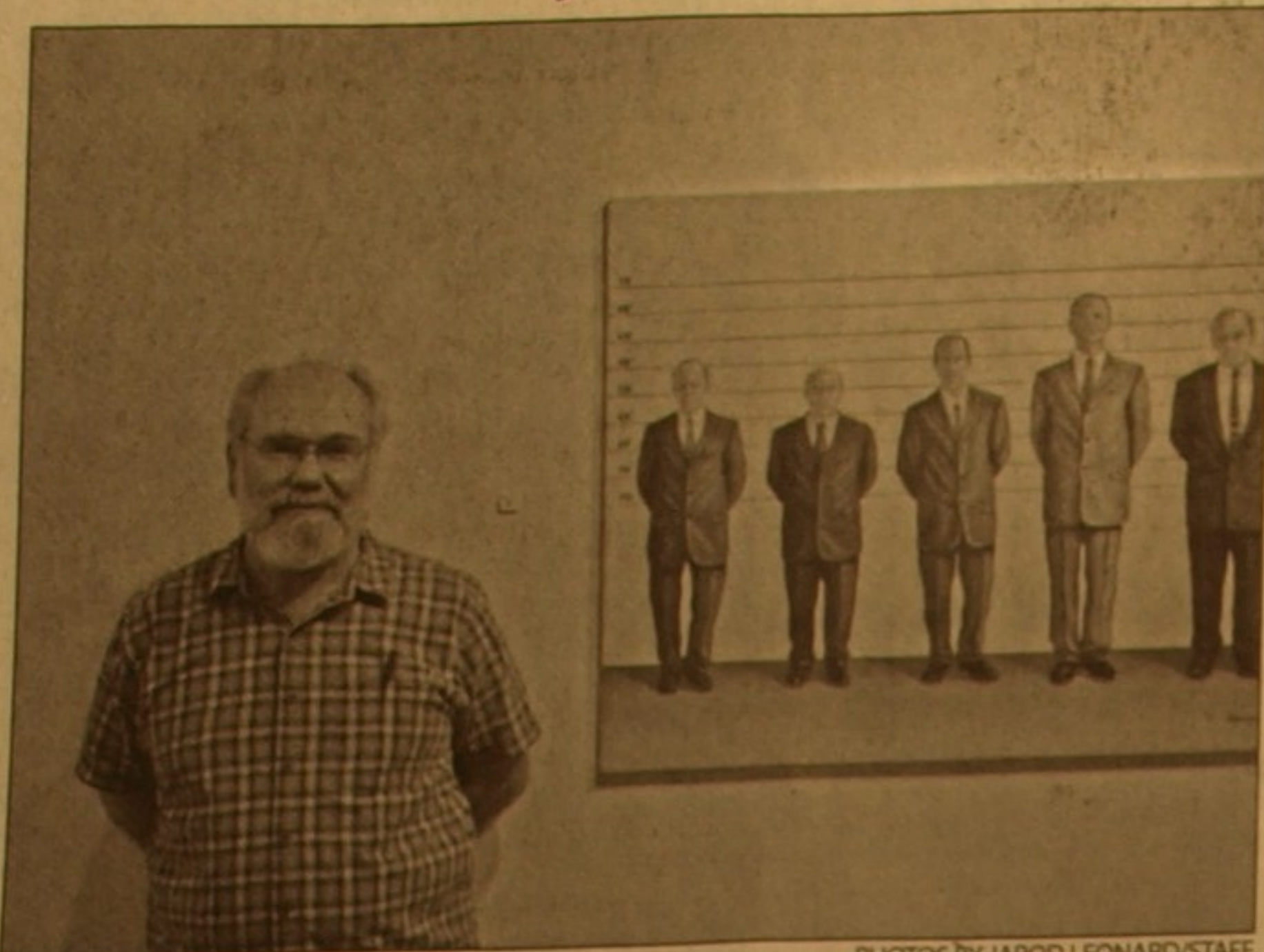
Kwanzaa: It Takes a Village
(Theatre Production)
Thurs, Dec 2
6 p.m.
African American Cultural
Center

Lambda Epsilon Zeta Nu -
Relaxation Party
Thurs, Dec 2
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Concert Hall

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Peay
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7 to 9 p.m.
Clement Auditorium

Faculty shines at "Biennial" exhibit



PHOTOS BY JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
The faculty showcase in Trahern, titled "Biennial," features an array of artwork including paintings, collages, photographs, graphite drawings, construction and stoneware. Several art professors contributed their vivid work to the exhibit. Art Professor Rusty Barwick stands next to his piece (above). President Hoppe was among spectators at the exhibit (right).

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

By now, a vast majority of Austin Peay State University students are used to viewing the artistic talents of their peers through the Trahern building's many student art showcases. However, the atmosphere has taken a different cue, and the school's faculty has construed a showcase of their own, called "Biennial."

The exhibit features a vast array of artistic mediums including paintings, collages, photographs, graphite drawings, construction and stoneware.

Some examples of the collection include Rachel Hall Kirk's "Stuck" and "Hover," two images centering on the actions of a bee.

"Still Life," created by Suta Lee, is a large, colorful painting that depicts an abstract look on fruit. In terms of "organic" art there is "Three Robes," a piece made by Cindy Marsh, which is constructed with natural materials such as twigs and accented with worded paper.

One particular piece of art that caught the eyes of many was "Eye Candy," a collage of pictures created by Bettye Holte, who teaches art at APSU.

The structure was composed of black picture frames filled with images of precious materials and items, ranging from novelty items such as trolls and hearts, down to more expensive porcelain and glass figurines.

"My inspiration for the project came from a 1950's Aurora Borealis necklace," Holte said. The necklace, which she cleverly implements into every photo, adds a colorful touch to the overall presentation through the process of

reflecting light off of the clear beads with lamps. "I just started playing with the lights to heighten the effect of the beads, then I blew up the media and created digital photos of them," she said. "I did hundreds of photos through this method, then I picked the best ones to use."

Additionally, if you look closely, the reoccurrence of horse figures are seen throughout "Eye Candy," representing Holte's fancy toward the animal.

It was quite interesting viewing the works of the various teachers who were involved in "Biennial," as it showed a side of the faculty that many students don't often think about as they participate in regular class activities.

"Biennial" truly is a sight to see, and will be on display in the Trahern art gallery until Dec. 14.



Avoid adding pounds to your holiday wish list

By ELIZABETH JENKINS
Staff Writer

Seven pounds is not on your holiday wish list, however that is the average weight gain between Thanksgiving and the New Year. Desserts galore plague tables at holiday feasts, and stress adds incentive to gobble it all up, but there is a course of action that can be taken to avoid such health negligence.

Respecting your body during the holiday season doesn't mean starvation, it consists of staying active and eating in moderation. Instead of consuming a sizable piece of chocolate cake, opt for one small bite of a variety of desserts. This insures satisfaction, without the post-binging guilt.

Don't skip meals and expect a green light to appear, signaling a feeding trough rather than a party buffet. Skipping crucial meals only slows down your metabolism and guarantees over-indulgence. Eat miniature meals throughout the day, so the party spread looks good enough to sample, but not devour.

Consider alternatives to common holiday foods, and make your own tradition.

Eat an antioxidant like blueberries rather than cranberry sauce. Serve

a plate of raw fruits and vegetables as an appetizer with some low-fat toppings instead of chips and dip. Convince your relatives to serve an omega-three-fatty-acid friendly dinner containing fish as a main course in addition to the holiday ham.

Get exercise in obscure places, and find excuses to be physical. While on the floor wrapping presents, take time out to do some sit-ups. Offer to carry shopping bags, and use them to do arm curls.

Demonstrate push-ups at holiday gatherings for the sake of a conversation starter. Do whatever is necessary to break a sweat at least once a day.

Keep a food and exercise diary to keep track of progress. Research has been done, and people who record their diet consume fifteen percent less food than those who do not!

Write down beverages, snacks and meals in a pocket notebook. This will give a concrete visual, and help distinguish between one piece of pecan pie and three.

The holidays breed chaos, but with a few tweaks in your diet and lifestyle, those seven pounds will remain only a threat. Indulge in the foods you can't live without, but do so in moderation.

There are better New Year's resolutions to make than lose weight.



IMAGE BY KRISTEN CRANDALL/STAFF
To avoid holiday weight gain, opt for small bites of dessert instead of a huge piece of chocolate cake. Rico Arenas, head chef at Whole Foods Market in Raleigh, N.C. debones turkeys.

Dine at the Gala

University's annual Holiday Gala Feast will bring music to the ear

The Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts and the department of music at Austin Peay State University will hold the University's annual Holiday Gala Feast and Collage Concert Dec. 4 in the Joe Morgan University Center Ballroom.

The event will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the music/mass communication building concert theatre.

Guests at the Gala will enjoy a menu including grilled chicken breast in cranberry walnut sauce, carved pork tenderloin, mashed sweet potatoes, silver dollar rolls and their choice of pecan pie or apple walnut streusel.

The Clarksville Community Choir and department of music ensembles will entertain during the feast. The Collage Concert will feature holiday favorites and

classical selections performed by the University Wind Ensemble. Chamber Singers and the University Orchestra will perform as well.

Guitar and Percussion ensembles and a variety of smaller groups.

Faculty pianist Dr. Jeffrey Wood, undergraduate flautist Angela Collier and Koral Rose Curkeet, a graduate student majoring in vocal performance, will be among the featured soloists.

Tickets are \$40 each. The deadline for reservations is Monday, Nov. 29.

Tickets for the concert only are \$15 adults, \$7 students. They may be reserved or purchased at the door.

To make final reservations, please telephone Norma Jean Smith in the music department at (931) 221-7818.

Talented composers receive awards

The Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts and the department of music at Austin Peay State University have announced the 2004 winners of the 18th Annual Young Composers Competition.

The competition supports young musicians by supplying professional-level performances of their music, and a financial motive.

Dan Visconti, Cleveland, won first place

and \$1,000 for his "Black Bend" for string quartet. As a composer, early ecclesiastical music and 60's psychedelic rock has affected him greatly.

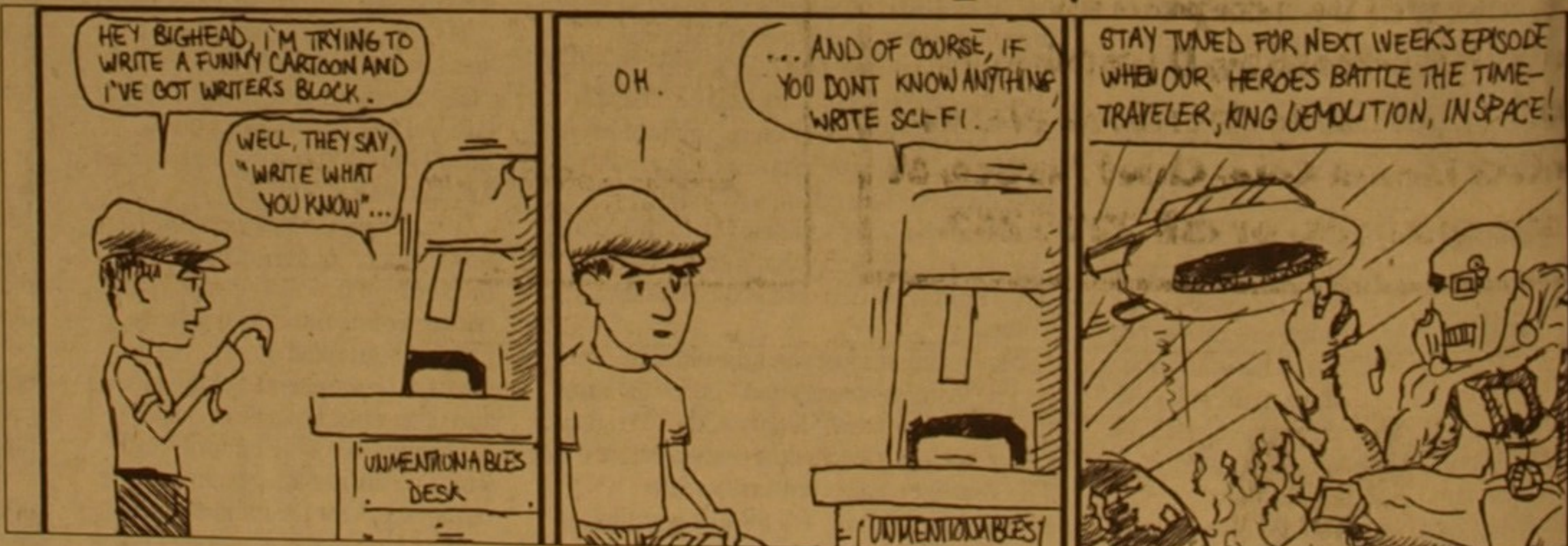
"There's a strength, a freshness that I'd like to capture and make part of the contemporary classical concert experience again, a feeling of excitement and inevitability," said Visconti. Russell Nadel, senior at the Peabody Conservatory of Music

at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, took second place and a whopping \$400 for his flute and guitar duet, "Serenata."

George Lam won \$100. Lam, currently pursuing his Master of Music in composition and music theory pedagogy at the Peabody Conservatory at John Hopkins University in Baltimore.

He came in third for "Serenade" for solo flute.

Unmentionables comic strip by Martin Fox



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Destiny's Child returns to music scene

Reigning queens of Pop R&B regroup after Beyoncé's breakout year, but for how long?

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
Associated Press

NEW YORK- Looking back at breakups of some of the great pop groups, the beginning of the end can often be traced to two words: "solo project."

So when Beyoncé, already the magnet of Destiny's Child, catapulted to superstardom last year with her triple-platinum, Grammy-winning solo debut, "Dangerously In Love," many predicted the demise of the best-selling girl group.

The trio is happy to prove the skeptics wrong. Though Beyoncé's solo hits are still lingering on the charts and radio, Destiny's Child (Beyoncé, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams) has reunited for "Destiny Fulfilled," their first album in three years. With their new hit single, the sexy dance track "Lose My Breath," the women are picking up where they left off: on top of the charts. "It feels wonderful being back. I know one thing that we really love is just the camaraderie all over again," said Rowland as she and her bandmates sprawl on oversized chairs in a hotel suite during a day of interviews and photo shoots.

While the album is being billed as a reunion, the women say they never stopped working as a unit even during Beyoncé's breakout year.

People said that they broke up, but we appeared at the BET Awards together! Destiny's Child still had appearances together that we did, and people kept saying,

"They ain't together." We're like, "Jerk, you just saw us," said Williams, as the group dissolves in laughter. "Well, if we broke up, we were still friends!"

Friendship aside, critics are still pondering why the group decided to regroup, given the diverging interests of each member. Rowland has had moderate success with acting and her own solo debut, 2002's "Simply Deep"; Williams released two gospel albums and starred in Broadway's "Aida."

So why release another Destiny's Child album?

"Well, why not?" said Beyoncé pleasantly, all puffed at the suggestion. "I mean, Destiny's Child has sold millions of records, and so much success, and it goes far beyond the success we had as a group, we're friends. And we made a commitment to each other. We made a commitment to our fans. And we were all looking forward to it."

There's no denying Destiny's Child's success. Since their 1997 debut, they became one of the best-selling girl groups of all time,



Musical group Destiny's Child poses at the Rhigha Royal Hotel in New York, Nov. 16, 2004. From left are Beyoncé Knowles, Michelle Williams and Kelly Rowland.

racking up numerous hits from "Say My Name" to "Independent Women (Part II)" to "Bootylicious."

They've had a multitude of mutations. The group started out as a foursome (minus Williams) of sweet-faced teenagers then endured well-publicized personnel expulsions and replacements that reduced them to a trio. Although the lineup has been a stable three since 2000, they've continued to evolve.

What's most clear now is their development into young women.

On "Destiny Fulfilled," their earlier sexy-but-innocent tone has disappeared.

The first single talks about a guy that can't keep up in bed, and other songs have a sexual, but not graphic, tone.

"It touches on a more sensual side of Destiny's Child because we never talked about that. Now that we're older, we're more comfortable with it," says Beyoncé.

"I think they're more mature now," said Rodney Jerkins, who produced "Lose My Breath" along with some of their earlier material.

"They feel like they can talk about stuff that before they were too young to talk about. I

think that's the place that they're at. It's not raunchy, but sexy."

Besides sex, there's also an emphasis this time around on group parity.

Beyoncé is no longer the focal point visually she's rarely photographed now in the middle, like the old days. And while Beyoncé's reputation as an emerging musical wunderkind continues she was a writer-producer not only on her own album, but 2001's "Survivor." She brags that comrades are branching out musically as well.

"Now, they're so much more comfortable, and they're not afraid to hum the melody that it's in their head, or say the lyrics or whatever is coming in their heads, which before they were way more shy about it," said Beyoncé, beaming like a mother hen.

"They've just blossomed. It's almost like different people," she said. "It took us kind of being away from each other and having to really focus on ourselves individually to grow." Still, it's hard not to get the sense that somehow, the new album is a way to refocus attention on Rowland and Williams.

But suggest that to the ladies, and you'll hear groans of aggravation.

"It's kind of frustrating because we always sang lead on every song since 'Survivor,' but one of the reasons we wanted to do the solo records is for people to hear us all and know our voices," Beyoncé said.

"And now people are realizing that we're all singing, which we did on 'Bootylicious,' on 'Survivor,' 'Emotions,' it was all equal singing."

"Plus, it ain't about who's in the middle, it's about whose outfit is coordinated," quips Williams, again breaking the trio into laughter.

What is clear is the trio's strong friendship. Even if Beyoncé's star has shone brightest, starring in several movies and dating rap superstar Jay-Z, one would be hard-pressed to detect any jealousy or dissension. Even Jerkins was struck by their closeness.

"I've worked with so many different artists," he said,

"(and) it just shows their togetherness, their friendliness. As much as Beyoncé is a superstar, it's still a group."

But for how long?

Although a spring tour is in the works, Rowland is planning a March wedding to Dallas Cowboys star Roy Williams, Beyoncé is planning another feature film and Williams has a third gospel album due out around Christmas.

Even Beyoncé hints that this may be their last album for a while. "We all have personal things that we want to do ... things that we want to do individually. I think after this record we're going to take some time to try and figure out what we're going to do." However, she makes it clear that even if the group doesn't record another record, it won't be the end of the trio.

"I think as far as Destiny's Child, our main focus is for us to maintain our friendship. And if in three years, five years, 10 years, whenever we decide we want to do another Destiny's Child record, then we'll do it," Beyoncé said. "We just want to eventually have kids that play together." ♦

Arts and Entertainment

Be daring. Do something different this week...

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Applications are available in Student Affairs, UC Room 206 and The Child Learning Center located in the Sexton Building beginning Wednesday, November 3, 2004. All applications will remain confidential. Priority will be given to first time participants of this program.

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Friday

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vs. American,
8 p.m.,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Saturday

Women's Rifle
vs. Morehead State,
9 a.m.,
Morehead, Ky.

Women's Basketball
vs. Southern Mississippi
6 p.m.,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Men's Basketball
vs. Evansville,
7:05 p.m.,
Evansville, Ind.

Women's Basketball
vs. Columbia,
8 p.m.,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Next Week

Dec. 9
Men's Basketball
vs. Lambuth (Exhibition),
8 p.m.,
Dunn Center

Dec. 11
Women's Basketball
vs. Chattanooga,
7 p.m.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Govs gear up for Vandy rumble

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Squeaky Hampton passes the ball to Zac Schlader around a Wichita State defender in Saturday's streak-ending loss.

When the Govs travel down to take on the Vanderbilt Commodores, they will face one of their biggest challenges of the season.

With teams like Vanderbilt, Memphis and Louisville on the schedule early in the season, the Govs are hoping that these tough opponents will get them ready for their Ohio Valley Conference games.

Both teams are coming off tough fourth-place finishes in their preseason tournament showing. The Govs placed fourth in the Paradise Jam Tournament in the Virgin Islands, while the Commodores finished fourth in the Las Vegas Holiday Invitational.

Even after three straight losses, do not count the Govs out of the Vanderbilt game, as the Govs' coaching staff preps the Govs for their tough opponent.

APSU's men's basketball head coach Dave Loos realizes that Wednesday's game against Kevin Stallings and his Commodores will be a challenge.

"It is going to be a tough game," Loos said. "We will face some problems but we are working through them."

One of the biggest problems Loos and the Govs will face is the awkward placement of the team benches.

Anyone who has watched a game at Memorial Gym knows that the benches are actually under the baskets instead of on the sideline. Therefore, the problem of communication will challenge Loos and his coaching staff.

"Having the team benches on the side will have an effect on our game," Loos said. "It is going to make my job tougher, but we can't let that affect the game."

To some players it will be a little confusing

at first, but they have done their own scouting. "I went to one of the Vanderbilt women's games," senior Anthony Davis said. "I was kind of confused at first because I haven't seen anything like it."

Though it may have an effect on the coaching of the game, do not think the players have not found it a positive aspect.

"I don't mind the benches being on the end," Davis said. "At least if I take a bad shot, I won't have to look in coach's direction. Instead, I will just know that he is back there yelling at me."

This is not the only challenge that the Govs face. Another problem will be the Commodores' Mario Moore, but the scouting reports are in and the Govs are prepared. Loos knows that the junior guard and Nashville-native Mario Moore will have a big impact on the game, but the Govs think they can handle the challenge.

"Defensively we have to shut (Moore) down early," Loos said. "He is their leading scorer, and we are going to have to step up our defense on him."

Loos will look to his starting guards, senior Anthony Davis and junior Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton, to keep Moore in check.

"Mario is a good shooter, I will give him that," Davis said. "I'm sure coach will put Squeaky and me on him early."

Loos, on the other hand, is hoping that Davis' preseason ankle injury will not give him any problems.

"The ankle injury to Davis has set him back about two weeks in his conditioning," Loos

said, "but it will not be long before we see him back on his game."

The Govs have struggled on both ends of the court early this season, but they have been working on both their offense and defense in practice.

"Coach has put us through some intense drills to get us ready," Davis said. "We have focused on defense and shooting drills in practice, so hopefully that will improve our game."

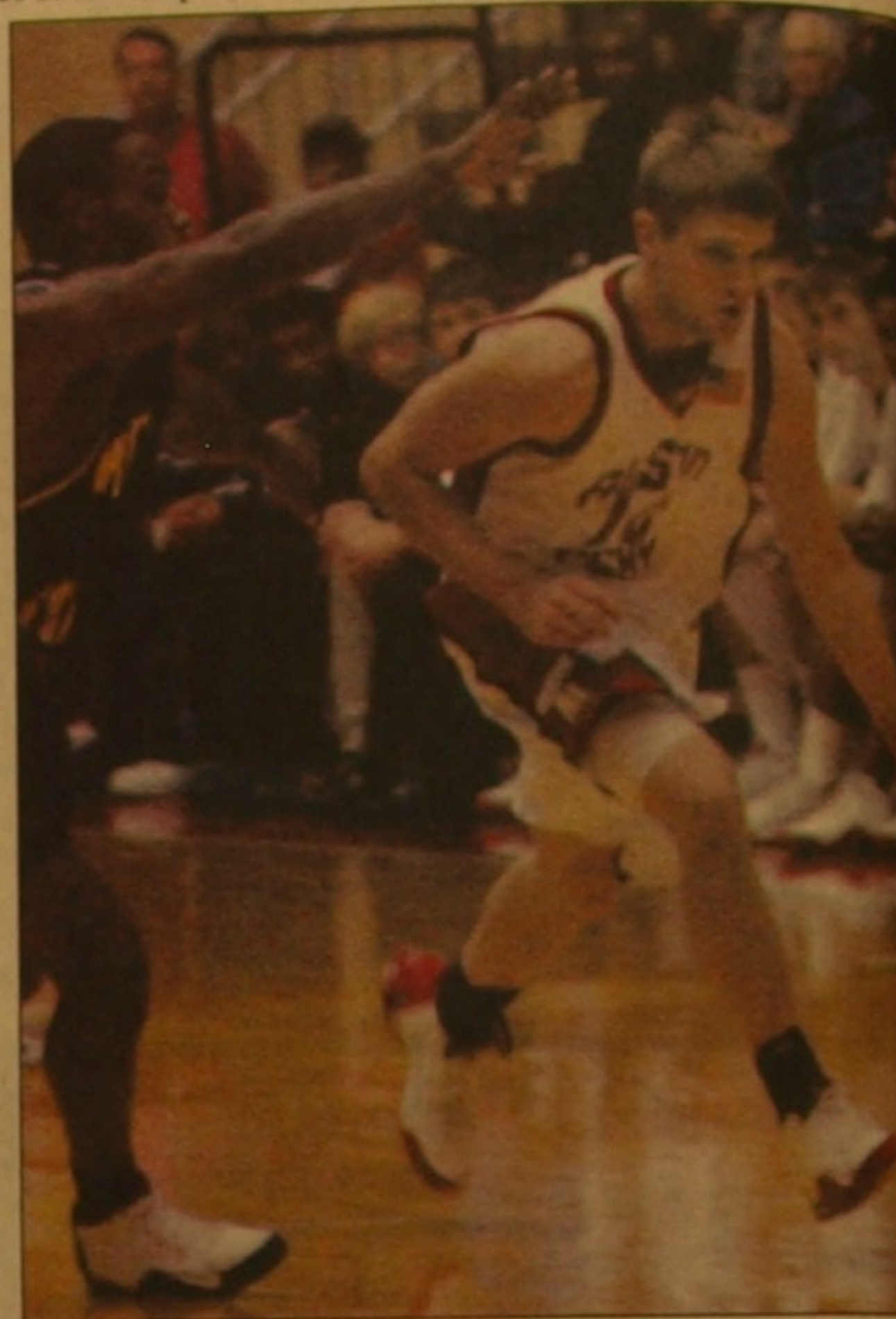
"Offensively we have not been able to get the ball to go through the basket," Loos said. "We are going to have to hit our shots in the Vanderbilt game."

Defensively speaking, Loos is depending on his guys in the paint to go in and get rebounds. "Vanderbilt has some height with the 7-3 center Dawid Przybyszewski under the basket," Loos said.

"I look for our guys underneath, especially (Zac) Schlader to get in and get some rebounds."

Schlader has proved that he is the man to get the job done down in the paint for the Govs, as he averaged 12 points and 7.7 rebounds in the Paradise Jam Tournament.

Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at the Vanderbilt Memorial Gym.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Junior Levi Carmichael drives past a Wichita State defender. Carmichael led the Govs in the assists category with five.

Streak ends, Govs shocked in Dunn Center

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's winning streak ended Saturday evening with a 72-62 loss against the Wichita State Shockers. The streak was the second-longest Division I winning streak in the nation. The loss was APSU's first home loss since Feb. 4, 2002 against Morehead State.

The Govs jumped out early with two seven-point leads, before Wichita State went on a 19-2 run.

"We played hard, we just didn't play well enough to win," head coach Dave Loos said.

Wichita State led by as much as 13 points before APSU scored the final five points of the first half, and was down at halftime 34-26.

The Govs started off the second half scoring

first, but Wichita State had an answer for them scoring the next eight to make it 42-28. APSU would fight back each time, but it seemed like Wichita State had an answer.

William Durden cut the deficit to four, 62-58, by hitting two free throws with 4:51 to go in the game.

With 2:21 left on the clock, the Govs were still trailing by four 66-62, but Wichita State would make six free throws down the stretch to win the game.

"We played well enough at times on the defensive times, but we still have work to do offensively," Loos said.

"We turned the ball over more than I would like to see, and we missed some easy shots and some lay-ups," he added. "We also had some open looks that we didn't knock down. We

have to be much more efficient on the offensive end of the floor."

The Govs were out-rebounded 43-30 and shot a lower free throw percentage, 64 percent to the Shockers' 73 percent.

Squeaky Hampton, APSU's leading scorer with 20 points, said the Govs have to take advantage when they are ahead in the game.

"We played hard, but late in the second half we couldn't close it out," Hampton said.

Zac Schlader was the Govs' second leading scorer with 11 points. Both Schlader and Durden had seven rebounds in the game.

Senior Anthony Davis played in his first game of the season after missing the first three games with an ankle injury. Davis was scoreless in the first half, but ended up with seven points on 3-of-14 shooting.

Renovations a small step

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

First off I would like to congratulate Kristen on her recent wedding to Carl Marquez. In her absence this week, I have been asked to put in my own two cents in her spot. So here goes nothing.



HEISS

No, I am not going to talk about the NBA Brawl, nor am I going to talk about the BCS. What I am going to talk about is something that hits a little closer to home. I am going to talk about the recent renovations to the Dunn Center.

First, I would like to say the addition of the two big screens has really made a difference in the appearance of the Dunn. I guess the actual Jumbotrons were out of stock and we had to settle for the 19-inch home version.

Now I can get an even closer look of Dave Loos screaming at the refs. To bad we didn't have those last year when Josh Lewis or Adrian Henning was here. Can you imagine seeing Lewis blocking Murry State's Culberth Victor's game winning dunk on the big screens? Instead, we'll have to wait for Anthony Davis to get a break-away dunk.

Another thing, what about the new seating down on the floor level? I guess if you want to know what those feel like you'll have to join the Govs club.

It just seems kind of silly to only replace three fourths of the seating on the floor level. Instead, students are stuck having to sit on those old wooden bleachers, but then again you get what you pay for. I guess since we don't have to pay to get in we should not complain about it.

Maybe for one of the games Student Life and Leadership can give out those nice seat cushions to keep my backside from going numb. Besides, it won't be long before the bleachers are all switched to stadium seating with the Govs club growing.

I can remember my first basketball game as a student when I could go in and not worry about having to find a seat because students had that whole side. Now it seems like the students are being pushed out and Govs club members are overflowing into the student section. So like I said before, it will not be long before the other side of the court is changed over to stadium seating.

I guess all in all I must say I am pleased to see that there are changes being made to bring Austin Peay State University up to date. The progress may be slow, but the changes are for the good.

Lady Govs suffer two road defeats, tumble to 1-3

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Assistant Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University's women's basketball team recorded two straight losses at the Coca-Cola Billiken Classic in St. Louis, Friday and Saturday. This is the first time since the 2001-2002 season, 66 games ago, that the Lady Govs have lost back-to-back games.

The first defeat came in the first round of the tournament on Friday as the Lady Govs suffered a 69-52 defeat from Butler.

The Lady Govs looked like the favored team, as they scored the first seven points of

the game, but it was Butler who ultimately dominated the first half, going on 26-7 run.

By the end of the first half, Butler had pushed an 11-point lead, 33-22, over the Lady Govs.

As the second half started, the Lady Govs scored four quick points, but it only stirred Butler to do the same. Eventually, Butler landed a 12-2 run, pulling away with a victory. Ellen Hamilton scored 17 points and Jackie Colson added 14 points to lead Butler in the win.

On Saturday, the Lady Govs lost the rebounding game, which contributed heavily

to the 75-65 loss to St. Louis. Nineteen rebounds separated the two teams, with the Lady Govs grabbing only 29 to St. Louis' 48.

Mia Johnson led the offensive attack against the Lady Govs. Johnson scored 11 straight points in the second half for St. Louis to finish with 31 points, including seven three-pointers.

Junior Ashley Haynes led the Lady Govs, averaging 15.5 points in the weekend tournament. Haynes scored 16 points against Butler and 15 points against St. Louis.

Junior Kera Bergeron followed close behind, averaging 15 points per game.

Bergeron grabbed all of her points behind the arch, nailing six three pointers against Butler and led the team with 18 points against St. Louis.

Freshman Robin Leslie started in her first collegiate games on Friday and Saturday, putting up some impressive numbers. She averaged 11.5 points in both games, 10 against Butler and 13 against St. Louis, and she recorded five blocks against St. Louis.

This weekend the Lady Govs will hit the road again in another tournament, as they travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., to compete in the Southern Miss Tournament.

Sophomore works to bene-'fit' campus community

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Assistant Sports Editor

We have all heard about the "Freshman 15." One out of every five college students will gain 15 pounds according to the statistical studies from the Association of American College and Universities.

But according to one student here at Austin Peay State University, she will not be just another statistic.

Sophomore Deanna Hensley, chemistry major from Oakridge, Tenn., is a fitness aerobic instructor at APSU.

"I love to do fitness," Hensley

said. "It's my life."

Last year, Hensley initially wanted to be a walk-on for the

"I love to do fitness...It's my life."

-Deanna Hensley, sophomore

"They told me they were looking for new people to fulfill the job of a fitness instructor and that I would

be really good for the job," Hensley said. "A lot of them would be graduating

in the spring, so they needed more people to fill the positions."

With that thought in mind, Hensley soon began her training for an aerobic instructor just in her second semester as a freshman.

"It was somewhat challenging and new to me," Hensley said. "I had to observe them on their teaching techniques and variations of the skills."

After a semester of training, Hensley was more than ready to take the position.

This semester Hensley offers two classes for aerobics each week. A step aerobics class is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and some Saturdays. Also offered is a total health class, which focuses on weight training for the core, is scheduled on Wednesdays.

Next semester, she would like to offer more classes for a variety of students. Beginner,

intermediate and advanced classes are in the works to benefit a wider range of students.

Besides being a fitness instructor for the university, this is Hensley's first semester as a member of the cross country team.

"One of my friends told me that the team needed several runners, so I decided to give it a chance," she said.

In addition to being physically fit, Hensley excels in various clubs and organizations around campus. She is the chair of the public relations committee for the Student Government Association and is responsible for fund raising for the chemistry club.

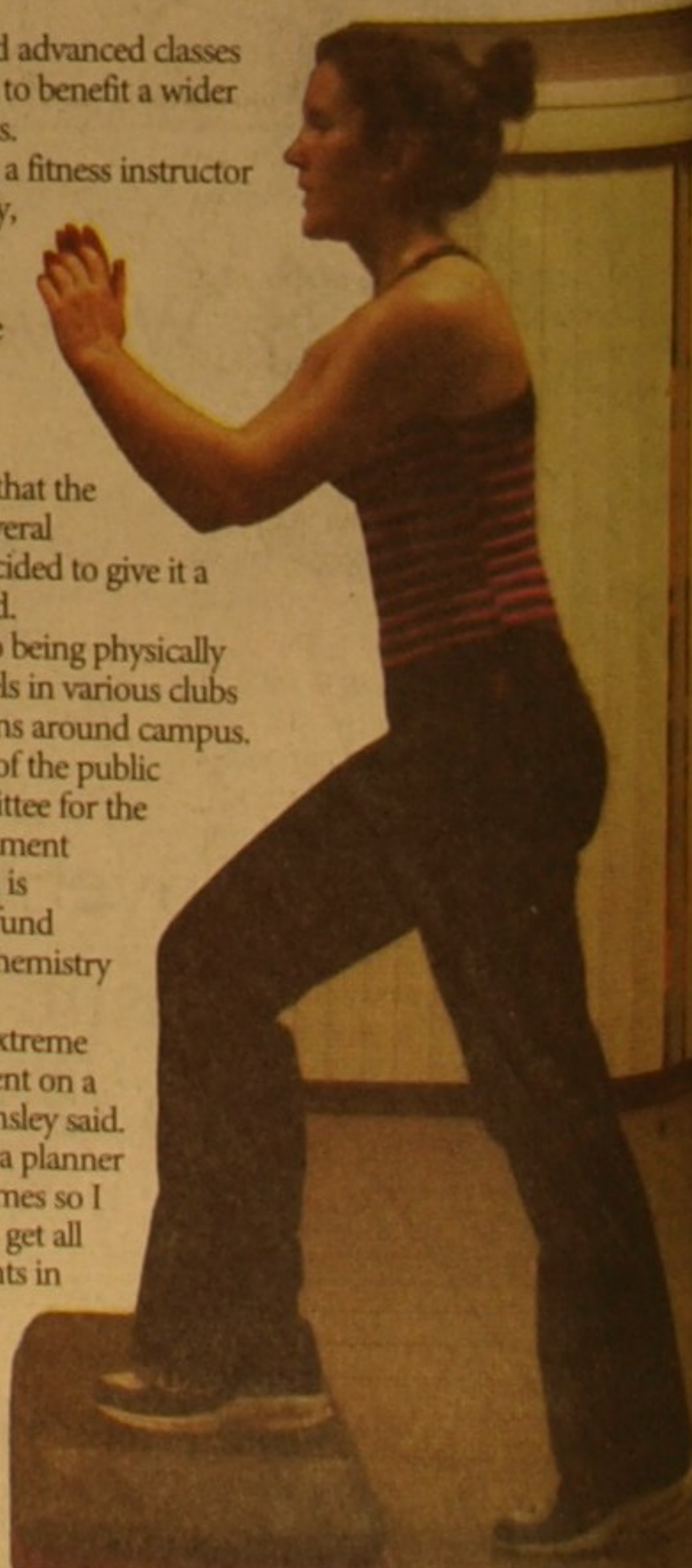
"It involves extreme time management on a daily basis," Hensley said. "I have to carry a planner with me at all times so I can make sure I get all my commitments in order."

In the near future, Hensley would like to have a greater impact in SGA and focus more on the chemistry Club since that is her major.



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Deanna Hensley leads an aerobic class in the Memorial Health building last week. The sophomore holds classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and some Saturdays.



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Hensley brushes up on her step interval. The APSU cross country runner likes to stay physically fit even during the off-season.