

Families prepare for next deployment

FGRs offer options while loved ones are deployed

By **TANYA LUDLOW**
Assistant News Editor

According to various news agencies, Fort Campbell's 3rd Brigade Combat Team is preparing its equipment and soldiers for deployment in late September.

With the new 15 month deployments looming ahead of them, soldier's families are also preparing.

Families on the home front have the support of Family Readiness Groups (FRGs).

These teams in each unit are designed to provide a network of support among the unit's spouses and also provide an information avenue between the unit and those waiting at home.

Although FRGs are supposed to provide support for all family members, FRG effectiveness varies greatly from unit to unit, and family members can find themselves outside of the support framework.

Adelina Domanaco-Roberts, whose husband is a combat engineer preparing to leave with the 3rd Brigade, found her experience with the FRG in her husband's former unit completely inadequate in terms of support and information.

She is not only a newlywed, but also an immigrant.

She received FRG e-mails about group activities but was unable to attend as she did not have a driver's license.

"I e-mailed them for help but they didn't do anything. They just kept e-mailing me to join their group and come to their activities," Domanaco-Roberts said.

Frustrated with the lack of support from the FRG, Domanaco-Roberts relied most heavily on her own personal network of friends other army wives who were also immigrants.

Domanaco-Roberts says that the only time the

FRG contacted her by phone was to tell her that her husband was coming home.

"They called me to tell me my husband was coming home and how I can meet his bus when he gets here."

Carrie Whalen, a senior medical technologist major at Austin Peay State University and wife of a Chinook pilot stationed at Fort Campbell, had a similar experience with the FRG at her husband's previous unit in Fort Bragg, N.C.

Married barely a month before his deployment, "I fell through the cracks," Whalen said. As in the case of Domanaco-Roberts, Whalen was first contacted a few weeks before her husband's 12 month deployment in Afghanistan ended.

Whalen found her FRG at Fort Campbell to be much more proactive during her husband's most recent tour in Iraq.

"The FRG scheduled meetings to tell us about the guys. It's a source of information so you're not in the dark wondering 'what in the hell is going on with my

husband?'" Whalen said.

However, Whalen added, "Of course, that information is not always reliable, but they do try."

Domanaco-Roberts is optimistic about the support she will receive from her current FRG while her husband is in Iraq.

Her FRG contact has already called her and Domanaco-Roberts said "she told me, 'Just call me if you need me. Don't think about it, just call.'"

The new 15 month tours may mean that spouses like Whalen and Domanaco-Roberts will rely more heavily on the support of groups like FRGs. Domanaco-Roberts says the prospect of her husband being gone so long "gives me bad dreams and thoughts."

But I will pray and try not to think about it too much."

Whalen is more cynical about the prospects of longer deployments. Whalen says, "12 months, 15 months, same thing," Whalen said ♦

CONVOCATION

Campus welcomes new President

Hall begins semester, changes on the horizon

"I think we have to ... learn to pay close attention to students, and make a close personal connection early on."

Timothy Hall



By **KYLE NELSON**
News Editor

Timothy Hall assumed his role as Austin Peay State University's president Aug. 1. Hall has many ideas, none of which will move forward until he meets with APSU's faculty and students.

"I think the beginning of a new presidency is a time for me to listen to members of this community and help this community listen to itself," Hall said.

"I plan to spend concentrated time this fall, and probably into the spring, with faculty from every department, staff from every division, student groups and the community in Clarksville and around the state to see where they think APSU is going."

In January, Sherry Hoppe announced her retirement from the presidency and the school quickly began to search for a new president. Hall was announced as Hoppe's successor in May.

Now Hall is using his experience gained at the University of Mississippi to improve the APSU community.

"I think we have to ... learn to pay close attention to students, and make a close personal connection early on," Hall said.

"The important overarching principle is that students who feel like they belong, and who are plugged in are more likely to finish their education."

Hall said that one of his goals is to increase the amount of students retained year to year and increase the percentage of students who graduate. Hall also plans to encourage involvement in APSU's athletic programs.

"I'm going to encourage folks to tailgate. It's not just about watching the game. It's about building a sense of community at Austin Peay," Hall said.



Hall has been meeting with faculty and students since he arrived to determine the direction that both groups would like to see Austin Peay State University go.

He emphasized that football and other sports at APSU are important ways to get students involved and attached to the school.

Before any real plans are put into motion, Hall will meet with SGA and other student organizations to ensure the desires of students are heard.

"I expect us to have some plans when we finish that period. I want to make sure that that's a living document. I want to add that conversation to what we're doing," Hall said.

Hall will also be trying to raise more funds for the university through private sources.

"I believe public institutions now require that kind of support if they really want to do what they need to do to support students. So, I will be actively engaged in trying to persuade alumni and friends of the university to continue to support our school," Hall said.

Hall stated that the reasoning for this was that state support for universities has been on the wane, thus the school needed to work harder in that direction to help support APSU's educational interests.

"My family and I are really excited to be here," Hall said. "I think you'll see a lot of us." Hall plans to host events at Archwood, the president's house. "It belongs to the university." ♦

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President Hall spoke to the freshman class at convocation on Thursday, Aug. 23

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New semester brings new dining options

By **TINEA PAYNE**
Staff Writer

Campus dining will be served on a fresh new plate this semester as Austin Peay State University's Dining Services announced its new director, along with a face-lift to dining on campus.

Joe Lachina, former dining services director for Marietta College in Ohio, now caters to a smaller community of college students as he accepted the position of senior director of Chartwells Dining Services last June. The Cleveland native has over 12 years of experience working in campus food services, including positions at the University of Mississippi, Freed-Hardeman University and the University of Memphis.

Lachina takes the place of former director, Tom Callahan, who announced his transfer to Auburn University last May. Not only are there slight changes to the dining staff, but many new menu options and dining features have been added this fall that will turn campus dining in a new direction.

Last spring a student survey resulted in plans to implement more healthy and well balanced meals on campus

"We want to involve the students more into what goes on in campus dining," Lachina said. "We do listen to the students and try to implement what we can."

Lachina's focus at APSU is in line with the Chartwells motto, "Eat, Learn, Live." "You want to nourish the body, stimulate the mind and enhance the quality of life," Lachina said.

New menu options reflect these changes as campus favorites such as Austin's Diner and the Food Court have added more variety and balance, according to night supervisor, Debbie Asbell.

Changes made to the Food Court include the new Mama Leone's, an Italian eatery station offering not only pizza, but a variety of pasta and soups that will replace Trattoria. Bamboo Asian Cuisine will also leave the dining scene as Habanero's Mexican Cuisine makes way with Latin-inspired cuisine choices such as tacos, burritos and gorditas.

Austin's Diner has also received a facelift this semester, offering a variety of healthier menu selections for the '50s themed eatery.

Some of the choices added to the menu are the Italian grilled veggie pita sandwich, grilled chicken breast sandwich and other "grab and go" options .

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Counseling Center provides students with avenue for support

By **MARC WALLS**
Guest Writer

The beginning of a new semester at Austin Peay State University has many new students excited to begin college and returning students the chance to reconnect with friends.

However, the transition from high school to college, or simply summer to college, rarely happens without its obstacles and worries.

APSU Student Counseling Services presents an opportunity for students to receive guidance and support through the difficult circumstances that occur during a student's transition.

Located in the Ellington 202, SCS addresses a wide scope of academic and non-academic issues.

"We exist to help students become successful in school and life," said Director Lowell Roddy. "We try to help people understand there are many outlets for dealing with disturbances. If we can help remove the

impediments they can be successful."

Typical counseling concerns range from struggles with anxiety and depression, to family and relationship issues, though more serious problems can exist.

A 2006 report from the National College Health Assessment shows that 33.8 percent of APSU students reported significant stress. An additional 16.3 percent suffered from depression and anxiety.

The counseling center responded to 585 students last school year, though Roddy suspects many more can be helped.

"On any given day, 10 percent of students suffer from stress," Roddy said. "Many people do not seek help because they are embarrassed they can't handle things by themselves."

An important detail to counseling is confidentiality. Students who visit the counseling center receive a consent form that outlines the obligation of the counselor to keep the visit and all details confidential.

This also means that a student can feel free to discuss any issues without worries of academic disciplinary action.

For those who feel they may want help with issues, the counseling center Web site features an online screening tool designed to identify possible areas of concern.

From there, an appointment can be made to visit one of the counselors. Though appointments are preferred, emergencies walk-ins are welcome at any time.

In addition to grief counseling, the center also provides couple and marital counseling as well as support for military families.

While Roddy and the staff at SCS continue to work with faculty to help students' problems, he also has advice on how students can help promote a safer campus.

"Don't be afraid to get involved," he said. "Talk to

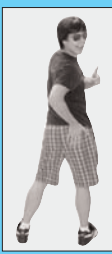


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Melissa Conwell, left, and Priscilla Dale, right, working in the Counseling Center.

your friends. When you see something that doesn't look right, it probably isn't."

For more information regarding Student Counseling Services, visit: <http://apsu.edu/counseling> or call 221-6162. ♦



Perspectives

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Features

Ecuador provides escape into lush cultural paradise



Sports

Week One: men and womens cross country, volleyball, and soccer



Online

Don't miss the first weekly 5QQ featuring President Timothy Hall



FYI

- ♦ Welcome Back Week events ongoing through Tuesday.
- ♦ APSU hosts new wireless access; no IT registration required.

Rawlins undergoes repairs



MATEEN SIDIQ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Top: One of the staircases at Rawlins Hall. Repairs began in August to fix the crumbling stairs.. According to Mike Donahue, RHD, the stairs are in no danger of collapse, but were in need of repair. These stairs were in the process of being fixed when the picture was taken

Left: The cinderblock lattices which ran up and down Rawlins Hall were beginning to sepearate from the building. They were taken down and wooden slats were up as of Friday, Aug. 27. Rawlins was completed in 1964. It serves as a male dormitory.

Physics prepares to host Governor’s School

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
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Next year Austin Peay State University will host high school students from around the state as Tennessee’s first Governor’s School for Computational Physics.

Local high school students from around the state will call APSU home as they gain a deeper understanding of the new field.

This relatively young branch of physics combines the computer codes and programs found in a computer science course, and the common equations found in upper level mathematics courses with hands-on lab work of a college physics course.

The Governor’s School program allows high school students the opportunity to attend college classes and lectures on the subject of their choice.

The program was founded in 1985 by Governor Lamar Alexander. Students submit applications and are chosen based on GPA and performance in the specific field.

As of this year, three new schools of study were

added to the program: computational physics, emerging technologies, scientific models and data analysis.

Jaime Taylor, chair of the department of physics and astronomy, said, “Bredesen added three new ones this year because they had such an impact on him as a high school student.”

Taylor is already in the midst of planning for lectures, reserving dorms and recruiting department majors to serve as RAs and tutors.

Over 600 letters will be sent out to various math and science teachers across east and west Tennessee as well as those in middle Tennessee near campus.

According to Taylor, in order to be successful in the program students must have completed their junior year pre-calculus course, and may wish to have completed calculus as well.

The completion of a high school physics course is not required to attend the governor’s school, but upper level science courses and a basic computer course would serve the student well.

To be accepted into the program more than

GPA is considered. Grades in math courses will be looked over as well as letters of recommendation from the student’s math and science teachers.

During their time here, students will receive eight hours of college credit while studying applied mathematics and various physical phenomenon through work lab the and computer.

“[The process involves] taking a physical phenomenon and applying it to a computer-based program,” Taylor said.

This gives the student a better understanding of the mathematics and physics involved as opposed to only performing basic lab tests.

After listening to classroom lectures and completing lab work all week, the students will be taken on weekend field trips to: the NASA center in Marshall to hear from scientists and learn about the Hubble Space Telescope, The Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to see the local space institute. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Slip-N-Slide at Dunn Center

APSU’s Baptist Collegiate Ministries is hosting a Slip-N-Slide August 27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will be held on the lawn of the Dunn Center.

Photo T-shirts at the UC

Photo T-shirtw will be available in the Morgan University Center fro 10 a.m. to 2p.m. on Aug ust 27. Free to all APSU student’s with student ID.

Stand Up and sing

sponsored by Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Will be in the UC Plaza on August 29.

Comedy Night

Dan Cummins will be performing in the Clement Auditorium from 7-9 p.m. on August 29.

Campus scavenger hunt

There will be a scavenger hunt hosted by the Church of Christ Student Center. It will be on August 31 and will start at 7 p.m.

Gov’s Volleyball

APSU’s vollyball team will be at the Kentucky Classic tournament starting August 31.

Lady Gov’s Soccer

The Lady Gov’s will b playing at Evansville, August 31 at 4 p.m.

Gov’s Football

The Football team will play Bethel College September 1 at 6 p.m.

Lady Gov’s Soccer

The LadyGov’s soccer team will be playing at Wright State September 2 at 2:30 p.m.

All Greek mixer

All Greek are invited to Pettus Pool Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Greek mixer. The event is sponsored by Alpha Delta Phi. Contact mgray15@apsu.edu for more information. Snacks will be provided, and APSU ID is required to attend the event.

African American Cultural Center Open house

There will be an open house at the African American Cultural Center Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Center located in Clement, Room 120.

Dining: Changes come

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Austin’s Diner will also include waffle fries, grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and single, double or triple burgers ranging from \$2.99 to \$4.99.

“Some prices have come down, but generally the prices have remained the same this semester,” Asbell said.

APSU Café will introduce Pulse on Dining (POD), which Lachina refers to as “an exciting, cutting edge in food service.” POD is “all about the carrot,” Lachina said.

POD is a dining concept that addresses the needs of a more educated and responsive world and will sweep college campuses nationwide, according to the Chartwells Web site (<http://www.dineoncampus.com/apsu>). This concept

caters to the “Millennial Generation” young adults who are more conscious about health, politics and their environment.

Students will have access to clean food stations and skilled culinary staff members who cook meals to order for students with specific dietary needs.

Colleges such as Ohio Wesleyan University and Duke University have already followed suit.

POD will also serve food on a 22 day cycle, meaning that no food will be served on a day-to-day basis.

“Pizza could be served on Friday this week, and next week be served on Wednesday, but nothing will be the same every day,” Lachina said. ♦

New Dining Hours

Einstein Bros’ Bagel Company
Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Food Court
Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Peay Pod Convenience Store
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays

APSU Café — Pulse on Dining
Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays and Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Austin’s Diner
Monday – Thursday: 10 a.m. – Midnight
Friday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. – Midnight
Saturday: 6 p.m.- Midnight
Sunday: 2 p.m. - Midnight

Courtside Café
Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sundquist Center Kiosk
Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Man waves gun at UT Chattanooga, turns himself in

Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Police say a man who waved a gun at several people inside a university student center turned himself in Thursday morning.

Police said several witnesses at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga saw Lonzo Aben Richmond Jr., 23, get into an argument with another person inside the campus food court Wednesday afternoon.

“It was reported Mr. Richmond was seen waving a gun and pointing it at several people inside the Student Center,” the Chattanooga Police Department said in a news release.

Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kim Noorbergen said it was unclear why the two men were on campus, but neither of them were students at UTC.

The two men were concert promoters who got into an argument about money and Richmond pulled out the gun and threatened the other man before leaving, Noorbergen said.

University spokesman Chuck Cantrell said the second man was a former UTC student. Police reached Richmond on his cell phone Wednesday.

He told officers that he was out of town and would return to turn himself in, arriving at the Hamilton County Jail at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23.

He has been charged with felony reckless endangerment, unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a weapon on school property.

Cantrell said that authorities did not believe the suspect was still on campus when they arrived, but they searched a nearby apartment complex because some witnesses thought he went there.

“They walked through some of the dorms, but they didn’t do a door-to-door search,” Cantrell said.

The university alerted students, faculty and staff through e-mail about an hour after the incident, he said.

“We realized it was an argument between individuals, not a random act,” Cantrell said. ♦

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Tensions Highten

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A draft intelligence report on Iran suggests a change in the Tehran regime appears unlikely any time soon despite growing public anger over the country's economic woes, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The report also anticipates little progress in getting Iran to halt its nuclear program or to stop supporting militant groups in the region, officials familiar with the draft said on condition of anonymity because the report has not been released.

The latest in a series of reports from the nation's 16 intelligence agencies, the new National Intelligence Estimate on Iran is nearly complete and could be shared with President Bush and other policymakers within weeks, said the officials. One said it is expected to be completed as soon as next week.

It is one of four reports the intelligence community is wrapping up on the Persian Gulf. Two others look at Iran's nuclear program and military program and conventional threat.

And an update on the situation in Iraq was released Thursday.

The report on Iran's political situation looks at issues ranging from the economy to its weapons programs, the officials said.

It says that Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei will continue in power despite rising discontent with the worsening economy, the officials said.

With the backing of the unelected clerical leadership that controls Iran, hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was elected on a populist agenda in 2005, promising to bring oil revenues to every family, eradicate poverty and tackle unemployment. His failure to keep those promises has provoked increasingly fierce criticism over recent months from both conservatives and reformists, who point to rising housing, food and oil prices, including the recent decision to ration fuel.

The new intelligence report also says Iran will continue to pursue a nuclear program that the United States and others believe is aimed at developing nuclear weapons, the officials said. Tehran denies that and says the program is for power generation.

Addressing another dispute between Washington and Tehran, the report also says Iran will continue to cause problems in Iraq.

The U.S. government alleges that elements of Tehran's military are equipping and training militias involved in sectarian killings, roadside bombings of U.S. troops and other violence in Iraq allegations that Iran denies.

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker met in Baghdad early this month with his counterpart from Iran, Hassan Kazemi Qomi, on the subject. Though it was the third round of U.S.-Iranian security talks in just over two months, officials have reported no progress.

U.S. officials and others also have criticized Iran for



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Javad Vaeedi speaks to the media during a joint press conference with deputy Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, unseen, after their talks in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007.

supplying money and weapons to the Shiite Muslim extremist group Hezbollah, which is on the U.S. government list of terrorist organizations.

The new intelligence estimate foresees that Iran will continue as a main backer of the group, along with Syria.

An Iranian-American scholar recently released from a notorious prison in Iran still faces charges that she endangered the country's national security and has no passport with which to travel abroad, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Although Haleh Esfandiari has the legal right to leave the country, no new passport has been issued since authorities seized hers, attorney and Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi told The Associated Press.

Esfandiari is one of a handful of Iranian-Americans detained, adding to the already high tensions between the United States and Iran. ♦

WORLD BRIEFS

Sudan expels Canadian and European officials

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan expelled the top Canadian diplomat and the European Commission envoy from the country Thursday for what was described as “meddling in its affairs,” the state news agency reported.

It was not immediately clear why they were being expelled, but many Western countries have been critical of the Sudanese government's role in its wartorn Darfur region.

The two were summoned separately to the Foreign Ministry and were handed their expulsion notes, the official SUNA news agency reported, citing Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Al Sadeq.

They were “involved in activities that constitute an intervention into the internal affairs of the Sudan, a matter that contradict their diplomatic duties and mission,” the spokesman said.

The Foreign Ministry did not identify the diplomats, but a diplomatic listing recorded Degerfelt Kent as the head of mission for the European Union and Alan Bones as charge d'affaires for Canada.

The spokesman also said the Foreign Ministry told the diplomats that “Sudan is keen to maintain the relation of cooperation linking it with the European Commission and with Canada.”

“This incident should not hamper the relations between the Sudan and both the EC and Canada,” Sadeq said.

The Canadian Embassy and the EC office did not immediately respond to phone calls by The Associated Press.

More than 200,000 people have died in Sudan's embattled Darfur region since ethnic African rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated central government in 2003, accusing it of discrimination.

Khartoum is accused of retaliating by unleashing janjaweed militias, which are blamed for the worst atrocities against civilians in a conflict that has displaced more than 2.5 million people.

Court ruling may destabilize Pakistan

LONDON — Immediately after Pakistan's highest court ruled he could return, former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said he would go home soon to lead his party's campaign to oust President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who exiled Sharif eight years ago.

Speaking to The Associated Press in his London office on Thursday, Sharif, who once dominated Pakistani politics, confirmed he planned to run for a third term as prime minister.

The ruling by Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday and Sharif's promise to return and run for office further complicate life for Musharraf, who as an army general overthrew Sharif in a bloodless 1999 coup.

Musharraf's recent failed attempt to fire the Supreme Court's chief justice triggered widespread pro-democracy rallies.

He also faces U.S. pressure to crack down on Islamic extremists in Pakistan's volatile northwest region near the Afghan border, where attacks on soldiers have increased and the security situation has deteriorated.

Sharif and Benazir Bhutto — another banished former premier with strong popular support planning a comeback — insist Musharraf must let them compete in year-end parliamentary elections if the vote is to be considered democratic.

Al-Qaida assaults Iraqi Police at Checkpoint

BAGHDAD — Sixty suspected al-Qaida in Iraq fighters hit national police facilities in a coordinated attack in Samarra, sparking two hours of fighting that saw three people killed and more than a dozen insurgents captured, police said Friday.

The masked attackers drove into the city at dusk Thursday in about 20 vehicles, including pickups with machine-guns, then split into small groups and assaulted four police checkpoints and a headquarters building, a Samarra police official said.

One policeman and two civilians a woman and an 11-year-old girl were killed in the fighting in the city 60 miles north of Baghdad, and nine others were injured including a police commando and three children.

There were no details on insurgent casualties, but police arrested 14 suspects, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, a U.S. military spokesman in northern Iraq, said he had no details on the incident reported by Samarra police, but that an American patrol got into a firefight with gunmen in the city on Friday.

Two of the insurgents were killed and another captured, Donnelly said.

There were no immediate reports of U.S. casualties.

Arizona battles Trash and Off-road vehicles

ONTO NATIONAL FOREST, Ariz. — Near a rock formation twisting into the Arizona sky, the desert floor has been torn up by off-road vehicles.

A tattered VCR and a bullet-riddled washing machine further scar the landscape.

Tonto is one of many national forests that suffer environmental damage caused by thoughtless, even unscrupulous, visitors.

And the U.S. Forest Service doesn't have the cash or manpower to tackle the problem.

The agency's spending this year has yet to be calculated, but its proposed budget represented a 2.5 percent drop in funding, said spokeswoman Angela Coleman.

Fighting wildfires eats up about 40 percent of the agency's budget, forcing cutbacks in other areas, said Cecilia Clavet.

Clave researches Forest Service issues for the Wilderness Society in Washington D.C. ♦

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Psychology M.A. now online

“Ours is one of only two online programs of its kind offered by a state university in the country.”
Uma Iyer

By JARED COMBS
Guest Writer

The Master of Arts in Industrial/Organizational Psychology that has previously been available to Austin Peay State University students only in physical courses, is now available as an online degree.

“Our program was approved by both the Tennessee Board of Regents and by SIOP,” said Uma Iyer, associate professor of psychology and coordinator of the new online degree.

Iyer explained that SIOP stands for the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology and that their approval of APSU's newest online degree grants it a great measure of validity in its respective job market.

“Ours is one of only two online programs of its kind offered by a state university in the country,” Iyer said.

“I/O psychology offers people interested in the social sciences a highly applicable field of study,” said Leigh Shmitt, an industrial/organizational psychology program professor and a new member of APSU's growing faculty.

“You incorporate a broad range of interests in this field,” Shmitt said.

The new program is available to anyone with a bachelor's degree in either business management or psychology and a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Other applicants will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Industrial/organizational psychology is a diverse field centrally based on the scientific structuring of organizations and corporations. “I/O psychology is applicable to almost every organization in some way,” Iyer said.

A list of jobs available to anyone with that degree is located on the SIOP Web site (<http://www.siop.com>). The list is substantial and includes a wide range of positions.

The jobs offered there ranged from \$50,000 to well over \$100,000 in annual pay. According to Iyer, an I/O psychologist can help employers and managers to make sound decisions in the hiring, firing, tasking, organization and motivation of their employees.

Iyer insisted that nothing had been lost in the translation of the courses from “on-ground” to online.

“We’ve maintained the quality and rigor you’d expect to find in an on-ground program,” Iyer said. “And as with all online courses offered by APSU, the latest in distance learning technology will be put to use.”

For further information regarding the new degree and for a list of classes, students should visit the program's Web site (<http://www.apsu.edu/ioprogram>). ♦

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Expand you mind: Travel

Learn Spanish in Spain. Learn German in Austria. Learn French in Quebec. These are a few of the promotions that are thrown at us to encourage participation in the study abroad experience. International study is indeed becoming an important ingredient to any academic pedigree. As the global community shrinks and competitiveness



Perspectives
Ashley Brown

continually increases, schools and employers are beginning to look more closely at the great importance of international study and experience. This means that students should begin considering the importance of international learning for any future career. Unfortunately there are several weaknesses that exist in the study abroad programs at Austin Peay State University.

One such weakness is the subject matter that is covered abroad. All of the programs that are offered are primarily based in language courses and nearly all of them are based in foreign languages. Although, it is easiest to learn a foreign language when surrounded by it, there are many benefits to study abroad that go far beyond this. When in a foreign country for extended periods of time, not simply for a brief vacation, it is possible to get to know the people better. Now I don't mean specific people, but the people in general. In this way students learn to see the world in an entirely different light and realize that different minds work in completely different ways, thus broadening the mind. A broad mind is just as important to students of business, art, medicine, etc. as it is to students of language. So study abroad programs should focus on them as well.

Now, it is true that most of the programs do offer introductory level language courses, which are the core for any degree, but it would be more useful for non-language students to get international experience in their own field. Not many students are willing to pay so much to take a core class that they may not even be interested in,

when their future work is in a different area, so there is not much incentive for these students to pursue a study abroad program. It would be more practical for business students to study internationally if they study international business. Similarly, political science majors would benefit more from politics studied abroad than they would from a core language class. For practically every major, a more applicable study abroad program could be devised.

This would be an expensive commitment for APSU. Part of the unavoidable weakness of all study abroad programs, not only the programs at APSU, is the cost. The program cost is unavoidable, and there are few ways to help students pay for these programs. Beth Garza, financial aid counselor, works hard to explore all funding options for students embarking on these opportunities, but funds run thin, and adding more programs would make her job even more difficult. Currently the only financial aid available for this experience for most students is in the form of loans and a few scattered grants. There are few scholarships available for the program, none sponsored by APSU. This is an important weakness to address. According to the APSU department of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, as of fall enrollment in 2006 more than 9,200 students attended APSU, a number that continues to increase with every year according to the Institutional Research and Effectiveness of APSU.

If each of those students gave just \$15 per semester, more than a quarter of a million dollars could be raised in scholarship money. That could mean 50 scholarships of \$5,000, 100 of \$1,000 or a combination of amounts to help students afford this important part of their education. Ideally such a scholarship would be a base for both academic achievement and financial need.

Hopefully something like this scholarship, or others like it and more variety in program options would encourage more students to prepare themselves for the future by embarking on the journey of study abroad. ♦

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Bad newz for the big dawg

It has truly been nothing but bad newz for the big dawg, or bird (a falcon, to be precise), Michael Vick, as of late. Unless you unplugged yourself from virtually anything smacking of media in this country lately (I especially enjoyed ESPN's gushing about their "wall to wall" coverage of Vick's case) you are aware of the nasty business that the star quarterback for the NFL's Atlanta Falcons allegedly took part in over the last several years. Today, Vick is scheduled to enter a formal plea of guilty to a variety of federal charges which may include interstate transportation of animals for illegal purposes, conspiracy to engage in illegal enterprises (dog-fighting) and money laundering relating to illegal gambling and quite possibly animal cruelty and abuse charges for the alleged torture and execution of dogs (though the latter may yet be forthcoming). All this and more were apparently conducted by Mr. Vick and his co-defendants under the moniker Bad Newz Kennel, of which a large portion of the training, abuse, fighting and gambling apparently took place at the Atlanta home of Vick.



Politically Speaking
Dr. Greg Rabidoux

As a result of Vick's scheduled pleading, two consequences, one inevitable, one probable, will ensue. The first is Vick will do jail time (I'll spare you the falcon to a jail bird line which was actually uttered over the airwaves recently) most probably between one and three years, depending, in part, on how much or how little the judge buys any newly unveiled act of contrition by Vick. The second, once the plea is formally entered, opens up the accused and subsequently, convicted, Vick, to probable state charges relating to animal cruelty and abuse. I'll let the sports guys and gals scrutinize ad nauseum over what this conviction will mean for Vick, the Falcons, the NFL and the multi-billion sports industry in our country in general (Hint: it's not good, but we still have Barry Bonds and the guy who won then lost the Tour de France to knock around).

What continues to fascinate me about this type of case, aside from PETA actually getting some positive press (they're the folks who seemed to have been mostly known for ruining lovely runway model shows with their uninvited protests against real fur, and billboards with a naked Pamela Anderson, also, I guess, protesting the same issue) is the distinct reaction within black and white communities to Vick's plight.

Atlanta, an urban community with a large black community, encircled by some areas of abject poverty, again with a high percentage of blacks, has been split, almost agonizingly so, on Vick. Many interviewed and surveyed by local Atlanta journalists have reacted with disgust at the substance of the charges, but also have again raised the issue that "They" (apparently, whites

who resented Vick) simply wanted to take Vick down a peg or two because he was black, young, supremely talented as an athlete, and of course, nearly as wealthy as if he'd owned a Home Depot. Some even drew an analogy between slavery and the fact that the Falcon's owner, white, millionaire business tycoon, Arthur Blank was upset that he lost his investment in his property (black, quarterback Vick). Many whites there responded with outrage over the charges and a strong disappointment that Vick could do something so irresponsible and degrading while throwing away what from the outside looked like a near-perfect life.

What immediately came to my mind was a split-screen TV image the day the O.J. Simpson verdict was handed down in court. A calm looking though intense Simpson in the middle of the screen, flanked by his dream team of lawyers, to the right a group of black students, worried, hands clasped in prayer, and waiting, to the left, a group of white students also waiting but not nearly so driven, so intense. The verdict is read, Simpson breaks into a smile, hugging his team, the white students recoil in shock, the black students erupt in whoops of cheering, song, several singing "We Shall Overcome."

There have been some echoes of a Simpson-like reaction, I heard as recently as the other day, two black students talking about the case, with one alluding to the "fact" that the feds aren't fighting terrorists they're out taking down yet another young, black male. I've asked white students their thoughts and without exception they all focused on how Vick spoiled so much for him and his team while abusing dogs in a way they could not comprehend. If, the thought that "They" wanted to take Vick down for some reason based at least in part upon his skin color and level of success crossed their minds at any point it was not conveyed to me.

Thankfully, it does not seem that Vick's case has risen to Simpson-like levels in dividing our society across racial lines in our feelings, our values, our reactions. Perhaps, we've come a long way since the Simpson case. Or, perhaps, it's the fact, however counterintuitive, that this case didn't involve abuse, beatings and death of humans (like the Simpson case) but of dogs. As much as we react in horror to homicides, the sad fact is that in many areas of our country, homicide, especially black on black homicide has become so "ordinary" that the level of shock and outrage has largely dissipated, replaced by a sense of wariness and inevitability. Maybe we need a PETA for people.

Anyway, while it won't be easy, I'll try and be nice to the two "Yorkies" that live, breathe and bark (a lot) in my neighborhood even though, I must confess that, well, let's just say it's good that unlike Vick, I will only think nasty thoughts and not actually engage in any nasty business against these two scruffy little dogs. As for the fine folks in Atlanta, you still have dog-lover Joey Harrington. ♦

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New president walks the halls



My buddy, Huff

It's that time again. School is back in session and the hustle and bustle of the college life is about to begin. Hi, I'm Bryan Huffman, your Student Government Association president for 2007-2008. Some of you may be familiar with SGA and some of you may not. I would simply like to take this time to give you a little information about what SGA is and some initiatives we will be working on.



Many of you have probably heard the acronym SGA and know that it stands for "Student Government Association," but exactly what is the Student Government Association? First and foremost, I want you to know this: SGA is here for you, the students.

SGA serves as the students' liaison with the faculty, staff and administration. We are here to listen to your concerns and opinions and to make change happen. Student government is composed of three branches: the legislative branch, judicial branch and executive branch. Each branch is solely composed of students

who have been elected, appointed or selected by their peers. If you are interested in becoming involved with SGA, I strongly encourage you to check out our Web site at <http://www.apsu.edu/sga> or stop by our office in the UC room 214. We are always looking for students to get involved, whether it's directly with SGA or by simply telling us what is on your mind. You are more than welcome to attend our weekly senate meetings on Wednesdays at 12:20 p.m. The first 10 minutes are reserved for the general public to speak and ask questions, to simply have their voices heard.

My goal for SGA this year is to truly expand, becoming visible to all students and bringing about tangible change and initiatives on this campus. An initiative that we are presently working on involves addressing student concern toward the current parking situation on campus. SGA is working with the Clarksville Transit System to establish a sort of trolley system here on campus. A major plus to this initiative is that students would even be able to ride city transportation free of additional charge.

This initiative is still in its infancy as legal, monetary and policy details are being examined, but it is something that we are working on diligently. More information and details will be provided throughout the semester to better inform you about the status of this initiative. If there is something that you would like to actually see come to fruition, make your voice heard. Let us know that you want to see this happen.

This goes for anything. We want to hear what you have to say. We want to hear what you want. Do you have a problem with something the administration is doing? Let us know. Is there a policy you want to see changed? Let us know. There is no problem or situation too small when it comes to student quality of life at Austin Peay State University. I will be honest with you, SGA cannot always force change to happen, but I can guarantee you that your voice will be heard by the appropriate people. However, the only way that we can make sure that your voice and views are heard is if you come to us. When we hold lobby days or host an SGA Town Hall Meeting, be there and make your voice heard. We are here to serve you. Without the students, student government does not exist. I look forward to seeing you around this semester. ♦

Bryan Huffman can be reached in the SGA office (UC 214) or reached by e-mail at sgapres@apsu.edu. Please feel free to express any concerns or questions you may have.

Dear Students,

I want to welcome you all to the new semester, though it feels a little strange to be welcoming anyone when I have been at Austin Peay State University for less than a month. In any event, I'm convinced this is a great time to be at APSU. I've already seen how the Peay's students and faculty are putting this university on the map.

This summer, even before I assumed the responsibilities of president, my wife and I traveled to Nashville to cheer on the team at the NCAA baseball tournament. During one of the games, I was heading to get a Coke under the stands when some earnest students from Michigan, whose team was also playing in the tournament, came up to me and asked, "Where IS Austin Peay?" I assured them that the Peay was located in Clarksville, Tenn. rather than somewhere in Texas, as they supposed. But it occurred to me that the question they asked came as a result of watching our team. Seeing something extraordinary happening on the field against Vanderbilt, they were led to ask, "Where IS Austin Peay?" Our team was putting APSU on the map in the minds of people from a long way away.

I sensed something similar last week when one of our state's government offices wrote to me about an APSU student who had interned with them during the summer. The writer admitted that her office had never had an intern from the Peay, and was glowing in praise of the APSU student who had worked there. I thanked her for letting me know this, and also reminded her to remember there were more students like that at APSU the next time her office needed an intern.

Our faculty is also putting the university on the map. This summer, the state of Tennessee awarded APSU a grant to host a Governor's School in Computational Physics. This grant, which we will now receive each year, will allow us to bring high school students to campus during the summer to study with our physics faculty. The grant to create this Governor's School is a testimony to the excellent work our physics faculty is doing, and they are not alone. All over the campus, the work of our faculty is putting APSU on the map.

So this is a great time for us to be at APSU. I hope you'll make the most of what the school has to offer. Try to get to know one or more of your professors. Attend some of the social, cultural and athletic events outside the classroom. Make the years you spend at the Peay memorable, not only from the books you read and the tests you take, but for the people you come to know and learn to appreciate.

I hope to meet many of you over the coming weeks. If you see me walking the dogs with my wife, please say hello (the dogs won't bite). Again, welcome to the new semester.

Timothy Hall



"Buddy Huff"

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 - Rice University, graduate work in the Department of Religious Studies, 1978-80.
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- **Some Previous Responsibilities at the University of Mississippi:**
 - Leader of a \$60 million capital campaign for the University of Mississippi School of Law and design of its new law school building.
 - Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Review Committee (2002 – 07).
 - Secretary of the Council of Academic Administrators (2002 – 07).
- **Selected Publications:**
 - "Separating Church and State: Roger Williams in America" (University of Illinois Press, 1998)
 - "Religion in America: Eyewitness Accounts" (Facts on File, 2007)
 - "The Labor of Love" (Kregel Resources, 1996)
 - "Religion, Equality, and Difference" (65 Temple L. Rev. 1, 1992)
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 - Director of Summer Program in Cambridge, England, University of Mississippi School of Law, 2001 – 2003.
 - Served in the Trent Lott Leadership Institute Committee (1999-2000), which is partially responsible for several major initiatives concerning undergraduate education at the University of Mississippi.

In the Line of Fire!



In the Line of Fire! is an open forum for your perspective to be heard. It gives opportunity to express what you think in a short, sweet and anonymous way. Readers are encouraged to speak out for or against any issue desired, no matter how random it may seem.

I believe that Hall will be an excellent president, and he certainly has good credentials. But I think now is time to reconsider how much the faculty is paid at APSU.

The question of the Sodom story is fairly straightforward: It is an instance of rape. And most people, whether homosexual or heterosexual, I would agree that rape is wrong. A story about an instance of homosexual rape provides no more basis for a sweeping judgment about homosexuality any more than a story about a heterosexual rape provides a basis for sweeping judgments about heterosexuality.

Thank you *The All State* for being a competent and interesting paper. I have come to regard *TAS* as a beacon of information and enlightenment in Clarksville's dingy darkness of closed-mindedness.

A college student paper should not be a parr ot mouthpiece of the administration. It is the students' voice and advocate. *The All State* has become that voice, that advocate and APSU students are better for it. Seeing what is good as well as what is less than good or just plain bad, this newspaper has earned marks of respect for truthful accounting and reporting to its readership.

It is so good to that we have so many of our Gobs baseball team now playing in the Mariners organization. Keep being amazing.

It has been so refreshing to read these pages over the past year. It's a great respite from the lowly "L-C." May you never change! Best of luck this year.

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Need a vacation?

Explore Ecuador

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Senior Features Writer

“Some say the world will end in fire/ some say in ice./ From what I’ve tasted of desire/ I hold with those who favor fire./ But if I had to perish twice/ I know enough of hate/ to say that for destruction ice/ is also great/ and would suffice.”

Robert Frost’s poem speaks of the devastating potential of fire and ice, but for the South American country of Ecuador, these two conflicting forces set the stage for one of nature’s most awesome displays of might. Ecuador’s snow covered volcanoes are some of the highest in the world, and many are still active today. It is their frozen majesty that draws people back year after year, all hoping to catch a glimpse of fire within the ice.

Although it is roughly the size of Colorado, Ecuador can be divided up into three distinct regions: the Amazon jungle, the Andes Mountains and the Pacific coastland. Since Ecuador is right on the equator, the temperatures stay fairly the same all year, though the rainy summer season spans from December to May.

Due to its highly unstable economy, Ecuador adopted the U.S. dollar as its official currency in 2000. This means that American tourists don’t have to exchange their money when they travel to Ecuador.

Another added bonus is that the dollar is worth much more in Ecuador, meaning tourists can enjoy more activities for less money.

There are over 25 national parks in Ecuador, and of those there are two that are world reknown. The first is Cotopaxi National Park, which is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Located an hour and a half from the capital city of Quito, this park is home to snow covered Cotopaxi, one of the world’s highest active volcanoes. Visitors to the park are allowed to hike on the mountains, though for less experienced climbers a guide is suggested.

The park is also home to many different kinds of birds, and visitors are sure to get their fill of sights during their time there. Admission to Cotopaxi National Park costs \$10.

Like Cotopaxi, the Galapagos Islands were also formed by volcanic activity. As Ecuador’s first national park, it is most famous for its importance in the realm of science.

In 1835, Charles Darwin came to the Galapagos Islands and was so intrigued by the variety of animal and plant life that he was moved to write his controversial book, “The Origin of the Species by Natural Selection.” Today, this archipelago is quite the tourist spot for those interested in exploring its diverse fauna and flora.

Many types of activities are available on the islands, from bird watching to hiking to simply sunbathing on the beach. However, tourists are asked to bring only the essentials due to the 44 pound weight restriction for flights to the islands. There is also a \$100 national park fee that all tourists are required to pay upon entering the park.

While there have been many cultural changes in Ecuador over the past 500 years, most Ecuadorian dishes have remained unchanged from ancient times. Perhaps the most famous dish of Ecuador is cuy, or roasted guinea pig. Spanish and African cultures have also impacted Ecuadorian food and culture and serve to provide tourists with a multitude of unique flavors.

One of the best places to encounter the cultural diversity of Ecuador is the capital city of Quito. Nestled within the Andes Mountains, it offers travelers the chance to experience the country’s unique blending of Old World architecture and new world charm.

Rising above the more modern buildings of Quito is the spire of the Basilica del Voto Nacional. Reminiscent of Notre Dame because of its gargoyles and stained glass windows, this Neo-Gothic cathedral was started in the late 19th century and is still being worked on today.

It provides tourists with views of the city. Another distinctive attraction in Quito is the 150-foot tall statue, La Virgen del Panecillo. The statue depicts a praying angel who is standing on top of the world, crushing a snake beneath her feet. It is located on the top of a hill overlooking the city, and is visible from every part of Quito.

While Quito gets most of the tourist traffic, there are other towns nearby that have their own specialties. About an hour north of Quito is the city of



The 150 foot statue, La Virgen del Panecillo, overlooks the capital of Ecuador, Quito.

Otavalo, which is famous for its huge outdoor market.

Every Saturday, locals set up shop to showcase their hand made wares, which range from intricately woven scarves and belts to brightly colored balsa wood keychains. Almost every kind of souvenir imaginable is available for purchase at the market. So finding souvenirs for family and friends isn’t a struggle.

Several hours south of Quito is the town of Banos. This town is known for its thermal hot springs and the beautiful Ines Maria waterfall that is nearby. ATV’s and bicycles can be rented here as well and used to tour the city.

There are also plenty of trails to hike and a cable car ride across a canyon for the thrill-seeking tourist. ♦

When staying in Ecuador, there are a few things tourists should do:

- Bring several hundred dollars in cash, with nothing larger than a \$20 bill. Make sure all money is crisp and clean to ensure its acceptance.
- Keep all money close so that someone would find it difficult to pick pocket.
- Utilize the bus system or taxis; they are cheap, efficient ways of transportation.
- Try to drink bottled water or water that has been boiled in order to cut down on sickness.



Top: Chimborazo, which is part of the Andes Mountains and the highest mountain in the country.



Left: The Ines Maria water fall, near the resort town of Banos, is a big tourist attraction.



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Classic movies to see new action in upcoming years

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG
Assistant Features Editor

Between the days of July 26 and 29, some huge movie announcements were released in San Diego, CA at one of the biggest entertainment conventions of the year. When one first hears the name “Comic-Con,” visions of geeks dressed-up in costumes walking around buying comic books and figurines come to mind.

Although this might be partially correct, many do not realize that major movies are announced at this convention. From the very beginning, Comic-Con has featured some of the most successful movies in the entertainment industry. This year, “Iron Man,” “The Dark Knight,” the untitled ‘Cloverfield’ project and the fourth Indiana Jones were some of the biggest movies featured.

Talk on the Internet has been buzzing around for months about the rumored “Iron Man” movie but no trailer had been released publicly. A special trailer was made for Comic-Con to give a sneak peak of the invincible “Iron Man” movie.

The trailer shows how Tony Stark, played by Robert Downey, Jr., transforms from a millionaire inventor and arms manufacturer to a walking shatterproof machine. When this trailer was shown at Comic-Con, no one thought they would get such a big surprise.

As soon as Iron Man was shown flying in the air with two jets beside him, the 6,500 seat conference room went crazy with clapping and screaming from the crowd. Everyone was very enthusiastic about this colossal revelation and there is no telling what other news will develop in the looming months until it comes out May 2, 2008.

At the end of “Batman Begins”, Lieutenant Gordon hands a joker card to Batman and from that point, people were already talking about the sequel. Fans were trying to predict what will happen in the next one and who will play the infamous Joker.

When Heath Ledger was given the role, many doubted that he could play the part of the ruthless and comical Joker. When pictures appeared with him in make-up, all doubts of him being cast in the twisted role went away.

This movie will pick-up where the first one left off and introduce the development of The Joker, as well as show Harvey Dent running for Mayor of Gotham in “The Dark Knight.” This sequel will be the only Batman movie not to have “Batman” in the title. The first caped crusader movie, which was directed by Tim Burton, and featured Jack Nicholson as the

villainous Joker, was an Academy Award winning film with a comedic feel. At Comic-Con to promote “The Dark Knight” movie, convention goers would find that sometimes when they got a dollar back in change, George Washington had black eyes and red lips. It was a very unique way to promote and stir excitement for this future blockbuster.

One of the most unusual movies trailers at Comic-Con did not even have a name yet. J.J. Abrams, producer, creator and executive producer of “Alias” and “Lost” and director of “Mission: Impossible III”, has kept this movie very secretive.

The plot details known include that a monster is based around the Japanese monster, Godzilla, and it attacks New York City. It is not known what this beast looks like, however the poster gives some clue as it portrays the outlines of a face hidden in the clouds.

Even the official name of the movie is a mystery. There are two nicknames the movie is referenced by: Cloverfield and 01-18-08, the date it comes out. This has gotten a lot of interest because of the unique approach of marketing the movie. One thing is for sure, interest in the “Cloverfield” movie will continue to grow until its release date on “01-18-08.”

It has been 18 years since the last Indiana Jones movie, “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade,” and fans were left wanting more. At Comic-Con, a live satellite transmission showed director Steven Spielberg live on the set of the unnamed fourth Indiana Jones installment during which he said that he made it (the movie) for the fans.

When Harrison Ford, Indiana Jones, came on he said it was a “dynamite movie.” The two sidekicks are Ray Winstone, from “Beowulf”, and Shia LeBeouf, from “Transformers.” Their names and plot in the movie are unknown at this time.

The biggest part of the live feed was when Indiana’s love interest was finally named. It turns out that Karen Allen, Marion from “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” will return to help Indy, or try to. It is rumored that the name of the movie will be called “Indiana Jones and the City of the Gods” and the plot should center back around the face melting Ark of the Covenant.

The name and plot should come out before Easter since its release date is set for May 22, 2008. These were just some of the big movies showcased but, others such as “Beowulf”, “Rob Zombie’s Halloween”, “Star Trek XI”, “Watchmen”, “Futurama”, “Shoot ‘Em Up” and “Get Smart” look promising for the future.

As it draws closer to each movie’s release date, more information should start to roll in and get fans hyped for these future movies. ♦

Make ‘Hand’ a home



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Jordan Parnell, 19-year-old freshman, unpacks his room in Hand Village.

Good communication, cooperation can help ease roommate transitions

By ELIZABETH BOOM
Guest Writer

Starting school, picking classes and purchasing books provide their own complications. Housing is a different story. It can be frustrating and time consuming getting your housing assignment and moving in.

On top of that, there is even more pressure when you have no idea who your roommate is going to be, considering that this is the person you are going to share your living space with for several months.

How do you deal with mental pressures like these? It's not as hard as it seems. The remedy for this situation is to be patient and to stay calm. It's always a good idea to bring some things from home to

customize your space to make it more comfortable.

Some good ideas are: pictures, yearbooks, letters, religious text, gifts from a significant other, high school memorabilia, pillows, mix CDs and other items of sentiment. Bringing these items is a great way to fight homesickness.

Most of the residents are feeling nervous, excited, anxious and a little scared. "I thought I was going to be homesick. It hasn't set in yet. I'm kind of nervous and I really hope I like my roommate," said freshman Brittany Cothan. It is also vital to have a good attitude and to treat your roommate with respect, no matter how much they might aggravate you. Leave a note with contact information so they can contact you if they have a question.

What is even more important is a good icebreaker. Some of the residents suggest using the roommate agreement plan, inviting them out, playing video games, questioning them about school, their major, lifestyle, organizations they plan on joining and if they are on any social networking Web sites.

It's equally important to establish ground rules. Find out about each other's schedules, sleeping habits, music interests and disinterests, pet peeves, visitation wishes, study environment and time for privacy. If there is a problem with your roommate the best thing to do is talk about it, instead of just assuming it will work itself out.

Communication is key; just let your roommate know what the problem is. It's much easier to solve it amongst yourselves than to cause unnecessary drama by getting housing involved.

If you feel there is a situation that could cause trouble with housing and result in disciplinary action, you should go ahead and tell the RA staff. They are there to assist you and should be aware of any housing issues. Don't be afraid to submit a complaint or request in the form of an anonymous tip.

If things are terrible and it isn't a good match, utilize the opportunity of Great Change Day. Great Change Day is open to all the residents who want another roommate or hall congregate, and provides an opportunity for you to pair up with someone new. It's the only possible time to get out of a sticky situation, or else be stuck with that roommate for at least the semester.

Great Change Day is in two weeks and housing will be sending e-mails and posting flyers. When Great Change Day is over, there are no more exceptions.

Try to make the best of your opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Granted it isn't always easy to be thrown into a living arrangement with a stranger, but with a little cooperation and communication, it can hopefully be a positive experience. ♦

MOVIES YOU SHOULD SEE

Viewers will enjoy ‘The Proposition’ a recent western movie offers them

By DUSTIN KRAMER
Art Director

Every once in awhile, I'll watch a movie that stays with me for days, forces me to expend all of my thinking power on understanding how it affected me, challenges me to grow creatively and downright haunts me. "The Proposition" is the film in recent memory to do that.

Directed by John Hillcoat and starring Guy Pearce, "The Proposition" has a simple premise. Set in the 1880's Australian outback, Charlie Burns (Pearce's character) is burdened with a choice.

He can hunt down and kill his murderous outlaw of an older brother, or his younger brother, of whom he looks after, will hang from the gallows. In telling this

savagely beautiful tale of loyalty and betrayal, Hillcoat's film absolutely shines.

Every element is executed phenomenally, from cinematography to production design and right down to the pitch-perfect performances by the cast, which includes Ray Winstone, Emily Watson and John Hurt.

"The Proposition" is definitely a movie you should be.

So the next time you go to the video store, instead of picking up that safe yet mediocre romantic comedy or that big dumb studio action movie, think about renting this. You won't regret it.

The Western isn't dead.
Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. ♦

Lynch's film offers insight into gross disfigurement of human behavior

By TANYA LUDLOW
Assistant News Editor

Perhaps David Lynch's most accessible film "The Elephant Man" is loosely based on the story of John Merrick, a man who was famous in the late 1800's for his hideous deformities.

A prominent doctor rescues him from horrendous living conditions as a sideshow freak, and it is discovered that, surprise surprise, Merrick is actually a nice, sensitive young man. However, to say that this movie is important because it tells you to not judge people because of the way they look would be an oversimplification and might imply that the strength of the film relies on grotesque emotional manipulation (three words: "I Am Sam").

If movies as art are meant to reveal the sometimes

unsavory side of human nature, then "The Elephant Man" is effective at exposing our innate emotions of disgust and revulsion that have a curiously strong link with our penchant for voyeurism.

Yes, the man who beats him and forces him to display himself as a sideshow freak is obviously a villain, but even more insidious are the throngs of people who pay to see him, or who pursue him en masse in a train station, cornering him in order to get a peek.

Softies will sniffle, smarties will ponder the dehumanization of "the other," Lynch fans will enjoy the surreal and weirdly sexually charged sequences set to elephant noises and your dummy friends might note that John Hurt, who plays Merrick, was that wand guy in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." ♦

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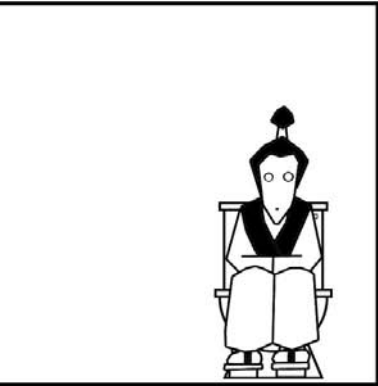
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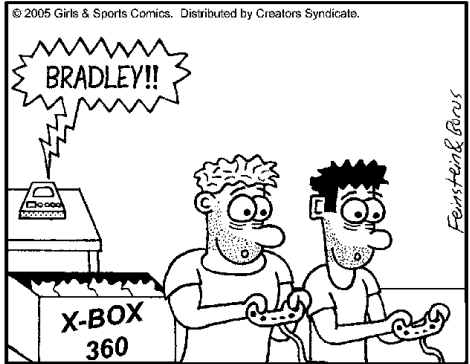
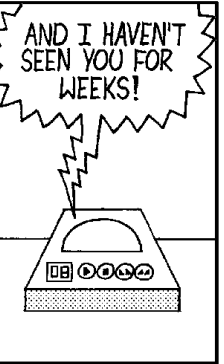
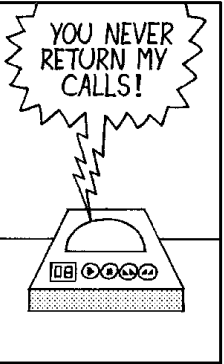
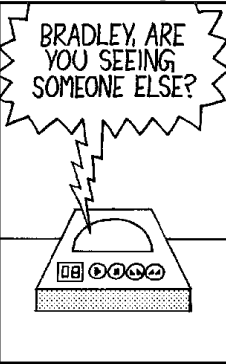


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OPINION

2007 Fantasy Football Journal

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

My name is Marlon Scott and I am a fantasy football player. Like many football fans, I consider fantasy football one of a holy trinity that also includes watching football and playing Madden (Amen).



Marlon
Scott

This is my fourth season, the third in which I have played in more than one league and I have yet to win a championship. I have several theories why I have yet to win one. However, I want to find the truth.

At this time every year there are tons of magazines, commercials and Internet teasers that will offer expert advice for a small fee.

Whether they call it plus, the edge, or just fantasy 101, I have yet to convince myself that the only way I can earn that coveted and elusive fantasy title is to spend more money to get the weekly advice from a guy I have never heard of, whose credentials I can not confirm until after he already has my cash that I could be spending on gifts for my girlfriend, who I end up apologizing to at least 10 times every season. This column is going to be a Fantasy Football Journal.

I am going to join a new, free league and document everything from the draft to ultimate victory or elimination.

I will include notes about my roster decisions, old and new tips about the game and describe every emotion ranging from the moment my best player gets injured in week four, to the moment when I win in week 10 because the kicker I chose on the bye week of the kicker on my roster by flipping a coin kicks four field goals.

As you follow my fantasy adventure this season (which means you have to read this column every week), you will also have the opportunity to make fun of my choices in public. I want feedback. Tell me what you think. Give me tips or ridicule my decision making ability. This is a give and take situation.

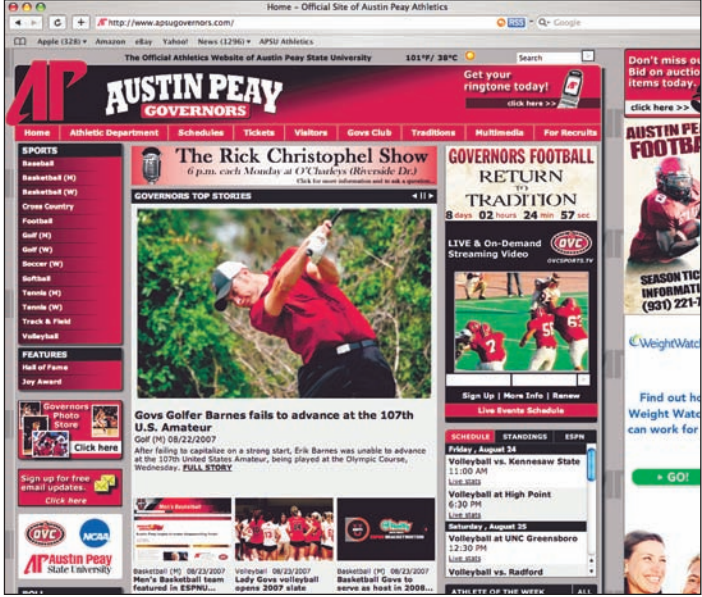
The column will run in the weekly edition of *The All State* as well as online at <http://www.theallstate.com> with chances to post comments or send e-mails to me. I will print my favorite responses in the paper and respond personally to some of the posts online.

The point of this journal is for me to document publicly my growth into a certified fantasy guru with a championship title. However, it could end up as just another learning experience spawned from the bitter taste of defeat. If you have never played fantasy football and want to know what all the hype is, read and learn. If you are a player like me who has never won a championship, this is free advice. If you are a professional fantasy football deity looking for minions to smite with impunity, read and then laugh.

I have nothing against those who have the money to spend on some experts who will gladly blog you to death with stats that you could find on your own for free with a little research. I have yet to find someone with a fool proof guaranteed method of winning fantasy football.

I think that the game is a fun skill that is only improved with experience and luck. If you want to prove me wrong, you have to read what I do and then reply. In the next issue there will be The Fantasy Football Journal Day 1: The Draft.

This is a free forum for fantasy football players of every level. Take advantage of the opportunity. ♦



After a year of planning and researching, the Austin Peay State University athletic Web site received a makeover this summer with a new look, easier access and plenty of upgrade potential. The new Web site allows users to email each other stories.

Athletic Web site uploads new features

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Sports' writing is a great job. The formula for a sports writer is simple. One part sports fan plus one part journalist. When you add humility to that equation, the result is the people who work in sports information. People like Director Brad Kirtley, coordinator Cody Bush and their staff of student assistants who work in the sports information department of Austin Peay State University and make writing about sports possible.

The sports writers at APSU, although few, have been grinning from ear to ear because the hardworking staff in sports info have recently redone the APSU athletics Web site. The new site (<http://www.apsugovernors.com>) is a brilliant upgrade from its predecessor.

From the sharp new color scheme to the easy click on references, the Web site is a welcome change that is continually evolving. According to Cody Bush, the new site is the result of a year of work with exciting possibilities for the future.

"We knew that we needed to upgrade to a newer Web site for the past few years. It was just a matter of figuring out how we were going to make it work financially," Bush said. "We started the process of bidding out the new site last August actually. It has

been a year since we started the process. We started building the site in April of last year and we threw the switch on the Fourth of July and put the new Web site up."

The old site is still up and running. When you compare the two, the differences are astounding. The look of the new site, with everything in school colors from the backgrounds to the fonts, is dynamic. Almost everything is set up in HTML for instant access. Navigation is clear and easy. One of the new features gives fans the ability to e-mail stories to each other. Work is still continuing on the site.

"As people go through the site they are going to notice that there are still parts of the Web site that are not finished," Bush continued. "We will get to those over the course of this year. We hope to add new features to the Web site that we were not able to do in the old Web site because we did not have the publishing tools available to us."

The future plans include upgrades in live feeds, both visual with streaming statistics, and audio as the games are broadcast live from APSU. Ultimately, sports information wants to make all sporting events accessible for everyone who can not attend live.

It is a goal that stems not only from the desire to

keep up with constantly advancing technology, but also a love of sports and the people involved with it.

Bush is about to begin his ninth year in sports information at APSU. His reasons for working in this field this long are easily understood to writers, athletes and fans of every sport.

Bush said, "It was probably the frustrated athlete in me. I ended up in sports information because I like dealing with odd little facts and odd little figures. I enjoy working with the student athlete. As little as we do, I like helping them. I like promoting what they do on the court and seeing them achieve their goals as they move forward."

While cheering sports fans watch and writers describe afterwards with stories labeled with their names at the top, the people in sports information collect and assemble all the small pieces that give clarity and detail to the athletic deeds we all admire.

The new <http://www.apsugovernors.com> athletic Web site is an excellent, interactive tool that will answer all of your APSU sports questions. On the first floor of the Dunn center is the sports information office. It is the headquarters of the people who count every yard run, the distance of every ball thrown and translate the progress of every athlete at APSU. ♦



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Lady Govs Soccer kicks season into gear

By **MARLON SCOTT**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs soccer team has 14 new players this year. Shelley Cannon and Carrie Cleeland are just two of the 12 freshmen that compose the new players list.

While observers may doubt the Lady Govs potential to win games with a lot of young players in addition to the loss of experienced talent like Tara Tidwell, Erica Dengler and Adonia Bivins, Head Coach Kelly Guth and returning junior forward Ashley Beck have no doubts about the abilities of this year's team.

The Lady Govs finished last season with a 6-10-3 record (3-4-2 OVC). This season they have been picked to finish sixth.

Ashley Beck broke the APSU record for goals scored in one season and led the team with 17 points. At Morgan Brothers Soccer Field on the last day of two-a-day practices for the Lady Govs before their first game of the season, Beck scores several goals during scrimmages, but her team does not win. It is 100 degrees outside and the only shade on the field is the shadows the players cast as they run around. Like her teammates, Beck is tired, hot and optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I think that we have really come a long way in the short time that we have been here," Beck said. "I definitely think that we have the potential to be a better team than we have ever been this year. It is just a matter of working together and working as a unit. I really think that losing the people we lost isn't going to hit us at all. We are going to be a better team."

On the sideline, Coach Guth walks barefoot among Gatorade squirt bottles that litter the turf like fallen leaves. In a black T-shirt sporting the school's colors and matching shades, she shouts directions constantly such as "Occupy space" and "Apply pressure to the

ball." Guth evaluates, teaches and praises the players when they do well.

Michelle Smith is a sophomore goalkeeper. In a long sleeve shirt and gloves, she is playing well in practice and is expected to start instead of the returning senior goalkeeper Brooke Abrahams who had 70 saves and four shutouts last year. Abrahams suffered a head injury in an earlier practice and is sitting out.

"I have been very impressed with Michelle Smith the sophomore goalkeeper," Guth said. "You can tell that she has worked hard this summer and came in here ready to compete."

With her staff, Jeremy Sullivan, Mike Mazuk and Sarah Broadbent, Coach Guth has worked the team hard to prepare them for this season.

Guth explained, "I'm pleased with the attitude and the work ethic. It's enjoyable for me as a coach to come out here everyday and see them enthused and excited to be here playing. As far as team chemistry and team play, it is really about where we want it to be. They are starting to connect and combine and play like a unit out there. I think that we are starting to pick things up and identify the areas where we need to improve on in training and the girls are starting to recognize that, which is an important aspect of the learning process.

Samantha North from Canada is a center-midfielder who has stood out this preseason and is expected to make an immediate impact on the field this year. According to Coach Guth, returning seniors Jessica and Stephanie Hosse have stepped up to lead this young team.

"I have also been very happy with the Hosses, Jess and Steph Hosse, seniors who have been there day in and day out the last four years," added Guth. "They have really stepped it up this preseason. I am excited to see what they can do out there on the field."

When the scrimmages are over, the winning team



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The 2007 line-up of The Lady Govs soccer team has a combination of 14 new players including 12 freshmen and nine returning players. The Lady Govs were picked to finish sixth in the OVC preseason poll.

lines up with soccer balls 10 yards in front of the goal. The losing players line up side by side inside the goal and bend over with their backs facing the shooters. Laughter and screams are soon heard when the winners take their shots at the backsides of the bent over losers.

After cooling down, Jessica Hosse shares some relief with her teammates over the end of the last two-a-day practice, strips off her shin guards and expresses why everyone should come and watch the Lady Govs home opener on September 14 against Alabama A&M.

"We are working extremely hard out here, getting to

know each others play on the field and I think that we are really coming together," Jessica Hosse said. "I think that people need to come out and watch us play because when they come out here, they are surprised at how physical women's soccer is and how exciting it can be." ♦

Read all about The Lady Govs' Soccer game one, online at : <http://www.theallstate.com>

New coach, new philosophy for 2007 Volleyball

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Sports Editor

Disappointment might be the best way to describe the Austin Peay State University Volleyball team's season last year. Coming in with high expectations the Lady Govs finished with a 4-24 record finishing 10th in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 2-14 record and realized that changes had to be made if they expected to have success in the OVC.

The first thing to change was a new head coach in Jenny Hazelwood. After taking the position, Coach Hazelwood went on a signing frenzy to recruit players to help turn around the program. She was successful in signing six new recruits and now has the task of bringing prominence back to the Lady Govs volleyball program.

"We are very excited to get started" Hazelwood said. "The girls came in, in really good shape and have great attitudes and just seem ready to go."

When preseason picks came out earlier in the year as expected, the Lady Govs were picked to finish last in the OVC which they plan on using for motivation coming into this year.

"We set a number of team goals for ourselves and have some high expectations" Hazelwood said. "We definitely want to make the OVC tournament and reach some of the high win totals that this team is use to having. This is a really close group and I think that we are going to see a lot of success out of all of them."

Looking for revenge this time around will be six returning players including Senior Dorota Szymaska who was named to the OVC all newcomer team last year. Szymaska was ranked in the top five in every category last year on the team.

"All the returning players have been amazing so far" Hazelwood said. "They made a commitment after last year to really give it everything they got and came back over the summer in great shape and its paying off. [Szymaska] is a very impressive player. I think she is going to be one of the top players in our conference and I think you'll be seeing her leading this team a lot."

Maybe the biggest transition for this team will be the inexperience of all the freshmen. Since the freshmen make up for half the team they will be looked upon to help produce for the Lady Govs and possible lead the team in future games this season.

"I think we will benefit from the mix that we have



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New head Coach Jenny Hazelwood is excited about coaching her first season at Austin Peay State University. The Lady Govs open up the season with their first 16 games a way before returning home to face UT-Martin.

right now," Hazelwood said. "We have enough returners ready to play and their hungry, and also a lot of new faces who don't know where the program has been in the past and are in the mindset of really wanting to win."

The Lady Govs first big obstacle to spike down will be their tough away schedule at the start of the season. Their first 16 games are on the road including games

against in state teams such as Belmont University and University of Memphis. The first home game for the Lady Govs will be against OVC rival UT-Martin Sept. 28.

"This away schedule is going to be tough" Hazelwood said. "We will get tired towards the end of it but I think we'll be ok." We will be excited to play our first home match but everyone is just ready to play." ♦



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The Lady Govs hope scrimmage intensity will translate into a successful season and a top ranking in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Cross Country ready to go the distance in the OVC race



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Both the Govs and Lady Govs were picked to finish seventh in the preseason OVC poll.

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The Austin Peay State University men and women cross country teams are gearing up for what they hope to be very successful seasons. Coach Molnar is extremely pleased with they way both teams have been working out. Molnar believes that everyone has come back in very good shape and has shown great effort in practice. The men's team finished sixth last year and coach Molnar feels like there will definitely be an improvement this year. "We are looking for a top five finish in the Ohio Valley Conference" Coach Molnar said. He added, "We expect nothing less than that." With the team's co-MVP's, Tim Hall and Ryan Sexton, returning a top five finish seems very accomplishable.

Coach Molnar has also been very pleased with the Lady Govs cross country team and is looking for a huge improvement this year. The Lady Govs are led by last years All Conference runner Anna Claire Raines, whom Molnar expects to not only be All

Conference again but top 10 in the conference as well. Coach Molnar sees the women's team improving from their ninth place finish in the OVC to somewhere in the top five. The Lady Govs score has improved each of the last three seasons in the OVC.

Both teams were picked to finish seventh in the pre-season OVC polls, but are shooting higher than that.

"We are a much better team than that" Molnar said. Molnar also says that he has scheduled one of the toughest if not the toughest lineup of meets in the conference.

Their schedule is highlighted by stops at Auburn and at the University of Arkansas. Both figure to have teams from all over the nation and some of the best competition in the country. All of this is being done to prepare for the OVC meet at Samford Oct. 27. The Govs have no home meets this year.

The APSU men's cross country team begins its schedule Aug. 31 at Belmont and the Lady Govs open their schedule Sept. 15 at Western Kentucky. ♦