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Nobel Prize winner may visit campus

By JARED COMBS
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University may soon host Leon Lederman, winner of the 1988 Nobel Prize for Physics.

However Lederman's possible visit has not yet been finalized.

Chase Cox, Del Square Psi president, first proposed to the Governors Programming Council last semester that Lederman come to APSU.

"It was the end of the spring semester last year when I presented this idea to the leadership," Cox said.

Cox presented the idea to the GPC in order to obtain a \$3,000 honorarium for Lederman's lectures.

According to Cox, the students of the GPC

voted unanimously in favor of the program earlier this semester.

"At first the students thought it seemed kind of boring," Cox said. "But then I brought [up] that we're a university and people enjoy intellectual material as much as they enjoy other entertainment."

"Getting a Nobel Laureate to campus is not an easy thing," said Spencer Buckner, physics professor and the faculty representative of Del Square Psi. "The campus has never had a Nobel Laureate [speak]."

Director of Student Life and Leadership, Heidi Scheusner, has the final vote on funding requests that come to the GPC.

According to Scheusner, the idea never made it past the GPC and to her for final approval.

This semester, the GPC found out that

Lederman's lecture was going to be the keynote address at a conference, information that had not previously been divulged, Scheusner said.

"So, when they found out that they would be paying for something that was to benefit a conference sponsored by a particular student organization and people beyond the university, not all of our students, it did not fit the parameters and mission of what GPC was founded to do," Scheusner said.

According to Scheusner, the program would be attributed, at least in part, to Del Square Psi and cannot be fully sponsored by the GPC.

"All programs that GPC sponsors are theirs to implement," Scheusner said. "So if they co-sponsor anything, the other organization has to bring something to the table. Otherwise, it would just be a GPC event."

"I went through the GPC which is supposed to be a council to put on events for students," Cox said. "The students voted unanimously for this event to be done and then they said it's not going to happen."

According to Cox, he was never made aware of alternate avenues to attain Lederman's full honorarium and it was never fully explained why the event could not be sponsored by the GPC.

All recognized organizations were told in their annual organization meetings that they can receive funds through the Govs Organization Council (GOC), Scheusner said. "The GOC holds financial training sessions at the beginning of the semester to educate students on the

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FORMER POLITICIAN ON STAFF

McMillan assumes duties as director



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Kim McMillan served as senior advisor to Governor Bredesen before coming to APSU. She began her job as executive director of community and business relations Nov. 12.

Former representative now to work at APSU

By KYLE NELSON
News Editor

Kim McMillan assumed her duties as executive director of community and business relations Nov. 12. This role is her most recent in a long-standing career as both an attorney and politician.

"President Hall and the rest of the people who work for Austin Peay have been so welcoming," McMillan said.

McMillan's current office in Browning is only temporary, she said, as the offices she will occupy are being prepared.

"I look forward to getting settled in," McMillan said.

This move came after serving as Gov. Bredesen's senior advisor since Dec. 2006, and serving as a Representative for Clarksville in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

"After having spent 13 years working in

Nashville, at this point in my career I wanted to be closer to my family," McMillan said. "It's much easier to drive and watch my daughter's basketball game from Clarksville."

McMillan's new job involves developing corporate and community relationships for APSU, identifying alumni within the community that would "suggest [a] positive relationship based upon common interest," and making sure that proposals are developed and acted upon, according to the job description posted for the job.

After working in government, McMillan said it's good that she has found a way to finally work in higher education.

Her father was a professor at the University of Tennessee.

"I love higher education. I have had a special place in my heart for higher education," McMillan said. "It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

McMillan was certain that she would enjoy her new job, and that serving at APSU is still a way for her to give back to the community.

"The last year I spent directly working for Gov. Bredesen was an opportunity and honor not many can enjoy. I will take that experience and the things I learned with me into this new role at Austin Peay State University," McMillan said.

McMillan, as previously reported, is considered one of the top candidates for governor in the 2010 elections. ♦

Kim McMillan

- Elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives representing the Clarksville area in 1994.
- Was re-elected five times.
- Was the first woman in Tennessee history to serve as House Majority Leader.
- Has served on the Finance, Ways & Means Committee and the Budget Subcommittee

Source: <http://www.nashvillepost.com>

New text alert

up and running

By TANYA LUDLOW
Assistant News Editor

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings, campuses across the nation have implemented text message alert systems in order to reach all students, staff and faculty in the event of an emergency.

Austin Peay State University has officially joined the ranks with its new emergency text message alert system called "Rave Alert."

According to APSU Telecommunications Manager Jim Spriggle, there are four scenarios in which an immediate message will be sent to all students who opt for the service.

Those scenarios are severe weather warnings, a shooter on campus, hostage situations and chemical spills.

"The message will be brief and appropriate to the situation, such as 'shelter in place' or 'evacuate,'" Spriggle said.

Other scenarios will be considered by a committee consisting of representatives from Public Safety, Public Relations, Telephone Services and Information Technologies in order to judge the merit of sending a text-message alert to the campus community.

"We don't want to unnecessarily worry people," Spriggle said.

Spriggle emphasized the fact that the service is optional and that students, faculty and staff will be able to opt-out at any time.

"Of course, I want to encourage all students to sign up," Spriggle said.

Also, the only cost to the student is the cost of the text message itself, and that depends on the student's cell phone plan.

If a member of the campus community does not have a cell phone he or she can still sign up for e-mail alerts, according to Spriggle.

Students who do opt-in and have cell phones will also get e-mail alerts to their preferred e-mail address.

Although a limited dry run to test the efficiency of the text-message alert system was successful, a larger scale test has not yet been conducted.

"We will probably do a test run sometime before the end of the semester," Spriggle said.

"We want to give people time to sign up," Spriggle said.

Arizona State University (ASU) recently triggered their text-message alert system when a fire broke out in their student union building.

According to The Associated Press, most students did not receive the text message for over

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Alumni contribute \$2.5 million, bolsters fiscal strength



By MARC WALLS
Staff Writer

The school received generous donations from two alumni this semester.

Hendricks Fox of Nashville donated half a million dollars to the Governors football program during the team's game on Nov. 10, this starting the Fox Endowed Scholarship.

It was the second large gift APSU received in less than a month.

The donation adds to the pool of money generated within the past five years as part of APSU's plan to return to scholarship football this fall.

Earlier this month, Philip Roe, a 1967 graduate and the current Mayor of

"The \$2 million we identified... has now been allocated to hire additional faculty."

Timothy Hall, President

Johnson City, Tenn., established an estate that will provide 2.5 million dollars to APSU.

"Dr. Roe has not fully decided how the total amount of the donation will be distributed," said APSU President Tim Hall.

"However, we know that he is going to endow a scholarship in Coach Dave Loos' name and a scholarship in Roy Gregory's name," Hall said.

Hall added that some of the money would go toward establishing science and athletic scholarships.

While Roe decides how to fully allocate his donation to APSU, the funds will be placed in an endowment to be received

upon his death.

Uncovered Funds

During a recent Faculty Senate meeting, Hall mentioned to the Senate that miscellaneous funds had been budgeted by the university, but gone unspent.

Part of the money, Hall said, would go toward filling new staff positions.

"These funds came from comparing amounts we had budgeted for various income and expenses with what we have actually received or paid over the last several years," Hall said.

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Podcasts premiere for online edition

By BILL HARDING
Audio/Visual Director

Starting Oct. 3, *The All State* did something that no other college campus in Tennessee is doing. Audio podcasts became available for the first time broadcasting news headlines from the weekly edition of *The All State* student publication.

One of the newest additions to *The All State* staff, Bill Harding, headed up a project to research and purchase equipment that would be dedicated to the birth and growth of an audio visual

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FYI

♦ School will be out Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The cafeteria and Austin's Diner will be closed through Saturday.

Perspectives

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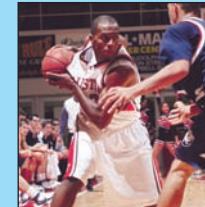
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AP ALERT

Emergency Text Messaging System

Students and employees may sign up now to receive alerts about imminent emergencies via text message.

Students, faculty and staff who want the text-messaging system must provide cell phone information, as described on the website at [getrave.com/login/apsu](http://www.getrave.com/login/apsu).

SIGN UP NOW

www.getrave.com/login/apsu

Each person who signs up for Austin Peay Alert is responsible for the cost of the text messages. The cost will depend on the service provider and the package for which the cell phone owner has contracted.

Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Christmas on the Cumberland

The city of Clarksville celebrates the holiday season with a beautiful display of holiday lights along the banks of the Cumberland River. Stroll the RiverWalk through a winter wonderland featuring over a million lights. The lights will be up from Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, and will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Feminist film series

The Feminist Film Series will show the movie, "Thirteen" in HH Room 245 at 7 p.m. Nov. 28. The series is sponsored by the Women's Studies program and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. For additional information contact the women's studies office at 221-6314.

'A Doll's House' at the Roxy

This is the last week to see 'A Doll's House' at the Roxy. Nora, doll-like to the world and to her husband, sacrifices her moral integrity to save him. When she realizes he will not sacrifice anything for her, will she have the courage to step out of her doll house? The play is at the Roxy Regional Theater in downtown Clarksville. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for 13 and under. Play dates for the last week are Nov. 23 and 24.

Swing Dance Club practices

The Swing Dance Club holds regular practice sessions at 6:30 p.m., every Monday and Wednesday in the Morgan University Center lobby. All levels of experience are welcome to attend. For more information contact Joseph Larrew by email at jlarrew14@apmail.apsu.edu, or by phone at 221-6371.

Geosciences Luncheon

Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the geosciences are invited to attend the annual fall luncheon and reception for graduating seniors from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30 in the McCord Building, Room 104. Please bring a main dish or side dish to share. For more information contact Melody Shipley by email at shipley@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-7454.

Stockings for Soldiers

Give our deployed soldiers a 'touch of home' for the holidays by dropping off a stocking stuffed with gifts in Ellington room 117. Stocking sizes should be at least 7 1/2 inches by 20 inches or larger. Some gift ideas include hand-written cards and letters of encouragement, pens, pencils, international phone cards, breath strips and wet wipes. Stockings will be accepted until Nov. 26. For a complete list of gift items and for more information please contact Donn McGowan at mcgowand@apsu.edu

SGA: WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Amendments to be presented

By TINEA PAYNE
Staff Writer

SGA discussed the Campus Talk turnout, held Nov. 8 in Clement Auditorium.

The listening meeting was organized to encourage students at Austin Peay State University to speak out about campus concerns with SGA and President Timothy Hall.

Bryan Huffman, SGA president, said that he wanted more student attendance.

Huffman said he hopes for larger event attendance in future listening meetings.

Huffman also discussed presenting constitutional amendments and changes to the by-laws. The Senate will vote on constitutional changes by the end of the semester.

The Senate training day was Nov. 19.

SGA also took part in the annual Unity Dinner, in conjunction with Govs Organizational Council.

The annual Unity Dinner was a Thanksgiving dinner, funded by various campus organizations and was open to all students.

The next SGA meeting will be held Nov. 28. ♦

Money: more found

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"This pattern has been regular enough to allow us to identify the extra amount we are earning and plan for how to spend it."

Hall cited examples that included the accumulation of more interest from banks than had been budgeted. Also they had budgeting more money for utilities than were regularly being paid out.

Hall noted that there were other, unspecified areas where this had occurred.

"The \$2 million we identified through the foregoing process has now been allocated to hire additional faculty and staff at the university," Hall said. "We believe that these additional faculty and staff are necessary to keep pace with growth in the university's enrollment over the past several years."

Where the money came from...

- Hendricks Fox of Nashville, \$500,000
- Philip Roe of Johnson City, \$2.5 million
- Unspent money found in budget, \$2 million

Nobel: money 'held aside' to fund lecture

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process." According to Cox, he knew that the GOC could provide \$500 and planned to use this money to coordinate other aspects of the event after obtaining the \$3,000 honorarium.

"I have communicated with Bryan Gaither, GPC films chair and member of Del Square Psi, that I would be willing to sponsor this speaker," Scheusner said.

"[I] have even held aside funding for it contingent upon a written request from a faculty member who can tell me that we can have the presentation at a time that will be conducive to all students at APSU attending," Scheusner said.

Even though Lederman's lecture was to be a part of a conference, students would not be kept from watching.

"Yes, it was going to be on the same day as the physics conferences we're having here and it would be open to the public but it would not keep the students out," Cox said.

According to Cox, his real frustration with the situation is that a lack of communication has made it so difficult to bring a Nobel Laureate to campus for the first time.

"I believe it's a communication problem," Scheusner said.

Cox said there was an offer made to pay for half of the funding in a co-sponsorship.

"I would be willing to sponsor this speaker and have held aside funding for it contingent upon a written request from a faculty member."

Heidi Scheusner, director of student life and leadership



"It shouldn't have taken as long as it did and now I think that the time window for getting the money from the GPC has already been shut," Cox said.

"We can come up with the money for it somehow," Buckner said. "It just seems like we've kind of gotten a runaround." ♦

Sidewalks fixed after leak



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Workers began to repair the sidewalk, Nov. 19, that had been ripped up when the damaged steam line was repaired Oct. 31. Ceramic heaters were given to the residents affected by the loss of heat.

System: tests soon

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half an hour after the fire was put out.

"I didn't know about that," said Abby Ramsey, an APSU freshman theatre major.

She has already signed up for the text-message alerts, and although she was unaware of the ASU incident, she said the system increased her sense of security on campus.

"I think that they should do a test run soon, and I'm sure that I will receive the text-message," Ramsey said.

"I think it's a great idea, especially because I live on campus as well as going to school here," Ramsey said.

As of Nov. 19, 423 people have signed up for the text-message alert service.

APSU students can sign up for the service at: www.getrave.com/login/apsu ♦

Rave Alert

- Allows broadcast recipients to send a response back to the university
- sent through Rave's infrastructure to wireless carriers

source: www.ravewireless.com

Podcasts: new channels will be added soon

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department at *The All State*. The plan includes a multi-stage progression in technology and multimedia content that would set the bar for collegiate newspaper communications.

The first stage incorporated multiple channels of podcast audio including event coverage, interviews, guest speakers, news headlines and other interests.

The equipment necessary in stage one includes the basic podcast suite consisting of several Audio-Technica AT2020 microphones, an Alesis MultiMix8 USB mixer and a Marantz PMD660 solid state audio recorder. This entry-level podcasting suite has allowed *The All State* to bring four podcast channels and seven audio podcasts to date.

Our podcasts include *The All State* Headline Summary, *The All State* Book and Blog, *The All State* Sports Page, and *The All State* Beyond Travel.

This stage will continue until twelve weekly podcast channels are being published.

The second stage being planned for Fall 2008 was the addition of video podcasting, or

vodcasting. The vodcasting stage requires the purchase of the video equipment necessary to produce, record and edit video segments for publication online. However, due to a generous donation of video equipment, *The All State* did not have to wait until Fall 2008. Our first vodcast aired Nov. 16, at YouTube.com/theallstate and at www.theallstate.com. The first vodcast featured our weekly headlines summary. As the vodcast stage continues to develop, more video channels will be added.

Video quality and creativity will also progress as more up-to-date video equipment is acquired. Many of the vodcasts aired will be the video content of our current and future audio podcast shows.

The next stage about to be released is the advertising stage. Just as campus organizations and local businesses utilize advertisements in *The All State* to publicize products, services and upcoming events, they will now be able to take advantage of our new direction in audio and video by sponsoring podcasts and vodcasts. *The All State* plans on presenting our advertisers with the most opportunities for exposure possible.

Long term, *The All State* hopes that the audio and video department will outgrow its current

space in *The All State* offices. Our goal is to be able to acquire the appropriate studio space to bring the APSU community the best in online news and information. This will include a production studio, post-production editing suite, storage space, and an online production staff of 15 to 20 students in addition to the staff currently at *The All State*. Our hope is to reach this goal by the Spring 2010 semester.

The All State will still focus on your weekly news, sports, features and perspectives. We work to make it possible for our readers to obtain relevant and engaging content through modern communication technologies. Our news podcasts will be released alongside our weekly print edition, while other channels will become available throughout the week. To subscribe to updates on your favorite channels, you can visit *The All State's* Web site and click "Podcasts" across the menu bar. From there you will be able to view all of our podcast channels, and subscribe via iTunes, RSS and other feeds. The podcasts will automatically download in your iTunes, and you can sync your iPod in order to listen to your favorite content on the go. Also visit YouTube.com/theallstate for all the latest video broadcasts. ♦

Debates rage over use of force by police

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A candy bar, a wallet, even a pair of baggy pants can draw deadly police gunfire.

The killing of a hairbrush-brandishing teenager last week was the latest instance of police shootings in which officers reacted to what they erroneously feared was a weapon. It has revived debate over the use of force, perceptions of threats and police training.

"We have cases like that all over the country where it can be a wallet, a cell phone, a can of Coca-Cola and officers have fired the weapon," said Scott Greenwood, a Cincinnati attorney who has worked on police use-of-force cases across the country and who is a general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"It does not necessarily mean it was excessive use of force," he added. "However, those types of incidents do give rise to greater suspicion on the part of the public about how police use force and they call into question the training departments are using to train officers to perceive and respond to threats."

The New York Police Department says the officers who fired 20 shots at 18-year-old Khiel Coppin on Nov. 12 were justified in their use of force.

The mentally ill teenager approached officers outside his mother's home with a black object in his hand, the hairbrush, and repeatedly ignored orders to stop.

The officers were responding to a 911 call in which Coppin could be heard in the

background saying he had a gun. But in a second 911 call Coppin's mother told the operator her son wasn't armed, and after officers arrived she repeated that to them.

"Why did the police not heed the warnings ... that her son was unarmed?" said Paul Wooten, the family's attorney. "Why was it necessary for the overwhelming use of deadly force? Five police officers, 20 shots, eight hits. Is there no proportionality?"

Last year, New York officers fired 50 bullets at three unarmed men in a car, killing Sean Bell on his wedding day and seriously wounding his two friends. Three officers are scheduled for trial in February.

In 1999, four New York City undercover officers fired 41 shots at Amadou Diallo, striking him 19 times, when the 22-year-old man reached for his wallet while standing in an apartment building vestibule. The officers said they thought Diallo was reaching for a gun.

The 2001 Cincinnati police killing of Timothy Thomas, the 15th black resident to die at police hands since 1995, led to the city's worst civil unrest since the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Thomas was unarmed, but was reaching to pull up his baggy pants while he was being chased.

In that case, as in other police shootings, the officer who fired said his actions were triggered by fear for his own safety. At least 64 U.S. law enforcement officers have been killed by gunshots this year, according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. ♦

WORLD BRIEFS

Philippines take stance Myanmar

SINGAPORE (AP) — On Nov. 19 the Philippines warned Nov. 19 it is unlikely to ratify a landmark Southeast Asian charter on financial, trade and environmental rules for its members unless Myanmar restores democracy.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations later abruptly canceled a scheduled address by U.N. envoy Ibrahim Gambari on Myanmar after the military-ruled country objected.

The new ASEAN charter would set up enforceable rules for its members. It will fail if one country fails to ratify it. The pact would set up a regional human rights body that critics have labeled toothless because it will not be able to punish governments found to violate citizens' rights.

Sports star enters politics

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Roll Michael Jordan and Babe Ruth into one, throw in an Oxford education and a beautiful British aristocrat as an ex-wife and you get an idea of how big Imran Khan was as captain of Pakistan's world champion cricket team in 1992.

He's rarely made news as a politician, a rival once called him a sports hero and a political zero. But Khan was back in the spotlight Monday, beginning a hunger strike at the prison where he is being held for protesting against Pakistan's military ruler. The hunger strike is the latest twist for Khan, a one-time playboy cricket star who retired from sports 15 years ago to become a crusading politician and devout defender of his Muslim faith. ♦

OUR BREAK

Top things to do during Turkey Day

Stop the presses. Hold the mayo. Take a break.

No literally, drop everything. It's Thanksgiving.

Have you ever wondered: "Do turkeys enjoy Thanksgiving?" This is a question we've been asking ourselves at *The All State*.

In answering this question, we've decided

to reflect on George Orwell's classic work "1984" and have compiled a list of top things you should be doing this holiday break. We've covered everything from processed turkey to Britney "no panties" Spears. Through much stress and deliberation, we have narrowed our list. It is as follows:

The List

- 10.** Think about how great you are and all the many things for which people should be thanking you.
- 9.** Take time to think about who has a drier personality: The turkey or republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.
- 8.** Start your Thursday morning by enjoying the stern, yet soothing voice of Brian Williams. And don't forget about the Macy's Day Parade.
- 7.** Follow President George Walker (Texas Ranger) Bush's advice on how to be patriotic: Go shopping. And don't forget about all those door-busting sales beginning when the clock strikes midnight on "Black Friday."
- 6.** Wait on the Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa decorations 'til Saturday. The turkey will need Thursday all to him or herself.
- 5.** Our sports section says: Everyone is required to watch at least one football game while you're enjoying the turkey, or else you'll have seven years of bad luck.
- 4.** Play a competitive football game (outside, regardless of the weather) with the "fam" cause we all know that there's that one uncle or aunt who's got it coming.
- 3.** Try to avoid any drama with your parents. Remember, you'll probably see them again in about a month.
- 2.** Don't forget to listen to Celine Dion's new album. Just hit play and let it ride.
- 1.** And for yours truly, turn on the "old box of wires and lights" and be inspired by the words of Edward R. Murrow in "Good Night, and Good Luck." ♦

Marijuana takes unnecessary hits

I have a growing dislike for the phrase "drugs and alcohol." This term strengthens the notion that the two are separate entities. However, there is little difference between the two substances. According to hypno linguistics (www.hypnolinguistics.com), they both are substances that alter the mind. As a

teenager, I was taught frequently about sex in school. Why shouldn't drugs and alcohol be treated the same way?

As our generation has aged, we have been conditioned to buy into the dangers of drugs. Upon first reference to drugs, marijuana was the first thing to come to mind. I was taught to look at marijuana in this negative light. But when hearing the word "alcohol," not as many negative connotations come to mind. I feel that this is a common perception among our generation. Marijuana has been demonized, but alcohol also has many health threatening side effects yet it is still viewed in a much more positive light.

Alcohol is known to have some health benefits with moderate consumption, but the negative consequences may outweigh the good. According to the publication *Scientific American Mind*, alcohol destroys brain cells as well as lives with irresponsible usage. Alcohol poisoning is far too common, and one of the most severe consequences of drinking. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 20,000 annual American deaths are due to alcohol poisoning. According to the Mayo Clinic's Web site (www.mayoclinic.com), alcohol can lead to cancer of the liver, esophagus, larynx, pharynx and mouth. In addition, there is a risk of sudden death with people who have cardiovascular disease. Many other problems with alcohol include stroke, brain atrophy (shrinkage), cirrhosis of the liver, miscarriage and impaired brain functioning which can effect a person's ability to drive.

On the other hand, marijuana has been viewed in the past as a menacing drug by a majority of politicians, but what do the facts indicate? I feel, most of the side effects of marijuana are only mild compared to alcohol and the benefits greatly outweigh them. No one has ever died from an overdose of marijuana, according to Mason Tvert, the campaign director for Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation. Some

benefits from this drug include the relief it offers ill patients such as: Increasing appetite in AIDS patients and providing therapy for glaucoma. These illnesses give a person great discomfort and pain that marijuana helps relieve.

One beneficiary of (openly admitting) using marijuana is a well-known talk show host, Montel Williams. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999. Williams uses marijuana to relieve pain in his knee and foot after trying other drugs such as Oxycontin.

Williams clarifies that not all users live up to the negative image associated with marijuana. Many are functioning adults that have a family and work nine-to-five jobs. As Williams has clarified on his talk show: "I want you to meet someone who's not a drug dealer, not a dope addict, just somebody who's trying to get up every morning and go to work." In Montel Williams view, the drug should be legalized.

As with many other prescribed medications, marijuana does have some mild side effects, such as memory loss and impaired thinking. According to Dr. Donald Tashkin, a pulmonologist and University of California professor of medicine, the slowing down of brain cells is a direct result of a fatty substance coating the brain cell. This is like having overweight brain cells that work slower, but if use of the drug is terminated then the cells "work out" or lose the excess fat that coats them. The smoking of marijuana causes other problems. These problems include throat and lung cancer, as well as other respiratory problems.

In high school, I was told that marijuana could lead to the use of harder drugs because a majority of users say marijuana is a "gateway" drug. This is quite a bit of an overgeneralization. By stating this, one may also say that since a majority of terrorists are Muslim, a Muslim has a better chance of being a terrorist. It's statements like these that lead to creating more of a problem than there really is.

The money spent throwing dealers and users in jail, could be better spent on our public schools and health care facilities. With society's stigma on the use of marijuana, it is very difficult to get anyone to see the positive effects marijuana can have. Everyone is entitled to the truth, not just what their parents and society has embedded into their brain. Before making an assumption about marijuana, get informed. ♦

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U.S. fear outweighs its morality

At 16, I was so afraid of what other people thought of me I could hardly hold my pee when I had to stop at a red light. I could never look anyone in the eye when they spoke to me nor could I ever speak my mind, even to defend myself against wrongful attacks on my actions or character. A lot has changed since then. Most of it came slowly over time with the maturity of age. Unfortunately, the greatest change in the person I am came at the expense of tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of lives. I am referring to the Iraq War and what it means to those who fight in it, to the country I love and to me.



Perspectives
**Jack W.
Butler**

Like many in my family before me, I wanted to serve my country. My asthma, however, kept me out of every branch of the armed services. That same sentiment of commitment though, has led many Americans to join the military. Both men and women have chosen to defend our country in times of need. Each one of them has chosen to give their lives if necessary to defend our country and the ideologies of freedom and democracy for which so many throughout the centuries have already died for.

Most of us will never be able to fathom what it's like for those serving in Iraq. For themselves and the families they leave behind, the troops must believe in what they are doing. They must believe that every mission protects the freedom of our nation. Every patrol must have faith that they are doing the right thing for the people of Iraq. Whether or not we believe in this war, we must give our thanks to those who serve and never forget those have fallen.

Today our military comes home to a few ignorant jerks that protest at the funerals of the fallen and a government who doesn't care about them. Those jackass protesters I am talking about have chosen to dishonor themselves and our nation. We need to immediately pass laws that protect the families of our soldiers from these fools. And on top of that, the wounded that come home are treated with little more respect than some pissant pawn on a chessboard of politics where the king and all his men are surrounded by impenetrable walls of isolation. There are those in our government, George Bush especially, that care nothing for the lives of our military or the sacrifices they've made. He has used the U.S. Military as mercenaries in an attempt to open up the oil fields of the Caspian Sea to American oil companies. Even if it had been a success, our military personnel deserve better than to die in yet another needless Bush oil war.

The shame this fiasco has brought to the U.S. will be felt for generations to come, maybe even centuries if we survive that long. Our

country has proven to the world that our word is meaningless, that Christianity stops at the gas pump and our gutless, cowardly fear outweighs any sense of our morality. Is this where we want to be? Do we, as Americans want these evil acts of our government to continue now and in the future? Do we want our children

to believe that it is all right to sacrifice our military personnel to secure oil fields for our gas pumps? Do we want our children to hold oil more valuable than the lives of other children throughout the world?

This act of evil by our government will lead others to commit more heinous mass murders throughout the world for oil, natural gas, and eventually food. More evil regimes will use these actions to justify their own forms of tyranny. And how many people will die because of the weapons our government sells to dictators and dirty punks?

We must take the war powers away from the government, and put it in the hands of those who will fund, fight and die in the wars: The American citizen. If we ever want to gain even a modest amount of respect that our great nation once had, we must put these war criminals on trial for their crimes against humanity. We must prove to the world that the American citizen is not the evil scum that proliferates our government. And it is vital that we end this illegal act of aggression now and bring our troops home while there is still a chance to avoid WWIII. If we do not stand up to the bullies and thugs that we have put in control of our armed forces, then we do not deserve the great nation that was once at the top of the world: before apathy and tyranny became the same.

Like many other Americans, I did not vote in the 2000 election. It is the albatross I will wear to my grave, that my one voice was not heard when it was needed the most. I can't roll back the hands of time and correct what I have done, nor can I stand by and do nothing now as evil still holds the reins. I want to raise an army of voices to take back the country that is ours.

I regret that it has taken the deaths of so many innocent lives for me to find my voice and use it as a weapon to fight the evil of this world. The Iraq War has taught me to never be silent in the face of injustice again. I am not a martyr and have no desire to be one. I have walked through the bastions of hell and hell is fear. It is a human on his or her knees. If it is my destiny to be the lonely man in the forest and scream out against all forms of injustice, so be it. I will stumble and fall, and sometimes I will hurt the ones I love. But I have been a coward and died a thousand deaths. I prefer to be a man with a voice and die only once more. ♦

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Remembering those who have fallen since the Invasion of Iraq ...

Confirmed Iraqi civilian deaths from violence

7 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 2

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Confirmed U.S. deaths

3 | 8 | 7 | 1

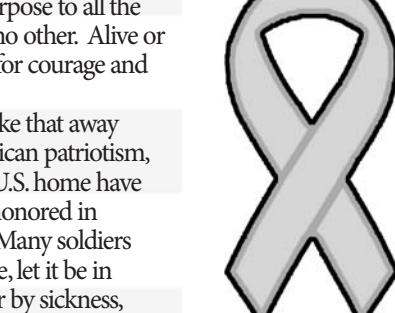
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*"What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless,
whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or
the holy name of liberty or democracy?"*

— Mahatma Gandhi



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America: Patriotism, honor and sacrifice

Ask most people in this country what they think of our troops being in Iraq, and they will recoil in disgust. You will either hear a point of view about how Bush is the worst leader ever and needs to pull troops from the combat zone, or you will hear anti-war sentiment about how our troops bestow violence upon innocent people in Iraq. Very seldom does someone reach into the cornerstones of patriotism, loyalty and the fight for freedom that this country was built upon.

Very seldom does someone publicly applaud the soldiers who became heroes; noble country men of the 21st century.

Since 1775 Americans have been standing up out of selfless sacrifice, boldly volunteering in the face of fear and adversity to fight, to stand with fellow fighters in honor, no matter the cost. Many have even found dying in combat as the most heroic way to perish from this Earth. A soldier knows the risk involved before he or she volunteer, and audaciously step out of the crowd to take up the responsibility of honoring their country in military service. Through showing you a few statistics, I would like to invoke constructive views of service member deaths in Iraq.

I entered the U.S. Army in 1998, fresh out of high school. It was a four-year enlistment, to be completed by 2002. During this four-year active duty period, I did not deploy to Iraq. No one did. For most of my military service, we were in peacetime and soldiers

were just being soldiers. We partied. We went on dates. We got married and started families. We went on road trips and adventures. We lived lives similar to civilians, sometimes more strict and sometimes more rowdy. We had our ups and we had our downs.

During those four years, people died. Most of the time it never made national news. It is part of normal life. We have dangers, and we face these dangers. Between the years of 1998 and 2002, a total of 4,292 soldiers died, according to a congressional research study done by the Library of Congress. Why so many? Because life goes on and life ends. On this earth, your time can come at any time without warning.

I want to draw your attention to the breakdown. Of over 4,000 deaths those years, 2,241 of them were the result of accidents. Accidents can include training accidents, automobile accidents, boating accidents and even hunting accidents. Many accidents occurred from drunken driving, poor safety precautions and poor planning.

Of those active duty soldiers, 181 were murdered. Something back at "home-sweet-home" provoked many to take the lives of soldiers here in the country they served.

During this four-year span, 696 deaths were self-inflicted. This includes suicides, overdoses, cutting and poisoning. Illnesses claimed 794 lives of soldiers. And finally, during these four years, only 17 deaths were caused by hostile action and 75 were claimed by terrorist attacks. This, of course, lapses the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and the first year of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Now I want to compare these numbers to the deaths in Iraq from March 20, 2003 to March 20, 2007, the four-year anniversary of the invasion in Iraq.

According to CNN, throughout the past four years of deployment, there were 3,188 American deaths — 2,552 were due to combat and 614 were non-combat related. This is, on average, 61 less deaths per year than when we were not at war. This means that, on average, soldiers have actually had a better survival rate going into a danger zone. Why?

In a combat zone, troops are vigorously trained for their situations. Safety is briefed often to keep it in the forefront of their minds. Vehicles are maintained very often to avoid catastrophic failures. Health services are usually right beside their base location. And although deploying across the world to war may seem frightful, to many soldiers who volunteered for an active military lifestyle, deploying finally brings purpose to their lives. A soldier finally finds a purpose to all the training and discovers a destiny like no other. Alive or not, the soldier is a hero — admired for courage and fighting for our country.

So why would Americans try to take that away from them? Since the dawn of American patriotism, over one million soldiers calling the U.S. home have laid down their lives in battle, being honored in sacrifice for their heroism and valor. Many soldiers have expressed that if they were to die, let it be in combat and not in traffic accidents or by sickness, since they believe there would be no nobler way to depart this Earth. Iraq has now gone on longer than every U.S. war except Vietnam and the Revolutionary War. However, troops are still proud of their service and stand strong for their country's cause at home and abroad to become veterans and heroes. ♦

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Theatre department opens 'Paradise'

By MARSEL GRAY
Staff Writer

Recently, the Austin Peay State University Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts hosted the play, "Paradise," written by Glyn O'Malley, former APSU artist-in-residence, and directed by Sara Gotcher, associate professor of theatre and dance.

Gotcher decided to direct and showcase O'Malley's play, "Paradise," after his premature death, exactly one year to the date of the opening of "Paradise."

Giving honor to O'Malley, Gotcher said, "I wanted to direct ["Paradise"] because [O'Malley] had a lot to say about peace in the world and I wanted to pay tribute to his life and work."

"Paradise" is based on 2002 news reports surrounding a 17-year-old female Muslim suicide bomber and one of her victims, a 17-year-old Jewish girl. The play itself is about two young women, one Muslim, Fatima, and one Jew, Sarah, each coming of age, learning, growing and questioning amidst the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As the dangers and reality of the conflict creep closer and closer into each girl's life, events unfold, revolutionizing their beliefs and actions. By the end of the play, events have progressed to such a life-altering point that the other characters, such as Sarah's mother, Shoshana, and Fatima's cousin, Omar, are compelled by both grief and hope to strive for peace.

"The portrayal made the conflict come to life on stage," said freshman, Sarah Kirby.

Indeed, an explosion of brilliant acting rocked the stage at Trahern. From start to finish, the actors commanded the attention of the audience with superior acting and magnificent talent.

"The actors' portrayal and conflict made this play intense, portraying [the conflict] in great light," said freshman Spanish major, Paige Rasmussen.

The cast and crew's efforts went beyond the call of duty. While the play may be considered controversially exciting, it goes deep into the ideas of a hopeful future.

"The key to unraveling the iron knot of political, religious, geographical and cultural tensions in Palestine, or elsewhere, is not to the sacrifice the future," Gotcher said. ♦



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The cast and crew of 'Paradise' recently brought O'Malley's creation to the APSU stage, showing how unfair life can be during war.

Video games bring new dimension to play

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG
Assistant Features Editor

Since their beginning, video games have been a staple in homes across the globe. Atari's "Pong" is noted as being the one that birthed generations of video games with just a ball bouncing around.

Then more games were developed as the years went by: "Pac-Man" ate some ghosts, "Donkey Kong" came along with Mario, Zelda and they slashed the competition, Sonic dashed on the screen, "Final Fantasy" started an epic series and "Pokémon" invaded with over 150 to catch.

New systems also developed along the way: Nintendo had many games to offer, the Game Boy started portable gaming, Sega sought to beat the competition, Super Nintendo increased the popularity, Playstation challenged them all and Nintendio 64 and Playstation 2 constantly pursued each other.

The extent of game play kept enhancing with each new system. The Internet plays a vital role in today's game play. Systems such as Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 incorporate this in most of their games to link up to gamers all over the world.

A console that came out earlier this year features a new way to play games as if one is a part of the game.

The Nintendo Wii adds a different element to game play with wireless controllers that follow

the players' every move. For example,

if playing the "Wii Sports" tennis

section, when the

player swings the remote like a racket the character



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Nintendo Wii, "Guitar Hero" and "Dance Dance Revolution" offer a new dimension to video games. They make players feel like they are actually in the game.

will imitate every action.

All of the Wii games incorporate this unique way to make the player feel like they are really playing. Instead of sitting down eating potato chips, players are up on their feet getting into the game.

The Wii is not the only system that uses this technology. Others have games that make players want to bust a move and "party like a rock star."

"Dance Dance Revolution" came from Japan bringing its popularity to arcades and video game consoles. "DDR" plays music on the screen with arrows pointed in different directions.

The arrows on the screen correspond with ones on a mat that the player presses with his or her feet. There is no specific way to dance to every song so most players add their

own style.

The speed of every song varies from slow to hyper speed. This game will make players sweat and feel like

they just

worked out.

The mat is

usually sold

separately

from the

game, but if

one wants to

buy the dance

machine,

which is found

in arcades, it will cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$13,000 according to the Channel Beat Web site, (www.channelbeat.com).

Another creative game that lets players rock out to different songs is "Guitar Hero." Currently, four "Guitar Hero's" are out in stores now including the newest one, "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock."

Players pretend to be rock stars making their way to fame and fortune with a guitar-like controller. As the song plays, colored notes come up that go with color buttons.

The games showcase classic rock songs like "Welcome to the Jungle," "Black Magic Woman," "We Got The Beat," "Carry on Wayward Son," "I Love Rock and Roll" and "Iron Man."

As players progress, the song's difficulty increases and the faster they become. This game resembles "DDR" but with a rock star twist.

This holiday season's hot items for most children, teens and even adults most likely will be the Nintendo Wii and "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock."

The makers put a new twist with the traditional video game that leaves players craving more and more. ♦

Don't let holiday stress leave you feeling like a grinch

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Everyone knew they were coming. Day by day, they inched closer and closer, so slowly no one even noticed until they were there, unable to be ignored.

The holidays have a habit of doing that to people. School, work and relationships take up a lot of time, so much time, in fact, that when a holiday like Thanksgiving shows up, everyone's thrown completely off guard.

Sure, Halloween's a pretty good reminder that other big holidays are approaching, but most people don't stress about where they're going to spend Halloween.

They never say, "We spent Halloween at your mother's last year!" or "Everyone has to drive so far to be with us on Halloween night!" No, Halloween is probably one of the most stress-free holidays known to Americans.

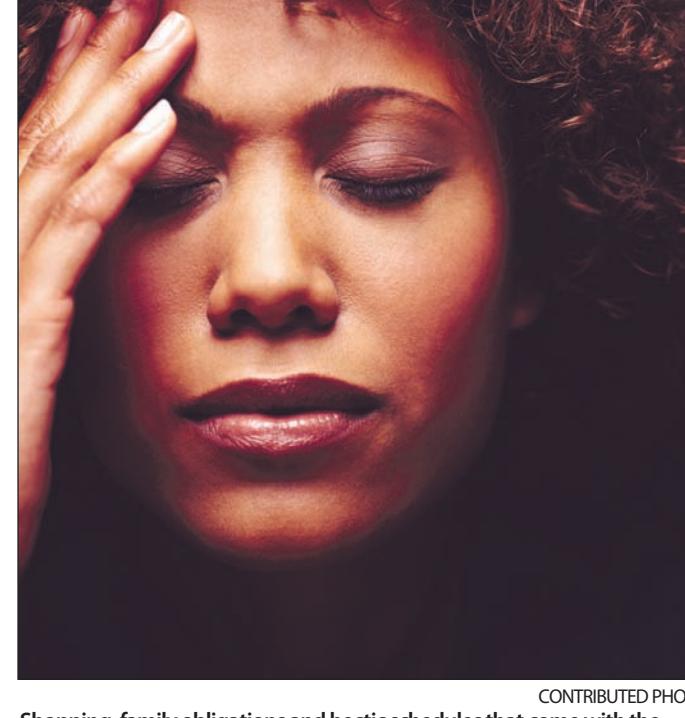
So, what can people take from Halloween that would help them out during the fast-paced craze of the winter holiday season? Here are a few Halloween-inspired tips to alleviate holiday stress and ensure an enjoyable time is had by everyone.

The first tip to remember is that holidays are all about giving. Think of children at Halloween time. They start the night off with absolutely nothing, so their situation can only get better as they go along from house to house.

If they end up disappointed at the end of the night, it's probably because they haven't learned to be grateful (or it's because they got raisins and toothbrushes instead of chocolate). No matter what kind of gift a person gives to those who are less fortunate, it is going to be appreciated. And if it's not appreciated, don't worry about it. Just enjoy the time you've got to spend helping someone out.

The second tip is to be creative with what you've got. Not many people stress and strain over the perfect Halloween costume. A few might, but it's pretty rare.

Most people do their best with what they've found at Wal-Mart, Goodwill or their closet. Don't let holiday malfunctions ruin the entire day. Improvise when something goes awry, and make the best



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Shopping, family obligations and hectic schedules that come with the holidays can ruin your seasonal mood.

of situations that can't be controlled.

Years from now will anyone really care that you made boxed mashed potatoes instead of homemade ones? Or that you burnt the crust on the pumpkin pie? Probably not. Focus on the people not the particulars of the day, and things will be so much more enjoyable.

The third Halloween secret to surviving the holidays is learning to enjoy the weirdos around you. Family gatherings usually only

happen a few times a year, which is good if certain relatives have a knack for stirring up trouble.

If this is the case, learn to laugh when things get tense. Don't worry about whether Aunt Peg is going to bring up the same embarrassing story about you she tells every year. When she does, smile, make a witty joke and keep rolling.

You only have to spend a few days a year with her, so why get upset? Embrace the good, the bad and the ugly moments (and people), and accept the fact that no matter how hard you try to make the day perfect, it's always going to fall short. ♦

Holiday money saving tips:

- Use magazine or newspaper pages (particularly the comic pages) to wrap small gifts.
- Cut up old Christmas cards make great gift tags.
- Store/generic brands are great when making casseroles and side dishes — no one will know the difference.
- The stores have incredible sales every year for decorations if you buy close to the holiday or even better, after the holiday. Many stores offer a 50 percent discount on holiday merchandise the day after a holiday.
- Send postcards or letters, instead of Christmas cards.
- Use cheap, inexpensive materials to decorate. For example, pine cones can become sparkling ornaments with some glue and glitter.
- Don't forget to shop e-Bay or pawn shops for electronic and/or big-ticket items.

Papa John's delivers text message ordering



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR
Papa John's started a new feature, ordering by text message. If registered online, send a text to PAPA (7272) with "FAV1" to order.

By BILL HARDING
Staff Writer

In our day, everything demands to be quick and easy. It is no different in the pizza business. Pizza companies have gone to great lengths in order to satisfy customers. With new technology, they can get even more creative. This week, Papa John's released their newest feature — text message ordering.

According to the press release from Papa John's International Inc., ordering pizza over the phone was an idea introduced in the 1960's. Back in 2001 when I first worked at a Papa John's pizza store, things were still old fashioned.

A customer would dial a phone, our lines would ring and a Papa John's team member would take an order. Then the day came when the phone didn't ring.

"Hey, there's an order on the screen. Who took it?" I asked, since it was slow and I didn't think we had any pizzas left to make.

After a few minutes, we figured out that the "W" on the order label meant "Web order" and that we now took online orders from the Papa John's Web site. How neat. Soon, I may not have to spend 10 minutes on the phone with a customer that has only figured out that they wanted pizza, but had no clue what they wanted on it until I asked them.

On the customer's behalf, this also meant that they didn't have to put up with being on hold when we were slammed on a busy night, because their order online would zip right through. This method of ordering, however, did have the drawback that you needed to be near the Internet.

And now Papa John's has done it again with the newest digital

feature, text ordering. The Papa John's Short Message Service (SMS) is another step in the Papa John's strategy to utilize America's favorite methods of communication in order to make ordering pizza quick and easy. The four-step strategy to order is simple.

After you have registered online, you save your favorite selections and simply text "FAV1" to PAPA (7272). Papa John's sends a text message to verify your order including toppings and delivery address.

If correct, just type "Y1" to confirm your order, whereby Papa John's sends a confirmation message. A few minutes later, Papa John's will text the order number and approximate delivery time. It's that simple.

However easy, this new method does have its dangers. Recent research done by SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Liberty Mutual Insurance group showed instant or text messaging while driving at the top of the list of teen's biggest distractions while operating an automobile. At 37 percent, text messaging topped the list of "extremely" or "very" distracting activities over the teen's emotional state (20 percent), having several friends in the car (19 percent), and talking on the cell phone (14 percent).

Many cities have already banned the use of electronic devices while driving, which will make text ordering your pizza from the road illegal. However, a possible solution can be to pull over when placing and confirming the order, and then to continue on the way. The text message ordering can also be handy when in meetings, studying for exams in the library, or before leaving work to come home. ♦

Underwood wins big at American Music Awards

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"American Idol" alumni came out on top at the American Music Awards as Daughtry, the band fronted by ex- "Idol" loser Chris Daughtry, shared the triple-winner spotlight with "Idol" champ Carrie Underwood.

Daughtry capitalized on the three nominations to win favorite pop-rock album for self-titled debut, as well as breakthrough artist and adult contemporary artist honors.

"I want to make sure we thank the fans again because you guys made this all possible for us," the band's frontman said.

Backstage, he explained that he was an artist before he got to "American Idol."

"The show didn't make me who I am," he said. "It just gave me a chance to show everybody else who I am."

Underwood matched her three wins at the Country Music Association Awards this month with three trophies Nov. 7: female country artist, country album for "Some Hearts" and the T-Mobile text-in award.

Justin Timberlake was a long-distance winner, accepting by video from Australia as his name was called for male pop-rock artist and in the soul/R&B album category for his "FutureSex/LoveSounds."

Usher presented the international artist award to Beyoncé, who was a featured performer but did not win in any of her three competitive nominations.



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Carrie Underwood racked-up three awards at the American Music Awards to match her three wins at the Country Music Association Awards.

"I'm so blessed to wake up every morning and do what I love. I don't take it for granted," Beyoncé said.

In the rap-hip-hop categories, T.I. came up a double winner as male artist and for the album "T.I. vs. T.I.P." Bone Thugs-N-Harmony was favorite group.

Rascal Flatts was named top country duo or group, Tim McGraw was top male country artist, Akon won favorite male soul/rhythm &

blues artist and Rihanna bested former "Idol" Fantasia to win favorite female soul/R&B artist.

The show was packed with performances, including Beyoncé joining Sugarland in a countryfied version of Beyoncé's hit "Irreplaceable."

Backstage, Sugarland singer Jennifer Nettles said she was nervous to sing with Beyoncé, who she described as "so beautiful."

Celine Dion performed her new song, "Taking Chances," and Lenny Kravitz sat at the piano to play his latest, "I'll Be Waiting."

Eighties band Duran Duran performed its new song, "Falling Down," as well as the old hit "Hungry Like the Wolf."

Fergie opened the show with a trio of songs from her debut album, then closed it by beating Beyoncé and Avril Lavigne to win pop-rock female artist.

Other performers included Mary J. Blige, Maroon 5, Rihanna, Rascal Flatts and the Jonas Brothers.

Another teen sensation, "High School Musical 2," won favorite soundtrack album.

Now in its 35th year, the American Music Awards honor pop-rock, country, soul-rhythm & blues, rap-hip hop, Latin, alternative, soundtracks, adult contemporary and contemporary inspirational music. Nominees were selected based on national sales and radio play. For the first time in show history, winners were chosen by public votes cast online. ♦

Movies you should be watching

Movie deals with deathly issues

By DUSTIN KRAMER
Art Director

Everyone dies. Every pair of eyes that passes over these words will someday close forever in eternal rest. As human beings, it is our curse to know and reason with our eventual demise, as it cannot be avoided.

How we deal with our mortality as well as the mortality of the ones we love is a realm of psychology that is often discussed and explored in classical and contemporary literature and entertainment, and when executed well, can be an unforgettable experience.

"The Iron Giant," an animated film by Brad Bird of "The Incredibles" fame, takes place in October 1957, in the midst of the Cold War. It is the story of a young boy named Hogarth Hughes who finds a robot who has fallen from space.

Hogarth hides the massive metal man in his barn showing him old Superman comics, teaching him about the alien who falls to earth to become a hero. He also teaches the giant about guns and death, when they witness a deer hunter shoot his prey. It is at this point that the movie finds its theme, pain and death.

The film uses the relationship between the boy and the robot to explore themes like friendship, heroism, sacrifice, bigotry, fear and death.

The Iron Giant's decision to protect the town from a nuclear missile by intercepting its path in mid-air and sacrificing himself serves as a deus ex machina of sorts, executing the resolution of all of the issues and underlying themes as well as illustrating the giant's complete understanding of the things that he has learned from his young friend.

In a rare show of brilliance for American animation, Brad Bird has managed to craft a movie that is just as palatable to a four year old as it is for an adult, without talking down to anyone. The film is animated as beautifully as the best of Disney or Ghibli's films, and the voice acting is top-notch, with performances by Jennifer Aniston, Harry Connick, Jr. and Vin Diesel.

The topic of death is certainly a tough one, but its universal palatability makes it such a ripe source for exploration. "The Iron Giant" stands as one of the best films about death ever to be made (along with "The Fountain" and "A.I.") and is definitely a movie you should be watching. ♦

'Lantern' sheds light on polygamy

By TAYNA LUDLOW
Assistant News Editor

It's money for some people, power for others. As for me, I will do anything in order to see a period piece movie starring Gong Li. Anything.

Her face has a timeless wounded defiance, similar to what I find so riveting about another amazing period piece actress, Helena Bonham Carter. I've actually devised a simple theorem that explains this phenomenon particular to Gong Li in the purity and objectiveness of mathematics: Gong Li plus period costume equals Rapture.

The sum is multiplied exponentially if the movie is a Zhang Yimou ("Hero," "House of Flying Daggers") collaboration. However, if the movie in question is "Hannibal Rising," then the whole formula must be multiplied by a big fat zero. It was difficult, but I forgave Gong Li that monstrous hiccup just as I forgave Helena Bonham Carter for "Planet of the Apes."

Set in early 1920's China, "Raise the Red Lantern" is directed by Zhang Yimou and stars Li as Songlian, a young educated woman who becomes the fourth wife of a wealthy man. As the

newest member of the household, Li has to struggle in order to establish her position among the other wives, including a delightfully manipulative former opera star.

Each night, the husband and master of the house chooses which wife will receive his attentions and the servants raise a red lantern above the chosen's door. Although the lantern is symbolic of the master's approval, it has tangible perks such as choosing the next evening's meal, elevated status with the servants and luxurious foot massages.

Most importantly, the more often the lantern is above the door, the more likely the chance to get pregnant and earn status through a male child. Although it is the master of the house who determines the prizes, and punishments, of the game, this movie is not about him.

Instead, it is about the women who are pitted against one another in this patriarchal landscape. Li's desperation to come out on top brings about a chain of events devastating in their scope and tragedy. ♦

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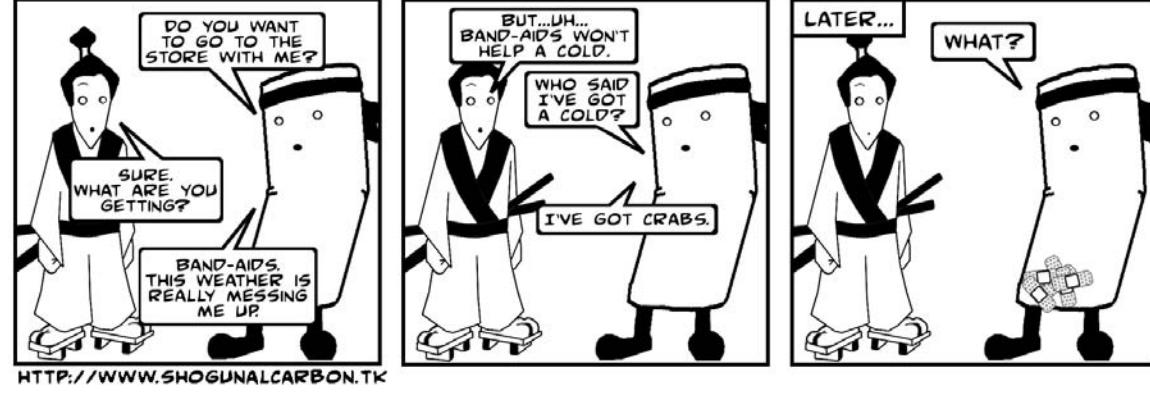
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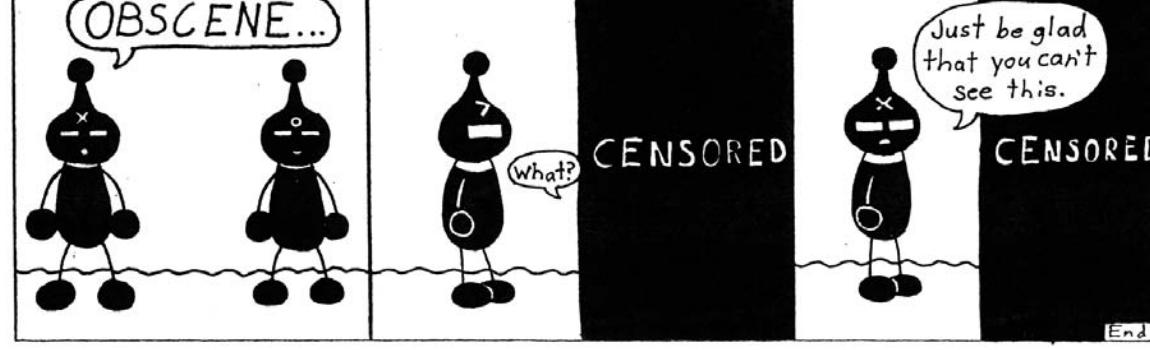
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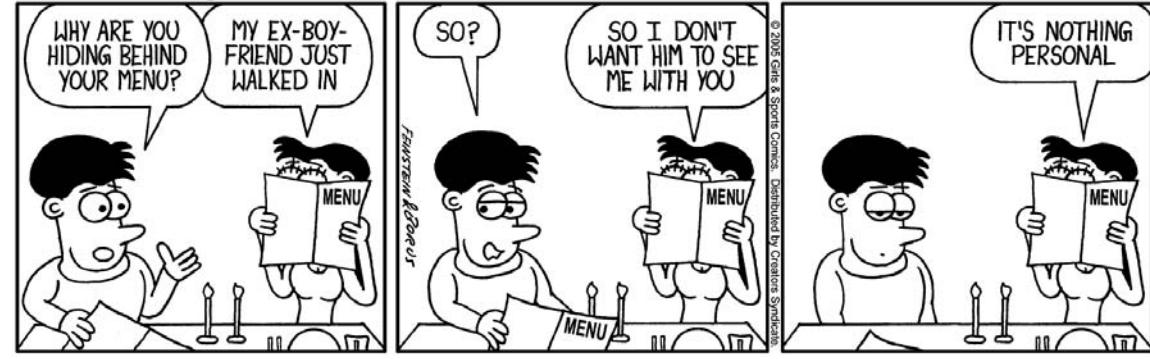
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LSU, Kansas take over top spots



Left, LSU quarterback Matt Flynn is sacked in the 4th quarter by Mississippi defensive end Vicente DeLoach during their college football game in Oxford, Miss. Nov. 17.

Right, Kansas wide receiver Dexton Fields scores on a 16-yard pass play during the first half of a football game against Iowa State in Lawrence, Kan. Nov. 17.

LSU and Kansas sit positioned at the top two spots in the BCS championship polls. Kansas' ranking is the highest they have had in school history, the Jayhawks and Hawaii are currently the only unbeaten teams in Division I.



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Associated Press

Kansas' improbable climb has the unbeaten Jayhawks ranked higher than ever and preparing to play their biggest game ever.

Kansas was No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 released Nov. 18 behind top-ranked LSU. Next up for the Jayhawks — No. 3 Missouri.

The Tigers and Jayhawks meet Nov. 24 in Kansas City.

In a rivalry that dates to 1891, the stakes have never been this high.

The winner takes the Big 12 North and will go to the conference championship game with national title aspirations.

The Jayhawks moved up two spots this week and Tigers jumped three places after Oregon and Oklahoma both picked up their second losses of the season.

The Jayhawks had never been ranked higher than No. 3, which they did for three straight weeks in 1968, the year of their last conference title.

Missouri has its highest ranking since the Tigers were No. 1 on Nov. 14, 1960.

Oregon fell from No. 2 to No. 9 after losing 34-

24 at unranked Arizona on Nov. 15. Oklahoma dropped from No. 3 to No. 10 after losing 34-27 Nov. 17 at unranked Texas Tech. Eleven times this season a top-five team has lost to an unranked opponent.

LSU received 60 first-place votes Sunday out of a possible 65 from the media panel. Kansas got three first-place votes, Missouri had one, as did No. 4 West Virginia.

Ohio State (11-1) moved up two spots to No. 5 after finishing its regular season with a 14-3 victory over Michigan.

The Wolverines fell out of the rankings for the second time this season after ending the season with two consecutive losses.

LSU and Kansas also held the top two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday. West Virginia, Missouri, Ohio State and Arizona State were next.

Boston College climbed three spots to No. 14 after they earned an ACC Atlantic Division title by beating Clemson 20-17 Nov. 17.

No. 6 Georgia, No. 7 Arizona State and No. 8 Virginia Tech join Oregon and Oklahoma in the

top 10.

Georgia has wrapped up its Southeastern Conference season and plays rival Georgia Tech on Nov. 24. The Bulldogs can still earn a spot in the SEC title game if No. 19 Tennessee loses at Kentucky.

Arizona State (9-1) now controls the Pac-10 race and plays No. 11 Southern California on Thanksgiving.

Virginia Tech can earn a spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game by beating No. 16 Virginia on Nov. 24.

No. 12 Florida and No. 13 Texas play rivalry games this week. The Gators host Florida State on Nov. 24 and the Longhorns are at Texas A&M on Friday.

Unbeaten Hawaii dropped a spot to No. 14 after a 28-26 victory at Nevada without star quarterback Colt Brennan.

The Warriors face No. 17 Boise State at home Friday night in a game that'll determine the Western Athletic Conference champion and maybe a BCS bid.

No. 15 Boston College earned an ACC Atlantic

Division title by beating Clemson 20-17 Nov. 17 and will play for the conference title against either Virginia or Virginia Tech in Jacksonville, Fla., on Dec. 1.

No. 18 Illinois and No. 20 Connecticut round out the second 10.

Clemson fell six spots to 21st after losing to BC. Wisconsin is No. 22.

No. 23 BYU, the Mountain West champions, entered the rankings for the first time this season. The Cougars finished last season No. 12.

No. 24 Cincinnati slipped four spots after a 28-23 loss at home to West Virginia, and Auburn moved back into the rankings at No. 25.

Also falling out this week was Kentucky, which lost 24-13 at Georgia.

Northern Iowa, the top-ranked team in the Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA), received one point from the media panel, a 25th-place vote from Ray Ratto of the San Francisco Chronicle.

After Appalachian State beat Michigan this season, the AP changed its policy to allow teams from all divisions to be eligible for its Top 25. ♦

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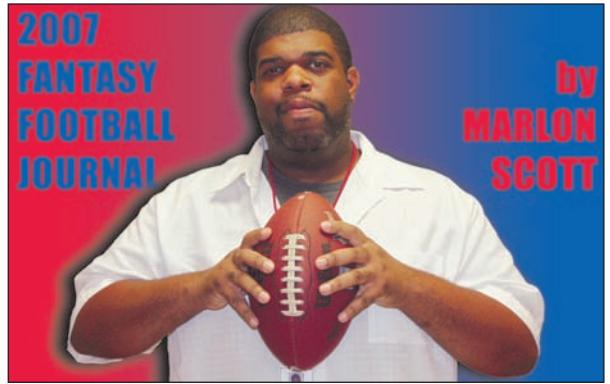


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OPINION



Recovering from a beating

I was dethroned brutally this week. It is hard to convey the complete and utter collapse of my team. I earned my lowest point total ever, 39. Only one player on my starting roster got a touchdown. I did everything wrong.

I should never have picked up JP Losman. The Titans' defense allowed Jacksonville to score 28 points. Derek Anderson and Steven Jackson both earned over 20 points on my bench.

Meanwhile, Team 4's kicker and defense combined for enough points to beat me. Team 4 only had five players starting this week and still scored 98 points.

My loss allowed another team in my division to take the top spot. In addition, I am now one of four teams with a 7-3 record. The mood has changed.

It is time to reestablish my supremacy. As a sign of my newly focused attitude (anger), I have renamed all of the teams based on my previous games. For example, Team 6, with all the Cardinals players who I beat in week seven, is now named "plucked." There are four weeks left before the playoffs. This week my opponent, Team 6, has been renamed "turning point" (for obvious reasons). In week 12 I face "Bill" (I lost to them in week one and I want revenge). I plan to beat "Rebound" (the first team I beat after my first loss) in week 13 and finish against "My second Victim" (The second team I beat this season).

Since the playoffs start in week 15 of the NFL season, I don't have to watch out for top players being benched. All my consistent high scorers have already had bye weeks. Everyone just needs to stay healthy. If I can convince someone to make a good trade before the playoffs, the GridironGofs will be extremely dangerous.

Turning Point is a good team. With Joseph Addai, Clinton Portis and Chad Johnson, I am going to have my hands full. If Anderson can throw three touchdowns against the Steelers, then he should be able to throw three against a beat up Baltimore Raven's defense. Turning Point's quarterback is Jay Cutler. His day will depend on which Titans defense decided to show up Nov. 19.

The tight ends are a toss up. I have Tony Gonzales. Turning Point has Jeremy Shockey. My biggest edge is defense. I have the Packers and Turning Point has the Jets.

Another shut out by the Packers would be nice.

Everything is shaping up for a tight race to the playoffs. Fantasy football at its finest is not for the faint of heart. ♦

APSU speed by Racers for victory

Holt scrambles 85 yards for game winner

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Terrence Holt dashed 85 yards for a touchdown to give the Govs a 23-17 victory over the Murray State Racers.

With 2:06 left in the game, Racers quarterback Chris Franklin threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Rod Harper to tie the game 17-17. In a game filled with errors from both teams, the Racers made their last mistake when they kicked the ball to Holt.

"Before, when we were in the huddle, coach Roberts said, Terrence Holt finish the game," Holt said. "I caught the ball, there was a lane open. I cut across the field and ran it for the touchdown."

It was Holt's second kickoff return for a touchdown this season. It was also a beautiful ending to an ugly football game.

The Govs had two key fumbles late in the game. They were also penalized 11 times for 93 yards. There were 22 total penalties called in the game.

At halftime the score was 0-0. Penalties kept the Govs offense in third and long situations which they failed to convert. They stayed in the middle of the field, reaching the red zone just once, but failing to score. Senior running back

Chris Fletcher left the game late in the second quarter with a dislocated elbow.

Big plays by the defense kept the Govs in the game. They produced a season high eight turnovers. Five turnovers in the first half kept the Racers from scoring.

Govs sophomore defensive tackle Phillip Sparn intercepted a pass in the first quarter and recovered a fumble in the second.

Safeties Jason Vanatta and Kelvin Young prolonged Racers quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt's bad day with two more interceptions in the second quarter.

Sophomore cornerback Kevin Buckley stopped the Racers last drive of the half with yet another interception.

"They had eight turnovers. That was huge," said Govs quarterback Gary Orr. "That is our biggest thing. We have got to come out and we have got to win the turnover game. The defense kept us in it. They were making huge plays."

Both teams found their offensive rhythm in the second half.

The Racers used short swing passes to their tailbacks in the flats to get outside and move the ball. Josh Jones took one such pass seven yards into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game at 9:49 in the third quarter.

The Govs adjustment was throwing the ball to junior wide receiver Lanis

Frederick. After one 20-yard catch in the first half, Frederick broke loose with five receptions for 116 yards.

The first impressive catch was at the end of a 36-yard bomb and set up a six yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Otis Spivey.

Two fumbles and another interception by Vanatta led to 10 more unanswered points for the Govs. They led 17-7 with 12:39 left in the game.

The momentum swung to the Racers when Spivey fumbled the ball in the Govs territory. With 10:22 left in the game, freshman kicker Tyler Weiss made a 46-yard field goal, making the score 17-10.

On the Govs next possession, Holt fumbled the ball on the Racers 20-yard line. The Racers recovered the fumble and drove 80 yards in eight plays. An 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Franklin to wide receiver Rod Harper tied the game 17-17 with 2:06 left in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Holt redeemed himself with the game winning kick return.

Holt finished the game with three kick returns for 110 yards and one touchdown. Orr completed 12-of-22 passes for 189 yards. He also had three rushes for 38 yards. Freshman defensive tackle Rocky Dee Peeler led the defense with 11 tackles and two sacks.

The Govs finish the season 7-4 (5-3 OVC)

Sgt. York Trophy Co-Champions

With a 2-1 record in the Sgt. York Game Series, the Austin Peay State University Govs have tied the Tennessee State University Tigers to become the first annual Sgt. York Trophy Series Co-Champions.

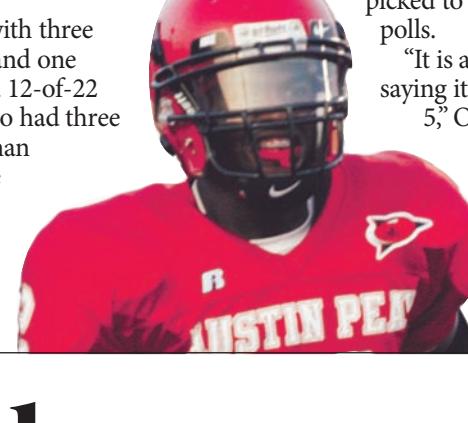
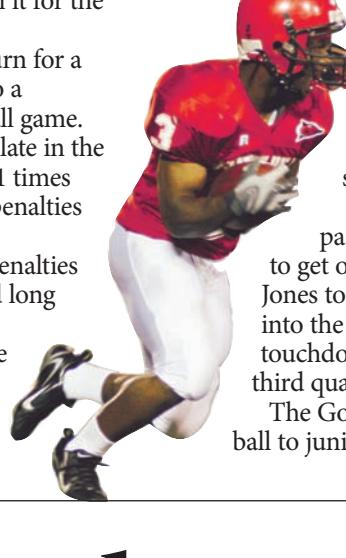
The Trophy will be awarded at the Nashville Sports Council's 10th Annual O'Charley's Dinner of Champions March 12 in the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

Despite having identical records in the series, TSU won the game against APSU and therefore will hold the trophy until next season.

and end the regular season third overall in the Ohio Valley Conference. They were picked to finish last in the preseason polls.

"It is awesome. Coach has been saying it sounds a lot better than 6-5," Orr said.

"It is a mental thing for us I believe. It is just knowing that we can go out, we can compete in the OVC and come out and win." ♦



Govs declaw Bruins to win home opener

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

Senior forward Fernandez Lockett is known for his dunking ability. He showcased this ability with a rim-rattling jam on an alley-oop from his teammate, sophomore Wes Channels. Lockett's dunk sealed the deal for the Austin Peay State University Govs in their win over Belmont University 71-56. Lockett brought the nearly 2,800 APSU fans at Dave Aaron Arena to their feet with two more emphatic slams in the victory.

"Any dunk with anyone is going to bring energy," Lockett said. "I was glad that we got that energy from plays like that because it helps bring out our defense intensity as well."

The Govs defensive intensity forced 24 turnovers on the Bruins including 16 steals. Belmont came to Clarksville looking to extend their early success against high profile teams, Samford and Cincinnati. Instead, they found the Govs, energetic and determined to get their first victory of the season. The Govs hit the floor shooting, starting the game with a 10-0 run. After slowing down, the two heavyweight teams traded baskets. Belmont stayed close, but did not take the lead from APSU who led at halftime 38-28.

The second half of the game mirrored the first. Belmont went on a run and then took the lead with a three-pointer by Andy Wicke. With 12:45 left in the game, the Bruins led 45-43 and could feel the momentum shifting their way. They tried to take advantage of the opportunity.

"They made a run and took the lead from us," said head coach Dave Loos. "I was pleased with our guys and the way they kept their composure and hung in there."

The Bruins could not pull away from the Govs. The Govs capitalized on the Bruins turnovers and ran away with the victory. The Govs held preseason Mid-Major All-American Bruin Justin Hare to 13 points, four points below his season average. Channels led the Govs

scoring 19 points. He scored 15 of his points in the first half, going a perfect 5-for-5. He also led the team with four steals. Channels, whom played sparingly as a freshman, is ready to make a big impact as a sophomore on this veteran Govs team.

"I put up a lot of shots and tried to get stronger in the off-season," Channels said. "I worked with Drake a lot this summer and tried to just work on my body, speed, shot; just everything."

"Wes pulls us out of the gutter," junior Drake Reed said. "He is really a clutch player and he does a great job for us."

Reed did his best Lockett impersonation by producing a double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Lockett scored all of his 17 points in the second half.

"I tried to do whatever I could to help the team out," Lockett said.

"The first half was rough and they did a good job on me. But the second half, I was a little bit more aggressive and I knocked down all my free throws and that's what helped me." The three crowd pleasing dunks were part of Lockett's aggressive nature.

"[Lockett] was a real leader," Loos said. "He had zero points in the first half and had a terrific second half, going 9-9 from the line. He really stepped up when we needed him too."

The Govs hope to use the momentum from their home opening victory on the road. Coming up is a tough road schedule. In the second round of the South Padre Island Invitational, the Govs will face Utah State. Afterwards, the road trip will continue against a nationally-ranked Memphis Tigers team.

"Utah is a tough place to play," Loos said. "We have a tough deal for the next week or two. This



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Senior Fernandez Lockett goes up for a dunk against Belmont Nov. 17.

Lockett scored all 17 of his points in the second half.

win gives a little more confidence going on the road."

APSU will not play their next home game until Dec. 6 against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Morehead State. ♦

Lady Govs gored by Lady Razorbacks 61-48

APSU commit 21 turnovers in loss including 12 in second half alone.

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

For the second week in a row, the Lady Govs were unable to close the game. After coming within two points and 10 minutes left in the game (42-40), The Lady Govs' offense disappeared. The Lady Razorbacks executed a 17-2 run and held the lead for a 61-48 win at home.

The Lady Govs produced 12 of their 21 total turnovers in the second half of the game and shot only 33.3 percent (20-60) from the floor. They got more offensive help in the post game this week. However, the centers stayed in foul trouble throughout the game. Head coach Carrie Daniels was forced to rotate in her young players off the bench, who had trouble finding the net.

Alex Bivens made three, three-pointers for the second time this season. She led the team with 13 points. Last week, Ashley Herring had 15 points, but finished this week's game 0-8. Conversely, Arkansas had four players with more than 10 points. Lady

Razorback Whitney Jones led all scorers with 18 points.

After a Lady Razorback turnover, senior Amber Bacon smoothly made a short jump shot to give the Lady Govs a 14-13 lead. Four minutes later, Lady Razorback Brittney Vaughn nailed a three-pointer to give her team a 22-21 lead.

The three-pointer started a chain reaction in which Vaughn scored six points in a row. Vaughn had nine points in the first half and a total 15 points in the game.

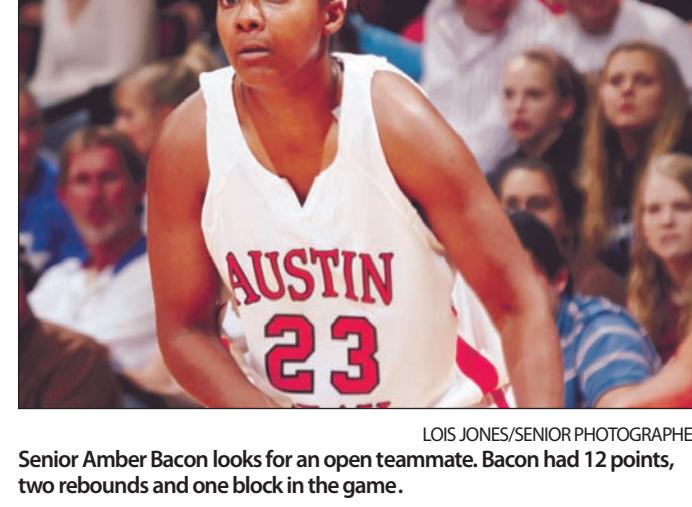
The game remained close and the Lady Govs were behind by four, 26-30 at halftime.

Senior Kellea Reeves battled in the paint to tie the game at 30-30

early in the second half. But a foul had her back on the bench, replaced by senior Keri Reese.

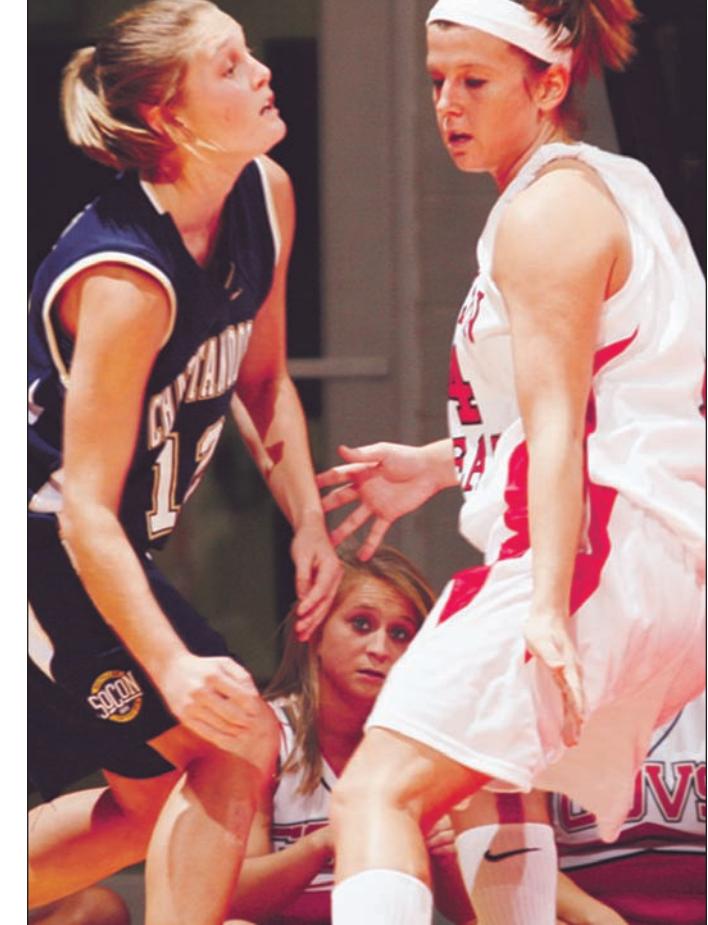
Aware that the Lady Govs' "big girls" were in foul trouble, the Lady Razorbacks took advantage and attacked the basket aggressively. The results were another foul on Reese and a 38-30

lead with 13:35 left in the game.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Amber Bacon looks for an open teammate. Bacon had 12 points, two rebounds and one block in the game.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Alex Bivens actively defends a Chattanooga player. Against Arkansas, Bivens led the Lady Govs with 13 points. Bivens also had three assists and was 3-11 from three point range.

A three-pointer by Bacon, followed by a nice, long-range jump shot by Bivens, sparked a Lady Govs offensive run. Bivens drained the three-pointer that brought the Lady Govs within two points, 42-40, with 10:06 left in the game. It was the last shot a Lady Gov would make for four minutes. After four straight turnovers, the Lady Govs fell behind 49-42.

Missed shots and three more turnovers helped the Lady Razorbacks put the game away. With 2:05 left in the game, Bacon converted a three-point play to make the score 59-45. Bacon finished the game with 12 points. Jones made the last two points for the Lady Razorbacks with a layup in the last minute of the game. She also pulled down the last rebound, ensuring that the Lady Govs would not end the game within 10 points.

The Lady Govs road trip will continue to Hattiesburg, Miss., where they will play in the Lady Eagle Classic hosted by Southern Mississippi on Nov. 23-24. They will not have another home game until Nov. 28. ♦