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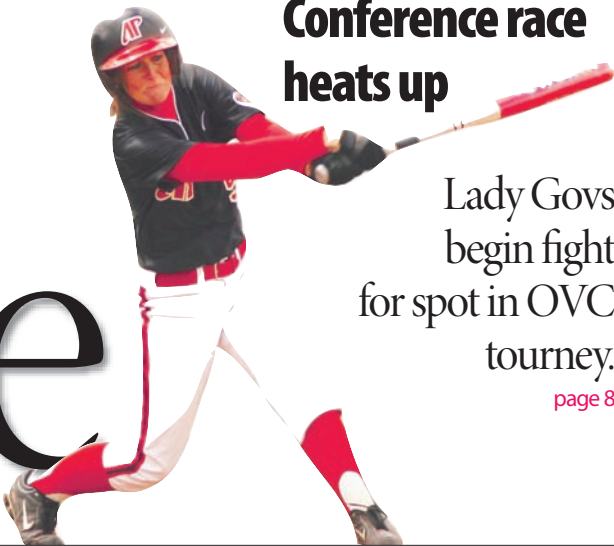


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Sex offenders have access to campus

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Online Editor

The college experience is generally the first time a person ventures out into the world alone, free of their parents' rules and curfews for the first time in 18 years. While this new adventure is exciting, many are unaware of the dangers it can hold. If not careful, an individual could fall prey to numerous crimes, some more harmful than others and some deadly. April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month.

Students are urged to take advantage of preventative programs offered to them by either their university or their community. While knowledge may not prevent a crime from happening, it does offer protection. Campus police offer a security escort service which operates seven days a week from 6 to 11 p.m. Anyone can call the number (221-7786) during the program's hours of operation and receive an escort anywhere on campus. Chances should not be taken when there are other options.

Violent crimes are committed on the Austin Peay State University campus, though they are few and far between. The most recent data states that there was a forcible sex offense on campus each year between 2002 through 2004. Students can access campus crime statistics at www.apsu.edu/police/statistics. Not all campus crimes are committed by students. APSU is an open university; individuals who want to walk through or hang out on the campus grounds can do so and will usually go unnoticed.

APSU is part of Montgomery County, which in relation to the university, is far more dangerous. There are 58 registered sex offenders in Montgomery County — four of those offenders are on the APSU campus. Officer Jeff Morlock, is the one person in Montgomery County tasked with registering sex offenders, according to Charlie Struckel, campus police crime prevention unit officer. Morlock was unavailable for comment. If interested, anyone can obtain information regarding sex offenders in

their community through a federally regulated sex offender registry Web site. At the national sex offender public registry site, www.nsopr.gov, one can input their community data, such as zip code, county, city or town, and the site will pull up a list of all the sex offenders in the area. The list includes pictures and descriptions as well as the offense which required the offender to participate in the mandatory registry. The sex offender registry can also be reached through the APSU campus police Web site. ♦

Department would benefit from divorce

Dance concentration could be added to theatre

By CANDISE RIGSBY
Guest Writer

The communication and theatre department of Austin Peay State University could become two separate departments in the Fall 2006 semester if a proposal to expand is approved. The expansion would separate the communication and theatre concentrations and create an individual communication department, as well as a new department of theatre and dance. In the theatre program there would be two concentrations: one in performance and one in design. The dance program would be an independent concentration. "It's a division where both areas can actually grow, and while staying in the same community, they can focus on what they want to achieve," said Graham Cooper, theatre department assistant professor. "For the [theatre department] it gives us a great opportunity to kind of grow and develop." James Diehr, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said the administration is currently applying to the Tennessee Board of Regents for permission to go forward with these plans. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission, which consists of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees, must then approve the expansion. "We hope that everything will be complete and ready to go by this fall term," Diehr said.

Positions, dance addition

Leni Dyer, interim chair of the communication and theatre department, said the department has begun interviewing for three new positions. "For the theatre and dance area we are adding a dance professor, and then we are hiring a technical director. [Then] we are also going to be hiring a voice and movement professor, so the acting portion is going to be more intense as well," said Dyer. Classes and other programs that would be included in the theatre and dance department have not been finalized. "We have already put together a core program of courses that we know we think we absolutely need, and we will be very dependent on the person who comes in to augment the dance core for the department and see what kind of dance programs or classes we need to branch out into," said assistant professor of acting and directing, Sara Gotcher.

Theatre master's program

Diehr said the theatre option will likely be eliminated from the communications master's degree program, which has not had a sufficient number of students graduate from it in order to be approved. However, students currently enrolled in that program can complete their degrees. Diehr said the growth of the department, especially the communications area, is one of the main issues that brought about the proposal. "Historically, there were departments of speech and theatre," he said. "Out of that area of speech, what has evolved in recent years is something called corporate communications and all of those kinds of skills with various media: electronic media, television, print, etc. [They] have really become very popular areas that students are interested in."

Communication Growth

"As that department has evolved, the communications part of the department has grown tremendously. We have several

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Mentors make it easier



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Peer mentor David Jaime, right, tutors Tameeka Southern. Peer mentors must be trained before they can assist other students.

Students benefit from peer mentoring

By DAVE CAMPBELL
News Editor

Life can be pretty frightening for freshmen when they enter college for the first time. "Some students are academically prepared for college but aren't ready for the independence and freedom that comes with it. So, they can't keep up with the academics because they're not really prepared for the social aspects of college and how to manage and balance both," developmental psychologist and professor of psychology at Austin Peay State University, Nancy Woods said. To help these freshmen get past their first semester fears, the university created a peer mentoring program with APSU 1000. The program is designed to ease their transition from high school to college. Melissa Gomez, coordinator of APSU New Student Programs since 2004, said a big part of her job is helping students try to find their major. "Their main job is to give students assistance with schoolwork inside and outside of the classroom and to deliver a presentation on the four-year plan to graduate," Gomez said. But is the four-year plan a realistic one? Gomez said, "We don't actually expect students to finish in four years," but rather it "sets a goal" for which students can aspire. Woods agrees that it is not typical for a student to graduate in four years. "A lot of students, halfway through their first semester, are not in the position

Students interested in joining TRIO or becoming a peer mentor can pick up applications in Ellington 337 or UC 208B. Peer mentors must be full-time, at least a sophomore, with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Call 7896 for more information.

to make plans for the next three-and-a-half years," Woods said, "and [the] concern is that if they take that too seriously they won't leave room for changing their mind about what career they want to have for the next 30 or 40 years." She also said first-semester freshmen are faced with new decisions that were previously not made by them. "For traditionally-aged freshmen, they're not just learning higher level coursework, but they're also making decisions that in the past were being made for them by their parents," Woods said. Other contributing factors, such as social events, can make the freshman experience a difficult one. Woods said fraternity and sorority rush weeks should be reserved for spring semesters. "The advantage is connecting them with a group that can provide them support, but the process of rushing often sabotages their coursework, and sometimes I don't think they ever recover," Woods said. Her suggestion is to make smaller groups of friends in the first semester and then later, make the

larger commitment that a Greek organization requires. Besides the social transition, new freshmen also have to get used to campus technology. "Students are also helped with navigating AP web and setting up Blackboard," Gomez said. "Mentors are trained by mentor leaders, who give them their training in academic aid as well as social aid." Sophomore David Jaime, a peer mentor leader, said there are six peer mentor leaders who train the mentors. Above all, Gomez said, "A mentor is someone who a student can call if he or she has any problem with classes." Student Support Services also known as TRIO, offers many of the same aids, but not to just freshmen — all students can benefit. The program helps students explore career choices, gets them involved in student activities, provides tutors and offers personal support. TRIO even takes students on cultural trips annually to inform and simply enjoy the college experience. "Some people just don't know what they want to do, and we help them find out what best suits them," said Kendra Dunn, a TRIO academic counselor and social work graduate. Dunn is working on her master's degree in counseling. "A lot of what we do is not even school related," she said. "The personal support that we give is our biggest attribute." All TRIO services are free to students. ♦

APSU student charged with sexual battery

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Staff Writer

An Austin Peay State University student was arrested and charged April 6 with sexual battery, false imprisonment and stalking. Aakash S. Kataria, 20, was arrested after APSU police investigated allegations that he was harassing female students. The U.S. Marshals Service aided in the arrest due to the felony charge of sexual battery. Kataria posted bond and was released the night of his arrest. Charlie Struckel, investigator and crime prevention unit officer, said that an APSU professor, not a student, contacted the campus police regarding improper actions toward a female student. After following up on the complaint, Struckel said that numerous girls came forward saying they too had been harassed. Kataria had no previous relationship with any of the accusers. Academic Affairs will be holding a hearing to determine Kataria's enrollment status soon. Updates regarding the investigation will be in *The All State* as they become available. ♦

Ballot count ushers in new SGA leaders

By MANDY WHITE
Managing Editor

The Austin Peay State University Student Government Association has a new executive council, including Nick Pitts, president; Bryan Huffman, vice-president; and Jeremy Smith, secretary. The student body also voted to ratify the revised constitution proposed on the election form, as well as the fee referendum that will bring SGA's fee from \$4 to \$5 per student. Major changes to the constitution include increasing the minimum GPA for senators, instituting fall senatorial elections, changing the tribunal structure and making student representation based on class.



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Disability Awareness Month Events

The Office of Disability Services at Austin Peay State University has activities planned for the month of April for Disability Awareness Month.

- "STAR Center on wheels" by staffers and consumers, will be Wednesday April 12, from 2-5 p.m. in the Morgan University Center.
- The Wheelchair, Blind, Crutches Challenge (WBC Challenge) will be Wednesday, April 19 from 12-2 p.m. in the Morgan University Center.

Sororities get local Cinderellas to the prom



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Nearly 50 high school seniors will be going to this year's prom, thanks to a little help from Austin Peay State University's social sororities. The sororities sponsored Operation Fairy Godmother, collecting 280 donated dresses for the high school girls to choose from.

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options within that area."

Diehr also said for "some of the concentrations to be accredited, the accrediting agencies require theatre to be outside a communication department.

"So, it is kind of a win-win situation in that communications can seek accreditations that it can't have with theatre, and by adding dance, theatre can then become a much more vital department to serve our students," Diehr said.

Concerns over split

Despite the benefits of the planned expansion, there are still a few concerns. Dyer said that the upcoming split is, "kind of like going through a divorce."

"We have been so well-blended for so long that now we are having to figure out where this is going to

go, what budget this goes with, and that is one of the biggest problems we are having right now," he said.

"Plus, we are going from one of the largest departments on campus to being one of the smallest."

Gotcher said the theatre department is looking forward to the addition of the dance program, but is concerned about facilities and its finances.

She said that the department might end up decreasing the number of main-stage shows it presents because of dance concerts. "We have to be wary of spreading ourselves too thin because you can only do so much with so much man-power," she said.

There are currently four main-stage productions produced by the AP Playhouse each year.

In spite of these concerns, the departments remain optimistic. Diehr said he believes that the department has "excellent faculty that are willing to work and

develop the area."

Hillary Sexton, a freshman majoring in speech and theatre education, shares the faculty's enthusiasm.

"I think it's really great that they are adding a dance program," she said. "I think that maybe separating the program will expand the room they have and maybe they will be able to draw in more students into that field."

"I think the theatre [concentration] needs to stand on its own apart from the communications department," sophomore Zach West said. "I'm not terribly interested in dance classes myself, but I think having a dance program will be positive."

"I am really looking forward to the classes they will be offering," said junior Joseph Robinson. "My mom has been begging me to take dance classes ever since I got into theatre, and I never have been able to." ♦

Nursing program not leaving, just moving

By APRIL MCDONALD
and STEPHANIE COWARD
Staff Writer/Online Editor

Don't believe the rumors. Austin Peay State University is not losing its nursing program.

Rumors have been circulating throughout campus regarding a possible loss of areas of the APSU nursing program.

The Faculty Senate meeting minutes from January also state that the program may "come under fire" due to similarities existing between APSU's online nursing classes and nursing classes offered at other Tennessee Board of Regents institutions.

"I'm not aware of (the loss)," said Joe Ann Burgess, interim director of the School of Nursing.

Burgess is unwilling to believe the rumors, as the School of Nursing is continuously seeing positive increases in all aspects of the program.

Enrollment increased 20 percent in the spring of 2006. APSU's nursing program is highly competitive — more than 200 students applied for admission into the program for the spring 2006 semester.

Burgess said 50 were accepted. The school requires applicants to maintain at least a 2.8 GPA to be considered for the nursing program; Burgess said that no one accepted for the spring semester had a GPA of less than 3.6.

"At this time, there is no basis for the rumor that APSU may lose any online courses," said Holly Gillon, assistant nursing professor.

Gillon has been with APSU for 14 years and credits the program's success to both the

"Our graduates are highly desirable for employment,"

— Holly Gillon, assistant nursing professor

faculty and the students.

"Our graduates are highly desirable for employment, due to the excellent reputation APSU graduates before them have established in the health care arena," Gillon said.

The nursing program is accredited with the National League of Nursing. The league just recommended APSU's master's degree program for a five-year accreditation, which is the maximum allowed for a new program, Gillon said.

"I want to give credit to our faculty and staff; they are the ones that make this program wonderful," Burgess said.

More changes are in store for the School of Nursing, however. The entire school is moving into the McCord building as soon as the renovation is completed. Almost all nursing classes will be held in McCord at the start of the Fall 2006 semester.

After the move is complete, students will have access to a computer lab that will "more closely meet their needs," Gillon said.

The move will greatly enhance the desirability of APSU's nursing program, though Burgess says that the program will continue to accept only 50 students each semester. There is not enough space, educators or faculties to handle more than that, she said. ♦

SGA: Election results ring in new council

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The \$1 increase in SGA fee per semester will be used to let the organization continue helping the voice of the students be heard.

At Monday's election board meeting, the board reported that Pitts received 520 votes for president, while opponent

Deanna Hensley received 389 votes. Five write-in candidates also received votes, bringing the total number of presidential votes to 922.

Huffman received 586 vice president votes, while Richard Longstreth compiled 263. Eleven write-in candidates, including Mickey Mouse, also received votes. The total number of votes for vice president was 869.

Jeremy Smith ran unopposed for secretary and received 643 votes. Hillary Sexton, who campaigned on a write-in ballot, received 98 votes. Six votes were thrown out because they were just Hillary and two votes were thrown out because they were just Sexton. Among other

write-in votes were notables Goofy, who received one vote and Diane Berty, who received one vote.

The constitution referendum passed by a vote of 459 'Yes' votes to 340 'No' votes. The fee referendum passed 544 'Yes' to 172 'No'.

After the meeting, Longstreth brought to the attention of Feras Sadik, SGA Chief Justice and Election Board Chair, that votes made before 9 a.m. on the first day of voting, April 6, were not deleted from the results. Ten votes that took place after midnight on April 9, the last day of voting, as well as two duplicate votes, were removed from results at the beginning of the election board meeting.

In an e-mail sent one hour after the meeting from former SGA President Kevin Kennedy, he said the election board met again and that "votes found to be cast before the set time during which voting was to occur, these votes were removed." Kennedy went on to say that the removed votes "made no significant changes to the results of the election." ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Financial aid for Fall 2006 & Spring 2007

All students who wish to apply for financial aid for the upcoming Academic Year 2006-2007, you will need to complete the 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information please contact your financial aid counselor at sfao@apsu.edu or 931-221-7907.

Weight Watchers at APSU

If you are looking for a way to lose weight and keep it off then Weight Watchers is for you. The meetings at Austin Peay are held in ten-week series and are open to anyone. Each meeting is approximately 45 minutes, including a private weigh-in. Please visit the website listed below for complete information (see special rate for APSU students). For more information please contact Lynne Yarbrough at yarbrough@apsu.edu or 931-221-6844.

Tutors needed

High School Upward Bound needs tutors in Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Spanish. Please contact 221-6226 or come by Dunn 259 if interested. For more information contact John Howard at barfields@apsu or 221-6226.

Spring break soccer shoal

APSU soccer is offering a soccer clinic during the Montgomery County spring break. The clinic is for boys and girls ages 5-14 and will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. No experience is needed. The fee is \$90 for the week. Early dropoff and late supervision will be available for an additional fee. Call 931-221-7972 for information, or visit www.sureshotsoccer.com.

Latin dance classes

Free dance lessons with Juan Vazquez at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the fitness studio of the Drew Simmons Fitness Center. Classes end on Thursday, April 20. Sponsored by the Hispanic Culture Center and University Recreation. For more information please contact Tina Tarpey at 221-6645.

Teach in Spain

The Spanish Ministry of Education and Science will be sponsoring a North American Language and Culture Assistant Program for elementary and secondary schools in Spain. The program enables US citizens to work as English Language Assistants in Spain for the school year 2006-2007. For information please contact José Ruiz at norteamericanos@mec.es 202-728-2335.

Summer job opportunity

Tri-County Upward Bound is interested in hiring APSU students as resident advisors to supervise high schools students on campus from June 4 to July 15. Student must be at least 21 and have auto insurance. Stop by 223 Castle Heights or call 221-6410 for details.

Consider taking a Maymester geology course.

Physical and Historical Geology will be offered during the short semester before regular summer classes. The Maymester session is only three weeks long (May 15 to June 2). Physical Geology lecture and lab classes (GEOL 1040, 1041) will be taught by Dr. Phyllis Camilleri and the Historical Geology lecture and lab classes (GEOL1050, 1051) will be taught by Dr. Jack Deibert. For class times see http://www.apsu.edu/schedule/068_GEOL.HTM.

Hiring Peer Tutors for Fall

The Academic Support Center is accepting applications for the 2006-07 academic year.

Top 5 Reasons to Work as a Peer Tutor

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OUR TAKE

Social transition lies in hands of upperclassmen

In roughly three weeks we will reach the end of spring semester. Some of us will be graduating and heading out into “the real world.” Others will return next semester and be greeted by familiar faces of professors, friends and members of shared organizations.

But what about those who will be entering college life for the first time in the fall?

For a lot of freshmen, the transition from high school to college is frightening. First of all, the size of a university compared to some high school campuses can be intimidating. Then, take into account being in a new place where they don't know anyone.

Also, think about the freedom obtained through leaving home and living on campus. Decisions are now left up to the student. All of this can be a bit overwhelming (but also liberating).

The fall semester can be crucial for these students in setting routines that will follow them throughout their college career—that is if they don't drop out or flunk out due to bad decisions and being irresponsible.

Thankfully Austin Peay State University offers to help lead freshmen in the right direction. Student Support Services (SSS or TRIO) offers aid to students in career choices, introduces them to possibilities of joining organizations and supports them through tutoring and personal advice.

Peer mentors are another possibility for encouragement. These are students who are at least sophomores with a 2.75 GPA or higher and must attend school full-time. Peer mentors are not only there to help with school work but can also give new students the boost they need to get involved with their college experience.

You might be asking yourself what this has to do with you. To put it bluntly:

everything. It only makes sense that freshmen/new students will stay in college if they are doing well in their studies.

But it also stands to reason that if they are socially involved with other students through organizations or have made many friends, they will look forward to coming back each semester. This is where you come in.

Peer mentoring requires other students to get involved. As a peer mentor, you can help students balance academics and the social aspects of college.

If they feel welcomed by you (their peer mentor), then perhaps they will not be so intimidated by the rest of the student body. Peer mentors can give them that beginning connection to reassure new students that college is not as frightening as they think.

It is true that Greek organizations get involved in recruiting freshmen in the fall. This is surely exciting for the transitioning student, but can be a little distracting. It's hard to say that these organizations should save their recruiting for the spring, because feeling excepted upon entering college is a big deal for some people.

However, these organizations should slowly incorporate new students to ensure priorities are put into place.

Perhaps all organizations should push new recruits to see that while college can be a great social time, it is also important to remember to keep up with coursework.

After all, students are here to learn in order to obtain a degree so that they may start a rewarding career (even though the social aspects can be extremely fun).

The point is, it is important for upper-classmen and organizations to take an interest in new students. Encountering friendly faces, helping hands and student insight can make a huge difference in the start of a college career. ♦



YOUR TAKE

To The Editor:

In the wake of the Student Government Elections, it occurred to me “They represent me, or they’re supposed to”. I then began to wonder, “What do they do for me, or the general student body?” I do know that I have to pay four dollars each semester to support the organization, bear in mind it’s not the money but the principle. I also know the ban on smoking was introduced through their organization. Now, I want to know why I have to pay for an organization that chips away at my freedoms at school.

Many students share my lack of confidence in the groups’ abilities, but what can be done about it? At the very least the group provides a point of contact between the students and the administration, but if it doesn’t represent my voice I am not going to fund them. I encourage all students who share similar views to voice that opinion at their meetings in the UC on Wednesdays at 12:20 p.m., and in addition to that, e-mail Sherry Hoppe at hoppes@apsu.edu and ask her to make the SGA fee voluntary. No other group enjoys a mandatory fee. Why should they be any different? Oh, and they are also about to raise the fee.

Stephen Mullins
Freshman
Nursing

To The Columnist:

I fully understand the opinion against Hollywood making films portraying the events that unfolded on 9/11, but I strongly disagree with it. Why, as Americans, do we always hop on the negative bandwagon when it comes to motion pictures centered on current events?

Some will argue the timing of the film is wrong and disrespectful. When is a good time to produce a film or any other media after a tragic event? I say never, for the simple fact that from personal experience you truly never stop mourning a lost loved one. If the concern of opening up old wounds is so important to our society, what then is the stance on all of the factual representations of war in movies? For example let’s use Saving Private Ryan, the film produced about 61 years after WWII. Now being a Veteran, I’ve been around soldiers who served during this period and they still mourn today. So was it wrong for Steven Spielberg to make this movie and what of the proceeds from the film itself?

Joshua Neuman
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Tolerance makes it possible to ignore injustices

I have always believed that the idea of “tolerance” was a good thing, until recently. I thought “tolerance” promoted cultural

awareness and benefited the fight against social injustice. I was wrong.

I wasn’t able to realize how wrong I was until I found myself reading a report from

the extremist conservative organization, The Rutherford Institute (you know, just for hits and giggles). The institute, established as a protector of civil rights, goes on to talk about the trendy idea of advocating “tolerance.”

What caused the discomfort is when the report went on to say, “real tolerance does not require individuals to refrain from expressing ideas with which others may disagree, but instead requires the hearers of offensive ideas to recognize and support the speaker’s right to express his or her viewpoint.”

I chewed on that a little bit, and you know, the good people at The Rutherford Institute are “extremely right.” So how can we claim that promoting tolerance is a good thing? Tolerance in no way commits us to any kind of understanding and provides no progress in the fight for equality.

I think Tim Wise articulates the idea of “tolerance” best, as he goes on to say that tolerance “means I don’t burn your church down, or tie you to a fence and leave you to die, or drag you down a dirt road behind my pickup. It means I tolerate your existence and little else. I let you live and breathe for another day.”

The point Wise is getting at is by focusing on “tolerance” we are advocating nothing.

We are not prompted to be an understanding society, and therefore cannot create an environment where we yield any kind of compassion.

Tolerance does nothing to address the real forms of injustice, such as loan discrimination, racial profiling, sexual orientation, unequal healthcare, inappropriate school funding for particular districts, etc. Tolerance will not force people to acknowledge their own comforts that come at the expense of others.

Tolerance does not make a person look outside oneself to see his or her own role in the afflicted oppression. Tolerance does not require any radical or, um, not radical, act to fight the injustice that plagues our society.

Tolerance does allow us to avoid the acknowledgement of the hate that causes our discriminating ways. Tolerance does support a judgmental perception, but just suggests you wait and express your views with those who are like-minded.

Tolerance does take the mentality of “hate the sin, but not the sinner,” so when a tolerant bigot is smiling at my homosexual

friend, insisting he loves him, he at the same time is condemning his soul.

Tolerance does mean that when you make that donation to the Southern Poverty Law Center, you can go to sleep with a clear conscience knowing that you gave it your all in the fight against the injustice.

Do you think what those who are discriminated against really want is tolerance? Yeah sure, and Mike Tyson wants to compete on Jeopardy. No, tolerance is not what the oppressed seek.

Justice is! Truth is! So stop preaching “tolerance,” check your arrogance and take off that “Celebrate Diversity” bumper sticker because you’re not helping the problem.

You are the problem. Dr. Martin Luther King was never one to advocate tolerance. If anything, he definitely pushed for intolerance as he confronted the views of racial inferiority. Dr. King did not tolerate social injustice; he challenged it. Dr. King brought forth focus on attacking the roots of the racism. He sought for true equality.

Tolerance only gets us so far, so we must acknowledge the true tools for the better good of man. To avoid the destruction of lives, society must make a point to be less judgmental and more understanding.

We must acknowledge and choose to really get to know the differences that segregate us as a people. If we understand, we will be compassionate. Compassion will trigger love, thus achieving the equality that must be strived for. ♦

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incipient—(in-SIP-ee-int) *adj.* beginning to come into being or to become apparent (an incipient solar system) (evidence of incipient racial tension).

Etymology: Latin *incipient*, *incipiens*, present participle of *incipere* to begin.

—www.m-w.com

Today in the Past:

1961

First man in space

On April 12, 1961, aboard the spacecraft Vostok 1, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin becomes the first human being to travel into space. During the flight, the 27-year-old test pilot and industrial technician also became the first man to orbit the planet, a feat accomplished by his space capsule in 89 minutes. Vostok 1 orbited Earth at a maximum altitude of 187 miles and was guided entirely by an automatic control system. The only statement attributed to Gagarin during his one hour and 48 minutes in space was, "Flight is proceeding normally; I am well."

1941

First movie "palace" opens

The Strand movie theater opens in New York City. The theater was the first movie "palace," seating 3,000 people and boasting a second-floor balcony. Enormous theaters caught on in the following decades.

—www.historychannel.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"boredom"

"A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you."

Bert Leston Taylor, The So-Called Human Race (1922)

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Easter mysteries revealed

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We have this holiday every year, yet fewer and fewer people really know where it came from and what it means. Easter is the celebration for the ending of winter and the beginning of spring and summer. Easter is when people shed off those winter pounds and throw away those dark, dreary clothes and begin to sport the bright, warm colors.

The name "Easter" originated from the names of an ancient Goddess and God. The Venerable Bede, (672-735 CE,) a Christian scholar, stated in his book "De Ratione Temporum" that Easter was named after Eostre (a.k.a. Eastre). She was the Great Mother Goddess of the Saxon people in Northern Europe.

Also, the goddess of fertility is known as "Eastra" or "Eastur," and originated from the ancient word meaning "spring." Each year the Pagans would hold a festival in honor of their goddesses to celebrate the coming of spring.

As it happened, the Pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name Eastre was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

"Easter has two major meanings to me," said Carolyn Mayfield, a sophomore. "First is the family get-together and then the religious aspect. It's important to me in several ways. I appreciate it more for the religious significance, but when you can get the whole family together for anything, it's a good equation."

The commonly known Easter Bunny also comes along to hide eggs, chocolates and other little gifts around the house or in the lawn. But where does the rabbit fit into a religious holiday? The first use of the Easter Bunny was in Germany in the 1500s; it was

also the Germans who made the first edible chocolate Easter Bunny in the 1800s. The Pennsylvania Dutch brought the Easter Bunny tradition to North America in the 1700s.

Why the rabbit? Celtic tradition viewed the hare as a symbol of fertility and new life. The Germanic tradition believed the hare brought new life each spring. To the Native Americans, the rabbit is the "Trickster/Transformer," fitting well into the role where no one has ever seen the Easter Bunny because he is so quick and sneaky.

Another symbol of fertility is the Easter egg. What does an egg have to do with a rabbit? It seems to be the result of an ad campaign by European candy makers who wanted to advertise their product. Colored eggs celebrate the colors of spring and are used as gifts.

Some other countries, such as Greece, dyed their Easter eggs red to symbolize and honor the blood of Christ.

Those in Germany and Austria traditionally exchange green eggs on Maundy (Holy) Thursday — the day commemorating Christ's Last Supper. Everything about Easter has roots in a religious aspect.

Freshman Jordan Burklow would rather spend time with his family on this holiday. "On Friday my brother is flying in from Virginia, and then on Saturday it's going to be a family day, with a big meal, and we might rent some movies and just spend time together," said Burklow. On Sunday we're going to go to church for Easter service, then after church we might even do an Easter egg hunt at my sister's house."

For local activities contact a local church, or if you have any children, Governor's Square Mall has a photo session taking place with the Easter Bunny ending on Easter day. The hours are the same as the mall and prices range from \$20-\$40, depending on photo shoots and sizes. ♦

Graphic by Dustin Kramer

Nick Pitts accepts SGA presidency for fall '06

Involved student takes office with different approach

LOIS JONES
Staff Writer

Nick Pitts is the new Student Government Association president. With his charming personality and attention-getting grin, Pitts is no 'newbie' to the student government world.

As last year's vice president and a senator for two years prior, Pitts has kept his hand in Austin Peay State University's student government.

When asked how he felt about the future and relieved that the election part is behind me."

Pitts was born in Knoxville, grew up in Cookeville and moved to Clarksville in the eighth grade. A graduate of Clarksville High School, Pitts decided to study at Austin Peay State University earning a degree in Corporate Communications.

Pitts is also active on campus. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and served as vice president of communications and vice president of membership development during his sophomore year, while also serving as the vice president to SGA. Politics run in Pitts' family. His

"I'm pumped up about the future and relieved that the election part is behind me. I want to take SGA to being the buzz around the water cooler."

— Nick Pitts, future SGA president

father Joe Pitts is currently running for state representative in the 67th district. When asked if he was going to be a politician after getting his degree, Pitts said, "No, I want to be a minister."

Pitts is a member of FAN 2:16, a "Jesus loving organization" that meets Monday nights in the Clement Auditorium. "Jesus is central to my being, and I try to live my life as a response to the sacrifices He made," Pitts said.

Upon graduation, Pitts is looking forward to attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will graduate from Southwestern with a Masters in Divinity.

Pitts is not just coasting by in school on his good looks alone, Pitts takes his studies seriously and is a member of the Order of Omega, a Greek honor society based on grades and leadership.

On April 24 Pitts will be inducted into another honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa.

On the lighter side, Pitts is preparing to run his first marathon. He is looking forward to running in the Country Music Marathon that will be held in Nashville on April 29. Pitts will be one of the many runners trying to finish.

"I have never done any running before [this race], but I found it to be such a relief for stress," Pitts said.

With all the organizations he is involved in, you are sure to see his smiling face on campus.

Pitts' final comment on winning the SGA presidency was "I want to take SGA to being the buzz around the water cooler." ♦



LOIS JONES

Nick Pitts is currently a junior majoring in corporate communications. He was also the vice president of SGA. After graduation he plans to become a minister.

Former APSU student lights up local rap scene



LOIS JONES/ STAFF
Harold Bush (Black Jesus) is a local rap artist. He has a heart for God, music and helping others. In fact, Bush plans on documenting beginning rappers.

A.J. DUGGER
Staff Writer

A former Austin Peay State University student is quietly stirring up his rap juices and plans to take the whole genre of rap to a whole new level. He goes by the name of Black Jesus and is currently working on his upcoming album, tentatively titled, "Black Jesus the Governor."

Hailing from Little Rock, Ark., Harold Bush is enrolled as a sophomore for next semester at APSU. He has a lot of things he wants to do with his life. "I'm going to school to be a doctor," Bush said.

Bush explained that not many rap artists are doctors. This is just one of the distinctive things that make him unique as an artist.

Another thing that sets Black Jesus apart from other MCs is his trademark Burger King Crown. He wears it all of the time, and it instantly puts himself and others into a good mood.

"It's impossible to go anywhere without getting some attention," said Bush. "People always smile, which makes me smile back. It's very magical."

The six-foot, two-inch rapper is influenced by

other MCs, but the one who influences his life the most is the legendary Tupac Shakur. "I pretty much live his lyrics," Bush said. "I take his advice on everything. I feel like I took more advice from Tupac than my own father."

One of the things that Bush has in common with Shakur is blunt — sometimes rather harsh — honesty. "I'm not the most popular person on campus," Bush said.

The local rapper also has his own record label called Fistfight records. "I been praying a lot, and God is really helping me to plan out my life," Bush said in his strong baritone voice.

People often ask Bush about his controversial nickname, Black Jesus. However, Bush has plenty of answers.

"I'm deeply religious," Bush said. "I believe in prophecy, and I believe that the world's a very bad place and there's a need for people like me." Bush's Christian faith is far from being a secret. "I was a Christian before I was born. I was hearing sermons when I was still in the womb."

Many people consider a man who publicly calls himself Black Jesus to be a bit "looney," but Bush agrees with those people. As a matter of

fact, Bush also loves to entertain in his songs and performances. "An album cannot be 100 percent true because 100 percent true is boring," Bush said.

Through his God-given talents, this MC can rap about anything. "I rap about what's going on in my heart and what's going on in the lives of my closest friends," Bush explained.

The talent of writing rap verses is almost like a science to Bush. "All rappers do is analyze their world, put it into an entertainment form and sing about it," Bush is dedicated to his craft.

Another of his favorite rappers is Scarface. Bush is passionate about having a successful rap music career. He wants to become a multi-millionaire overnight because of his talent alone.

Bush also wants to do is film a documentary on a struggling rapper. At the moment, Bush is working hard on his upcoming album, but is having producer difficulty.

"You can't have a producer unless you can pay a producer," Bush said. Be on the lookout for Bush. Black Jesus is about to break out, bringing us his hypnotic messages in his innovative songs. ♦

Geiger's CD offers springtime music

BECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

Every season has a soundtrack, and since spring has officially sprung, it's taken the past few weeks to be on the lookout for the album of the season. It's a long process involving a lot of time listening to CDs, before striking gold.

The spring background music is in newcomer Teddy Geiger's debut, "Underage Thinking." Surprisingly soulful, this multitasking singer/songwriter plays four instruments (guitar, piano, drums, and bass), writes his own music and has amazing blue eyes and great hair.

He's only 17. (Sorry girls, he's jailbait. I was crushed, too.) But for being so young, Geiger has a big voice, and he can definitely play with the big boys.

Song to Repeat: Track 1, "These Walls." When popping "Underage Thinking" into my CD player and this song comes on, I had to take the disc back out and make sure that I hadn't mistakenly put in an old Gavin DeGraw CD. (This kid has a set of pipes.)

Geiger's smoky, gravelly voice is raspy and soulful, throwing listeners for a loop. The arrangement is funky with a combination of acoustic piano, synthesizers and electric

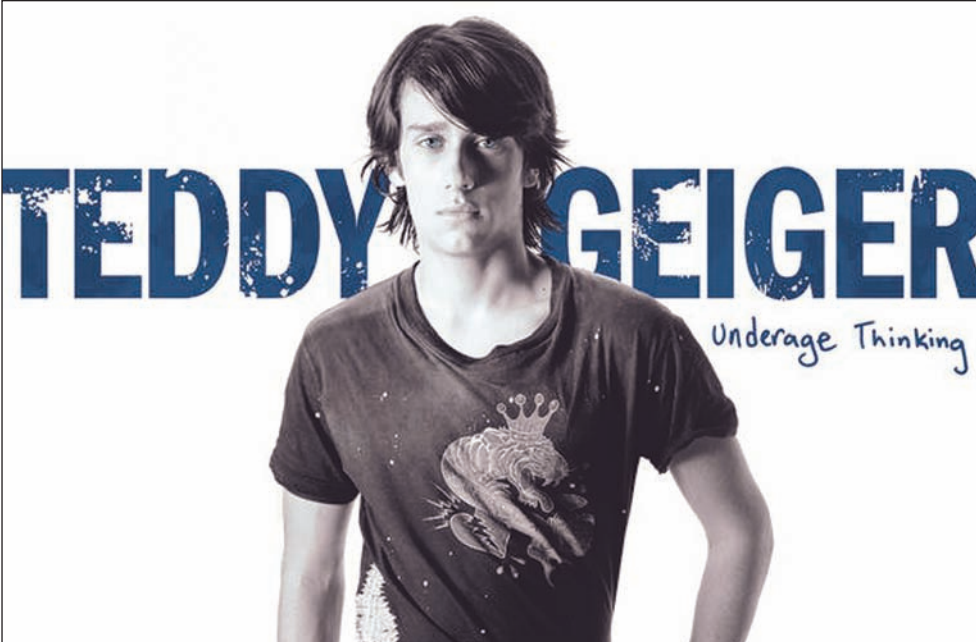
guitars. This song is perfect for driving with the windows down and singing out loud (because you are a superstar in your own car).

Track to Skip: Track 2, "For You I Will (Confidence)." Maybe it's because it's the debut single. Maybe it's because Laguna Beach diva Kristin Cavallari co-stars in the video. (Whatever it is, I can't listen to this song.) This is one instance where Geiger's age becomes apparent. The lyrics are a picture of high school angst and border on corny: "cause I could fall asleep in those eyes/Like a waterbed." Deep...

"Underage Thinking" isn't perfect, but it isn't supposed to be. It's a little cliché, it's a little goofy, but it's a debut, which means this is the first go-round for a developing artist. And it's an admirable first effort. There's more to come from Geiger, and the more he records, the better he'll get.

In the meantime, I'll be taking springtime drives and doing a fair amount of car karaoke, invoking the Teddy Geiger spirit. I apologize in advance if my windows are down.

For more information about Teddy Geiger or "Underage Thinking," go to www.teddygeigermusic.com. ♦



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Teddy Geiger is a multitasking musician and singer who plays four instruments. His performance can be heard on his latest CD, "Underage Thinking" or by visiting www.teddygeigermusic.com.



LOIS JONES/ STAFF
Frederick thanks the audience for their attendance and support.



LOIS JONES/ STAFF
A laid-back group shot of all the models and Frederick after the show.

ElectraCity
completes
fashion show
at APSU

LOIS JONES/ STAFF
Frederick serves cake following the show at the after-party celebration.

Dos and Don'ts help students lower stress levels during finals

CHAD WILKERSON
Guest Writer

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping — it must be time for final exams. Finals are the bane of many college students' existence. This is the Emerald Hills/ Two Rivers official "Dos and Don'ts List" for final exams, Spring Semester, 2006.

Do: Get a good night's sleep on the days leading up to finals, not just the night before.

Don't: Sleep through your alarm. If you do wake up in time for your exam, you will likely be rushing, sweating and breathing heavily - not ideal conditions for a smooth day of testing. Also avoid any kind of sleep-aid drug, or "stay awake" drugs, or any kind of drug for that matter. They all have side-effects that you don't want to deal with during finals week.

Do: Eat a complete and healthy breakfast the morning of your exam.

Don't: Eat or drink items that may give you indigestion or flatulence. The last thing you need during your final is to be self-conscious or have to make several bathroom trips.

Do: Spring for tea instead of coffee the morning of your test, if you like hot drinks. Tea, especially green tea, promotes clarity and concentration; plus the aroma is relaxing.

Don't: Drink more than one cup of coffee on exam day. Coffee is notorious for causing tremors and increasing anxiety, thus affecting your ability to focus. For chronic coffee consumers, drink just enough to keep you from getting withdrawal headaches.

Do: Take care of non-academic responsibilities before finals week begins (bills, car maintenance, arranging child care, etc).

Don't: Wait until the last minute on anything, ever. This just increases stress. Make a commitment to never procrastinate again... and don't wait till tomorrow.

Do: Feel free to exercise and relieve a little stress in between study sessions. A game of Frisbee or a light walk is a great way to relax and clear your head.

Don't: Over-exert or wear yourself out by getting involved in an intense pickup basketball game, unless, of course, you have the fitness level to handle it. Know your limits.

Do: Take study breaks and engage in relaxing activities.

Don't: Get involved with something during your break that is overly mentally stimulating. Watch cartoons, or something that does not require you to focus and think. You also should avoid relaxing so much that you fall asleep.

Do: Find a study partner, someone reliable and intelligent with the willingness to help and the heart of a teacher.

Don't: Recruit your buddy — they mean well but can distract.

Do: Study for finals.

Don't: Forget to study for finals. These are just a few areas that are often overlooked by students during finals preparations. Best of luck and good testing. ♦

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by R. Dustin Kramer



by Jennifer Otto

I heard that that Brokeback Mountain movie is pretty good.	I refuse to see it. What!? Why?	I can't stand sheep herders.
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by Linda Thistle

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Lady Govs golfers finish in a 10th place tie at EKU

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The Lady Govs tied for 10th place at the EKU Invitational, even though they got some superb play from freshmen Rachel Ingram. Ingram shot a one-over par 73, which tied her for the tournaments second lowest round.

The Lady Govs combined for a 1,005 total over the weekend, tying them with OVC-rival Murray State. Head coach Sarah Burkhead was happy with the way Ingram played.

"Rachel played great," she said. "She only had 28 puts and seven up-and-downs. She puttred well in some bad weather conditions."

Those weather conditions consisted of a cold and wet course, including sleet on the Lady Govs' last six holes.

Ingram finished the day with a 240 which landed her a tie for 11th place. Lady Govs' seniors Christine Idoux tied for 47th (78-88-88=254) and Pier-Anne LaChance tied for 50th (83-86-86=255). Sophomore Lindsey Pippins (89-91-91=271) and Senior Erin Wise (77-89-90=256) rounded out the Lady Govs play.

Amanda Rose and Monica Storey played as individuals. Toledo was the overall winner of the tournament, scoring a 922, which was 30 strokes better than second place Eastern Kentucky.♦

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Mickelson wins 2006 Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. - There were all those squandered chances, all those daring decisions gone awry, all those times when somebody else just made a better shot. For years, it looked as though Phil Mickelson would never win a major.

Now, he's really got the hang of it.

Lefty is on a Tiger-like roll in golf's biggest events after a Sunday stroll through Augusta National, his performance so dominating that he could stroll up the 18th fairway with not a care in the world.

Tip the visor, smile for the patrons, tap in the winning putt, hug the caddie and pose with the wife and kids.

Mickelson is the Masters champion for the second time in three years, a major winner for the third time in his last nine chances.

And when it was over, Tiger Woods was the one who slipped the green jacket on Mickelson's shoulders in the Butler Cabin.

How appropriate.

"I'm having the best time right now playing golf," Mickelson said. "I'm having so much fun being able to compete for major championships. It's just incredible, and to win a couple now, it's just an amazing feeling."

Woods is still the master of the majors, winning 10 before his 30th birthday. But Mickelson is making up for lost time – most specifically, that 0-for-42 record to begin his career.

"Three-for-nine sounds better, huh?" he asked, not needing an answer.

After Mickelson's breakthrough victory at the 2004 Masters, he showed it wasn't a fluke by winning the PGA Championship at Baltusrol last year. Now, with a two-stroke triumph at Augusta National that wasn't really that close, he's won three of the last nine majors – more than anyone else during that span.

Woods has two. Four other guys have one apiece.

"I'm certainly a lot cheerier," said Mickelson, who could get a bit testy when he carried around the dreaded "Best Player Never To Win A Major" label. "I felt a sense of relief after I broke through and won a major. Today, I felt this great feeling of accomplishment."

Indeed, this was a performance that would have been out of character for Mickelson just a few years ago.

He didn't take any unnecessary chances. He didn't need to. No one else on the star-studded leaderboard made any sort of serious charge at the leader. Not Woods.

2006 OVC baseball tourney gets three-year extension

Paducah's Brooks Stadium remains host

OVC Press Release

The Ohio Valley Conference has agreed to a three-year extension of its existing contract with the city of Paducah, Ky., to continue serving as the host site for the O'Reilly OVC Baseball Tournament.

The current contract expires in 2006, and the new deal will keep the six-team, double-elimination tournament at historic Brooks Stadium through 2009.

Brooks Stadium, a 1,800-seat facility used by local high school and American Legion teams, was at one time the host of a St. Louis Cardinals minor league club.

The Kentucky State High School Baseball Championship was staged at Brooks Stadium in 1999, as was the American Legion Midwest Regional in 2002.

Leo Green is the local tournament chair, and is responsible for marketing and

fundraising for the event.

"It's a wonderful partnership that has been good for our community in so many ways," said Mary Hammond, executive director of the Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"In addition to the positive impact the tournament has had on our local economy, the event provides an opportunity for baseball enthusiasts of all ages to come together and enjoy America's favorite pastime."

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MORRY GASH/ AP

Phil Mickelson responds on the 18th green during final round play of the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Sunday. Mickelson shot a 7-under par 281 to win the 2006 Masters.

Not Retief Goosen. Not Vijay Singh. Certainly not the other member of the Big Five, Ernie Els, who closed with a 76.

Mickelson mainly had to keep an eye on Fred Couples, his playing partner and closest challenger most of the day. Couples pulled even on the first hole, and they stayed that way until Lefty made a birdie on the par-5 eighth hole.

Couples squandered his chance to become the oldest winner in Masters history with atrocious putting. He three-putted three times. He missed at least five putts from less than 10 feet. Overall, he used the short stick a staggering 34 times; only one other players brought it out more.

"You can practice and practice and practice," the 46-year-old Couples said. "When you get out there under the gun, you've got to be able to do it. I just left too many out there today."

Even if Couples had made a few more putts, he might not have beaten Mickelson. One gets the sense Lefty would have done whatever it took to win his second Masters.

Mickelson made it through the first 17 holes with nothing but birdies and pars. When he finally made a mistake – an errant second shot at No. 18 led to a bogey – it didn't matter at all.

By then, they already had pulled the Mickelson-sized green jacket out of the closet. He went to the last hole three shots clear of the field. Even with a bogey, he shot a 3-under 69 for a 7-under 281 total.

Tim Clark was two shots back in second, holing out a bunker shot at the final hole to take the runner-up spot. Couples, Goosen, Woods, Jose Maria Olazabal and second-round leader Chad Campbell were another stroke behind at 284. Singh, who led after the first round, finished at 285 with Angel

Cabrera.

"The stress-free walk up 18 was incredible," Mickelson said. "I had actually been wanting like a four- or five-shot lead, but three was OK. It was a great feeling walking up there, knowing that I had the tournament in hand."

Woods hung around all day, but never made a serious run at the lead. Like Couples, he was doomed by a shaky putter that was needed 33 times. He three-putted from 15 feet for bogey at No. 11, and missed two eagles putts from inside 15 feet on the back nine. A 12-footer for birdie missed the cup at 12. So did a 10-foot try at 14.

"I puttred atrociously," Woods said. "As good as I hit it, that's as bad as I puttred. Once I got on the green, I was a spaz."

Not Mickelson, whose won \$1.26 million and moved to the top of the PGA Tour money list. The victory also pushed him up to No. 2 in the world ranking behind Woods.

Woods is the only other player in the last 20 years to win a major three years in a row. Maybe he won't get to Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships as quickly as everyone expected.

At the green jacket ceremony, Mickelson asked the crowd for a moment of silence for Woods' father, Earl, who could not travel to Augusta for the first time because of cancer.

Woods said he would talk to his father Sunday night, and joked that "he's probably a little mad at how I puttred."

Olazabal had the best score of the week on the bulked-up, 7,445-yard course, moving up the board with a 66 on Sunday.

But it was Couples who had the best chance to challenge Mickelson. If he had won, it would have been especially poignant on the 20-year anniversary of Nicklaus' stunning back-nine charge to win his sixth green jacket at age 46.

Couples, the 1992 Masters champion, didn't come close to making a run at Mickelson. First came a three-putt on the 11th, his 4-foot par putt spinning around the cup.

On the 14th hole, Couples had a 4-foot birdie putt to pull within one shot. It caught the lip and spun 5 feet away, and he missed that one, too.

Mickelson poured it on with an eagle chip that caught the lip on the 15th, and steady pars the rest of the way until the 18th. Then it was off to Butler Cabin.

"Great playing," Woods told Mickelson. "Thanks, buddy," Lefty replied.♦

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vs. Morehead
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TBA,
Murray, Ky.

Monday

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Championships,
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Murray, Ky.

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2 p.m.,
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OVC softball race begins



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Sophomore third baseman Michelle Edmonds slides back into first base during the Lady Govs' first win of Saturday's doubleheader against Morehead State. Edmonds went 1-for-1 in the contest while accumulating two walks as the Lady Govs shut out the Eagles 4-0.

Sweep of Eagles gets APSU ready for Samford

By MANDY WHITE

Managing Editor

Austin Peay State University's softball team has a big weekend ahead. The Lady Govs (5-9 OVC) are ranked seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference with four league weekends left in the season. Only the top six teams earn spots in the OVC Tournament.

The Lady Govs will play Samford in a three-game series this weekend in Birmingham, Ala. The teams will play a 4 p.m. doubleheader, Friday, before wrapping up action with a 1 p.m. contest, Saturday.

The Lady Govs are coming off a three-game series sweep of Morehead State last weekend. APSU shut out the Eagles on Saturday, winning 4-0 and 3-0, while pitchers Natasha Anderson and Ashley Elrod combined to allow MSU just eight hits.

Anderson provided a career-high 14 strikeouts in the first game, while Elrod, a freshman, recorded her first career shutout.

In Sunday's contest, Anderson's grand slam in the bottom of the fifth gave the Lady Govs a final 6-3 verdict over the Eagles.

"Last weekend was a very important weekend for us," head coach Jim Perrin said. "It put us in a good position to get into the conference tournament. Our destiny is in our own hands, and we're competing with those who are in the same boat as we are."

Samford holds a 3-10 record in the conference and is sitting in

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— Jim Perrin, softball coach

eighth place – one spot back from the Lady Govs.

The Bulldogs have lost their last seven games, including a three-game sweep by OVC member Eastern Illinois last weekend. EIU is in fifth place in league standings.

"This weekend against Samford is going to be of tremendous importance for us," Perrin said. "We've got to play well and at least win two out of three to keep us moving forward."

Upcoming conference games also include a contest against UT-Martin next week before back-to-back series weekends against Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois. UT-Martin is sitting in the coveted sixth-place, while TSU is in ninth.

"Each weekend from here on out will build on the previous one," Perrin said. "We need to win at least two out of three games from Samford, TSU and EIU to put us in a position to play in the

conference tournament. EIU is the highest-seeded team we will play to help our chances, but in order for that series to even be important, we've got to take care of business against Samford this weekend and TSU."

APSU has played many of the teams that occupy the top spots in league standings, including Southeast Missouri (2nd), Jacksonville State (3rd) and Eastern Kentucky (4th).

The Lady Govs will play top-ranked Tennessee Tech in a three-game series at home the last

weekend of the season.

"Our schedule has really worked out well for us this season," Perrin said. "We've played a lot of the better teams, and we've shown that we're capable of playing with them. But now things should get interesting."

"The teams we play for the next few weeks are all just one or two games apart, and we're all fighting for sixth place in the standings. It'll be a battle, but at least it's up to us. We don't have to sit back and wish one team beats another to get us in. We hold our own destiny." ♦

Team	Conference Games			Overall		
	W-L	PCT		W-L	PCT	
Tennessee Tech	13-1	.929		33-9	.786	
Southeast Missouri	11-1	.917		24-10	.704	
Jacksonville State	10-3	.769		30-10	.750	
Eastern Kentucky	8-5	.615		22-17	.564	
Eastern Illinois	7-5	.583		24-25	.613	
UT Martin	7-7	.500		24-19	.567	
Austin Peay	5-9	.357		13-21	.389	
Samford	3-10	.231		13-32	.289	
Tennessee State	1-12	.077		14-23	.378	
Morehead State	1-13	.071		10-28	.357	

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Track team
leads way
at Governors
Invitational

JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Sophomore Danja Yates beats out Tennessee Tech's Joanna Gerold for first place in the 100-meter hurdles. The win was one of the Lady Govs' seven event victories in the invitational.

By MICHAEL KELLUM

Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University women's track team came out fighting hard at home over the weekend and won seven events, along with setting 18 season-best records.

"It's a huge plus that we did so well this weekend," said head Coach Doug Molnar. "We keep setting goals and we continue to meet them."

Senior Sherlonda Johnson picked up four wins during the weekend, including the 100-meter dash where she set a season best time of 12.33.

"Sherlonda's 100-meter run was very good," Molnar said. "It was her most significant victory."

Johnson also won the 200-meter dash, the long jump and the triple jump. Freshmen Leah and Zena Gunn both set personal records in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

Molnar said they are continuing to get better throughout the season.

In the 5,000-meter run, freshman Bertha Castillo and Anna-Claire Raines both ran well with Raines placing fourth and Castillo winning the event with a time of 18:12.40. Molnar was happy with Castillo's first place finish.

"(Castillo's) 5,000-meter time was 24 seconds faster than the school record, so that's pretty exciting for next year."

In other events, sophomore Tia Hendricks placed second in the javelin throw while junior Jennifer Pond got a season-best in discus with a throw of 32.80 meters. Pond also placed third in the shot put.

Danja Yates finished first in the 100-meter hurdles while Margeaux McCarthy placed second in the 800-meter run.

Along with their opponents, the Lady Govs had to battle the weather on Saturday, but Molnar said they handled it the best they could.

"The weather definitely didn't help, but we still managed to pick up several personal records," he said. "We will be ready to go when the weather is nicer."

The Lady Govs next meet is April 22 at the Vanderbilt Invitational. ♦

Bat Govs losing streak reaches four games



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Senior outfielder Cody Youngblood beats out a throw during a Governors' contests earlier this season. Youngblood leads the Govs' offense with a .376 batting average on the season.

APSU falls to fifth in OVC after dropping series

By MICHAEL YOUNG

Sports Editor

Midway through the 2006 season, the Austin Peay State University baseball team has yet to find their climax. With ups and downs highlighting their 19-12 record, the Bat Govs' 4-5 Ohio Valley Conference



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mark demonstrates more down than up.

"If I was grading our team, then I would give them a C at best and we are still 19-12," head coach Gary McClure said. "I think that says

some good and some bad

things about our team. The good thing is that we could be playing better and we are still winning games."

"The bad thing is that we haven't played to our potential, and that is something that you should do when you have good players but we'll get there. We are going to keep at it and we will get things going in the right direction."

APSU will get a chance to get back on the winning track this weekend with another conference series against Tennessee Tech.

The Bat Govs will host the Golden Eagles on Saturday with a double-header starting at 4:30 p.m. before ending with a 1 p.m. Sunday contest. Tech (11-21, 4-5 OVC) holds seventh place in the OVC standings with a conference record identical to the Govs'.

"It is just like every other weekend where

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— Gary McClure, baseball head coach

you have three shots at them. Each team is going to see the other's best pitching so you have got to bring your best for each game and try to win," McClure said.

"On paper, we look better than they do, but paper doesn't mean anything. We have got to play at our level. If we can be more aggressive at the plate and make plays, then we are going to be successful."

One specific area McClure points to for improvement is the team's lack of hitting during their current four-game losing streak, which was extended after dropping all three conference games to No. 1 Samford last weekend.

"We have got to start swinging the bats better and taking better approaches at the plate," McClure said. "We need to make better adjustments at the plate and be more scrappy offensively because right now we are all or nothing, and that has led us to way too many strikeouts. The last three or four games it has been awful. We have got

to get competitive at the plate and put the ball in play."

The Govs were shell-shocked by the top-ranked Bulldogs in game one of the series after Samford posted nine runs in the first five innings off APSU ace pitcher Rowdy Hardy.

Despite a late five-run burst in the final three innings, the Govs eventually fell to the Bulldogs, 10-8.

The loss was the first of the season for Hardy whose record now stands at 6-1.

"In the first ballgame, they had a good plan, I thought, for trying to approach Rowdy," McClure said. "They were trying to look out over the plate and go the other way with the pitch which is a good idea. Usually, Rowdy does a great job of coming inside on batters so they can't do that, but he had trouble that day. He was off just a little bit and he was leaving the ball over the plate so they did a good job of hitting him."

The Bulldogs completed the sweep with victories in both games of the Sunday double-header, 1-0 and 4-3. Govs' pitchers Shawn Kelley (2-2) and Matt Reynolds (2-1) received losses despite strong performances on the mound.

"We got outstanding pitching from Shawn Kelley," McClure said. "I mean, it was one of the best games he has thrown, and then we got a great outing from Matt Reynolds in the second game. The problem was we didn't swing the bats all weekend."

Senior outfielder Ryan Kane rapped out four hits over the weekend to extend his stellar hitting streak to 27 games. ♦