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Charity organization holds holiday party for new refugees

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. - For many refugees who have fled from other lands, the gift of freedom is their freedom.
"You does not allow us to celebrate Christmas," said Mitra Tabnian, speaking through an interpreter at Catholic Charities of Tennessee Inc., which sponsored a holiday party Sunday for new refugees.
"I want my son to have the things he has," said Tabnian.
Catholic Charities provides multiple services for about 200 people a year who have

been forced to leave their homelands either because of war or political oppression.
Since 1999, the organization has resettled refugees from more than 19 countries.
This past year, refugees arrived from Bosnia, Cuba, Iran, Somalia, Sudan and Vietnam.
Besides finding them a place to live, caseworkers help refugees get jobs, sign them up for social services and English classes and get their children enrolled in school.
The goal is to have the families self-sufficient within 90 days of their arrival.
William Dok, a native of southern Sudan

who came here with his wife and their two infant children, said he's very grateful for Catholic Charities' assistance.
"They have helped me and my family find a place to live and give us clothes to wear," the 38-year-old said. "God has given them the strength to support refugees, and to me, this is a sign of love."
In a banquet room donated by a local hotel, many of the families got to experience for the first time U.S. holiday traditions such as singing Christmas carols, posing for holiday family portraits and meeting Santa Claus.

"This is a festive time of the year and even though many of the refugees don't celebrate Christmas, we all have something in common," said Holly Johnson, director of Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement Program.
Tabnian said her holiday wish is that others from her country will one day have the same freedom she now enjoys.
"My hope is to witness the removal of the Iranian government," she said. "When they are removed from power, all of the Iranian people will be free and they will be in peace and a safe place." ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Student Holiday Reception

There will be a Student Holiday Reception Dec. 8 between 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided in the hallway near Career and Advisement Services, Student Affairs, Student Development, Student Life and Leadership and University Facilities. APSU students are eligible to win a variety of prizes and there will also be giveaways for students just for stopping by. For more information, please contact Beverly Sims at simsb@apsu.edu or 7341.

APSU Symphonic Band open to all students - Scholarships available

Any student looking for an opportunity to continue performing in a concert band setting is encouraged to join the APSU Symphonic Band. The ensemble is open to students of all majors and scholarships may be available. The Symphonic Band meets on Mon. & Wed. afternoons from 4-5:30 p.m. and will perform two concerts during the Spring Semester. Please contact Ms. Brown at browna@apsu.edu or 6820.

Become a Member of Student Allocations Committee

Student Allocations Committee needs you! SAC meets every other Monday to consider student organization funding requests for on campus programs. Interviews for three available seats will be early spring semester. Visit the website for more info and apply online! Deadline to apply is Dec. 14. For more information, please contact Tammy Bryant or bryantt@apsu.edu or 7341. For complete details, please visit http://www.apsu.edu/sac/SAC_application.htm

Study Break in the Barn

Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. until midnight join us in the Red Barn for Karaoke, billiards, door prizes, inflatables and free food. For more information, please contact Meda Rollings at rollingsm@apsu.edu or 7838.

Study Day Bash in the Cafe

Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. until midnight there will be a study event in the Cafe. There will be on-site tutors, computers and door prizes. A free breakfast will be served starting at 8 p.m. For more information, please contact Meda Rollings at rollingsm@apsu.edu or 7838.

Boyd Health Services will not have a provider available on Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Cheerleaders settle suit over dressing room tapes

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Fourteen former cheerleaders for the Nashville Kats arena football team who were secretly videotaped dressing at the Gaylord Entertainment Center have settled their lawsuit against the arena's management company and the Nashville Predators.
The terms of the settlement, which were reached Sunday, are confidential.
The agreement avoids what was expected to be a highly publicized trial that was set to begin this week.
The cheerleaders initially had asked for \$13 million from the two men accused of videotaping them in "various stages of undress and other private acts," and the pair's attorneys, Powers Management and the

NHL Predators.
Powers Management manages the arena and is owned by Nashville Predators owner Craig Leipold.
"I think everybody's pleased that the whole matter is resolved, and I am extremely proud of these 14 young women who stuck together to see this to the end," said Bill Ramsey, one of the women's attorneys.
A statement from Powers Management said it had already implemented policies to prevent any "similar unfortunate incidents."
The cheerleaders learned of the 2001 taping after reports of it broke in the media.
Powers Management said Sunday that it recognized it should have notified the cheerleaders before the incident became public, and it apologized "for the stress and

embarrassment these young women have suffered."
But the company defended its actions after discovering the videotaping, which included hiring former federal prosecutor Hal Hardin to conduct an internal investigation.
Hardin's probe found that John Day, a building engineer with Powers Management, and Jimmy Corn, the Predators' director of operations, were responsible for making the tapes.
Both men have denied the allegations.
The women had hoped to prove that the men's employers were negligent by failing to keep a close eye on their workers and allowing the videotaping to occur.
The cheerleaders also contended that arena management and local authorities

whitewashed an investigation of the incident and then destroyed the videotape, which the women viewed as evidence.
The arena management and team argued that they should not be held accountable for the actions of two "rogue employees" who were acting without authority.
They said that results of the internal investigation were turned over to Davidson County prosecutors who gave them permission to destroy the tape and that Day and Corn were no longer employees.
District Attorney Torry Johnson decided against prosecuting the case.
"Given the fact that we had, at best, a misdemeanor, the chances were that the prosecution would do far more damage than it would good," Johnson said. ♦

The news...in brief

Bring a toy, see the Gobs for free

Austin Peay State University's basketball team will be helping the United Family Center at Fort Campbell when the Gobs play there Saturday, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, in an exhibition game at the State Arena.
Anyone who donates a toy will be admitted free of charge into the arena's admission seating area. All toys will be donated to the Junior United Family Center.
In addition, Santa Claus will drop by that night, handing out candy to children in attendance.

AP Day turnout

APSU's 2004 AP Day drew 291 students and 346 parents and guests, according to Dr. Houston Davis, associate vice president for student affairs. Both categories represent an increase of about 10 percent over last year's totals. For the third consecutive year, the university has set records for AP Day attendance.

Final Exam Schedule

Friday, Dec. 10

8-10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 11:15
10:30-12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 8
1:30-3:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 2:20

Monday, Dec. 13

8-10:00 All T/TH classes which meet at 8
10:30-12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 2:30
1:30-3:30 All MW classes which meet at 12:40

Tuesday, Dec. 14

8-10:00 All T/TH classes which meet at 9:35
10:30-12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 10:10
1:30-3:30 All MWF classes which meet at 1:25

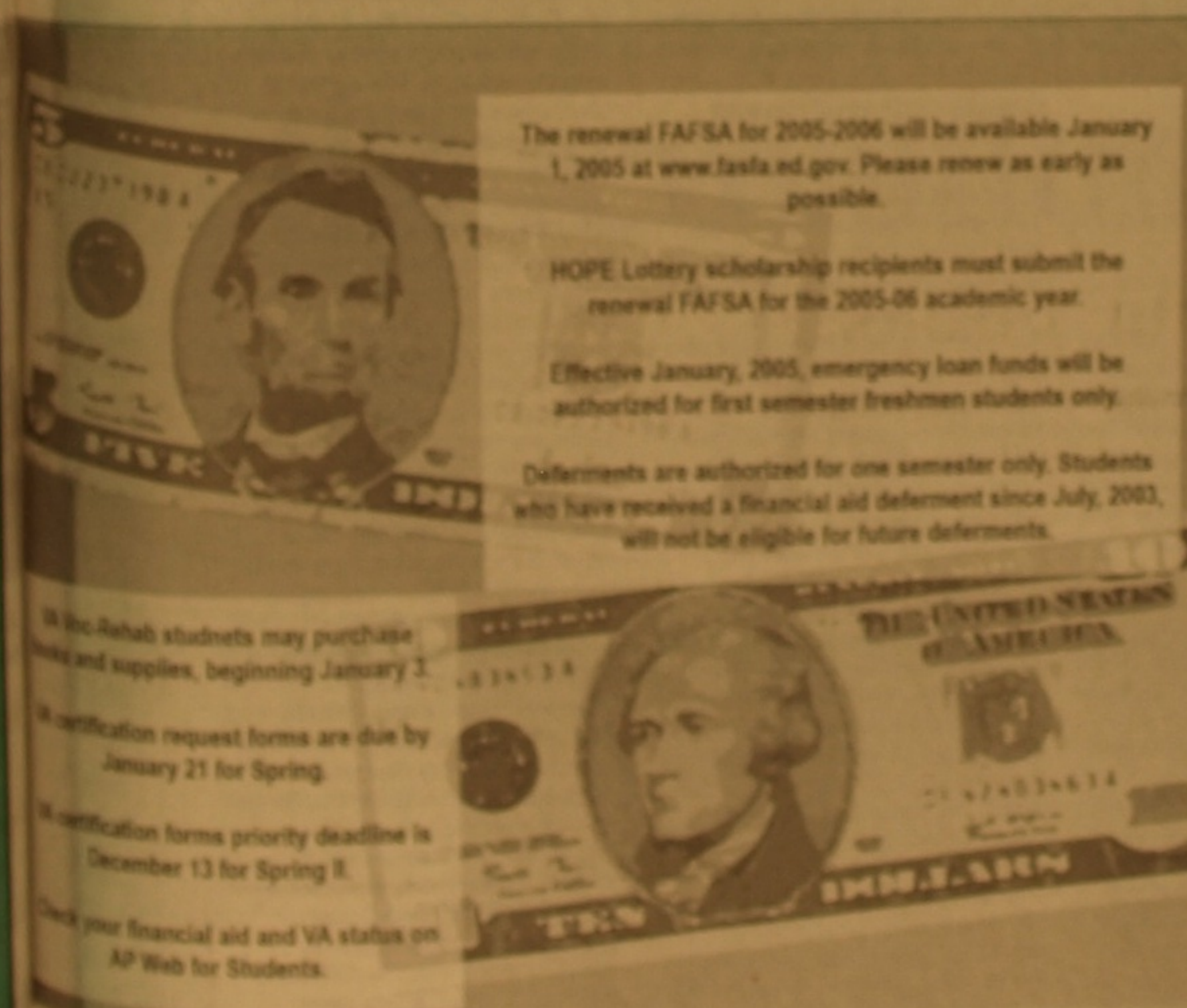
Wednesday, Dec. 15

8-10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 6:15
10:30-12:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 12:45
1:30-3:30 All MWF classes which meet at 12:20

Thursday, Dec. 16

8-10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 9:05
10:30-12:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 11:10
1:30-3:30 All MW classes which meet at 2:20

Upcoming Financial Aid Deadlines



The renewal FAFSA for 2005-2006 will be available January 1, 2005 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please renew as early as possible.

HOPE Lottery scholarship recipients must submit the renewal FAFSA for the 2005-06 academic year.

Effective January, 2005, emergency loan funds will be authorized for first semester freshmen students only.

Deferments are authorized for one semester only. Students who have received a financial aid deferment since July, 2003, will not be eligible for future deferments.

VA loan: Rehab students may purchase books and supplies, beginning January 3.

VA certification request forms are due by January 21 for Spring.

VA certification forms priority deadline is December 13 for Spring II.

Check your financial aid and VA status on AP Web for Students.

Attention Graduating Seniors
You Made It!

Congratulations! You are cordially invited to the Senior Salute
4-6p.m., Fri. Dec. 10, 2004
Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill
751 North Second St.

hosted by the National Alumni Association
Austin Peay State University

We know that graduation will be a busy and exciting time for you, so let us help you get this special event off to a happy start. Please join us at the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill for a complimentary reception in your honor (casual dress). There will be shuttle transportation to and from the Pace Alumni Center and campus (in front of the Book and Supply Store) every half hour between 4-6 p.m.

For information or to R.S.V.P., telephone 221-7979.

GET INVOLVED

Student Allocations Committee Needs You!

This is your chance to become more involved on campus!
Three new members are needed!

The role of Student Allocations Committee (SAC) is to allocate funds to student organizations in a manner consistent with the SAC Funding Guidelines.

SAC meets bi-weekly throughout fall and spring semesters.

Applications are available online at http://www.apsu.edu/sac/SAC_application.htm.

Deadline to apply is January 7, 2005.
For more information, please contact Student Affairs at 221-7341.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 7

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Governors Ambassadors

Welcomes new members

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The mission of Governors Ambassadors is to work effectively with the University and the Clarksville community to enhance and promote the standards of Austin Peay State University through word and deed.

http://www.apsu.edu/govs_ambassador/

OUR TAKE

A look in the mirror

Over the course of the semester, Our Take has served as a watch dog for issues that we, as an editorial board, deem to be especially important and relevant to students.

We have spent every issue looking outward, examining matters regarding the campus and student life. For the final edition of the semester, we are going to look inward, providing a critique of our performance in serving the public's needs and wants as well as take a look at what we'd like to see happen at *The All State* next semester.

The News section has shown continuous improvement regarding layout this semester. Katie Bell, the news editor, has worked hard to achieve a judicious balance between student-written stories and those pulled from the Associated Press. Furthermore, news writing has been quite relevant to students, including skilled coverage of sensitive issues, including a tragic death on campus.

However, despite the relevance of issues to the student body, it must be said that the quality of writing has been shown to be quite varied. For next semester, the incoming News Editor will be working hard to improve our student writers, who certainly work quite hard whenever they make deadline, which is something else we intend to improve.

The Features section has certainly been blessed with excellent staff writers. Wayne Elliott, Elizabeth Jenkins, Hunter Stapp and Whitney Joy have done a remarkable job of covering art, fashion, music, theatre and more, making the Features page more contemporary and trendy than ever.

Also, the graphics that often accompany the stories have been better than any of us could have hoped, with thought behind every creation. Plans for next semester's Features

section include an even greater increase of entertaining content, including (cross your fingers) cartoons as well as devoting more stories to Austin Peay State University Students.

Dedicated writers who have put in a lot of effort performing research and interviews have helped the Sports section come a long way this semester. Stories from the AP wire are being generally set aside, opting instead to increase the workload of the writers so that they can improve their craft.

Also, the Sports section has made a conscious effort to provide more feature sports stories on our student athletes as well as broadening our coverage from mostly varsity sports to also include other aspects of student life, including intramurals and the ROTC. We are also pleased to see that many smaller APSU sports that have not seen much print in the past are now getting space in the paper, the rifle team and cross country being two very good examples.

As for the Opinion section, there has been great improvement in regard to content. While our writers occasionally climb the dirty soapbox, the section has, for the most part, been a haven of informed perspectives and valid positioning. We would, however, like to increase our ranks by a few more writers, furthering a diversity of discourse for which we have striven since the beginning of this semester and intend to continue working toward in the spring semester.

As a student publication, we have the difficult job of simultaneously serving the public and improving our craft. We are not without fault, but nor are we without aspirations for greater things. *The All State* is going to be better than ever next semester. ♦



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

SGA continues to continue

In response to the editorial in *The All State*, we would like to address the issues that were raised in "SGA Stagnates." The Student Government Association here at Austin Peay State University is far from stagnant. Throughout this semester, a completely new Executive Committee (along with a new advisor) and many new senators have made numerous strides in moving the organization forward.

Our executive committee spent the end of the spring semester along with most of the summer preparing for the 2004-2005 year. We had several meetings with the prior year's administration and have held two training days that were mandatory for all senators. Also, members of the Executive Committee and members of the Tribunal spent a weekend in St. Louis at a national SGA conference for the sole purpose of training and learning from other SGAs across the country.

This semester the SGA has kept with the traditions it has set forth in the past such as the Mud Bowl, the Red and White Parade, Homecoming King and Queen Election, and open forums. We also had the largest turnout of voters in recent history.

Over 900 students voted in the Homecoming Elections. This semester SGA has implemented Lobby Days, the Decorating Challenge during homecoming and a newsletter, and we also held four forums strictly for students to come voice concerns and have questions answered about the new Minors on Campus Policy, which has been a big issue this semester. The senators also experienced a training session on the new policy so that they would be informed and able to accurately address the issue at the forums.

We have been working hard to be the voice of the students this semester, which is the purpose of the Open Forums and the Lobby Days. We have also been very active here at APSU on the President's Cabinet, and at the state level on the TBR President's Council. Our senators and our EC want to hear the issues and want to be involved with them, which is why on these days we are passing out surveys and passing out feedback forms allowing students to formally voice their opinions. Members of the SGA Executive Committee, along with a number of senators, serve on a number of administrative standing committees to ensure that the students' voice is heard before key decisions are made that impact our campus.

All in all, SGA has been far from "stagnant" this semester. We have continued doing the things that the students have come to expect from the SGA along with implementing several new initiatives. It is our commitment to the students that our Executive Committee will continue to work hard through winter break, until the end of our terms at the culmination of the spring semester. We will continue to think of new and creative ways to engage our student body in the issues that may arise along with keeping up with the traditions that have been set forth. It was said in the earlier article, that whether it is realized it or not, we are changing what students have come to expect from the SGA. We do realize this and hope that is the case. Our entire EC is trying to raise the expectations of the SGA here at APSU. We want to make it better and we want the student body to expect it to be better and expect that it continues to get better, in the near future and in the years to come.

SGA Executive Committee
Austin Peay State University

Greeks can't seem to win

My name is Martel Graham. I am a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated and a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council I picked up *The All State's* latest copy the Nov. 17, 2004 Volume 76 Number 11, as I read through paper I noticed a section, "Step-off lacks effort" now me being Greek, this caught my eye, so as I began to read this "opinion" written by Jose Toro.

First of all I would like to iterate the fact the once again *The All State* developed a case of amnesia and completely forgot about the Homecoming events which were sponsored the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Nevertheless, I will discuss that later! Mr. Toro states, "First of all, the step-off should leave students hungry for more, which could have possibly increased the attendance turnout at the step-off show" let me stop there; it is called a Step Show.

Next if Mr. Toro would have taken the time to check his sources he would have found out that the Step Show was a complete sell out, the Red Barn was so packed that the facility staff had to wheel out extra chairs just to seat the people standing. Then he goes on to say that he interviewed students and they said that they would have rather went to Tennessee State University, that is great but did they

know their step show was twenty five dollars? We put on a quality step show that provided excitement and a fun atmosphere. So what is next? It seems that Mr. Toro has some type of knowledge about the Greek System here at Austin Peay State University, but some knowledge seems to be lacking. True, a step off is to promote unity but in general they are usually for fun, the groups who choose to volunteer to step are not traditional "stepping" organizations so the steps they perform are made up with the help of other organization and are just for fun.

As for the event's make up you would have to take the up with the organizers which where the Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority Incorporated and the African American Student Association on their behalf to promote the step off and get the groups to step, they hired the DJ who is not used much at APSU that much. Another thing that bothered me about the opinion article was the fact you speak of unity; there is unity involved with regard to the step off, usually the National Pan-Hellenic organizations help the other councils with their routines. I do agree that there where not many groups there but you must realize that people have class, jobs and other priorities. There are not many ways to improve a step off; it is a step off, it's a fun event to help with homecoming crowd and atmosphere. If I can, I would like to go back to the beginning to ask why was their no coverage of the Black and White Affair nor the Step Show. I am not asking for front page report but at least some recognition of the hard work NPHC did to pull off these events. It is funny that when Greeks do something positive there is no report but when something is wrong there always seems to be a reporter somewhere to cover the story.

For instance when the member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated got in to fight last school year that made front page news. Isn't that ironic? But to close my opinion response I would like to know if Mr. Toro still has his \$12 dollars? If so he should purchase so SORRY CARDS! I feel that an apology is needed, he needs to apologize along with *The All State* to NPHC, IFC, PC, Gamma Sigma Sorority Incorporated and ASSA for the insensitive comments made in this article.

Martel Graham
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
Incorporated

Role models needed

I've been negative during my previous opinions, writing with a heart as small as a pre-Who Grinch. I feel a change of pace is in order.

Looking upon the Big Brothers Big Sisters program being advertised on the University Center's billboard, I wonder how many students truly take action to place a helping hand toward the program? Of course, BBBS is the world's premiere mentoring program for children and the youth. With today's society, there are vulnerable children who may not be able to reach their potential in growing up. It has been proven that the program impacts the child's school attendance and academic performance in a positive way.

With 250 kids on the waiting list in the nation, there is plenty opportunity to educate yourself about expectations and the relationship with non-related blood. This program is not only strictly for teenagers, it is for anyone desiring to be a mentor and influential to a child increasing one's self-esteem and self attitude.

Giving great self-esteem to the child can turn a young man from a coniving idiot to a generic Albert Einstein or a young girl looking like an ogre to a Princess Fiona.

Most of the children come from broken homes with low to a middle income level. These children often grow up feeling hopeless

or angry often resulting to high-risk behaviors. Statistics show that about 90% of the children are boys who have no father or male role models in their lives. Now, this does not mean for the male volunteers to whip out the Oreo cookies and glass of milk luring the poor child to the bedroom with "You Are Not Alone" playing on VHS.

Simple acts like reading, laughing, and teaching are powerful enough to effectively transform the lives of youth. An adult role model, a buddy or a friend is the initial persona that one will be to the youth towards the organization.

According to www.helpingkids.ca, Little Brothers and Sisters were found to be 46 percent less likely to initiate drug use than kids studied in a control group. That is not an insignificant statistic.

Over 80 percent of former Little Brothers attain a secondary school diploma, compared to 60 percent of their peer group not in the program. That is possibly 80 percent of would-be murderers, thieves, Bin Ladens or that are probably current Wall Street journalists or very successful McDonald's employees.

Correlating this program towards my role as the oldest brother just shows me how big of a difference I can be, instead of some useless piece of advice. With my high school graduation and attendance in a university, it inspires my two little brothers and sister to also go the distance, proving myself as a form of a role model.

Just remember the purpose of this organization is to serve at-risk youth through mentoring, connect the college community with BBBS and support Big Brothers Big Sisters in doing the powerful work of showing children that they do really matter. ♦

Teach don't preach

There are certain things that professors shouldn't talk about in class. This isn't a lecture against freedom of speech; it's just a matter of making students feel comfortable. Certain issues like sexuality, religion, and politics don't have a place in most classrooms. Obviously there are exceptions. If you are taking a political science class or a history class, politics are going to come up frequently. The question is, how can these subjects be approached without offending students or making them feel like they don't belong in a class?

Christianity is the only true religion. This statement will greatly offend some of the students in the class. Whether or not the professor actually believes Christianity is the only true religion is not a big deal. The problem here is that not every student in every class is Christian, and this may make non-Christian students upset or feel threatened. Non-Christian students may worry that they might get a lower grade if the professor knows that they are not Christian. Some students may worry that a teacher will think less of them if they don't believe in the Christian God. The teacher could state his religion if a religious conversation pertinent to the class heads in that direction and that probably wouldn't offend anyone.

Homosexuality is another topic of debate that could greatly affect student-teacher interactions. If a professor blatantly disagrees with homosexuality or homosexual people, any gay and bisexual students in the class will feel greatly uncomfortable. There is, however, a time and a place for teachers to talk about sexuality. Classes on sexuality are perfect places for professors to talk about homosexuality, but they still shouldn't proclaim that they hate homosexuality or gay people.

Politics have their place in several classes, namely political science and history classes. It is quite awkward if taken out of those settings. Can you see why a biology class would discuss politics? There is no reason for them to do so. In the classes where it is a good valid topic of conversation, it should still be handled in a particular way. The teacher should never try to convince the students to vote for a certain candidate or party. I have seen this in a high school classroom and I was appalled. There is a line between what a professor should say about politics and what she shouldn't. That line is crossed when a teacher begins promoting a party or candidate in class.

This is not a tirade against freedom of speech, but there is a limit once you get up in front of a classroom. I am completely for freedom of speech unless it interferes with others' rights. Students should be able to sit in a classroom and not have to feel uncomfortable because a professor believes homosexuality is wrong. The line of acceptable behavior has been crossed at that point. Any student who does feel threatened by something a teacher has said should report it and that teacher should be dealt with accordingly. ♦

Editor in chief moves on

My last semester has flown by and I am facing graduation in a week and a half. Looking back it is a miracle I made it this far in one piece.

My freshman year was a little crazy. Trying to run track, experience the freedom of college, and keep my job since high school was a little too much to handle. Fall semester began and I was a journalism major or as I found out later, a journalism concentration.

I wanted to be a journalist since I was a little girl. I played Ninja Turtles with my little brothers and I was April O'Neil, the photojournalist. My brothers had their turtle suits and I had my toy camera as we ran around terrorizing the neighborhood. Then I took Introduction to Mass

Communication at Austin Peay State University. The class kicked my butt all around campus. By the spring I decided to be an education major. That can't be as hard.

Sophomore year, education was not easy and I had no patience for kids. Now I'm an undecided major. My grades are not great and neither is my attendance. By spring

semester I meet my first role models. This semester I take some journalism classes to give it another try. Feature Writing with Ellen Kanervo and News Reporting with Amy Richardt, helped restore my love for journalism.

Junior year I get offered the News Editor position for *The All State*. I take it and find my "place." I start designing pages; realize I'm not bad at it and actually kind of like it. My grades drastically improve and all of the sudden I'm a good student again. Second semester rolls around and I have now won awards for my work.

I also find out I can graduate in three and a half years. Then I turn 21. This seems to be another downfall. I start making a plethora of bad decisions. I get a credit card, run it up with bar tabs and decide class is not all that important. By the end of the semester, I manage to pull up my grades and get a 3.0.

Here I am now, I have found the balance between enjoying college and keeping my grades up. *The All State* has a special place in my heart and it's hard to let go. My semester will hopefully end in a 4.0 and for the first time I will make Dean's list.

I've also had a blast. I won't forget Monday nights with my staff, "Margarita Monday" or \$3 pitchers at the Deli. I have fallen in love and been heart broken. I have made friends that I will never forget.

So off I go into the real world, I will miss the Peay and wish everyone the best of luck in life and in love. ♦



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Ban censorship

One of the truly wonderful things about the internet is that it has made it much easier to keep tabs on extremists of all types. There are those who would blanch in horror at the statement, believing that the fewer people who might have access to extremist literature and thought, the better. I myself believe exactly the opposite; that these ideas are far more dangerous when they are underground and out of sight, multiplying like toxic mushrooms. I like it much better when they come out into plain sight where we can see them for what they are, where the light tends to shrivel them up.

This, friends and neighbors, is the glory and the wonder and the power of free speech and the marketplace of ideas, that the bad is exposed and forced into open competition with the better. It is also, sadly, the aspect of free speech that makes far too many thoughtful people uncomfortable, to the point where they are willing to see their own rights compromised in order to control speech that they find offensive.

Far too many people give far too little credit to others, as if there were a natural tendency among most human beings to assume that we are smarter than the next person, and that what seems so transparent to us is somehow beyond the ability of the next person to comprehend. In some cases, that is all too true but it is also true that the tendency to gravitate towards extremes does not describe the majority of Americans on the right or the left; if it did we would have ceased to be a republic long ago.

Of course there is always the danger that someone will come upon a hate-spewing website, or a book, or a pamphlet or a magazine, and instead of seeing the contents as something dangerous, will see instead the answer to all of their questions. That is as inevitable as the fact that some people will drive drunk. Still, no one has ever satisfactorily explained how limits on political speech are to be likewise explained and kept from advancing across lines that will be considered as arbitrarily as was the line established by the first amendment.

The religious persons who objects to speech that deeply offends them might be led into supporting the idea of "reasonable restraints" and never comprehend, until it is too late, that the term "offensive" can cut in any number of directions. Just so, the person who desires curbs on religious speech can little imagine just how vast are the number of areas that can be placed under the umbrella of "religion." In order to maintain the preponderance of good that comes with freedom, we must contend with the fact that there is nothing, either in the physical world or in the world of ideas, that cannot be turned to a bad purpose by someone, somewhere.

Often, due to the natural inclination of the media to focus on the unusual rather than the mundane, we find that as consumers of media, tend to overestimate the amount of bad that exists in society. As a result, we too often support bad laws and policy in response to events that are no means indicative of any large or general trend. With a country of three hundred million people, most of whom get the majority of their information about the world from television and radio, isolated and extraordinary events are easily be misconstrued as indicative of a massive social breakdown. It is this fear that is grist for the mills of those who seek to attain or maintain power, who seek to

limit freedom because it inconveniently forces them to make reasoned arguments in support of their beliefs.

Among these are a type of extremist that has increased in numbers over the past quarter century, becoming more dangerous in some ways than the traditional, overt variety. These are the ones who have given up on the idea that third parties can ever make a dent in the two-party system and have decided to simply wrest control of the Republican and Democratic parties away from more moderate elements.

As has always been the case among those who espouse inflexible viewpoints, it is a source of endless frustration that they must offer proof to back up their assertions of impending doom, a doom that only they can save us from. On websites like "Free Republic" and "Democratic Underground," the two most representative organs of extremism attempting to disguise itself as mainstream thought, this frustration often manifests itself in overt appeals for censorship to accomplish that which they cannot, to shut up any and all that will not quietly accede to their "indisputable truths."

Interestingly enough, the most striking thing about the people who make their homes on the extreme left and right flanks is their sameness. Despite their more obvious differences in matters of political opinion, their methods and mindsets are extraordinarily similar. The two above-mentioned websites are each ruthlessly censorial regarding any difference of opinion, and yet their members will decry censorship of their views by the opposition while at the same time advocating stricter controls on speech in their own arena. Indeed, they seem to be truly oblivious to the hypocrisy of it all.

The paranoia is such that on numerous occasions they will eat their own, accusing even members of long-standing of being "disruptors," "trolls," "freepers" and other interesting adjectives, often for the slightest disagreement on a single issue.

Moreover, each will hysterically scream "hate speech" at the other side, which comment is usually followed by a fervent wish for the death of the "haters" and in this as well they seem to see no inconsistency. Lastly, they are mostly in agreement about this, as great as their hate is for each other, it is exceeded only by their hatred for the evils of moderation. Liberal Republicans and Conservative Democrats come into abuse that can only be described as the product of true derangement.

As hard as it might be to endure, I suggest that those of you who incline towards the idea that absolute right is not in your possession and that issues might actually have two sides, that you really should expose yourselves on occasion to the thoughts of those for whom compromise is the greatest sin.

No matter which way you lean politically, realize that in the minds of those who see themselves as the sole possessors of truth, moderation is not acceptable. Half-right is the same as all wrong. That is the essence of extremism, no matter which end of the scale you care to examine. With that thought firmly in mind, all Americans should be very careful about allowing anyone to enlist their support for restraints on political speech beyond those which already exist.

As history has shown time and again, political entities have the tendency to go wildly out of control in the absence of competing ideologies. Without competition, the focus turns to the pursuit of perfection. In the last century, the effect in Germany and in the U.S.S.R. was that millions of human beings were sacrificed for the sake of purity of thought.

We do well to remember that in the real world, perfect evil is much more achievable than perfect good. ♦

Join the revolution

Intemperate colleagues of the Bolshevik sympathy, now has come the hour to enact our disturbance.

Our country is at war with a once sworn ally; an election has been confiscated by a single party system and it is time that we, the proletariat, tired and worn from golden ties who would use our ideas to control the populous, stand and chase the desire of those that fell under the passing of the great mockery of our dream. The world will come to know of our plight. The country we live in will ultimately sing the working-man's song, and each will call it the anthem to dance around the death of the great and bloated state.

This "false consciousness" that has presented itself, a

cancer on the cells of the individual's decision-making ability is now returning in the form of that family who will not cease from wearing the golden ties. Now, they seek to move secretly and devise plans for amending the method of selecting the best for the very worst of deeds.

When the writer is the only one who knows what he/she is talking about, there is no persuasion going on. We can be satirical without being unclear. We can criticize with extreme emotion and not lose the reader in a fit of anger.

The only key, according to George Orwell, is that we should take care and a critical method with our words. He states in his essay *The Politics of the English Language* that "one ought to recognize that the present political chaos is connected with the decay of language, and that one can probably bring about some improvement by starting at the verbal end."

So just maybe, if we began by creating discourse on the connection between our verbal language and our written persuasion, we could get a lot more accomplished and our debates would be a lot less long-winded. ♦

Living strong synonymous with living trendy

By TOM PURDOM
Guest Writer

John Kerry and John Edwards wear them. The same can be said for rapper P-Diddy Combs and pop-artist Gwen Stefani. In fact, almost every Hollywood star, New York politician and D.C. politician has been or will be seen wearing the wrist of either the right (for men) or left (for women) arm.

The LiveStrong® bracelet is marketed by the Lance Armstrong Foundation for Cancer Awareness, Prevention and Research. They can be found at most retail shops for a \$1 donation and according to the foundation's October 26, 2004 report, over 20 million Americans are "living strong."

That is an overwhelming number, although it is not unusual for such a gaudy number of people have become conscious of an important social issue or because those numbers correlate to more than \$20 million dollars spent on cancer research.

The number is overwhelming because it speaks more of fashion than awareness. The extreme popularity of the LiveStrong® bracelets has many people considering them the hippest trend since charm necklaces swept across middle schools and junior highs in the late 80's and early 90's, which can lead one to believe that many of the of those people have purchased the LiveStrong® bracelets only because they are the trendiest thing things since those charm necklaces, not because of the ideals set aside by the foundation.

In fact, there are those who earnestly believe in the foundation's work, and support the triumphs of Lance Armstrong. His story is a testament of what hard work, determination and fortune can accomplish.

John Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential candidate who has had several successful bouts with cancer, and who lost his father in 2000 to the disease. There are many

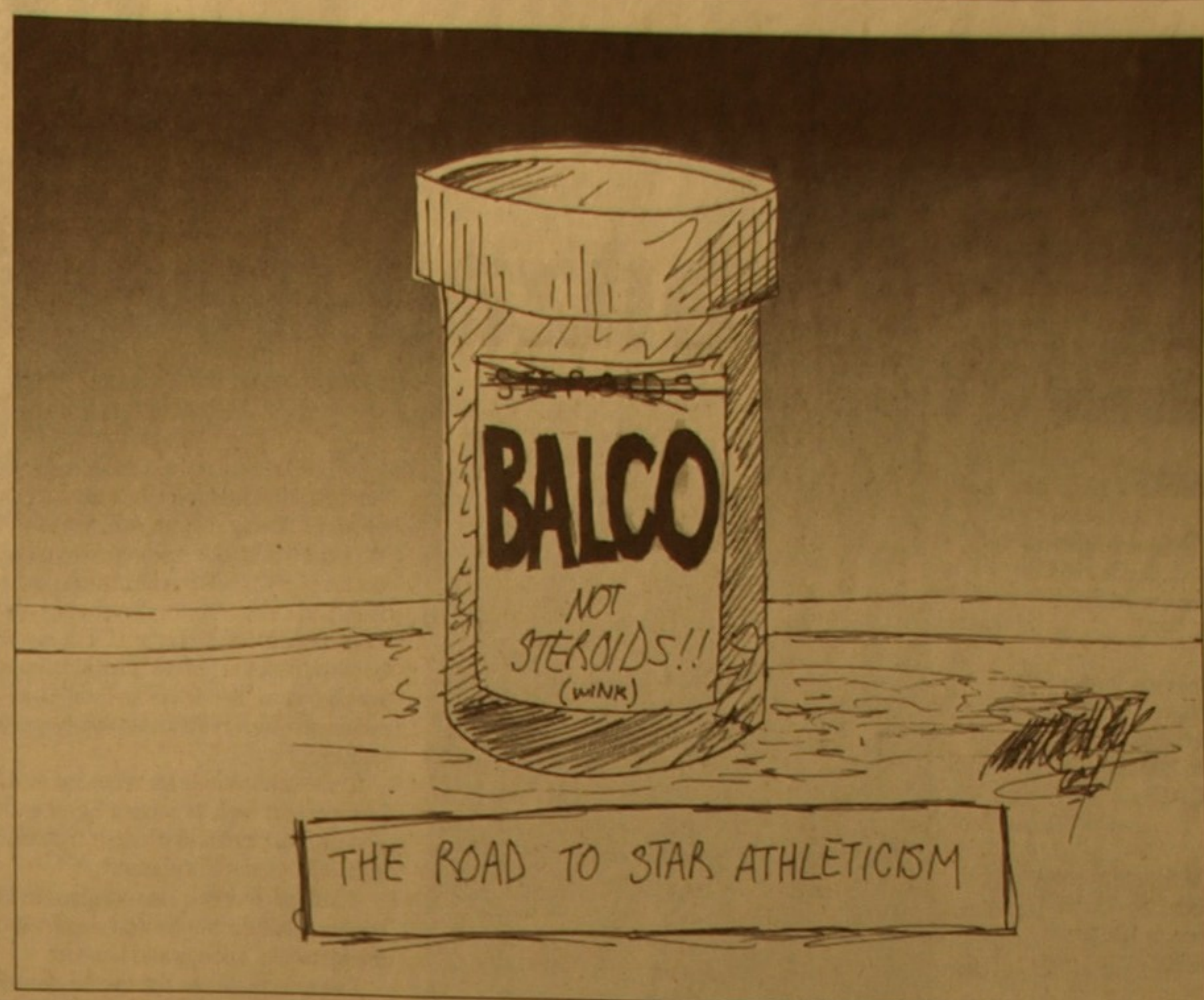
professional athletes who have fought cancer and survived. In most recent years, Andres Galaraga, a professional baseball player, New Jersey Nets center Alonzo Mourning and Sean Elliott of the San Antonio Spurs have all come back from cancer-forced retirement.

While advancements in modern medicine make it more likely for a successful battle against cancer more likely, to defeat the disease is still impressive. This is where why the public finds admiration for the LiveStrong® foundation and its spokesman, Lance Armstrong.

Celebrities flock to LiveStrong® events to show their support and share stories about loss, hope and sometimes their own stories of overcoming the odds. Unfortunately, not every celebrity comprehends the foundation and it's goals.

For every John Kerry, there is a Paris Hilton, who upon being asked by a reporter why she was wearing three of the LiveStrong® bracelets stacked on top of each other, replied, "Because I really appreciate everything Neil Armstrong has done."

There is the concept that the celebrities have an ability to bring about social awareness, as well as promote a wonderful foundation without ever having to say a word on the red carpet. The fact that they may or may not have an opinion or any knowledge about the organization they are silently supporting can be considered trivial. However, this brings about an interesting question: is it simply the celebrities wearing the LiveStrong® bracelets (or any other mark of philanthropy) that makes it trendy, or are celebrities only wearing the bracelets because they are trendy?



By MARTY FOX

Two parties are too few

The times they are a changin', especially in politics. You can even see it in the media. During this election, Michael Moore morphed from a Nader supporting peacenik into a Nader bashing Democrat.

A normally calm Jon Stewart verbally lashed the hosts of CNN's "Crossfire" before the election and almost verbally lashed a Republican guest on his own "The Daily Show" after the election. We know who more celebrities voted for than ever, and P. Diddy went from "Bad Boy For Life" to "Vote Or Die."

With more young people voting than ever, candidates will have to start pandering to the MTV generation. Also, future presidential candidates will start focusing more on moral values, due to Bush's legion of Christian supporters and his successful anti-gay marriage blitz.

What does the future hold for the two major political parties? On both sides it is hard to tell. Bush has pros and cons going for him in the next four years. Things looked bad for him when several Cabinet members, including Colin Powell, decided that the chant "Four More Years" was meant for Bush only and quit their positions.

Regardless, recent CNN polls are showing high approval rating for the guy who wasn't elected by the Supreme Court this time.

Bush is bulletproof right now though compared to the Democrats. After the election, they had to deal with an embarrassing loss. They couldn't even try to blame this one on Ralph Nader.

If you add his votes to Kerry's (wrongfully assuming every Nader supporter would vote for Kerry), Bush still smokes Kerry. Whenever Kerry supporters tell me I wasted my vote on Nader, I ask them how it felt to back a major candidate who still couldn't beat one of the most hated political figures of this century.

Unless the Democrats learn from their mistakes that they made over the past four years, they might as well start calling themselves the fourth party. They need to keep their eyes on Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama if they are going to reclaim the glory they had during the Administration of Hilary's husband. The two most prominent figures in the Democratic Party are a female senator from New York and a black senator from Illinois. The times are a changin' indeed.

The Republicans and Democrats aren't the most important parts of the United States' political future. Right now, the power is slowly shifting into the hands of the third parties. Before the election, the Democrats were spending their money in the courts to keep independent candidates like Nader off the ballots. After the election, Kerry bowed out before some states were counted.

Before the election, independent candidates were running a clean campaign based on issues. After the election, independent candidates are staying in the battleground, doing jobs no one wants to do.

David Cobb, the Green Party presidential candidate, and

Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian presidential candidate, joined forces and called for a recount of votes in Ohio. There had been several reports of voting irregularities in Ohio, so the former candidates decided that they needed to help make sure that voting fraud, accidental or purposeful, wasn't occurring.

The cost for a recount in Ohio is \$113,600; both parties managed to raise \$150,000 in less than 4 days. They are still raising money to recruit, train and mobilize people for the recount. Ohio judge James G. Carr ruled that the recount would have to wait until all of the stages of Ohio's electoral process were completed, which was this Monday.

Supporters of the recount include former presidential candidate and Ohio senator Dennis Kucinich. If you combine the two candidates' votes, they didn't even win a half of a percent of the country's popular vote. It is doubtful that a recount would give either of them a victory.

Nader, after winning a percent of the nation's vote in a fiercely bipartisan election, hasn't given up the fight for democracy either. The Nader-Camejo campaign began New Hampshire's recount on November 18. Eleven of New Hampshire's electoral districts had their votes counted by hand. The votes were originally counted on optical scanning machines which don't print out results on paper to verify the computing.

This makes it possible for errors and tampering to occur. A hand recount would rule out both options. The campaign had received over 2,000 letters from concerned citizens requesting a recount in New Hampshire. When the recount was completed, there were no major discrepancies revealed. Hopefully this will be a trend, reassuring voters that their voice does count.

The Nader-Camejo campaign is now looking towards making recounts happen in New Mexico and Nevada. Although they weren't on the Ohio ballot, Nader and Camejo still support the recount effort there. Recently the Green and Libertarian parties were given the "green" light to recount the votes in Ohio.

"We are very pleased that the judge recognized our right to a recount and that the recount will go forward in each and every county in Ohio," said Cobb.

Interestingly enough, the Kerry-Edwards campaign came to the defense of the Ohio recount, helping them out with legal entanglements. Already it seems like the Democrats recognize who's calling the shots in politics.

It's sad that it took two third parties to bring Kerry and Edwards to their senses, even though it helps prove my point. I suspect that the third parties will be sticking their necks out more in the future. In the aftermath of election 2004, we see a victorious Republican party, with a returning President and increased control over both the Senate and House.

The Democratic party is licking its wounds and wondering what went wrong. In between these two giants there stands a David if you will; third party organizations. While Kerry has backed down, supposed "losers" Nader, Cobb and Badnarik are fighting for the rights of citizens.

By taking on such responsibility, the third parties are rising up and becoming a force to be reckoned with. I believe that these parties will play a key role in politics, if not in the next election then by 2012.

Until then, I will still continue to support Nader for president in 2008. ♦

Before writing this off as simply a directionality problem (a problem where both variables affect each other to the extent that it is unclear which variable causes what), consider that many celebrities have personal beliefs and many of them use their fame and fortunes to influence their followers and fans to sway their way opinion on a certain matter, either politically or economically.

Now, assuming that there really is not a negative side to this specific foundation (who exactly would be against cancer research, anyway?), this spectrum can be broadened to a higher field, the concept that these "celebrities" need to be aware of which foundations they support and which causes they champion.

Is it too much to ask that a Paris Hilton or an Alec Baldwin do a little research on their own before going out and placing their names on the front of a cause or organization? What if a "charitable" foundation does not hold up to the ethical standards it preaches in the upcoming years and turns out to be nothing more than a money-making scam? Do we then hold them responsible for generating millions upon millions of dollars for that cause, simply because they were going along with a 'trend'? Of course not.

For almost a decade through the end of the 1930's, Charles Lindbergh, one of America's most renowned celebrities of his time, championed the Nazi cause, before the atrocities surfaced that made the Nazis infamous. After the truth was known, he shrugged it off as if he wasn't at fault, claiming they deceived him. And what about Jane Fonda using every bit of popularity she had to visit North Vietnam, which resulted in the savage beatings and deaths of two American hostages?

Does the fact that celebrity, in a sense, is a soapbox,

condone the messages and propaganda that usually follows when someone of influence goes to the press about something they approve or disapprove of? It seems as if there are no rules or restrictions towards pop stars, movie stars or anyone else who has his or her fifteen minutes of fame, when it comes to endorsing something as small as a shampoo, or as big as a potential political candidate. This recent presidential election showed firsthand the pandering of movieof movie stars and musical artists towards public opinion.

The real issue is not they are speaking out, it is the audience that actually buys it. And what about those products that celebrities choose to endorse? The characters children idolized in the earlier part of the last century were great personalities such as Mickey Mantle, Fred Astaire and Babe Ruth, all of which are considered great human beings, meanwhile, all of which had endorsements and ties to various cigarette companies and brands of alcohol. In fact, the very first baseball cards, an American boyhood tradition, were found only in snuff tobacco and chewing-tobacco packs.

The concept of a free celebrity endorsement makes P.R. directors and advertisers salivate. There have been many instances where what seems as to be a good cause one day, blows into a scandal the next and the celebrities play it off as if they were the victims as well, negating their responsibility for their ignorance and lack of research.

Keep in mind, the LiveStrong® Foundation is not Nazi Germany nor is it the communist state of North Vietnam. It is a wonderful organization that is providing information and a large amount of monetary resources to find cures and treatments for cancer. The concept that I have issue with is not the following of this organization, it is the blind following of any organization, person or thing, hazardous or beneficial. This is just an idea, but if you chose to "LiveStrong®" at least have some sort of concept of what you are living strong for. ♦

Lifestyles at a Glance

INFO

SGA Senate Meeting
Wed., Dec. 8, 2004
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
UC 307

Women's Studies Senior Forum
Wed., Dec. 8, 2004
5 to 7:00 p.m.
UC 303

SGA Senate Meeting
Wed., Dec. 15, 2004
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
UC 307

FUN

Tri Beta Holiday Bake Sale
Wed., Dec. 8, 2004
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sundquist Science Complex Atrium

Student Life & Leadership Reception
Wed., Dec. 8, 2004
6 to 10 p.m.
UC 305

Student Life & Leadership Study Bash
Thurs., Dec. 9, 2004
5 p.m. to 12 a.m.
UC Cafeteria

Men's Gvcs Basketball vs. Oakland (Exhibition)
Thurs., Dec. 9, 2004
7 to 9 p.m.
Dunn Center Gymnasium

MUSIC

Wind Ensemble Concert
Thurs., Dec. 9, 2004
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Music Mass Comm. Concert Hall

Lana's Dance Center
Sat., Dec. 11, 2004
8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Clement Auditorium

CSA Combined Choirs Concert
Sat., Dec. 11, 2004
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Music Mass Comm. Concert Hall

Clarksville Christmas Parade
Sun., Dec. 12, 2004
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dunn Center West Parking Lot

Piano Juries
Mon., Dec. 13, 2004
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Music Mass Comm. Concert Hall

CSA Wolynec Recital
Tues., Dec. 14, 2004
7 to 9 p.m.
Music Mass Comm. Concert Hall

Kwanzaa deeply rooted in culture



Mama Edie Armstrong, left, helps Ashley Scharp, 6, with the lighting of the Kinara during a Kwanzaa celebration at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004.

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

When December rolls around, most people focus on the Hanukkah and Christmas holidays. However, many African Americans and Pan-Africans worldwide celebrate Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa occurs every year from December 26 to January 1 and it celebrates family, community and culture. According to kwanzaa.com, "The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase 'matunda ya kwanza' which means 'first fruits' in Swahili, a Pan-African language which is the most widely spoken African language."

These celebrations are recorded in African history as far back as ancient Egypt and Nubia and appear in ancient and modern civilizations of Ashantiland and Yorubaland.

These celebrations also occurred in large empires such as the Zulu empire and smaller societies like the Matabele, Thonga and Lovedu.

Kwanzaa builds on the five fundamental activities of Continental African "first fruit" celebrations: ingathering, reverence, commemoration, recommitment and celebration. Ingathering focuses on the aspect of family and friends. It is the time in which people reaffirm the bonds between them.

Reverence is a time for people to reflect on

blessings they have received, bountifulness and the beauty of creation.

The commemoration aspect of this celebration is the time where people celebrate the models of human excellence, their ancestors. Recombination represents the ongoing effort to bring forth the best of African cultural thought and practice, while celebration is the time for people to celebrate their existence as well as the existence of community, family and culture.

Kwanzaa was established in 1966 in the midst of the Black Freedom Movement and thus reflects its concern for cultural groundedness in thought and practice, and the unity and self-determination associated with this. It was conceived and established to serve several functions.

First, Kwanzaa was created to reaffirm and restore African Americans' rootedness in African culture.

It is, therefore, an expression of recovery and reconstruction of African culture that was being conducted in the general context of the Black Liberation Movement of the 60's and in the specific context of The Organization Us, "the founding organization of Kwanzaa and the authoritative keeper of its tradition." Secondly, Kwanzaa was created to serve as a regular communal celebration to reaffirm and reinforce the bonds between people

of African descent.

It was designed to be an ingathering to strengthen community and reaffirm common identity, purpose and direction as a people and a world community. Finally, Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce the Nguzo Saba (the Seven Principles.) These seven communitarian African values are: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith).

This stress on the Nguzo Saba was at the same time an emphasis on the importance of African communitarian values in general, which stress family, community and culture and speak to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense, so Kwanzaa was conceived as a fundamental and important way to introduce and reinforce these values and cultivate appreciation of them.

It is important to note Kwanzaa is a cultural holiday, not a religious one, thus available to and practiced by Africans of all religious faiths who come together based on the rich, ancient and common ground of their heritage. For more information on this holiday, please visit www.kwanzaa.com.

Wishing for Christmas this holiday season...

From great sex to great cars, students tell all. What's on your holiday wish list?



Deanna Hicks
Freshman
Biology Major
"I want a book shelf, computer programs, DVDs and money."



David Baggett
Freshman
Undecided
"I would like a Nintendo DS."



Christina French (Left)
Freshman
Psychology Major
"I want a new house, a Dodge Magnum, and great sex!"

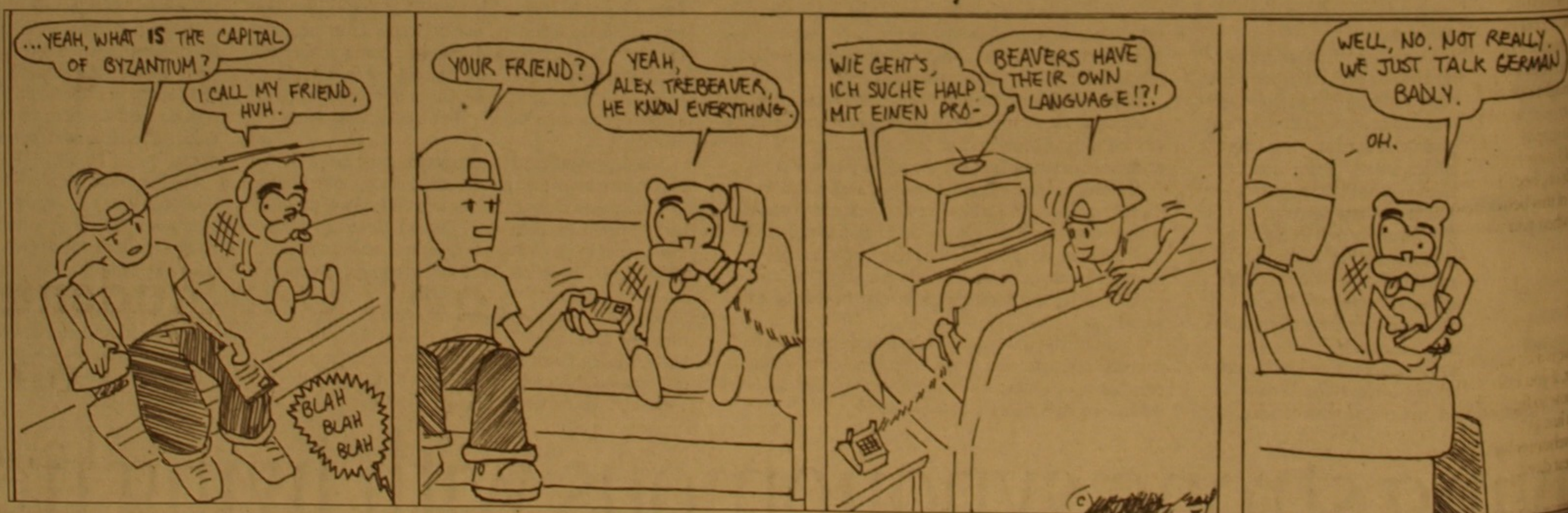


Lanetta "Lynn" Kannady
Sophomore
Political Science Major
"I would like for my children to have a good holiday. A 2005 Honda CRV is on my wish list."

Natascha Washington (Right)
Junior
Medical Technology Major
"I really want a new car. Preferably a Yukon Denali and lots of money."

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Unmentionables comic by Martin Fox



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'Tis the season to be thrifty

By ELIZABETH JENKINS
Staff Writer

'Tis the season to be thrifty, but that doesn't mean you have to give lame presents. Calm down weary consumer, and step away from the bad-gift clichés. Your family and friends will appreciate it if you omit the following gifts: Christmas themed apparel, blatantly cheap make-up sets with color pallets from the eighties, fragrance knockoffs, precocious labels of "Angel" or "Princess" on anything, and enormous popcorn tins! All of this should be burned, but if having a bonfire isn't your style, keep all your receipts. Resort to the net as a guide to shopping.

Overzealous holiday consumers have already broken 2003 shopping record for online purchases. Shopping and Classifieds websites have generated 9.27 percent of all United States online visits, making it the third most popular category after adult and search engines. It is a smart time to jump on the online retail bandwagon. Websites are popping up to cater to clueless shopper's needs.

An excellent source of this is giftsonweb.com. Gifts range from \$30 to \$150, and you access this by simply clicking a desired price range. Featured



J. C. Penney Public Relations Representative Brenda Romero shows a rabbit fur poncho while wearing red chenille gloves at a Dallas store, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004. As the holiday shopping season starts this week retailers are hoping that items like rabbit fur ponchos, handbags with faux fur and stiletto shoes in fire engine red will inspire shoppers who have grown more frugal of late.

on this website are the Marsh Mellow Shooter, a plastic toy that shoots marshmallows, and the Hand-Crank cell phone charger, a device that is the size of a match box and is otherwise self-

explanatory. Both items are \$24.95, making it an affordable way to serve up quirky and cool.

If you're pondering what to give that fashion-forward girl or guy, check out girlshop.com and guyshop.com.

Both websites carry designer products, but not all the prices are jaw-dropping expensive. On girlshop.com you can snag a darling pair of Chikki Pearl sequined beaded slippers for only \$48 bucks.

On a guyshop.com there is an awesome man purse, coined the Jasper Satchel for \$58 dollars. These products are trendy and accessibly likable. It is imperative that shipping and handling is carefully looked over, as well as return policies on all websites that purchases are made at.

Generally speaking, all orders need to be made by December 19 to arrive in time for the holidays. There is no excuse to pass off lameness as a present this year, no matter how shiny the wrapping paper is.

With great options at your fingertips on the net, you are sure to get a sincere "thank you" from the receiver as opposed to silent admiration. When no real physical effort is put forth and yet people are still made happy, it really is better to give then receive. ♦

Arts and Entertainment

Be daring. Do something different this week...

THE PRIVATES: Wed., Dec 8 at 9 p.m., The Basement, \$5. The Privates are one of Nashville's buzz bands of the moment: disheveled but tight punk played with pinball energy by members of The Features, Verde and Character. Classic song title from their debut: "We Are Really Rocking Now, Haven't We?" 1604 8th Ave. S. 254-1604

KRISTEN'S SULTRY JAZZ ENSEMBLE: Wed., Dec 8 at 9:30 p.m., The Boro Bar & Grill, \$3 21 & older, \$4 21 & older. Kristen isn't afraid to step outside what only seems like a neatly packaged box of standards and let her low-pitched ballads stroll into the shadows of irony and free forms. 1211 Greenland Dr., Murfreesboro. 895-4800

NASHVILLE MANDOLIN ENSEMBLE: Thurs., Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m., Frist Center for Visual Arts Whether in collaborations with symphony orchestras or exploring rock, bluegrass, blues and jazz, the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble shatters preconceptions about what their principal instrument can do. The membership includes up to six players, with musicians utilizing the mandocello and mandola as well as mandolin, guitar and acoustic bass to create a wealth of sounds that blur idiomatic distinctions.

ORKESTRA MONDO PINGUS: Thurs., Dec 9 at 9 p.m., The Mercy Lounge, \$7 An eclectic, celebratory presence on the local scene for almost 10 years, Orkestra Mondo Pingus are driven by bassist Manny Yanes, who paves the way for bold horn-section improvis based on Cuban rhythms and their American spawn. 1 Cannery Row. 251-3020

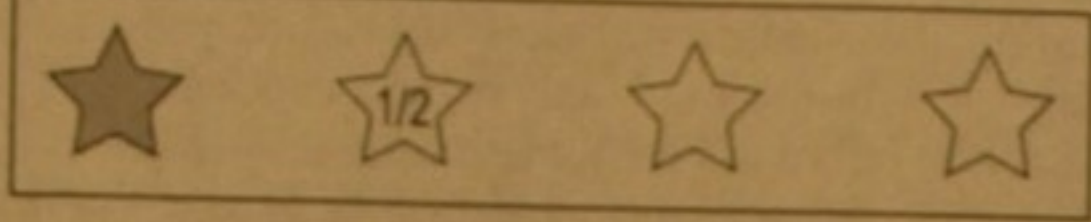
DAVE OLNEY: Friday, Dec. 10 at 9 p.m., Bongo After Hours Theatre, \$10 A charter member of the songwriting pantheon that includes Guy Clark and Townes Van Zandt, Olney weds historical and philosophical referents to common human concerns, balancing a dark view of power and greed with gentle love songs. 2007 Belmont Blvd. 385-1188

TOMMY WOMACK: Friday, Dec. 10 Exit/In A stalwart local rocker with deep roots in the scene, dating back to his days in Government Cheese and The Bis-Quits, Womack has played with just about every musician of note in town, and he employs those old chums when performing his own repertoire of booming anthems and tender ballads. A fine live performer, he makes even an acoustic guitar rip like a chainsaw. 2208 Elliston Pl. 321-3340

MINTON SPARKS: 7:30 pm, Bongo After Hours Theatre Sparks is a Southern spoken-word artist whose provocative tales pull no punches.

Blade doesn't cut it with critics

Two soggy thumbs down for the new vampire flick in theatres



By DAVID GERMAIN
Associated Press

To put it mildly, "Blade: Trinity" the third and hopefully final installment in Wesley Snipes' franchise about a half-human, half-vampire hunter of the undead is a bloody mess.

The showdown between Snipes' Blade and the father of all vampires, Dracula, is a deafening bore filled with unimaginative action and repetitive visual effects, and the characters both dead and alive are as stiff as real corpses.

Writer-director David Goyer piles on the decibels with a head-banging soundtrack and piles up the bodies, though only temporarily, since vampires expire in a flash of sparks and dust.

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" applied a similar visual sparingly, so viewers did not grow tired of seeing demons implode when staked through the heart. But as in "Blade II," hardly a moment

goes by in the latest sequel without some vampire bursting into flaming residue, a cool effect the first few times but tedious and annoying by the 50th.

Goyer, who wrote the first two "Blade" flicks based on the Marvel comic books, musters the thinnest of muddled plots to hang the action on in "Blade: Trinity."

Dracula (Dominic Purcell) is awakened from a long slumber by a band of snaky little vampires led by Danica Talos (a woefully miscast Parker Posey, who lacks the menacing stature to play one of the undead).

Apparently, Danica's gang needs Dracula, now going by the streamlined name Drake, to reinvigorate the vampire blood line and lead the bloodsuckers to new glory.

First, they need to capture Blade for none-too-explicit reasons, so they frame him as a vigilante crusader and let the cops do the dirty work.

But a band of vampire slayers called the Night Stalkers conveniently turns up to spring Blade and join forces with him in the fight against Drake.

Among the Night Stalkers are wisenheimer Hannibal King (Ryan Reynolds) and stoic babe Abigail Whistler (Jessica Biel), daughter of Blade's old comrade Abraham Whistler (Kris Kristofferson, who makes a quick departure from "Blade: Trinity" and probably was thankful for it). The movie lumbers from car chase to gunfire to explosion to hand-to-hand combat and back, the rapid-fire action photographed and edited gracefully.

Snipes looks as silly as ever with his bizarrely sculpted hair, and the one fleeting scene of humor and humanity he displays underscores the fact that playing an utterly detached, stone-faced bruiser for two hours is really dull to watch.

While no one is called on to do any acting, Purcell still comes up short.

He's possibly the least charismatic Dracula in screen history, looking more like a bouncer outside a shabby London club.

"Blade: Trinity," a New Line release, is rated R for strong pervasive violence and language, and some sexual content. Running time: 114 minutes. One and a half stars out of four. ♦

Alternatives methods to exercise

Forget about push-ups. Dancing is the new workout.

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

We all know that exercise is the best way to rid of excess pounds and stay in great shape.

Lifting weights, running, cardio machines and treadmills are just some of the many "conventional" ways to achieve this, but not everyone can respond to these methods. However, due to technology and world influences, fun alternatives to the standard routines of working out have breathed new life into the journey for physical fitness. Let's look at three of the most popular new methods of training:

First Pick: Dance Dance Revolution, or more commonly known as DDR, is one of the most popular arcade games on the planet right now, testing participants in a bout of rhythm and step.

Players watch a scenario of arrows (up, down, left and right) and use their feet to correctly match beat patterns when a specific direction corresponds to its matching counterpart at the top of the screen.

There are beginner, light, standard and heavy modes in which to play, catering to both newcomers and veterans.

In a single session, depending on the mode chosen, dancers can lose

anywhere from 30 to 250 calories, as well as firming leg muscles and promoting better breathing patterns.

Second Pick: Belly dancing has taken America by storm, particularly with women. Originating in the Middle East, the art generally focuses on isolating different parts of the body and moving them in sensuous patterns.

Currently, this form of dance is being adopted into workout classes by a variety of health clubs around the states, and even can be practiced at home through instructional tapes and DVDs.

Third Pick: Pole and exotic dancing has really given a new face to workout routines. Practiced by celebrities and average health club goers alike, the name says it all.

Most sessions last from 10 to 40 minutes, and highly center on finding one's "sexual energy" to maximize total body fitness.

This cardio exercise has become so popular that Oprah Winfrey once dedicated an entire episode to encourage housewives to unleash the "hidden sexpot" within them.

Staying in shape doesn't have to be a chore, and with the current variety of new intuitive routines available to take advantage of, it won't be. Check the university fitness center for more tips and classes offered. ♦

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Lady Govs split two in tournament

BY MICHAEL TAYLOR
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University women's basketball team picked up a win and a loss in the Southern Miss Classic last weekend.

On Friday, the Lady Govs defeated American University 64-53, but dropped to Columbia in the championship game, 62-42, on Saturday.

The Lady Govs played close in the beginning of the first half trailing by four,

29-25, with American in their first meeting ever. When the second half began, the Lady Govs hit two baskets and quickly cut the lead to a 29-29 tie. Soon after that, APSU pushed a 13-0 lead in the last 10 minutes of the second half. American couldn't bounce back in the final minutes and the Lady Govs went on to break their three game losing streak.

Junior Kera Bergeron finished with 18 points to lead the Lady Govs. Bergeron had three steals and three assists in 36

minutes. Junior Ashley Haynes added 14 points, and senior Cassandra Peek ended the game with 10 points.

For American, Joanna Barnes led with 21 points and Chanel Hunt added 12 points.

On Saturday, the Lady Govs never had the lead in the game, and it showed in the results. APSU shot 24.3 percent from the field, while Columbia recorded a 42.9 field goal percentage, which a huge impact on the outcome.

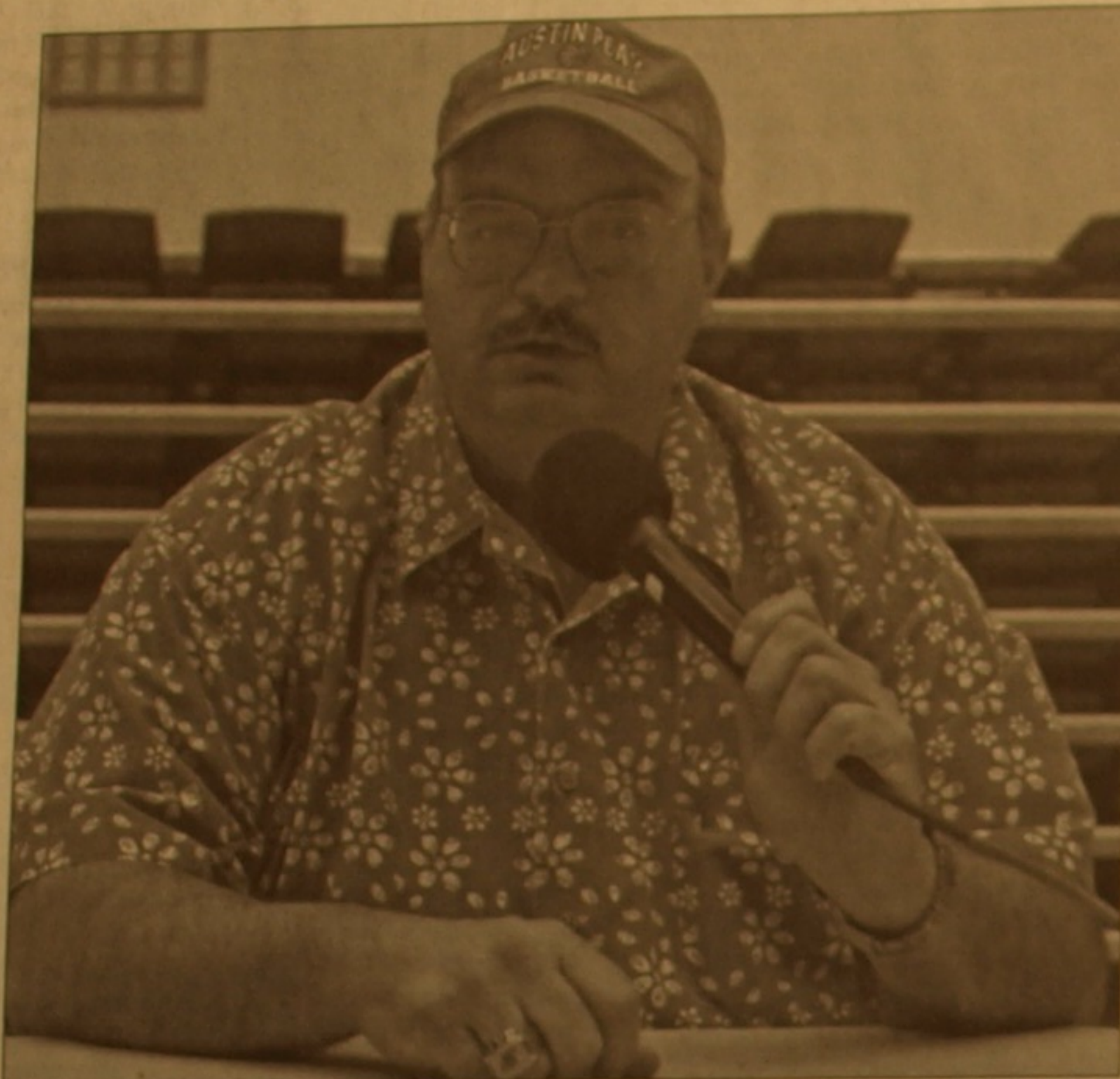
During the first half of play, Columbia played well defensively, holding the Lady Govs to several drought periods where they were unable to score any points. Columbia had pushed a 20-point lead in the first five minutes of the second half and it was too much of a deficit for the Lady Govs to catch up.

Freshman Robin Leslie led all scorers with 10 points and Ashley Haynes followed just behind with six points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Govs had two players to receive honors from the tournament: Bergeron and Haynes were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Govs will travel to Chattanooga, Tenn., Saturday to take Chattanooga University and then to Murfreesboro, Tenn., for Middle Tennessee on the Dec. 21.

That contest will wrap up a season game away schedule and they will leave Evansville on Dec. 28. ♦



Steve Willard has announced football and basketball games for over two decades at Austin Peay State University. The alumni attended the university as a baseball player from 1974-1978.

Willard's voice of APSU heard by generations

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

When it comes down to it, it is hard to find a more dedicated Austin Peay State University fan than long-time Govs announcer Steve Willard. Any person who attends an APSU football or men's basketball game can find Willard behind the microphone, giving fans a play-by-play account of the game.

Willard attended APSU from 1974-78 where he was a member of the Govs baseball team and met his future wife, Brenda.

During his residency in Killebrew Hall in 1977, Willard got his first experience in what would later become his calling.

"One night at our dorm, my suitemate Tommy Brian, who worked for the Sports Information Office at the time, told me that he needed a

public address announcer for the women's basketball team," Willard said. "I told him I would do it. He asked me whether I had ever done it before and I said no, but I can do it. I filled in for Bill Herndon who was the guy announcing at the time for the next couple of years, and he sort of trained me on how to announce and got me on my feet."

Willard announced for the next two years, and when he moved back to Nashville from Texas in 1983 he was asked by APSU to once again announce the football and basketball games.

He is currently in his 22nd basketball season and his 21st football season here at APSU and he intends on keeping the streak alive.

"Until you've done this, you don't know that there is nothing in the world that is better," Willard said.

"You are part of the game, you are a great seat, and you feel like you are part of the program. The thing that makes it special for me is that I am at this university. I am an Austin Peay guy. I have been and always will be."

Willard has announced many memorable games in the history of APSU including the men's basketball wins over Michigan State University and last year's victory over Miami State. He was also here to witness the career of Trenton Hassell before he went on to play in the NBA for the Memphis Grizzlies.

Willard is currently in his 10th year as the announcer for Montgomery Bell Academy in Clarksville. When he is not announcing, Steve works as a general manager for a lumber yard in Nashville, and for many years he has served as a Dixie Youth Director of Sports in Goodlettsville. ♦

My Two Cents

By KRISTEN SCHABERT
Staff Writer

I have so many topics that I would love to write about, but in case you didn't know, this is the last issue of *The All State* for this semester. That means it's my last one overall... a bittersweet deal, in all honesty.

Since this is my last column, I'd just like to say a few final comments before I go.

First of all, I still hate the University of Tennessee!

Secondly, my fantasy team, The Care Bears, are still rolling over everyone and are

11-1 (by the time this is printed they'll be 12-1). Go Care Bears! And lastly, a topic I never brought up but always wanted to mention—that car racing stuff that many people spend hours watching? Yeah—that's not a sport! How is driving a car considered a sport?

Anyway, now that I've gotten that out, let me finish up by mentioning some of my favorite parts of life here at Austin Peay State University.

My favorite semester overall was definitely one year ago when I was in ROTC. The things I learned and accomplished in that one semester will stay with me forever. Yes, I am a sports fan, but fitness is something that has always seemed to escape me. Unlike Mandy, my one previous fitness credit came from Ballroom Dancing at Tech. So, when ROTC let me in, I don't think they quite knew who they were getting. Fortunately, I made it.

Thanks to ROTC, I finally learned the ins and outs of doing a push-up and I became able to run two miles in an almost-respectable time. I can do a lot of stuff I never imagined I'd do.

I would also recommend Major Werner's Army Physical Fitness class to almost anyone (it's not just for cadets), but don't go there expecting to get "in shape." You'll be pushed to your limit but I guarantee you will not regret it. Also, congrats to all the cadets who will be graduating soon. You guys all deserve so much respect and I admire all of you. And by the way, Sir... my knees are still feeling fine.

For those of you who are interested in sports media, consider spending some time volunteering over in Sports Information. It's a great place to learn about covering sports. I worked with Brad and Cody for two years and I learned a lot more there than I learned in some of my specialized classes. It's great hands-on experience that will really benefit you in the future.

I guess I'll finish by quoting my marketing professor: "Think of life as a football game... the longer you stay on offense, the more points you'll score." It seems simple, but it's true. Work hard and do the best you can do, and things will be fine.

Thanks to everyone for reading this semester. I really appreciate all the encouraging (and even the not-so-encouraging) comments I've received from people.

Also, a huge thank-you to my "cute twin," Mandy, my former-roommate-but-now-she's-my-friend, Melinda, my site supervisor Kristy and all the other *All State* staffers for all the help, encouragement and support throughout this semester and ones past. God Bless. ♦

Volleyball players perform short-handed

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

Who would believe that four freshmen football players would be ruling the intramural volleyball court at the Red Barn? Even if you are not shocked by this, the University Recreation Department is.

While most volleyball teams are comprised of six to eight players, the Ballers are composed of four guys, three of which are from the Hendersonville area and the fourth from Brighton. So far, this team of four has overcome their two-man handicap and walked away with win after win.

"The wins are nice," said freshmen team captain Derek Dobbs, "but we are really out here to just have fun."

During the summer, three of the guys, Derek Dobbs, John Sanders and Lawson Watson practiced on a sand volleyball court within their community. The three have been playing together for two years.

"We really got into it during our junior year," Dobbs said. "There would be some nights that we would play for three or four hours because we played where the winner stays."

Many students, as well as University Recreation staff, have been surprised at the Ballers' ability to compete against other teams with six men.

"I was shocked the first time I watched these guys play," said intramural graduate assistant Kelly Dinneen. "They show great teamwork, and being two men down just does not affect their game."

In regular season play, the Ballers finished their season 3-1, which seeded them second in the tournament.

In first round tournament action they defeated the Sigma Chi, 2-0, but were unable to defeat the defending champs, B's team and lost in 2-1 in a nail biting match.

"Overall, it was a good experience for us," Dobbs said. "A lot of our games were cancelled due to unorganization of the program, but it was still good fun." ♦



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Above: Freshman Lawson Watson attempts to block a spike from the Phi Kappa fraternity team in an intramural volleyball match, while Derek Dobbs looks on. The hit.

Left: The Ballers consists of, from left to right, freshmen Landon Walker, Watson, Dobbs and John Sanders. They pose for a picture after their 2-0 victory against the Pikes last week.

APSU student takes interest in the arts...martial arts

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

From broken bones to a concussion last October, Jennifer Caraway has experienced it all as a student of martial arts. The senior political science major is a second-degree black belt in judo, and she is working towards a black belt in karate.

While judo is a form of Asian wrestling, karate is geared more towards fighting, with actual kicks and punches.

"Working with karate makes me feel like I have a sense of self control," Caraway said. "I feel one with myself."

Caraway began studying martial arts at the age of three. She took tae kwon do for about two years in Orlando, Fla., before her family moved to the Netherlands. Later, at the age of seven, her family moved to Fukuoka, Japan, Caraway resumed participation in the martial arts. She began taking judo lessons, eventually working her way up to a second-degree black belt.

"Practicing martial arts gives me a goal to work towards," Caraway said. "I love the feeling of accomplishment I get when I move into a new level."

Although there are still fewer women than men in the sport, the number of women are growing. Through six years of competition in judo, Caraway was the only girl in her class.

"This is generally not a girls' sport," Caraway said, "and I respect any girl who is willing to try."

For three years in high school, Caraway worked at a rape

help center, and her experience has motivated her.

"I think it's something all girls need to have some knowledge of martial arts just for self-defense purposes," She does, however, offer some advice. "Don't be scared to get hit," she said. "If you don't put your all into it, you won't get the full effect."

Caraway knows about putting in her all. The 20-year-old won Best in

Competition in the 2003 annual tournament at the Baize Martial Arts

studio, where she currently takes lessons. "Karate is also a release for me," Caraway said. "When I go in to work out, it helps me realize that there are bigger things in life."

Caraway plans on graduating from Austin Peay State University in May. She is engaged to be married to fellow senior Jason Carney that same month. After college, Caraway plans to continue her education at the Memphis School of Law, as her long-term goal includes teaching politics for a university.

"I would love to continue practicing martial arts in the future," Caraway said, "and I would also love to learn new forms of the sport, such as kung fu."

Caraway admires strong-willed people who are not scared to be themselves.

When she's not in uniform, Caraway is in Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, she is secretary for the Laurel Wreath on campus and she serves as the secretary for the American Civil Liberties Union chapter at APSU. ♦



Senior Jennifer Caraway demonstrates a simple Karate stance. She has been studying martial arts since she was three years old.

Govs drop to 1-5 after a pair of losses

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team is having trouble putting another 'W' in the win column, as they lose their third and fourth straight at the hands of the Vanderbilt Commodores and the Evansville Aces.

To start off their two short road trips down and up Interstate 24, the Govs were faced with the tough task of taking on the Vanderbilt Commodores last Wednesday night.

Though the Govs lost 74-58 to the Commodores, head coach Dave Loos still feels the Govs are making the needed adjustments to compete within the Ohio Valley Conference.

"Vanderbilt has some size under the basket," Loos said, "but I think that is what we need to face to get us ready for OVC play."

Most of the night Loos gave the task of guarding the 7-foot David Prybyziewski to the Govs' Zac Schlader, but even Schlader knew he had a tough night ahead. In OVC play Schlader is one of the tallest players on the court, but the Govs' 6-9 center struggled much of the night to even get a shot.

On the night, Schlader was able to get only five field goal attempts off, and he scored 8-of-12 from the free-throw line.

On a more positive note, the Govs did come away with experience. Experience that has surprised Loos.

Govs' freshman Derek Wright, Jr., (D.J.) showed coach Loos and his fellow teammates he was there to play. His ability to step in for Levi Carmichael, who was suffering from an ankle sprain, showed that he can change the tempo of the game and that he knows what he is doing on the court.

"What I really liked was D.J.'s ability to push the ball up the floor and attack the defense before they set up," Loos said.

Wright not only pushed the ball down the court, but he was able to spark a 14-1 APSU run with a three-pointer. Although the freshman was having trouble finding his shot, it did not affect his game.

In only his second game of the season, senior guard Anthony Davis not only made his presence felt with a team-high 19 points, he was able to find

two opportunities to show off his dunking ability.

His first of the season came on a first-half breakaway which brought the few APSU fans to their feet. Davis' second dunk came as the second-half buzzer sounded to end the game, and though he was booed by the few Vanderbilt fans who stayed to watch the game, the Govs fans appreciated it.

"That is the Davis I remember from last year," said Brandon Evans, who was one of the few students who traveled to see the Govs play.

"We are just going to have to learn from these games," Loos said.

On Saturday the Govs traveled up I-24 to play the Evansville Purple Aces, but the Govs were unable to put something together to beat the Purple Aces.

Instead of coming home with a win, the Govs were dealt a 67-58 loss, and for the first time since the 2001-2002 season, the Govs are starting off the season with 1-5 record.

"We could not get any offense," Loos said. "They were overplaying our offensive options a little bit and we didn't go to the next option. We just couldn't execute."

Offensively for the season, the Govs have struggled, and in the game against the Purple Aces, they showed it. After committing just five turnovers in the first half and six in the second, the Govs found that their lack of scoring would be their downfall.

Though they matched the Purple Aces from the three point line, with five a piece, and out-scored them on the floor 25 field goals to 23. It was a difference in free throws that clenched the game for the Purple Aces. While the Govs only went 3-of-5 from the line, the Purple Aces were able to score 20-of-25 attempts from the free throw line.

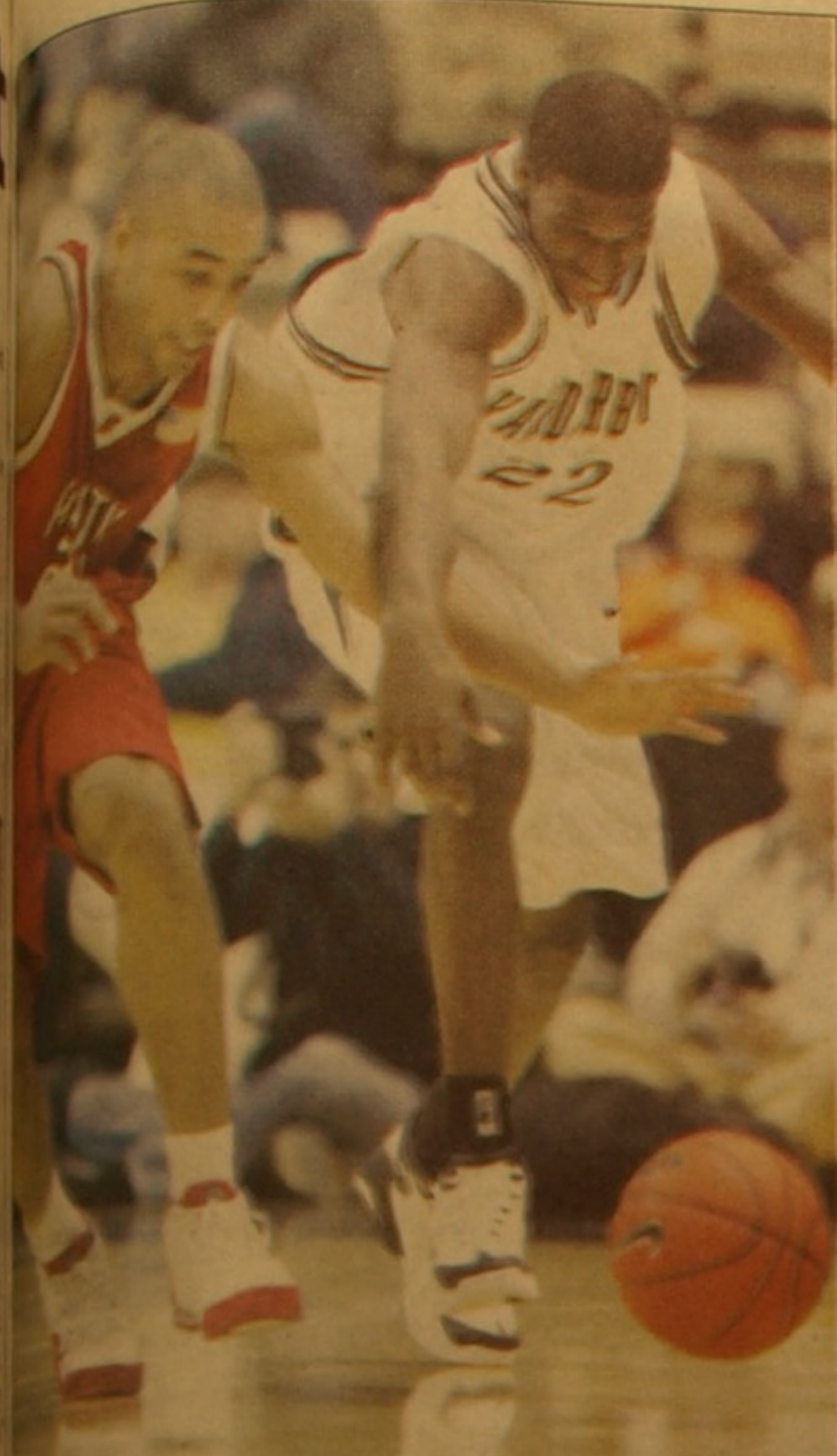
Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton lead the Govs with 19 points on 8-of-14 shooting, followed closely by Davis' 10 points. Davis is still looking for his first three-pointer since returning from the injured list.

The Govs will look to get things going in an exhibition match-up against the Lambuth Eagles in a 7 p.m. contest at the Dunn Center, Thursday.

Lambuth brings a 7-3 record into the match-up, beating OVC team UT-Martin, 98-92.



Junior Zac Schlader attempts to shoot over Vanderbilt's Julian Terrell for two of his 12 points against the Commodores in 39 minutes of play.



Senior Anthony Davis chases after a loose ball with Vanderbilt's Julian Terrell during last week's match-up against the Commodores. Davis led the Govs with 19 points and four assists in the contest.

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

"Squeaky Hampton shoots for two!" Austin Peay State University fans have been hearing that phrase for a few years now, and they will hear it for a few more.

Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton, a native of Russellville, Ky., came to APSU because it was close to home.

"I have a lot of family support up here, since Russellville is only 30 minutes away," he said.

As a high school senior, Hampton was second in the state in scoring, and was named first-team, Kentucky All-State by both the Associated Press and the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"APSU was the first school to start recruiting me, and even when the big schools started sending me stuff, they kept with it," said Hampton.

Hampton is starting on the APSU men's basketball team and wants to make a big contribution to the team. His contribution has gotten better each year. In his freshman season, Hampton averaged 4.3 points and shot 38 percent from the field. In his sophomore season, Hampton started in six games while averaging 6.5 points and shot 42 percent from the field. He scored in double-digit figures seven times last season, including 17 points against Kentucky.

"I will do whatever it takes to be successful," Hampton said.

Doing whatever it takes includes passing the ball, which Hampton knows a lot about. Last season, he led the team in assists in three games, against Knoxville College, Memphis, and Wichita State.

APSU has won the OVC season championship for the past two years, and Hampton would like the streak to continue.

This should be a breakout year for Hampton. So far this season, he is leading the team in scoring with 14.3 points per game, including a career-high 20 points against Wichita State. He is 55 percent on free throws for the season, averaging 2.2 three-pointers per game.

"I have a new role to take, and I am accepting this role to be a leader," Hampton said. "My main goal for the season is to make it back to win the OVC tournament and make it back to the NCAA tournament. I am ready to get another ring."



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Junior Maurice Hampton leads the Govs basketball team in scoring so far this season, averaging 14.3 points per game.

Above: Hampton dribbles the ball, looking for an opening in Wichita State's defense, during the Govs' last home contest.

Name: Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton
Hometown: Russellville, Ky.
Sport: Basketball
Major: Mass Communications
After College: "I want to continue playing ball and get my master's degree."
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Lady Govs rifle places third at Morehead State

By ASHLEY SCHILING
Staff Writer

Although it is the end of the semester and many sports have already ended for the year, Austin Peay State University's women's rifle team traveled to Morehead State on Saturday to compete in their last match until January. The Lady Govs finished with a score of 2159, which was only eight points shy of finishing in second place. Both Morehead

State's women's and men's teams held the top two spots.

One of the top shooters for the Lady Govs was freshman Kimberly Howard, who shot 557. Howard's score helped the Lady Govs gain a strong standing in the final total.

"She returned to the team since having surgery and was unable to practice since before Thanksgiving," head rifle coach Howard Wooster said. "This was the final appearance

for Kimberly since she will be returning to Texas while her husband is in Iraq next year. Hopefully, she will be returning to APSU for the spring semester in 2006."

Other team members who scored high totals included juniors Corey Hasty (555) and Molly Thomas (524) and sophomore Jessica Benson (523). In the individual competition Shauna Haskin placed second with a total of 496.



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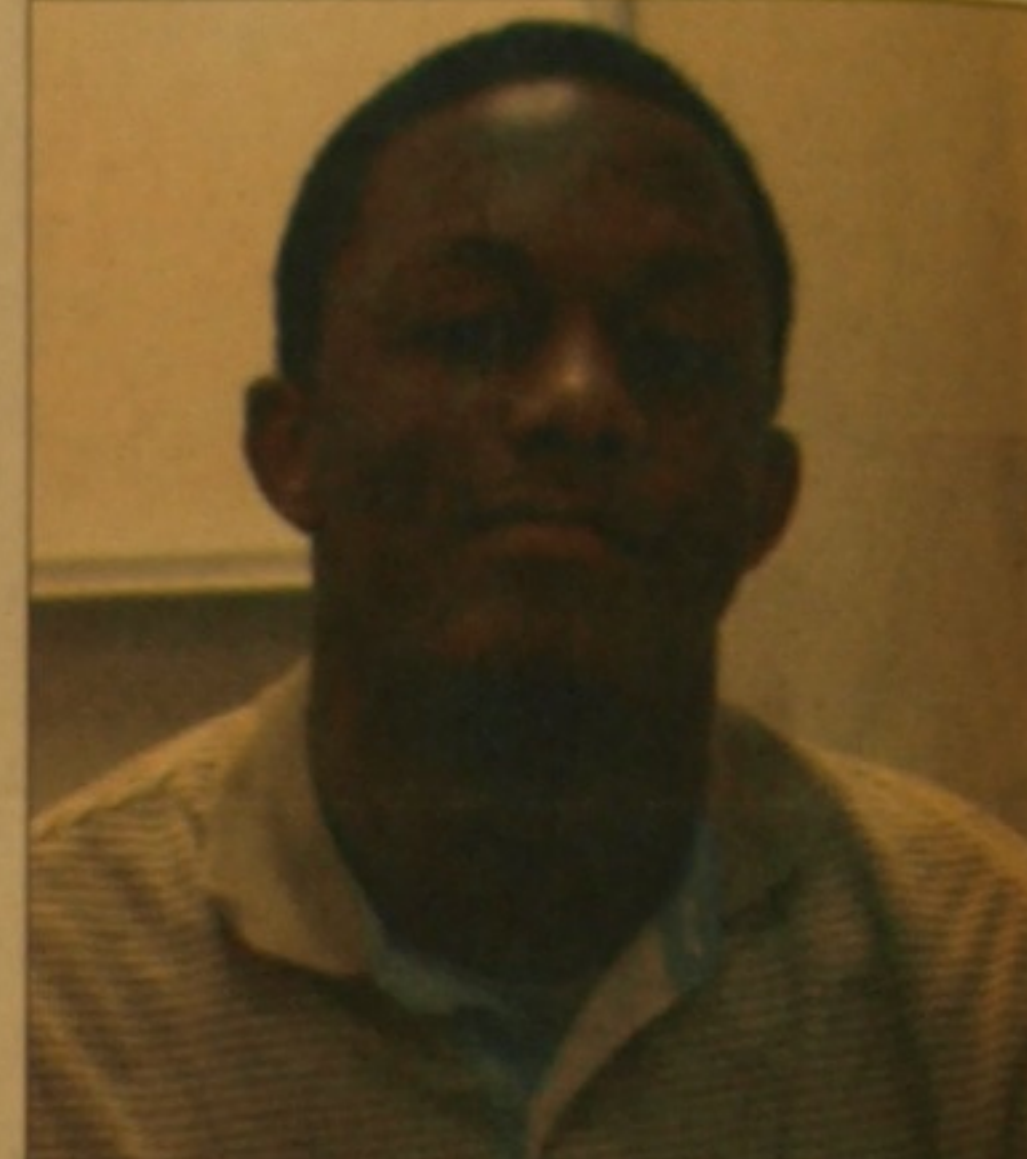
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Mandy White
Sports Editor

Major: Communication
Status: Junior
Funniest college story: Sleepovers with strangers



Michael Taylor
Assist. Sports Editor

Major: English/Political Science
Status: Freshman
Fav. comedian: Chris Rock



Lauren Mabon
Features Editor

Major: Communication
Status: Junior
Fav. place to shop: Express



Dave Campbell
Opinion Editor

Major: Psychology
Status: Junior
Fav. band: Descendents



Eric Miller
Assist. Opinion Editor

Major: Communication/English
Status: Junior
Fav. actor: Kenneth Branagh



Kristin Crandall
Art Director

Major: Communication
Status: Senior
Fav. joke: Math1020...just kidding

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Abbie Watkins
copy editor



Megan Gregory
copy editor



Jarod Leonard
photographer



Shelley Pate
photographer



Tom VanHoosier
photographer



Amanda Cochrane
news writer



Matt Hiess
sports writer



Kristen Schabert
sports writer



Ashley Schilling
sports writer



Michael Kellum
sports writer



Michael Young
sports writer



Elizabeth Jenkins
features writer



Wayne Elliot
features writer



Phil Grey
opinion



Eric Cruys
opinion



Jose Toro
opinion



Hunter Stapp
features

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Brany White, student worker
Jessica White, student worker
Robert Butler, news writer
Dani Ortiz, news writer
Jennifer Tyson, news writer