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2006 bids farewell to faculty

Several APSU faculty members step down from productive careers



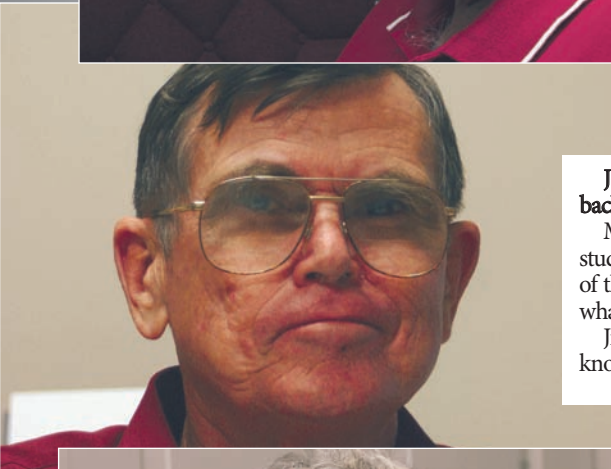
Joe Ann Burgess, Interim Director of School of Nursing, 8 years
“I can feel ever so overwhelmed before I step into a classroom, and I can step into a classroom and start interacting with the students, and it just makes my day.”
Shirley Molett, Secretary School of Nursing said “She is a great person, and she came in and did her job to the best of her ability that they asked her to do. I’m really gonna miss her.”



Bettye Holte, Art Gallery Director, 20 years
“It’s been very busy, but it’s the best job I’ve ever had, and there’s a lot of things I’m going to miss. I really believe the art department faculty is just topnotch and I’ve been real fortunate to work with such a fine group of artists, and teachers, because I’ve certainly learned a lot and grown in the position.”



Gaines Hunt, Dean College of Science and Mathematics, 35 years
“It’s been great here; I’ve enjoyed it as a student, as a faculty member, as an administrator. We’ve gone through tough times and good times, and you just weather it and make the best of it. It’s a good place to work and a good place to live, if you just make the best of it.”
Margaret Hatch, Secretary College of Science and Mathematics said “He is definitely the most gracious, honest, sensitive man that I know. It’s been wonderful. It’ll be hard for him to go.”



John Matthews, Professor of Agriculture, 35 years and received his bachelor’s from APSU.
Matthews’s best memories of his time at APSU are, “Seeing new students each year, and getting to know them somewhat, knowing some of their strengths and weaknesses, seeing new faces each year. That’s what I’m going to miss.”
Jim Goode, Associate Professor Agriculture said, “He’s the most knowledgeable person I’ve ever met on landscape plants.”



Beth Seay, Technical Clerk, Office of Registrar, 35 years
“When I would go recruiting, when I was in the graduate office, the way I got people to remember my name is to say ‘I’m Beth Seay from Austin Peay’ so that’s so of been my trademark.” Jana Hatcher, Graduation Analyst Lead Worker, Office of the Registrar said, “The one thing that impresses me about Beth is that she truly loves the university and that shows in what she does.”

By APRIL McDONALD
Staff Writer

In addition to the retirees pictured above, the following faculty and staff will be moving on from APSU.
•**Betty Killebrew, Library Associate, 30 years**
Upon retiring Killebrew plans to “Enjoy being at home, and enjoy being with my children and grandchildren, travel some and read a lot of books.”
•**JoEllen Freeman, Library Assistant 2/Serials Processing**
“She is the most genuine person that I’ve ever worked with. We have become part of each others family outside of the library.”
•**Nate Jones, Custodian Physical Plant, 21 years**
Jones tells his co-workers, “Keep up the good work, and everything

will be all right.”
•**Harold Williams, Air Conditioning/Heating (HVAC) Mechanic, 10 years.**
On his plans for after retirement, Williams said, “I’m gonna do a little fishing, a little hunting, a little pen making.”
Williams gave this advice to his co-workers, “You gotta satisfy yourself at what you do, if you don’t satisfy yourself, then you’re not doing the job right.”
Roger Reed, Mechanic, Air Conditioning/Heating said, “He taught me a lot about refrigeration and air conditioning. He’s been my friend for a long time and I’m gonna miss him.”
•**Thomas Pallen, Professor, Communication and Theatre,** declined to comment. ♦

Pi Nu president moves on, leaves big shoes to fill

By LOIS JONES
Staff Writer

Awards were given out last Friday night to select recipients. Tina Tarpy was honored for her leadership as president of the Hispanic honor society Pi Nu, a charter of Sigma Delta Pi. Her award was the “Distinguished Student Leader of the Year.” The award is in recognition of her outstanding service to Austin Peay State University in celebration and promotion of diversity.
Tarpy is a non-traditional student majoring in Spanish with an education minor. She will graduate this year. She and the other members of Pi Nu are required to have at least a 3.0 GPA with at least 18 hours of Spanish credit. Membership is honorary prior to meeting those

requirements. Nowhere on the official Web site can it be found that it is a requirement for the president to be a native speaker. Purpose number four of the organization is “To foster friendly relations and mutual respect between the nations of Hispanic speech and those of English speech,” according to the Pi Nu national by-laws.
Tarpy has met those requirements of Pi Nu during the last year. “She (Tarpy) has done a magnificent job of putting together the initiation of the new active members of Pi Nu,” said Ozzie Di Paolo, a senior Spanish major and new member of Pi Nu. Tarpy said, “It was an intimidating task for me as a non-native speaker, to lead a group where I was a minority in the minority.”

Tarpy was elected to the office of president of Pi Nu and has dedicated her time and efforts to Pi Nu and the Hispanic Cultural Center. In an e-mail to the members of Pi Nu, Miguel Ruiz-Aviles, director of the Hispanic Center stated, “A big kudos to the board members for their wonderful job this past year, and especially to Tina who was president for the last two years and took the Society to new heights. The next president has some big shoes to fill.”
“I saw Pi Nu as a way to unite both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking students in a combined effort to improve the college experience,” Tarpy said. “I feel like Pi Nu helped me to experience what the world is like for a person who is trying to learn a second language and be accepted in a different culture.” ♦

Campus police scramble to fix a mix-up

Alleged offender should have been arrested the first time

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Online Editor

Austin Peay State University police responded to a call in February and failed to arrest a man who had an outstanding warrant from January.
The student was recently arrested on April 19.
According to the police report, Musenda Spencer, of 208 B St., Clarksville, was arrested in the University Center April 19 and bond was set at \$1,100.
Spencer should have been arrested Feb. 5 when officers first responded to a call that he allegedly hit his girlfriend and stole her cell phone, according to police.
Spencer had an outstanding warrant from January for “reckless endangerment.”
Neither Darrell Kelly nor Pete Rogers, the officers who responded to the domestic violence call, ran a background check on Spencer.
If a background check had been made, then the officers would have been required to arrest Spencer for the outstanding January warrant.
According to Lantz Biles, APSU Police Chief, backgrounds are run on all persons involved in an incident “98 percent of the time.”
“They didn’t do a records check on the individual,” Biles said.
But, that is not the only issue the investigation had.
The two responding officers had the victim sign a liability waiver, which does not apply to domestic violence cases, according to Biles.
“There’s no validation — it shouldn’t have been done,” Biles

said. “They’re (liability waivers) not illegal.”
A liability waiver is an internal form that documents that an APSU officer(s) responded to and documented an incident, Biles said.
“There is no officer discretion in domestic violence cases. The preferred response is always arrest,” said Charlie Struckel, crime prevention unit officer.
Biles said the officers had the victim sign a liability waiver because they thought the charge to be a simple assault, but because Spencer was dating the victim, it was classified as domestic violence.
Assistant District Attorney Art Bieber said the “letter is irrelevant.”
As stated in Tennessee law, (TCA 36-3-619), state police officers “cannot base the decision of whether to arrest on the consent of the victim, or the officer’s perception of the willingness of the victim, or of a witness to the domestic abuse to testify or participate in a judicial proceeding.”
There are many other factors the officer must look at, Bieber said.
The liability waiver the victim signed closed the case. Ronald Szlosek, an APSU police lieutenant, signed the paperwork which closed the case, making it “cleared



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Stewart County teacher honored with award

By APRIL McDONALD
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Distinguished High School Teacher Awards first recipient will be Connie Baggett, instructor of business and information technology at Stewart County High School, on May 5 during Commencement exercises.
“I am very honored to be selected as the first recipient,” Baggett said.
Baggett graduated from APSU in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration and 8-12 teaching certification, receiving her master’s degree in education with a concentration in business from APSU in 1998. This is not the first award Baggett has received in 2003

she received the Channel 4 Apple 4 the Teacher Award, and in 2004 the Fox 17 Top Teacher Award.
“I nominated Ms. Baggett because she was my favorite teacher from high school. [She] is a wonderful teacher that always puts the students first. She takes joy in seeing students achieve success. She believes that every student is important and has potential and she tries her best to help students achieve their highest goals,” said April Cheatham, one of many students graduating on May 5 from APSU, said on her nomination of Baggett for this most recent award.

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Disability services dishes out sweets for events week



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Disability services staff members serve cotton candy, sno-cones and soft drinks at the wheelchair, blind, crutch challenge.

Geocaching catches on in tech world



LOIS JONES/STAFF

APSU freshman Caitlin Faccioli holds her GPS unit, which is required for Geocache game playing.

Game could have possible educational impact

By CANDISE RIGSBY
Guest Writer

Geocaching, an online game created in 2000, has become popular all over the world and has made its appearance throughout Clarksville and even at Austin Peay State University.

Geocaching involves using the geocaching Web site to search for caches, a container used for concealing and storing items, and inputting the coordinates of the cache into a Global Positioning System.

A person searches for the geocache with the GPS and uses a logbook provided in the cache to record their discovery of the container. Discoveries are also logged into the Web site.

"People are really enjoying geocaching, and they are telling others about it," said Bryan Roth, co-founder and vice president of Groundspeak Inc. "All this really adds up to a lot of new people getting involved every week."

Groundspeak Inc. owns and operates the geocaching Web site. Another form of the game is using Web cams. Players are directed to a specific GPS location.

That location is in line with a Web cam, and players get a partner to take their picture in real time from their computer.

The Web camera monitoring progress of the construction of the new recreation center at APSU is the source for the campus' only geocache, titled Peay(ing) in Public. More than 20 people have used

APSU's Web cam in this game. You can view their comments and pictures by searching www.geocaching.com for the title of the geocache.

"[Geocaching] is currently popular among the college group and is really becoming more popular everyday," Roth said.

According to the official Web site, www.geocaching.com, there are 255,056 active caches in 221 different countries, territories and/or colonies with more than 1 million participants.

Approximately 2,446 caches are in Clarksville, including the one on APSU.

However, most caches have one or more containers. The simplest cache might have only a logbook inside, while others may contain prizes, money, etc., depending on their size.

Sometimes geocaches contain travel bugs, which are traceable tags attached to an item. Taken from cache to cache, the tags' progress can be traced online.

Access to geocache information on the Web site is free. The only equipment required is a GPS unit.

GPS units used to find geocaches are generally inexpensive. A basic unit can be found under or around \$100; however, depending on the device's capabilities, some can cost up to \$1,000.

Peter Siska, director of the school of agriculture and geosciences at APSU, said geocaching could impact

classroom education in lower level undergraduate studies, for sophomores and juniors by keeping them "interested in geographical sciences." Even though Siska hasn't used it yet in his classroom, he said he believes using geocaching in the classroom is a very good idea.

Caitlin Faccioli, 19-year-old freshman biology major at APSU, has experienced geocaching firsthand. She said she enjoyed her experience "because I got to know the person I was with a lot better." However, she said she feels geocaching is better suited as a family activity.

Meaghan O'Kelley, a 19-year-old freshman psychology major, said she would like to attempt the game with a group despite never participating in geocaching.

"Geocaching sounds like a lot of fun, and you could really use that time together with friends," said O'Kelley. She said geocaching could be an opportunity for physical activity as well.

"Geocaching is a great hobby, game and sport. It is an inexpensive and fun way to discover new places, exercise or even meet new people," said Roth.

Information about geocaching and the location of caches around the world can be found at the official Web site, www.geocaching.com.

Also, you can find more information at the Geocacher University Web site, www.geocacher-u.com. ♦

Police: Chief reviewing incident

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exceptional" stating the victim "refused to cooperate," according to the police report.

Struckel said that police received several anonymous tips related to the Feb. 5 incident causing him to take another look at the case file.

After seeing that rules were broken, the case was reopened and Struckel obtained an arrest warrant for Spencer for Feb. 5.

Szlosek is the only one of the three officers involved in the case paperwork who is still with the department.

The other two left of their own accord before the arrest issues

arose.

Biles is still reviewing the incident. "Several things, (disciplinary actions) are being considered right now," Biles said.

To date, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is not investigating campus police, according the Ed Jones, assistant director of TBI. ♦

Award: Baggett receives honor

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A committee consisting of faculty, staff and students considered several characteristics when choosing the winner of the award.

The characteristics included "the quality of instruction the teacher provided the students, the teacher's personal interaction with students through school activities, the ability of the teacher to motivate and inspire students to achieve and the nominated teacher's impact on the student's decision to attend college," said Carol Clark, executive assistant to the president.

"Ms. Baggett is an outstanding representative of the nominated teachers and the thousands of other high school teachers who have prepared their students for a successful academic career at APSU," said Clark.

"She had a profound impact on my high school years. She was always careful to make sure that she taught us what was important and what we would use after we left her classes. Even today, I use many of the tools that she taught me in my college classes and my job," Cheatham said.

In addition to teaching, Baggett serves as the school's Business Professionals of America (BPA) advisor, helps

her students run a school store that was established in 1998, and takes the manager and officers to Atlanta where they get ideas and make purchases.

As advisor, she takes students to regional, state and national competitions yearly and also has been a state BPA officer since 1998 serving in such posts as president and webmaster.

Baggett is also involved as a member of the Stewart County Education Association Negotiation Team during 2002-2006, and has served 18 years as Stewart County Education Association secretary.

"Teaching is a wonderful profession, but just like any other, you must love what you do and enjoy the people you work with. I love my students and they know that. APSU has been an important part of my life for a very long time," Baggett said.

"I appreciate April Cheatham thinking of me with her nomination, Dr. Hoppe for remembering high school teachers by creating the award and APSU for sponsoring it," she said.

The Distinguished High School Teacher award will be given again in spring 2007.

Students with senior status will be e-mailed in Fall 2006 with the information needed to nominate a teacher. ♦

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'Evolution of Woman'

Art student Caitlin Gibson is opening a multimedia installation art show from April 24-28. The presentation features photography, ceramics and drawing. The opening is from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 615-498-1118.

Candlelight vigil

APSU students are invited to a candlelight vigil to honor the thousands killed in Darfur, Sudan. The vigil will take place from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at Kitty West Amphitheater at Belmont University. For information, contact June D. Lee at leej@apsu.edu or 221-7910. Complete details also can be accessed at www.millionvoicesfordarfur.org.

Teach in Spain

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

Summer job opportunity

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

SOARE Meets

Our APSU Green Power Initiative is under way and we need everyone to help!! Come to the SOARE (Students Organized to Advance Renewable Energy Resources) meeting today at 3 p.m. in the UC Room 305. We're electing new officers and working on changing campus policy to purchase renewable energy.

Correction

Last week, *The All State* ran an article featuring **HeroStreet Press**. **Perfect Storm** and **Hero Street** are two separate comics that are being released by **HeroStreet Press** at the same time.

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Ex-teacher faces prison in student sex case



Pamela Rogers is escorted from a police car, Tuesday, April 11, in McMinnville, for her booking at the Warren County Jail following her arrest. Rogers, who who served six months in prison after being accused of having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old student was arrested again Tuesday after authorities said she violated probation terms by running a Web site that indicated contact with the victim and his family.

The Associated Press

A teacher jailed for six months over a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old student could be sent to prison if authorities prove she violated the terms of her probation by running a Web site that indicated contact with the victim and his family.

A judge Wednesday ordered Pamela Rogers, 28, to appear at a July 12 hearing and allowed her to remain free on a \$10,000 bond she posted Tuesday.

As she left the hearing, WSMV-TV reported that Rogers told reporters, "I wish I could talk to you all but I am not supposed to."

Rogers pleaded no contest last year to multiple charges of having sexual intercourse and oral sex with the boy, a student at the elementary school where she formerly taught. In return, prosecutors

agreed to no prison time for her.

After her jail term, she was to spend seven years on probation, register as a sex offender and perform 90 hours of community service. She was also ordered not to contact the victim or his family and not to use the Internet.

But authorities say she committed seven possible probation violations since she got out of jail Feb. 26 by establishing a Web site at <http://www.myspace.com>.

Rogers is accused of using a blog on the site to send the victim a cryptic message, addressed to his basketball jersey, that reads, "My Plans are Your Plans... Nothing's Changed..." Authorities said she also used the site to communicate with the boy's 17-year-old sister.

The blog, which was still posted Wednesday, called the boy a hero and said Rogers wouldn't fall in love again for three

years. The Web site displays photos of Rogers, including some shots of her in a bikini.

Her attorney, Peter Strianse, said the July hearing will determine if his client is sent to prison to finish the seven-year sentence.

"I thought that the plea agreement we reached was a fair plea agreement," Strianse told the TV station after the hearing. "I felt like it gave her an opportunity to have some control over the situation and get her life back. Now that's in jeopardy and I'm very concerned about it."

District Attorney Dale Potter said he wants Rogers to go to prison.

"I would have tried for this long a sentence the first time if I had a victim I could put on the stand," Potter said. "But the family didn't want the victim to testify so we had to reach an agreement I didn't necessarily like." ♦

Senior care still needs options

The Associated Press

Tennessee's efforts to provide more alternatives to nursing home care for the elderly is a good start, but there's still room for improvement in offering a better range of services, a national expert said Monday.

Roger Auerbach, a health care consultant who directed Oregon's model long-term care system for five years, discussed his recent study commissioned by the AARP for a group of state officials and health care advocates.

"This report serves as a road map for how our state can focus on creating a long-term care system that meets the needs of our families and all Tennesseans," said Rebecca Kelly, Tennessee's AARP director.

The report found that in 2004, Tennessee spent more than \$1 billion in Medicaid funds for nursing facility services, while spending only about \$6 million for home and community-based services.

That makes Tennessee last compared to other states offering alternative choices in long-term care, according to the report.

In March, protesters in

wheelchairs with the American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today organization, or ADAPT, blocked roads around the Capitol to object to what they called a lack of options for disabled people to be cared for at home.

"People want to stay at home for as long as possible," Auerbach said. "I think the service package that Tennessee has now is modest, but it could be improved."

For example, he said the state needs to improve its in-home services for so-called respite care, which "allows caregivers who normally care for their parents to be able to get some relief care."

Another improvement would be adult daycare, Auerbach said, where the elderly can go for the day to be cared for and also be with people their own age.

Marilyn Wilson, the spokeswoman for TennCare, the state's expanded Medicaid program, said the state plans to seek a waiver renewal from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that will allow expansion or implementation of such programs.

Besides in-home service and adult daycare, Wilson said the

state intends to make assisted living technology available to elderly patients.

For example, she said one device would grab items for people who have trouble reaching or bending, and another would allow a person to turn lights on and off without leaving the bed.

The state has to give the House and Senate finance committees of the General Assembly 30 days notice before sending the waiver request to CMS, Wilson said, but she hopes to have it to federal officials by the end of next month.

Earlier this month, he told members of the group meeting here from across the state that he is trying to make more money available for in-home elderly care.

He said the state earmarked \$900 million for long-term health care for seniors and another \$1 billion for long-term care next year.

"We have long agreed with AARP that expanding (Home and Community Based Services) programs in Tennessee is a necessary and welcome step forward in Tennessee's long-term care program," Wilson said. ♦

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New APSU search engine to be added following audit

By **HOLLY MARTIN**
Staff Writer

Web sites hosted by the Austin Peay State University server are currently being audited before the addition of a new search engine that would allow visitors to search the univeristy's Web site.

The Yahoo search engine is expected to be up and running at the beginning of the summer semester.

An audit is being administered to check for personal information that could be accessible once the new search engine is in place.

Since the information leak that occurred last year, the awareness of the content on the server's Web sites has been raised.

"This is a preventative measure

we are taking to make sure that doesn't happen again," said Reggie Wooden, Web and Internet specialist.

Adding Yahoo as a search engine is a free service offered by the website.

Steve Wilson, Web designer/public relations, is asking all those who have reviewed the content of their websites to contact him at wilsons@apsu.edu, or Wooden at woodenr@apsu.edu.

Any website that has not been reviewed will be removed from the server.

"We hope to get to the point to where those who have websites on the server will check and update them periodically," said Wooden. ♦

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Three bombings rock Egypt's Sinai resort city of Dahab

By STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt—Three nearly simultaneous bombings hit an Egyptian beach resort popular with foreigners Monday, killing at least 23 people on streets filled with vacationers and Egyptians marking the beginning of spring.

The bombers struck the Sinai seaside city of Dahab in the early evening along a crowded promenade of shops, restaurants and bars. Interior Minister Habib el-Adly said those killed included 20 Egyptians and three foreigners. Sixty-two people were wounded.

The explosions came a day after Osama bin Laden issued a call to arms to Muslims to support Al-Qaeda in fighting what he calls a war against Islam.

The bombings were the third terror strike on a Sinai resort in less than two years hit Dahab at 7:15 p.m. when the streets were jammed with tourists strolling, shopping or looking for a restaurant or bar for evening festivities by the tranquil waters of the Gulf of Aqaba.

“There were just three loud bangs and people rushing around,” British tourist Paul McBeath told Sky News. “Everybody is shaken.”

Hotels and guesthouses were filled with foreigners and with Egyptians celebrating the long Coptic Christian Easter weekend that coincided this year with

Shem al-Nessim, the ancient holiday marking the first day of spring.

For years, Dahab was a popular, low-key haven for young Western and Israeli backpackers drawn by prime scuba diving and cheap hotels, which mainly consisted of huts set up along the beach. In recent years, a number of more upscale hotels have been built, including a five-star Hilton resort.

At least three Israelis were hurt in the attack, which sent a steady stream of cars back to Israel some 65 miles to the north. Israeli authorities said 1,800 of their citizens were in the Sinai at the time of the blasts. However, there were far fewer Israelis vacationing in Sinai than during last week's Passover holiday.

Israel's ambassador in Cairo, Shalom Cohen, said the Israeli government had warned repeatedly against visiting the Sinai. “Unfortunately, the warnings came true,” he told Israel's Channel 10 TV.

President Bush also condemned the attacks. “Today we saw again that the terrorists are willing to try to define the world the way they want to see it,” Bush said in Las Vegas.

The Interior Ministry said the wounded included 42 Egyptians and 17 foreigners including three Americans while police put the number of wounded at more than 150.◆



The Egyptian tourist resort of Dahab is seen in this undated file photo. Three terrorist bombs hit the Egyptian resort of Dahab at the height of the tourist season Monday, killing at least 22 people and wounding more than 150 in the third terror strike on a Sinai resort in less than two years.

President Bush says massive deportation is not realistic

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

IRVINE, Calif.—President Bush, rebutting lawmakers advocating a law-and-order approach to immigration, said Monday that those who are calling for massive deportation of the estimated 11 million foreigners living illegally in the United States are not being realistic.

“Massive deportation of the people here is not going to work,” Bush said as a Congress divided over immigration returned from a two-week recess. “It’s just not going to work.”

In addition to speaking here, Bush was meeting Tuesday with a bipartisan group of senators at the White House to press his case.

In Irvine, Bush spoke in support of a stalled Senate bill that includes provisions that would allow for eventual citizenship to some of the illegal immigrants already here.

Some conservatives say that would amount to amnesty.

“This is one of the really important questions Congress is going to have to deal with,” Bush said. The president said he thought the Senate “had an interesting approach by saying that if you’d been here for five years or less, you’re treated one way, and five years or more, you’re treated another.”

Standing in the center of a theater in the round-type setting with an audience full of business people,

Bush spoke sympathetically about the plight of foreigners who risk their lives to sneak into the United States to earn a decent wage. He said the U.S. needs a temporary guest worker program to stop people from paying to be smuggled in the back of a truck.

“I know this is an emotional debate,” Bush told the Orange County Business Council. “But one thing we can’t lose sight of is that we are talking about human beings, decent human beings.”

Bush said it’s important to enforce border laws that are on the books and boasted that 6 million immigrants have been captured and turned back since he took office.

“You can be a nation of law and be a compassionate nation at the same time,” he said to applause.

The president’s aides hope a compromise can be reached with House members who passed a tougher bill that would impose criminal penalties on those who try to sneak into this country and would build fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., intends to seek passage of immigration legislation by Memorial Day by reviving the Senate bill that stalled earlier this month due to internal disputes in both parties as well as political maneuvering.

In a gesture to conservative critics of the measure, Republican leadership aides said last week that Frist also will seek roughly \$2 billion in immediate additional spending for border protection.◆

The Institute for Global Security Studies thanks all the students, faculty, and staff for your support and encouragement. We enjoyed a rousing, successful inaugural year because of you!

Returning students: watch for the announcement of an interest meeting early in the fall semester to start a student-led forum on global security issues.

Thanks again...and have a great, safe summer!

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OUR TAKE

Plans for *The All State* include new students

The end of spring semester is upon us, but we will continue to work just as hard in the near future.

We will publish two hardcopy editions at the end of June and July—a first in the history of *The All State*.

These will be in tabloid format and aimed at the new students that will go through transitions and orientation.

We provided the first electronic version of *The All State* on-line last fall. This summer, news will consistently be updated on our website.

We will continue to make improvements to this site and appreciate any feedback and suggestions from our readers. Our on-line edition will be getting a face-lift as well.

Most importantly we desire more involvement with students. We need you to bring a variety of perspectives to your college paper by joining our team.

You might be thinking, “What’s in it for me?”

First and foremost, you gain more experience than you can in a classroom. Through writing for *The All State* you will be able to build up your portfolio.

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This kind of experience shows that you not only have writing and editing skills, but you also have the drive and dedication it takes to move up in an organization.

Working for student publications, you also get to contribute your ideas and knowledge to your fellow students.

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This process would help to make your readers aware of the aspects of college and community life that you find important. Adding your own uniqueness makes for a better representation of the student body which in turn emphasizes the diversity of those who attend.

This diversity is exactly what *The All State* is looking for.

Ask any of our staff members; they’ll tell you that they gained more than just experience.

Sure, the newspaper business is trying and hard work, but knowing that these people have your back is certainly worth it.

We have the most fun as we put together each weekly edition. We laugh, talk and eat, write and critique. We learn from each other and expand our perspectives.

The more time you spend at this publication the more your coworkers feel like family.

Which is why it is with heavy hearts we send our graduates out into the world. We wish them all luck and prosperity as they pursue their career and life goals. ♦

Best attributes of college: learn, love, laugh and live

I can’t believe my college career is just days from being over. I am so excited and yet sad. As much as I am ready to get out of here, I will miss this place. The atmosphere of this campus has always felt like the heart of Clarksville. Good people reside here—some of the best I’ve ever met, for that matter.

My professors: You helped me through some difficult situations. Your understanding and patience was much needed during a most tumultuous time. You taught me a lot—not just the curriculum, but about myself. I know that because of intellectual discussions and challenges thrown at me, I have grown a great deal. This means more than I can say.

My friends: I have had the most wonderful time. We have laughed, cried, fought and played like no others. You honestly have been the absolute best friends I have ever had (and I’ve lived in a lot of places.) Thank you for everything. I hope to never lose touch with you, even though I know life happens and staying up-to-date becomes near impossible at times. Above all else, I will never forget you.

My love: We’ve thrown down and loved hard. You have become my best friend and even though it sounds cliché, I mean that. I wasn’t looking for you and yet here you were. It’s been a crazy ride and there’s still

more to go. I look forward to every bump and turn, high and low. Thank you for your every being. Thank you for pushing me to do my best, helping out and bringing a smile to my face on the most stressful days. You will never know how grateful I am for you. I am forever yours.

My son: It’s all for you. You have been my salvation, motivation and inspiration. I would not be here today if it weren’t for you. That is the truth. I thank God for you everyday and pray I will always make you proud, because you do me. I hope one day you’ll understand that time spent away from you was for you. I did this to give you the life you deserve. You are my heart. Big hug and kisses.

My parents: Where do I begin? You have put up with so much s**t over the years. You pushed me so much to not give up and made me trust that there was a light at the end of this college tunnel. There is no way for me to ever repay all that you have done for me. I honestly would not have made it had you not been in my corner. You have been my biggest fans and I am yours. I could not have picked better parents.

My All State family: This has been the best semester of my entire college career. I have learned valuable tools for the future, which you have all taught me. You guys are hilarious and so loving and accepting. I will miss our Monday sessions more than anything. I must admit—I’m sad to have to give it up. Thank you for the opportunity to join and grow with you. I will miss you so much.

I will never forget this time and am grateful to all of you. I wouldn’t trade these experiences for anything. I now know how to live and have finally learned how to laugh. I love you all. ♦

Features appreciative of readers; inspiration gained from students

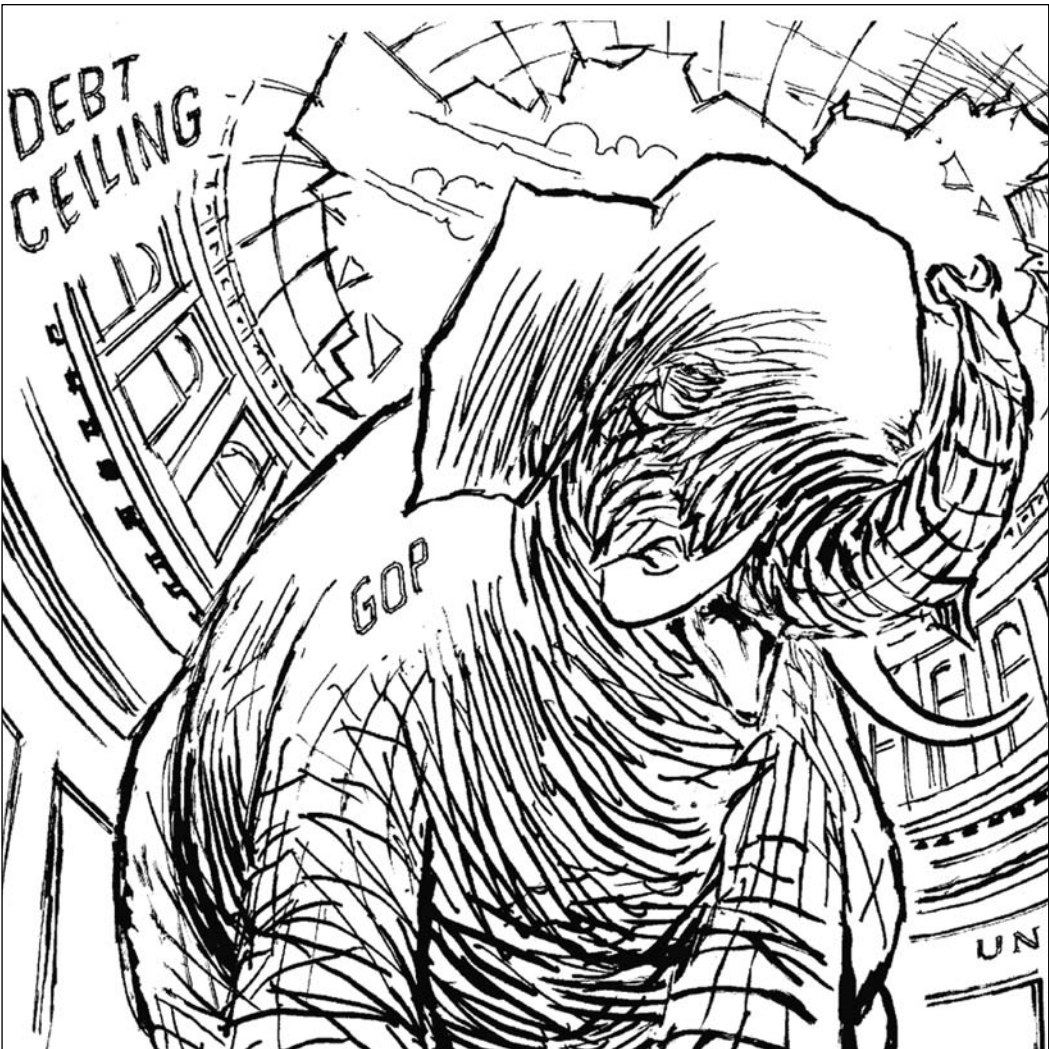
This is the last issue of the semester. I hope you have enjoyed all 14 issues of *The All State*. We have tried to cover everything on campus and a little off, but life’s incredibly busy. The days seem to be getting shorter, yet they are being filled with so much stuff. There are countless events going on all the time.

Some of them we know, some of them seem to slip right beneath us.

My hope, as the features editor, is that the features section has provided you with some information you can apply to your life.

From the polls, to the human-interest pieces of interesting people of APSU and the previews and reviews; I hope that we have given everyone the coverage they deserve and the entertainment they long for.

I am a junior (and a half) communications major. This is only my second semester at APSU and I find this place interesting. I hope I haven’t overlooked anyone while assigning story topics. It has been my great privilege to edit



Generosity and open minds reveal key to prospective future endeavors

The words of Jim Morrison, “the end, my only friend the end,” ironically fits my feelings perfectly writing this piece today. It is my last time to write an article for *The All State* and my last few weeks before I graduate.

Most writers end with a sentimental word. I would, but I really am not a sentimental kind of guy.

After reviewing my past articles and past replies to my articles here is what I have decided: The new Supreme Court will soon render decisions that will affect us all, especially women and gay people. We all deserve the rights to choose what we do with our bodies and who we marry. If you do not agree with it, that is fine.

But think, we are the future parents of America and one day you might have a son that is gay, but cannot marry or a daughter who is raped but cannot abort. We all own the future. Do not bargain the rights of others. I wrote several times this year about paving your own paths and listening to your hearts when deciding your futures. Please, above anything I have written this year, the one thing that

you should listen to is that advice. Your future is yours—not your parents, your spouse, your mate’s or your children’s. It is yours. You have the final say. Make it happen.

Regarding the protestors at the funerals, I say let them yell. They have nothing to say and no one is really listening anyway. Our reactions give them power. The beautiful thing about this country and our rights as citizens is that we can express ourselves regardless if people agree or like the expression.

If we oppress them, we oppress ourselves. But the funerals that they protest are of those that have fought and died to give them the freedom to express. Let their karma deal with them.

I still hate Bush. Hate is a strong word and I use it passionately in this case. One man can only oppress his people for so long until the masses will realize they have been misled. He is the anti-Christ; he is the beginning to an end for this country if something does not change. Those of you that have been fooled because your paychecks have increased because of him and this war, wake up! America has created a situation for itself that it may never resolve. Vietnam and the red scare were nothing for what the future brings, if things are not changed in our government. Let democracy live within our own country.

New Orleans needs our help, but most of all these wonderful people need our prayers. I have never been one to voice that racism is as

alive as my fellow liberals might contend. My mind has changed. There is no hope offered for the people of the ninth district, Algiers and other extremely neglected areas of New Orleans if we forget about them.

They have all been abandoned and maybe Kanye West was right when he said “Bush hates black people.” It’s his loss, though. I have never met so many gifted, bright and mindful people in my life. I hope you all will take the time to go there and see what I am talking about. It will change you.

In response to my most controversial opinion regarding the Hispanic Cultural Center and the African American Cultural Center, my ideas were not clearly understood. I feel that these centers are a valuable part of the campus but the idea of diversity includes more than just these two minorities and the broader picture of inclusion needs to be understood on this campus.

However, I do offer an apology to the centers for any disrespect or miscommunication that may have been delivered in my message. Both centers have wonderful events, celebrations and educational opportunities, but most of all they have incredibly dedicated people working for them.

Thanks to those who have actually read these articles. I have enjoyed writing them. Keep your mind open—you never know what you might learn. ♦

Institutional racism awareness needed

W.E.B. DuBois once said, “Whiteness is ownership of the earth.” As the white male that I am, I was always taught that racism and discrimination are things that we approach on a personal level by way of treating people. In our educational institutions awareness is raised on how our daily actions and thoughts effect and disadvantage others of different backgrounds. While our daily lives do impact the problem of racism, it is still only a microscopic glimpse of the essence of racism.

This outlook is limited and doesn’t carry the weighted effect needed to address the problem of social inequality.

The central obstacle lies in the institutional forms of racism, which inflicts far more suffering every day. To not address these institutional forms of racism is an injustice in the fight for equality, because after all more harm is being done by the men in suits, and not the boys in sheets.

The problem with institutional racism is that many do not understand or choose to ignore that it leads to white privilege. Many whites would be quick to admit there are unbalanced playing fields in our social structures but

few rarely admit what that actually means.

We live in a world of white privilege, an unearned one at that, and that means that our advantages have only been afforded through disadvantaging others. The institutional form of racism I will be talking about is discrimination in the labor market.

Not only when I walk into a human resource manager’s office am I more likely to get a job because of the reflection of whiteness that the (white) interviewer most likely will see, but I also am inclined to make 20 to 25 percent more than a black male with similar qualifications.

The labor imbalance doesn’t stop there. White people in every age category are statistically shown to earn far more than their black counterparts, even when living in the same demographic, being of the same age and having similar experience.

Now the majority of blacks do live in the south, and the area is known for having a lower national wage-earning income, so maybe that could influence the unbalanced statistics.

This simply does not hold up either, because you’ll find, according to Bureau of Census reports, that when regions are segmented and analyzed accordingly, the same imbalanced earnings differences resurface.

In reality black incomes are lower in every single region of the country.

The analysis can be further broken down to prove the discrimination in the work place.

In a study introduced by Tim Wise, even when comparing only similar families of nearby proximity, the “racial disparities remain.”

A common argument is that white success in the labor market is due to superlative intellectual abilities or IQ scores.

This is invalid, because more than twenty studies from prestigious institutions have been explored and results have confirmed that academic assessments only account for less than three percent of the wage gaps between blacks and whites. These results are not significant enough to justify that white brainpower deserves more wages for their wider range of capabilities.

Now I know many whites would like to attribute their success to ambition and merit, but be real. Are these terms invented by white people? And only known by white people?

What makes the white effort so much more superior and rewarded in comparison to the efforts of others? It’s not because the effort itself is more quality or supreme.

Look, I’m not saying that a hard-working white person doesn’t deserve the job or wages they earn. But what I am saying is that whites didn’t get these things on worthiness alone; whites reap all the benefits of being white in a white institutional world.

I think Robert Jensen described this best when he said that benefiting from white privilege “doesn’t mean we are frauds who have no claim to our success. It means we face a choice about what to do with our success.” ♦

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Comedy Central decision makes better point than “South Park” ever could

“...we decided not to air the image of Muhammad, a decision similar to that made by virtually every single media outlet across the country earlier this year when they each determined that it was not prudent or in the interest of safety to reproduce the controversial Danish cartoons. Injuries occurred and lives were lost in the riots set off by the original publication of these cartoons. The American media made a decision then, as we did now, not to put the safety and well being of the public at risk, here or abroad.”

—Form letter from Comedy Central Viewer Services

Violence works. Message received. Fine; we get it.

Of course, there really is no way to isolate a message that rings so loud and clear; is there? Or should we believe that other angry groups won't notice that another precedent has been set? Well, anyway; now that we have taken a few steps down this road we might as well look at the map and see where it goes.

First stop...well, we're already there. Look at the sign post. This junction is called “Fear and Acquiescence.” Next up is a place where they don't tell you what you can't say; they just tell you what you can't think. Amazingly, this has an indirect effect on speech.

A little further along we arrive at the point where we accept free speech as that which does not give offense. This is determined on the basis of the hearer's sensitivity, not the speaker's intent. With the assumption that this will prevent violence, Europe is already pretty far down the road toward reviving anti-blasphemy laws (under the guise of hate-crime legislation). All it took was a few threats, such as “Europe, your 9-11 is coming.” By the way, those threats are not offensive. Calling them “threats” is offensive.

Of course, the proposals to re-enact blasphemy laws might not go anywhere

OPINION
Phil Grey

anytime soon. It might take a few more demonstrations of the fact that freedom has a price tag. It depends on how high the price gets.

After all, there are a lot of signs showing up at various demonstrations lately indicating that some people think “free speech sucks.” Well, what if they're right? Who wants to pay a high price for something that sucks?

Maybe that's the wrong word. Maybe we should just say that free speech is like first class service on a transatlantic flight; you can live without it. We lived for hundreds and thousands of years without it and survived. After all, survival is the real goal, right? That's all anybody really needs. Maybe we're all turned around about this whole thing.

Really, why do you need protections for speech unless you're saying something that makes people angry? Oh, and another question: why do you need a lawyer if you're innocent? I'm just asking.

No, seriously; I'm beginning to get where this is going. The only people who need all these rights are people who do things that other people don't like.

Good citizens who know how to keep their mouth shut and avoid controversy really don't need rights at all. And besides, the purpose of blasphemy laws is just to protect religious sensibilities. I don't think that most governments would try to take advantage of such a noble purpose by putting all kinds of other stuff under that umbrella. Why, that's just crazy talk.

By the way, did anyone else notice the super-size helping of irony that was served up when Comedy Central censored last week's episode of “South Park?” They refused to show an image of (censored), and yet they had no compunction about showing what followed that scene.

The next scene showed Jesus defecating on the President, after which everybody defecated on the American flag. Hey, nice to know that Comedy Central wasn't afraid to show that part, probably because they decided that the people who were going to be offended weren't going to kill anybody because of some stupid cartoon.

But wait a second; aren't those kinds of people supposed to be the real threat to free speech? Gee, maybe I'm all turned around about the whole thing. ♦

Politicians imitate politicians in order to win Hispanic votes

You would have thought all but the most rabid of anti-immigrant Republicans had learned the lesson that was, well, Doled out to the party a decade ago.

In 1996 the most powerful Republican in the U.S. Senate, seeking the GOP's presidential nomination, had come to the conclusion that the way to beat Pat Buchanan was to be like Pat Buchanan.

Or at least as much as the famously moderate, eminently reasonable Bob Dole could force himself to echo Buchanan's xenophobia.

Buchanan won the New Hampshire primary after running around the state openly complaining about too many people named José. And never mind if “José” was an illegal alien, a legal immigrant or a fourth generation U.S. citizen. For Pat, it was enough that “José” was turning this once great country into a Latino cesspool of crime and welfare dependency, with old Chevys parked on front yards where everybody (yikes!) spoke Spanish.

Dole's temperate nature prevented him from truly accepting Buchanan's paranoia, but he was scared enough about losing the nomination that he flirted with it. Dole beat Buchanan but got thumped by Bill Clinton that November, winning just 22 percent of the Hispanic vote, the lowest recorded by a major candidate in a U.S. presidential election.

Since then, Republicans have been fighting over what to do with the Hispanic vote. George W. Bush decided it was worth pursuing. He won 35 percent of it in 2000

and somewhere between 40 percent and 44 percent in 2004. With Bush a lame duck, the question is which Republicans will reject Buchananism, which will embrace it, and which will flirt with it like Dole did a decade ago.

The modern-day Buchanans are lining up behind the harsh bill sponsored by Reps. James Sensenbrenner and Peter King, even if the legislation has no chance of passing the Senate and being signed by the president. On the opposite side are those backing Sens. John McCain and Arlen Specter; McCain sponsored a bill that provides a legal path to illegal immigrants who have a clean record and pay fines, while Judiciary Committee Chairman Specter has signaled he would back a bill that included that provision.

The candidate for the “Be Like Bob Dole Being a Little Bit But Not Too Much Like Pat Buchanan Award” is Bill Frist. Like Dole, Frist is the Senate's GOP leader. Like Dole, Frist has a reputation as a centrist within the GOP spectrum. And like Dole, Frist has veered right on immigration, without going all the way.

Frist is threatening to scuttle legislation coming out of Specter's committee in favor of his own bill. It does not go as far as the Sensenbrenner-King legislation in making a felon out of someone who gives an illegal immigrant a glass of water, but neither does it have McCain's provisions for a path to legality.

Also like Dole, Frist wants to be president. His bigfooting of Specter is a wink to, even if not an embrace of the Buchananite wing of the GOP. He should remember how well that worked for his predecessor. ♦

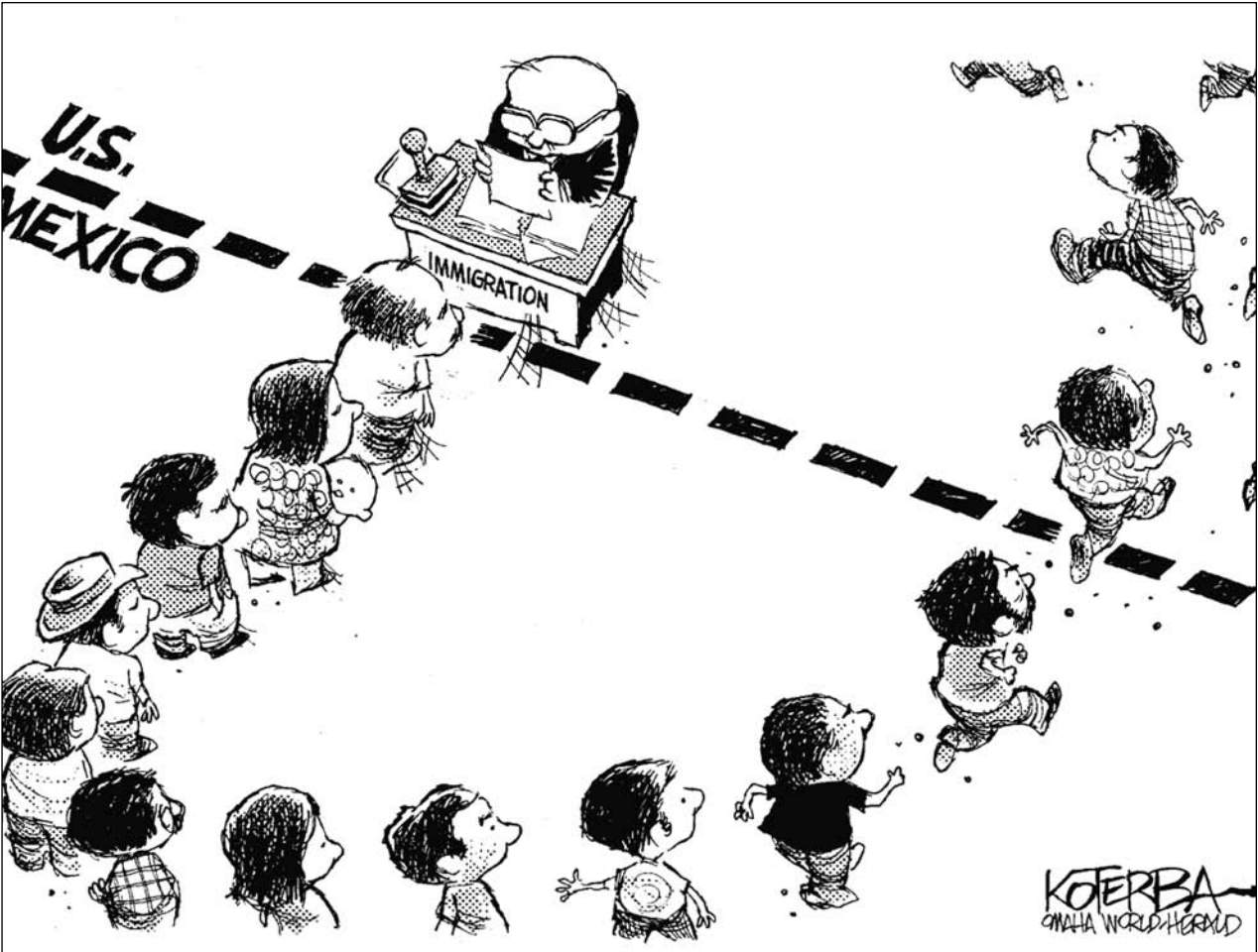
Hard to say goodbye to college life and openly welcome the real world

I don't know how I feel about this whole “real world” thing. People always say it's a big, scary world that is apparently supposed to be a lot harder than this fantasy world we all have been living in for the past few years. If this is true, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel as far as college goes and I sometimes get the urge to run in the other direction. Does anyone else share this sensation?

These past few years have been by far the very best of my life and I'm not ready to give them up. I have met my best friends and learned an unbelievable amount about myself and who I want to be since I



Copy Editor
Liz Walker



Cardinals, senators seek border control and amnesty for illegal immigrants; believe Jesus will sympathize

When it comes to illegal immigration, suddenly liberal Democrats have only one guide to public policy: “What Would Jesus Do?” The target of their Bible-based ire is a border-enforcement bill that recently passed the House and is allegedly the greatest challenge Christianity has faced since the lions in the Colosseum.

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y. said, “This bill would literally criminalize the good Samaritan and probably even Jesus himself.”

Stoking all the Bible-thumping is Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, who alleges that the legislation would outlaw acts of charity for illegal immigrants. In making this charge, Cardinal Mahony apparently has no compunction about deceiving his flock.

Even opponents of the bill are careful to stipulate their opposition to illegal immigration. In a New York Times op-ed, Cardinal Mahony laments, “The baleful consequences of illegal immigration. Families are separated, workers are

exploited and migrants are left by smugglers to die in the desert. Illegal immigration serves neither the migrant nor the common good.”

Hillary Clinton herself has said that she wants to strengthen the border and crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. She presumably thinks Jesus — whose views on the nuances of immigration policy are evidently more easily extrapolated than anyone realized heretofore — would wholeheartedly support all of this.

Cardinal Mahony and Sen. Clinton favor amnesty as part of immigration reform. But amnesty will encourage even more illegal entries, thus exacerbating the problems that Cardinal Mahony deplores. In alleging that the House bill would criminalize the acts of good Samaritans, Cardinal Mahony is engaging in typical hardball political tactics — smearing his opponents in an attempt to give his side the better part of an argument.

The provision in question makes it illegal to “assist” an illegal immigrant to “remain in the United States.” This merely tightens language already on the books. If

the new language puts nuns at risk of prosecution for providing services to needy immigrants (it doesn't), they were already in such legal jeopardy. The bill is not aimed at social workers, but at the vicious “coyote” smuggling rings that exploit illegals in the course of bringing them here for exorbitant fees.

There is much to offend the moral sensibilities of everyone about our current immigration system. The first step to putting it on a more rational and humane basis is to get a better handle on who comes here. The Catholic bishops have affirmed that “sovereign nations have a right to control their borders.” The forces who want to exploit illegal immigrants aren't those who favor exercising that sovereign right, but the U.S. employers who desperately want Mexicans to keep coming.

In the debate over the House bill, these employers are in a de facto alliance with Cardinal Mahony to try to preserve their access to cheap, low-skill labor without the full rights of U.S. citizens. Selfish capitalists surely have never been so grateful for the political activism of a socially conscious (and ill- informed) Catholic bishop. ♦

Congratulations Graduates!

We'll miss you!

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Today at APSU:

It just so happens to be the last day of classes! Kick back today and relax. You've deserved it.

Tomorrow

Official study day for final exams.

Friday

First day of finals.

Monday - Thursday

Final exams (Good luck).

Friday, May 5

Graduation in the Dunn Center at 2 p.m.

Word of the Week:

corkage—(kor kij) *noun*. A fee paid at a restaurant for the consumption of a bottle of liquor not bought on the premises.

Usage:

We don't sell that here! Pay the corkage fee.

—www.m-w.com

Today in the Past:

1989

Lucille Ball dies

Comedian Lucille Ball dies at age 78. During her career, she and husband Desi Arnaz transformed TV, creating the first long running hit sitcom.

1984

Reagan visits China

On this day in 1984, President Ronald Reagan arrives in China for a diplomatic meeting with Chinese President Li Xiannian. The trip marks the first time a U.S. president had traveled to China since President Richard Nixon's historic trip in 1972.

—www.historychannel.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"change"

"It's not that some people have willpower and some don't. It's that some people are ready to change and others are not."

James Gordon, M.D.

—www.quoteat ionspage.com

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Keep in Touch during the summer

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There are two strong gladiators fighting a fierce battle for cyberspace supremacy on the Internet. One is the worldwide phenomenon known as MySpace.com, while the other is the overnight superstar known as Facebook.com.

MySpace first began in 1998, but the current MySpace service was founded in July 2003 by several different programmers, including Tom Anderson — the president of the organization — and Chris Dewolfe (the CEO).

"Everyone loves to socialize, and that's what MySpace and other sites let you do," said Anderson. Though the popularity of MySpace did not spring up overnight, the transition was a powerful one.

By the end of 2004, people from all over the world were addicted. "We have about 1.2 million active users," Anderson said. During its phoenix-like rise, MySpace virtually defeated other online social networks (most notably LiveJournal and Friendster) and brought something new to the table.

For starters, MySpace is set up so that the user can alter or customize his or her profile page with almost no restrictions. "You can really make it personalized," said Ashley Watkins, a junior special education major.

A person's profile page may include music, as well as the user's favorite general interests, including music, TV shows, books, etc. Other details may be added, such as the user's relationship status, income and even physical appearance. Another popular section on a user's profile is the blog. Even several celebrities have joined the MySpace phenomenon.

"A bunch of music groups have MySpace," said Craig Risner, junior international business major. Music acts such as T.I., Weird Al Yankovic, 3T, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Kelly Clarkson can be found on MySpace.

Susan Willis, sophomore mathematics education major, enjoys the bulletins on the MySpace profiles.

"These bulletins usually consist of surveys, questionnaires, riddles or fun facts," said Willis.

However, MySpace can be used as a valuable tool. "It is a great way to keep in touch with friends in Iraq and other places," said Brandie Starr, junior elementary education major.

According to Alexa Internet, MySpace is the world's forth most popular English-language Web site, and the seventh most popular Web site in the world as of 2006. While MySpace sat at the top of the Internet mountain for a good while, its position has been recently challenged by its popular Internet counterpart known as Facebook.

Founded in February 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook is an online directory for high schools, colleges and universities. Facebook began to receive many users in May 2005, but by Fall 2005, its popularity began to rival that of its predecessor,

MySpace.

One of the key things about Facebook is that users can easily search their old high school and revive old friendships. "I've been able to meet some friends that I've lost for a long time," said grad student Eric Kaliente, a finance management major.

Facebook is popular for other reasons as well. There are birthday reminders, event invitations and even groups to join. Another popular Facebook feature is "poking," which is said to be a friendly way of flirting or getting someone's attention.

In all, both MySpace and Facebook have similarities. Both sites have user profiles that may contain pictures, photos, interests, sexual orientation, messaging and things of that nature.

However, people have different reasons to prefer one over the other. "I like MySpace better. Facebook seems to only allow you to keep in touch with people in college," said Shenette Gavi, senior elementary education major.

Unlike MySpace, a valid school e-mail address is necessary to register for Facebook. However, Facebook is not just for students. Alumni, faculty and staff may also become active users of Facebook.

Jessica Woods, sophomore chemistry major, is relatively new to Facebook. "It's a good way to keep in contact with my friends who are not necessarily close by," she said.

Cory Fross, a freshman psychology major, is an active MySpace user. "It turned into a little obsession," Fross confessed.

Erin Herbison, sophomore Spanish major, is also a MySpace fan. "I love posting bulletins!" Herbison said.

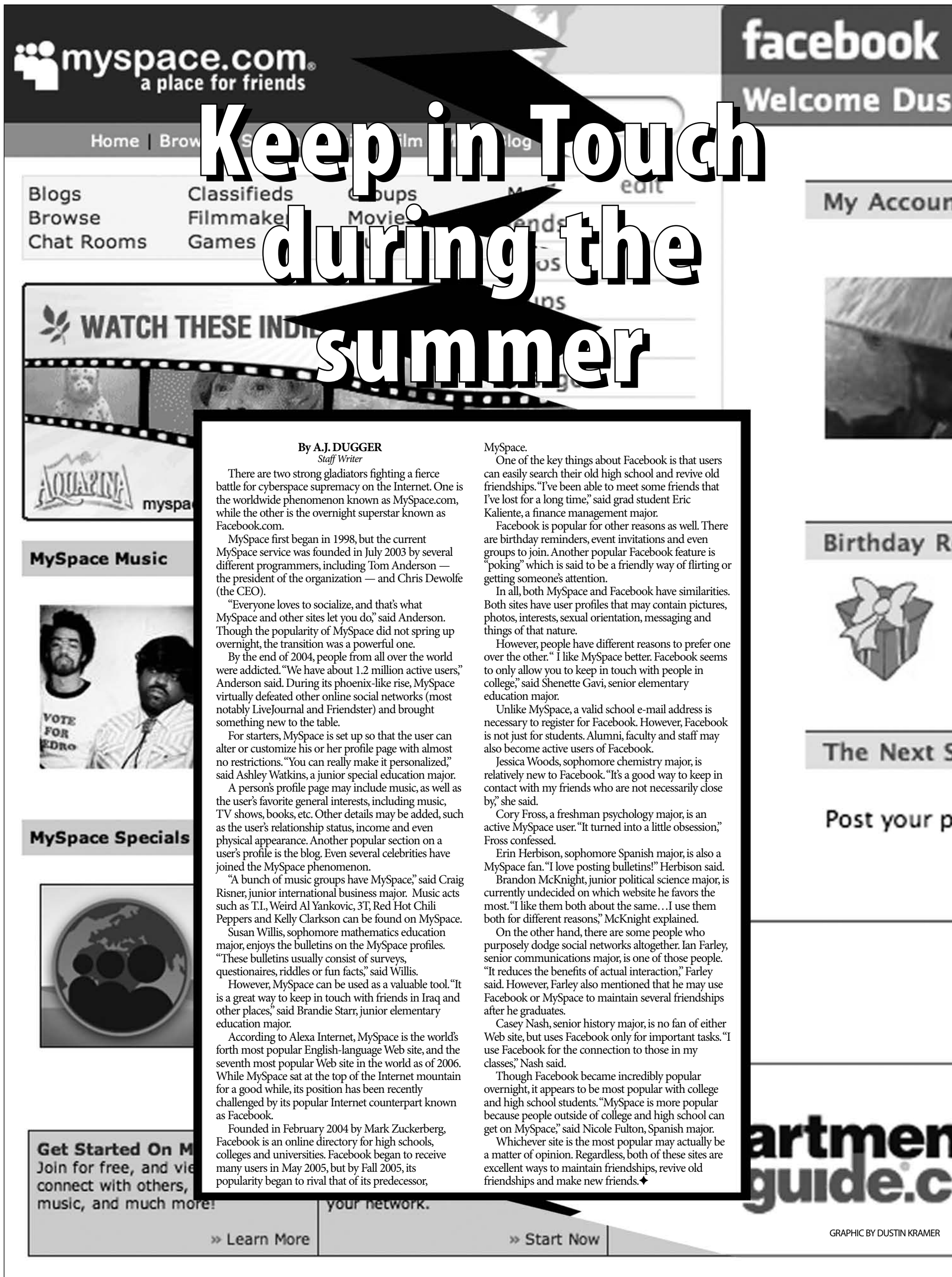
Brandon McKnight, junior political science major, is currently undecided on which website he favors the most. "I like them both about the same...I use them both for different reasons," McKnight explained.

On the other hand, there are some people who purposely dodge social networks altogether. Ian Farley, senior communications major, is one of those people. "It reduces the benefits of actual interaction," Farley said. However, Farley also mentioned that he may use Facebook or MySpace to maintain several friendships after he graduates.

Casey Nash, senior history major, is no fan of either Web site, but uses Facebook only for important tasks. "I use Facebook for the connection to those in my classes," Nash said.

Though Facebook became incredibly popular overnight, it appears to be most popular with college and high school students. "MySpace is more popular because people outside of college and high school can get on MySpace," said Nicole Fulton, Spanish major.

Whichever site is the most popular may actually be a matter of opinion. Regardless, both of these sites are excellent ways to maintain friendships, revive old friendships and make new friends. ♦



GRAPHIC BY DUSTIN KRAMER

Clarksville offers summer fun

Austin Peay students can survive boredom without traveling far

By JESSICA LAVELY

Staff Writer

It's almost here: the long, lazy days of summer. If you aren't from Clarksville, what exactly are you going to do? Where are you going to go? How are you going to spend your time with your friends in the hot, hot heat? Get active within the community of Clarksville and head out for some summer fun while getting physically and mentally fit. With summer rolling around, it's time to shed off those unnecessary winter pounds and head out to the local parks and other community centers for some fun in the sun.

Clarksville has many places to go to in times of boredom. There are three major community centers open to the public for free with the purchase of a \$3 card that lasts for two years. Each community center is loaded with different things to do.

The Crow Community Center (which is off Richview Road) is open Monday through Saturdays with different activities such as: AM Walkers, aerobics, volleyball, open gym, Judo/Jujitsu and Akidido, which is a form of karate. Also, the Kleeman Center (which is off Cunningham Lane next to New Providence Middle School) is open from Monday through Saturday and offers open volleyball, Tae Kwan Do, baton twirling and special offers like that of self defense classes and women's car maintenance. To check the schedule for specialized classes visit the Web site www.cityofclarksville.com

Don't be a bum this summer. Get active within the community, and become the healthy person you know you want to become.

Besides the community centers, which might be crowded with kids and other adults, it might be best to go to a park or a camp site with family and close friends. There are more than twenty city parks in Clarksville. Including: Bel Aire Pool and Park, which has a 50-meter swimming pool/water slide/bathhouse, a baby pool, playground, two soccer practice fields, open space, two picnic pavilions, basketball pad, benches and a walking trail.

Or you could visit Billy Dunlop Park, which has a large pavilion with a stage, picnic tables, playground, fishing areas, walking trails and a bridge over a creek.

Maybe you want to visit the infamous Fairgrounds Park which has a large pavilion with a stage, a kitchen, restrooms, lighted show ring, small pavilion, open spaces for events with reservations, two small pavilions with restrooms, playground equipment, lake for fishing, model airplane field, two football fields, soccer practice fields, open space, one-mile walking trail, boat ramp to Cumberland River and 'Where Imagination Flows' community built playground, which was just opened about one to two years ago with the help of many citizens of Clarksville.

The benefits of getting out there and busting a summer sweat are:

Walking: Walkers have less incidences of cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and other killer diseases. They live longer and get mental health and spiritual benefits. Walk those calories off this summer, but do it leisurely. When it's warm and/or hot outside (sweating helps the process of burning fat as well); take a stroll through any of Clarksville's finest parks or just head to the nearest community pool.

Swimming: Swimming is a healthy activity that can be continued for a lifetime – and the health benefits swimming offers for a lifetime are worth the effort it takes to get to the pool. Regular swimming builds endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness. It can serve as a cross-training element to your regular workouts. Before a land workout, you can use the pool for a warm-up session.

Swimming with increasing effort to gradually increase your heart rate and stimulate your muscle activity is easily accomplished in the water. After a land workout, swimming a few laps can help you cool-down, move blood through your muscles to help them recover and help you relax as you glide through the water.

Swimming does burn calories at a rate of about three calories a mile per pound of bodyweight. If you weigh 150 pounds and it takes you 30 minutes to swim one mile (1,760 yards or 1,600 meters), then you will be burning about 900 calories in one hour.

Join the YMCA this summer, or visit local pools such as the Beachaven Pool (Gaylewood Drive), Bel Aire Pool (Marie Drive),

RECREATION



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Exercise is a way to get into shape and have fun for the summer.

New Providence Pool (Cunningham Lane), Mason Rudolph Pool (Golf Club Lane) and the Swan Lake Pool (off of Sanders Road). Have fun, but remember to be safe as well. Read all pool regulations and make sure that you don't put yourself or anyone else in danger of drowning or falling and getting hurt.

Whether you are going out of town for the summer or you are going to stay right here at home, don't stay inside and ruin that brain with the killer waves of television and video games. Go outside and soak up some UV rays (with sunscreen of course, safety first!). It makes you healthier, but more importantly, happier. Get active. Get fit. Have the best summer of your life. ♦

Rivers and Spires hosts special event



LOIS JONES/STAFF
Toby the Fugitive performs at the Rivers and Spires festival located in downtown Clarksville last weekend.

Former shoe designer turns local songwriter and singer



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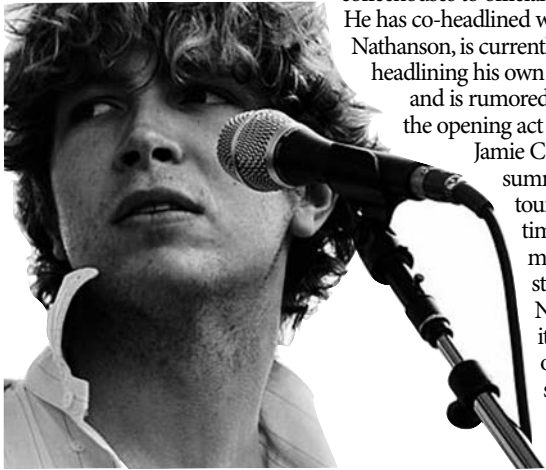
Matt Wertz promises to be a refreshing hit

By BECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

Sometimes fate can be a tricky thing. Nashville singer/songwriter Matt Wertz knows just how tricky it can be. A Missouri native, Wertz's path to the stage nearly went a completely different direction — sneaker design. But after purchasing his first guitar his freshman year in college, it became clear his calling was not outfitting people's feet, but their CD players. But even though it was obvious to everyone else, it

wasn't so clear to Wertz. "When I began writing songs, I never intended for anyone to hear them," Wertz said. "It was simply the natural outpouring of my heart." Over the past five years, Wertz has continued to pour his heart into his music. He has released two full-length albums, "Somedays" (2001) and "Twenty Three Places" (2003), and a five-song EP entitled "Today and Tomorrow" (2005). He also has toured almost nonstop, playing everywhere from college campuses to coffeehouses to official venues. He has co-headlined with Matt Nathanson, is currently headlining his own tour and is rumored to be the opening act for Jamie Collum's summer tour. Any time he makes a stop in Nashville, it's a sold out show.

Wertz is a busy boy, but once you hear his music, it's easy to understand why. I know what you're probably thinking: just another singer/songwriter with an acoustic guitar, nothing special, right? Wrong. Wertz is much, much more than just a boy with a voice. His music speaks to the heart, not just the ears and is truly authentic. It's catchy, fun and even poppy at times, but his songwriting is soulful and yearning, as well. His voice is raw, breathy and full of emotion. Wertz has a magnetic onstage personality, making audience members laugh with his goofy antics one minute and raising awareness about the AIDS crisis in Africa the next. He's a dynamic, engaging performer. Though he was unsure at first, Wertz definitely found his niche in music. "It's so refreshing to know I'm right where I'm supposed to be," he said. "And I really haven't had much at all to do with it." Fate really is a tricky thing. For more information about Matt Wertz, go to www.mattwertz.com. ♦



Harris receives award at student awards at APSU



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Michael Harris, above, was awarded the Valor Award for excellence in achievement and perseverance against adversity. He received his award from Bryon Kluesner, Assistant Director of Disability Services. Michael Harris, left, holds his award. He is a junior majoring in health and human performance at APSU. He lost both arms and an ear in an accident Jan. 9, 1999. Despite the accident, he maintains a positive outlook on life and the future.



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'As You Like It' plays at APSU



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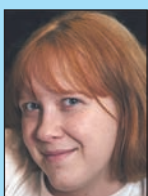
What was your favorite memory during Spring '06?

Compiled By JESSICA LAVELY



BRAY

"Sledding with my friends in winter break and running into the stair poles in front of the Boyd Health building."
Alex Bray
Freshman
History



MCKINLEY

"Playing intermurals with the BCM – flag football. I strained my tendon trying to get the opposing quarterback's flag."
Leslie McKinley
Junior
Social Work



JENSEN

"When my art teacher put my first drawing in the hall of fame."
David 'Tarzan' Jensen
Freshman
Art



LOPES

"When I stopped going to classes, I mean, playing Frisbee! Oh! Dodgeball was fun!"
Doug Lopes
Freshman
Mass Communication



HARMAN

"Working on all my photo projects and the lighting for the plays."
Steven Harman
Senior
Theatre



PEACOCK

"It would have to be hanging out with a friend from class and suddenly making fifteen new friends."
Michelle Peacock
Freshman
Undecided



GILBERT

"Just hanging out with friends outside the Hand Village Lobby eating, smoking, talking and laughing."
Ashton Gilbert
Freshman
Art

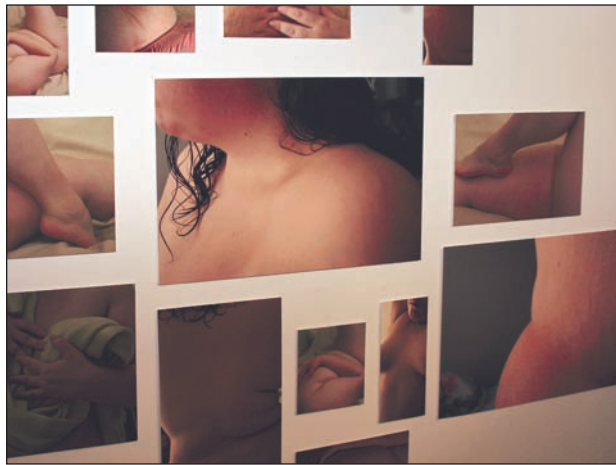


POOL

"Road trips with my friends to Kentucky, and Nashville multiple times, and just hanging out in my car."
Alexandria Pool
Sophomore
English

APSU senior art show encourages self-love

By LOIS JONES
Staff Writer



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Caitlin Gibson presents a photo montage to inspire self-acceptance.



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Gibson is seated in the gallery by her ceramic sculpture.

Body image, self-esteem and being a woman are the focus of Caitlin Gibson's senior art show, "Evolution of Woman."

Gibson is using her show as a personal statement about feminism and how women feel about themselves. She has incorporated photos, ceramics and drawings into her multi-media installation in the Trahern student gallery.

All of the photos are self-portraits of images of several of Gibson's different body parts.

"Body image has been really difficult for me, and taking the photographs has been really difficult," she said.

The ceramic pieces are of a seated woman, a tree and a fertility sculpture in the tree. The woman, sitting by the tree, represents contentment within herself and a connection with nature.

Paper leaves will be available to guests of the show to write their feelings about their body image or about women who have inspired them in their lives. The leaves will then be placed by the guests at the base of the tree to add to the impact of the installation.

Gibson's drawings hang on the walls of the gallery and relate to inspirational women in the past. They have descriptions of what the women have contributed to history during their lives.

"A lot of people think of feminism as something negative because it has been portrayed really negatively and stereotypically in the media," Gibson said. "My basic goal is to make people think about what feminism really is and what it stands for. The dictionary definition of feminism is, 'the theory of political, economic and social equality of the sexes.' A lot of people think that women have reached a point of equality, and an example of this misunderstood belief is that we have never had a women president."

Women in history have inspired Gibson to feel strong and that she can make a difference in the lives of other women.

"Feminism has helped women get where they are today," she said.

Gibson, by exposing herself literally through her photos, hopes to inspire women and girls to look at themselves a little bit differently and get to a place of self-acceptance and love.

The show opened Monday and will continue through April 28. ♦

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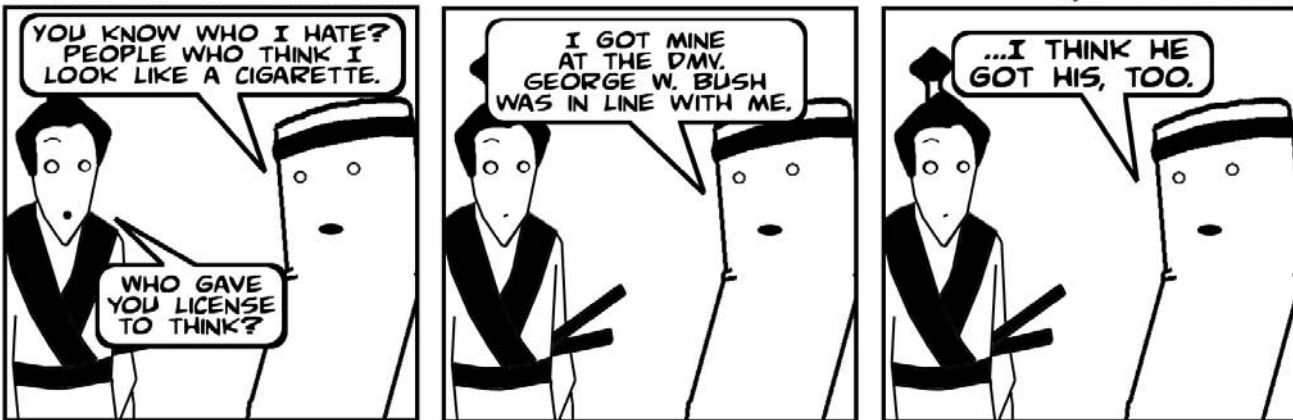
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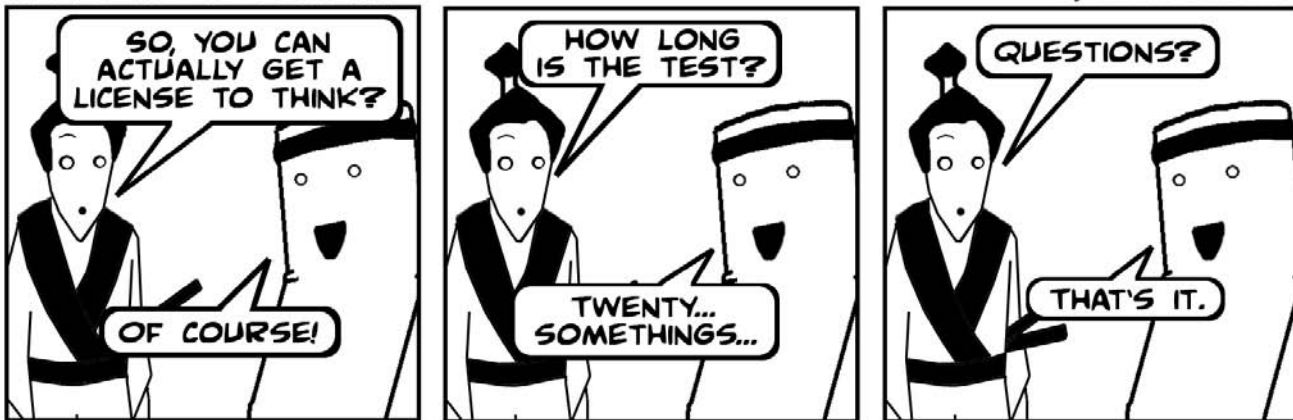
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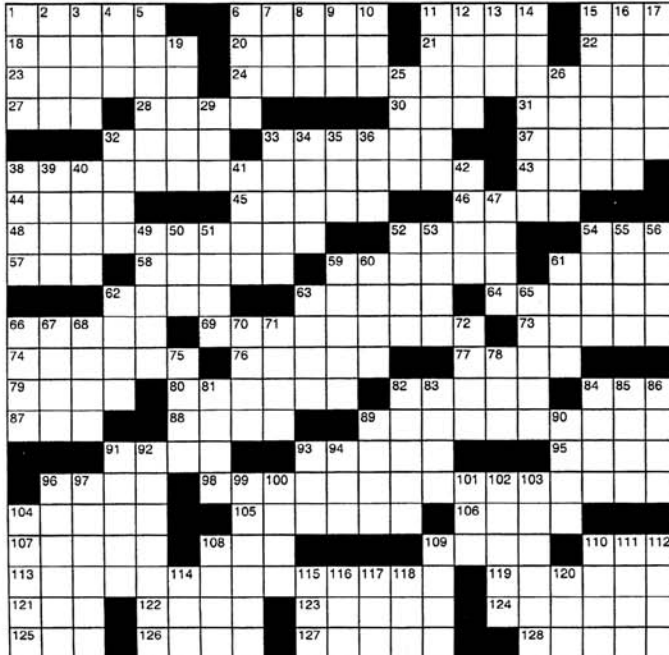


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by Linda Thistle

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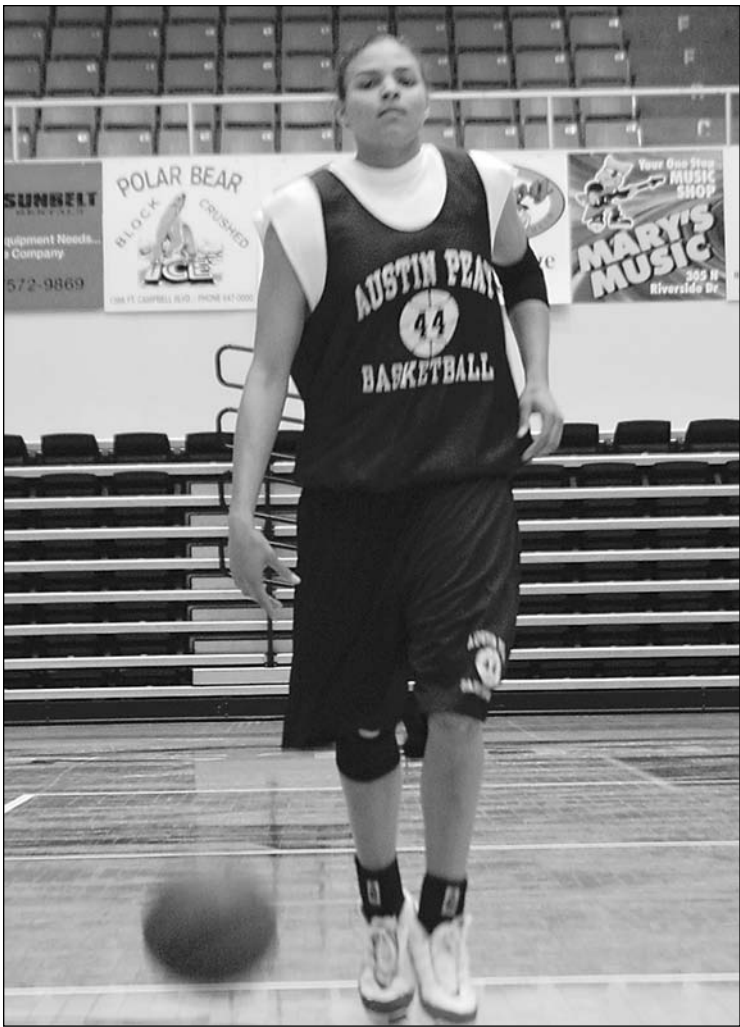


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2005-06 Govs' and Lady Govs' Highlights



Senior Lady Govs' basketball star Ashley Haynes became the first APSU player — male or female — to reach the 1,000-point and 1,000-rebound marks in her career. Haynes recorded 1,497 points and 1,080 rebounds in her career, and her rebounding mark ranks second in Ohio Valley Conference history. Haynes also broke APSU's 26-year-old record of double-doubles as she recorded 22 her senior season, finishing the season with a 16.9 point, 13.4 rebound average.



In just its fourth season, the Lady Govs' soccer team, on their brand new field, reached its first OVC tournament as they posted a 9-10 (5-4 OVC) record for the 2005 season. The Lady Govs fell to Murray State 3-0 in the first round of the OVC tournament to end their ground-breaking season.



Seniors Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton, top-left, and Zac Schlader, top-right, each became two of just a handful of APSU basketball players to reach the 1,000-point plateau in career scoring. Hampton led the Govs in scoring during his senior season with a 16.4 points per game average, and Schlader ranks second with a 14.4 average of his own. The two also combined to lead the Govs in 12 separate statistical categories during their 17-14 2006 campaign.



Senior left fielder Ryan Kane has staked his final season on the Bat Govs' roster on a nation-leading 36-game hitting streak. Kane's streak is the second-longest streak in OVC history behind former APSU player Chuck Abbott, who set the record at 42, and 22 games behind Robin Ventura's NCAA-record 58 games.



The Austin Peay State University volleyball team, despite undergoing a struggling 2005 campaign, kept its OVC tournament appearance streak alive. The Lady Govs clinched their 20th consecutive OVC tournament appearance after defeating Murray State, 3-2, on the last day of the 2005 season.



Track and field has record-breaking weekend at Vanderbilt Invitational

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University track and field team competed last weekend at the Vanderbilt Invitational in what Lady Govs' track and field coach Doug Molnar called one of their best meets in a long time.

"This was the best meet we've had in a long time here at Austin Peay," Molnar said. "In all my years of coaching I've never had a team that had a weekend like we did with so many personal bests and season bests."

Margueax Mccarthy was part of that season best, getting a ninth-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:16.94 and also getting a 12th-place finish in the 1,500-meter run with a 4:45.42 performance. Both of those finishes helped her move into the league's top-five rankings.

Molnar was impressed with McCarthy, saying she had a breakout weekend.

Kelly Schullz also recorded personal bests in the 800 meter and 1,500-meter run. Molnar said Schullz will definitely help out the team in the future.

"She is going to be a factor in the conference championships," he said.

Senior Kaylee Yago received an 11th-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with her time of 12:09.30, coming within two seconds of breaking her old record.

"She is really rounding into shape" said Molnar. "She nearly broke her old record, despite falling over the second to last barrier."

Senior Sherlonda Johnson finished eighth in the triple-jump and fourth (18-7) in the long jump, with her teammate Leeann White finishing second (19-2 3/4), only one centimeter out of first place.

"Sherlonda and Leeann finally looked liked their old selves in the long jump," said Molnar. "If Sherlonda would have been able to hit the takeoff board she would have had a couple of monster jumps."

McCarthy, Schullz, Danja Yates, and Tameka Southern got their best 4x400-meter relay time of the year at 4:01.51.

Ashley Genslak took third place in the high jump with her personal best of 5-6, and Jennifer Pond got fifth in the javelin throw with a distance of 110-06.

The men's cross country team, who ran unaffiliated, also did well with freshman Ryne Sexton posting a personal record in the 3,000-meter run, as well as freshman John Fischer earning a personal record in the 1,500-meter run.

"Ryne continues to improve in the steeplechase," said Molnar. "He keeps getting closer to making the U.S.A. junior national standard of 9:37."

When it was all said and done, the APSU track and field team had 25 season bests out of 31 performances, with 23 of them being personal bests. ♦



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Senior Sherlonda Johnson finished fourth in the long jump at the Vanderbilt Invitational last weekend where the Lady Govs posted 25 season bests.

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AT A GLANCE

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Tennessee,
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Murfreesboro,
Tenn.

Baseball
vs. Belmont,
6 p.m.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Friday

Track and Field
at National City
Invitational,
Bowling Green,
Ky.

Saturday

Softball
at Eastern Illinois
(DH),
Noon,
Charleston, Ill.

Baseball
vs. Tennessee-
Martin (DH),
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Track and Field
at National City
Invitational,
Bowling Green,
Ky.

Sunday

Softball
at Eastern Illinois,
Noon,
Charleston, Ill.

Baseball
vs. Tennessee-
Martin,
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Govs seek revenge at Belmont



AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior left-hander Rowdy Hardy hurls a pitch during one of the Govs' contests earlier this season. Hardy's recent victory over Southeast Missouri tied him for first place on the OVC's career wins record for a pitcher at 30.



AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior left fielder Ryan Kane prepares to take on another at-bat during the Govs' regional game against Wichita State last season. Kane currently leads the nation with a 36-game hitting streak, which is just six games shy of the OVC record.

Govs score 19 runs during conference series against Redhawks

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University baseball team can use last week's 6-5 loss to Belmont as fuel going into the two teams' second match-up on Wednesday.

"We have lost to (Belmont) once already this season in a close ballgame so this game will be a chance for us to get back at them," APSU baseball coach Gary McClure said. "It is another opportunity for us to come out and play some good baseball."

After posting two wins during their three-game series with Southeast Missouri last weekend, the Bat Govs are looking to build on their newly found success at the plate.

"We had a lot better at-bats over the weekend where we weren't over-swinging," McClure said. "We were trying to be a little more patient and try to take some pitches the other way but mainly not over-swinging, and we did a good job of that. We weren't perfect by any means, but we put the ball in play and did a much better job."

The Bat Govs opened their conference series weekend by splitting a doubleheader with Southeast Missouri on Saturday. APSU starter Rowdy Hardy (7-2) allowed just four runs (three earned) on eight hits during 7.1 innings of work before reliever Brad Daniel

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— Gary McClure, APSU baseball coach

came in to close out the 7-4 victory. Hardy's victory was the 30th of his career, tying Eastern Kentucky's Jeff Cruse for the Ohio Valley Conference career wins record.

The Govs, however, fell in the second game of the Saturday twinbill, 8-4, to the Redhawks after allowing Southeast Missouri to build an eight-run lead heading into the ninth inning. APSU was able to mount a four-run rally before the Redhawks sealed the win. Junior pitcher Shawn Kelley (2-4) picked up the loss after allowing five runs on 10 hits during 3.2 innings.

"Our team has struggled every time (Kelley) has pitched," McClure said. "We just haven't been able to score any runs for him

and that is the bottom line. He just needs to keep doing what he is doing on the mound, and we need to play better behind him and score some runs for him."

McClure contributed the loss to bad defensive play behind Kelley.

The Govs were able to win the series in game three as they scored five runs in the final two innings to cap a 7-2 victory. The Govs, who have still not established a third-game conference starter, allowed closer Brad Daniel to start game three, and they were not disappointed.

"We knew we needed to get off to a good start because we felt like this was an important series," McClure said. "We felt like putting Brad Daniel out there gave us the best chance of getting off to a good start and if he only went three innings then that would have been fine but he happened to go 8.1 innings. It was a great performance, and when we had to pull him then Gunter came in and finished it up."

McClure was satisfied with his team's play considering their recent struggles.

"It was a good series," he said. "I think that both teams played very hard and Southeast Missouri has gotten better since the beginning of the season. We started off a little slow hitting, but it was a hard-fought series and I was glad to get two out of three games."

Chasing History

Ryan Kane

Current Streak: 36 games

OVC Record: 42 games

NCAA Record: 58 games

Current Batting Average: .372

Total Hits: 55

RBIs: 38

Over the Weekend:

5-for-11, two doubles, two triples, three RBI, three runs

Senior left fielder Ryan Kane extended his nation-leading hitting streak to 36 games over the weekend as he posted five hits during the conference series. ♦

Lady Govs' softball continues OVC standings climb

APSU grabs 2-of-3 from Tigers, move into sixth place on way to compete with seventh-place Lady Panthers

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University softball team moved into sixth place in Ohio Valley Conference standings after defeating Tennessee State in two of the weekend series games.

Last weekend, Lady Govs' head coach Jim Perrin said the team needed at least two wins out of the three games in order to stay alive in the conference race, and the Lady Govs responded.

APSU lost to TSU in the first game on Saturday before coming back to win games two and three on Sunday.

"We didn't play as well as we could have this weekend, but an ugly win is better than a loss," Perrin said.

With the win, the Lady Govs move in front of upcoming opponent Eastern Illinois — who beat them two out of three games last year — by half a game.

Perrin said now they have no choice but to win in order to stay ahead of the Lady Panthers in the conference standings.

"We have to win at least two games next weekend," he said. "It would be even better if we could sweep them and win all three games, but our future is in our hands now and we have to play and perform well."

In Sunday's game against Tennessee State, the Tigers took the lead early going up 1-0 in the bottom of the first, and

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— Jim Perrin,
APSU softball coach

scored again in the bottom of the second.

The Lady Govs came alive in the sixth inning as senior Jennifer Simpkins singled and reached third base after a Natasha Anderson single. After Brianna Venable reached on a throwing error, Simpkins ran in for the score, putting the Lady Govs on the board.

Sarah Longmire's RBI-single, which got Venable to third base and brought in Anderson for the run, tied up the game. With neither team able to score in the seventh, the game went into the eighth inning.

With two outs, Longmire came through again with another RBI-single to seal the Lady Govs' victory.

"We didn't play well at all in the first four

innings, but we started to pull things together towards the end of the game," Perrin said.

The Lady Govs lost the first game against the Tigers Saturday in a low scoring 1-0.

Tennessee State scored in the first inning and that was all they had to do. Perrin said the Lady Govs' offense just didn't show up.

Anderson posted a complete-game performance, allowing one run off five hits.

The second contest was a different ball game with the Lady Govs having more than enough offense to grab a 7-1 victory.

The Lady Govs scored two runs in the first inning and never looked back.

They scored two more runs in the second inning, and three more runs in the fifth.

Freshman Ashley Elrod pitched a complete game, giving up one run off four hits.

Perrin said he expects some players to step back up who were doing well at the beginning of the season when they play Eastern Illinois.

"Some players, who were hitting well early, haven't been doing so as of late," he said. "We haven't been hitting very well at all, and we are making more errors than we are hits. Those players have to step it up if we want to pull off some wins next weekend." ♦



AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior second baseman Brianna Venable demonstrates her power-hitting stance during a Lady Govs' contests. Venable leads the Lady Govs with a .317 batting average as well as leading the OVC in home runs with 13. The Lady Govs' slugger has led the Lady Govs to a sixth-place spot in the OVC standings so far this season.