

Giovanni lights up dinner for Unity



By NICOLE JUNE
Staff Writer

World-renowned poet Nikki Giovanni brought the audience to its feet applauding during APSU's newly re-instated Unity Celebration and Dinner on the Feb. 7.

Giovanni, a Knoxville native, is a best-selling poet whose most recent book, "Accolades," has had great success thus far.

Giovanni is a distinguished professor at Virginia Tech, scene of the horrific shootings that shocked the nation last year.

In response to the tragedy, Giovanni composed a poem titled "We Are Virginia Tech," which she delivered to the school shortly after the event.

"I think that what this tragedy did was show the rest of the world what [Virginia Tech] already knew: That we have great kids who are brave. We look at that tragedy and we have no instance of cowardice. There's nothing not to love about us," Giovanni said.

Giovanni strongly emphasizes human empathy and sympathy. She commented on newscasters that lack these basic human skills when reporting on events like the recent tornadoes that ravaged Tennessee and surrounding states.

"How dumb can these people be? They clearly learn only make-up and how to giggle at inappropriate times. There's a tragedy there. People are looking at their houses in shambles. You have to be able to empathize with that."

Giovanni also holds fast to her views on the current presidential election, especially the differences among the candidates.

"No matter what happens we have a woman, a black guy, a Mormon who just stepped out, and McCain and Huckabee," Giovanni said. "So if you

look at the breadth of the major parties ... five years ago this never could have happened. So [as for] celebrating diversity, coming out of these campaigns, both the democrats and the republicans, we're going to have to come out unified and hopefully willing to fight with words, because you do get tired of the American habit of not liking something and shooting it."

Giovanni said she is very comfortable as a democrat, but if she "gets stuck" with the republicans that: "I can live with it because they're going to do what's best in their own minds for the country."

Concerning the war in Iraq, Giovanni said, "The public isn't dealing with it. Your kid went to Iraq and is injured and hospitalized, and [the government] don't even want to pay you to come see him. That's criminal. I'm anti-war, but I am not anti-military."

Aside from these issues, race relations are a hot topic among universities today as well.

Giovanni believes the face of racism is just as blatant today as it has been in the past. "When you get things like Jena (the Jena Six), I don't see any subtlety while there are nooses hanging," she said. "I don't ever think that racism is subtle, but I am black. I get tired of people telling me when I say 'Well, that's a racist situation' that it is untrue, because I do know when I'm running into racism and I will respond, as does the black community."

Giovanni believes this policy applies



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Left: After Nikki Giovanni spoke, President Timothy Hall presented her with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her message and presence. This was the second time Giovanni spoke at APSU. Giovanni is recognized as a distinguished professor at Virginia Tech.

Top: Over 200 people crammed the Feb. 7 UC Ballroom to hear Giovanni speak. Everyone who came to hear her was treated to dinner.



to the gay community as well.

"What worries me is the way the gay issue has co-opted hate," she said. "We have substituted blacks for gays. You can't say you want to beat up a couple of black guys, but you can say 'Let's go beat up a couple of fags.'"

"Hatred is a bad idea. It's demeaning. Whether it's [directed toward] Arabs, gays or anyone, it's just a bad idea," she said.

Promoting unity yet still retaining diversity is a concern for universities across the nation.

However, the question of whether organizations devoted to a particular ethnic group, gender, or any specific affiliation actually help to promote this idea has been raised.

"It shouldn't [promote hatred]," Giovanni said. "The Black Student Union at Virginia Tech has white students. It's not the 'Student Union of Color,' it's about the concerns [of the organization]."

"You have a right to gather and you have a right to rules and regulations, but we also have to make sure that people that want to participate can, and when people come you have to make sure they feel welcome."

According to Giovanni, TV has also been a big help in promoting diversity through the increasing prominence of characters who are in the minority or not always socially accepted.

"What I think remains important is that we keep doing non-traditional things," Giovanni said.

"I don't think there's a major show that

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"Taus" return to campus

By TINEA PAYNE
Assistant News Editor

APSU is a university already filled with a variety of student organizations, but there will be an addition to the "Greek" family as another fraternity makes its return to campus.

Alpha Tau Omega, a former fraternity at APSU, plans the return of the Eta Tau chapter.

Founded in 1865, ATΩ was the first fraternity founded organized after the Civil War in efforts "to reunite the northern and southern states after the secession through unconditional, brotherly love," said Matt Arnold, national director of expansion. The organization was founded on Christian principles instead of Greek ideals.

Today, the fraternity is a social leadership organization open to men of all faiths and backgrounds, according to Arnold. He said the principles have not changed and the focus of the organization is to encourage men to get involved and make an impact on campus. "We're trying to help men become better leaders," he said.

ATΩ has over 181,000 members and 240 chapters across the nation, according to the ATΩ Web site (www.ato.org). APSU will soon establish or colonize the Eta Tau chapter this semester.

The chapter was originally founded at APSU in 1971, and has been absent since 1990. On Monday Feb. 4, Arnold held an interest meeting for the organization. More than 30 students showed interest in the fraternity. "I've been impressed with the caliber of students that are interested in ATΩ," he said.

Freshman Stephen Biter, political science major, said he has expressed interest in ATΩ since fall.

Biter said he was interested when he met his roommates. "I was looking for a Greek organization at APSU and two of my roommates were legacies, sons of ATΩ members. That's how I got involved," he said.

Since September, Biter and other interested students have worked to revive the organization at APSU.

"We're going to colonize for sure, we just have to pass through the chartering process," he said.

The organization will colonize at APSU in as little as six months.

"It feels good to know that we're finally going to be colonized," Biter said.

Prospective members will go through a chartering process during the spring. A retreat will be held with team-building activities and a training process, according to Biter. "We'll be wearing letters within a couple of weeks after spring break, hopefully"

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Prepayment to replace deposit

By DANIEL GREGG
Staff Writer

In the fall of 2007, the Tennessee Board of Regents approved APSU's plan to have students pay a \$200 prepayment for housing, rather than the original \$100 deposit formerly required.

The plan was initially brought up a year ago by Housing and Residence Life.

Only new housing students will pay \$200, which will be credited to their student account and reduce their remaining housing balance by \$200.

Students who have already paid the current \$100 deposit will only be required to pay an additional \$100.

The change was implemented to benefit students.

"There are two major factors in this [prepayment plan]: Easier for students and less expense," Mills said.

When students were asked about this change the responses were similar in the sense that prepayment is financially beneficial to students.

"I think it is a good idea, because

anything that benefits students is a plus," said Stephanie Bilderbach, sophomore marketing major and resident of Hand Village.

"I think that the new \$200 prepayment is a good idea, because students will not be paying an extra fee, and it actually goes towards the fees you have to pay," said freshman Alisha Apple, a resident of Blount Hall.

The e-mail that was originally sent out to notify students of the change was retracted due to alterations made by the Housing and Residence Life concerning the dates.

The first day of prepayment was Feb. 5, and the deadline is now May 4, 2008.

If the payment is left unpaid the reservation on the room is lifted. "Cancellation of your housing after July 1, 2008 will result in the forfeiture of your prepayment," stated the Housing Department.

Those who are not returning to the dorms for the fall 2008 semester will receive a refund of their \$100 deposit when they check out of the dorms. ♦

Meningall honored new scholarship at dinner

By JAKE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Jennifer Meningall, former vice-president of student affairs, was honored by the National Pan-Hellenic Council on Friday, Feb. 8.

The event took place at 6 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The Jennifer Meningall Legacy of Greatness Scholarship will be given to a student who meets the proper criteria. The criteria has yet to be determined as of yet, according to Lindsay Mazer, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership.

"Basically the scholarship was established to recognize Dr. Meningall for her support of students at Austin Peay State University; the scholarship will be given to a student who exemplifies the strength and character that Dr. Meningall embodies," said Mazer.

Meningall served in Student Affairs from 1998-2005. During those years, she helped the NPHC develop and grow.



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Noy Garrett reads scripture during the banquet to honor Jennifer Meningall.

The banquet celebrated the new scholarship designed to help deserving students.

"For me they were complimentary — they spoke about the impact I had on their lives," Meningall said.

The NPHC is composed of the Greek organizations Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Kappa Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

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Battle of the sexes

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Unity: Race, religion



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Giovanni is the author of over eight books of poetry and wrote a poem for Virginia Tech after the shooting that took place there.

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doesn't have at least a gay or a black and I think that this is good, because you have to keep seeing [different] things," she said.

"Television has to lead because no matter what is said it is a teaching media."

Giovanni also touched on unity within religion.

"If [white people] had come to my grandmother's church no matter when, maybe in the 1950s, we would have welcomed you. Unfortunately if I had come to your grandmother's church in the 1950s I wouldn't have been."

She discussed how in today's society we should welcome others with open arms, even if we do not truly feel compassionate or welcoming at all times.

Giovanni then summarized what she believes is the true meaning of unity.

"Unity is not that we are all of one mind but we are of the mind that says 'let us sit down [and discuss].' In the words of Lyndon Johnson, 'Let us reason together.' As we begin this process of reasoning together we all have to realize somebody's going to have to give up something. It's an honorable word, compromise. We live in a world that says 'I will never compromise,' but we must, because nobody is that right."

"So the question is," Giovanni said, "what do we compromise on?"

"There are principles and there are prejudices. You have to make sure



ASH WRIGHT/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
William Shih helped open the night's festivities in his native tongue, mandarin chinese.

you are compromising on your prejudices and not your principles." ♦

Nikki Giovanni

Book Titles

- Ego Tripping and Other Poems for Young People
- Love Poems
- Truth Is on Its Way
- On My Journey Now: Looking at African-American History Through the Spirituals
- Like a Ripple on a Pond
- Racism 101
- Spirit to Spirit: Nikki Giovanni
- The Way I Feel
- Rosa

FACULTY SENATE

Nashville State discussed

"I think that Nashville State will move to Clarksville."

Timothy Hall, president



By JAKE DAVIS
Staff Writer

The annual Faculty Senate meeting took place Thursday, Feb. 7.

The meeting was previously scheduled for Jan. 31 but was postponed due to snow.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for those lost in the storms last Tuesday, Feb. 5. Faculty Senate President Tim Winters then introduced APSU President Timothy Hall. According to Hall, enrollment is up slightly, though APSU may soon see a decrease in enrollment due to the redeployment of many soldiers at Fort Campbell.

Aesthetics, Nashville State

Hall will be setting up an aesthetics committee to look at the Harned Bowl as well as other physical properties of the campus.

The water tower and "aged pink banners" were also addressed by Hall.

"Once [people] get to Clarksville we want them to know that they are at the home of a great university," Hall said.

Hall has also spoken to the chancellor the Tennessee Board of Regents and the president of Nashville State Community College about the possibility of a branch of Nashville State coming to Clarksville.

According to Hall, one of APSU's major weaknesses is that it does not have an adjacent community college.

"I think that Nashville State will move to Clarksville," said Hall.

Academic alert

The academic alert coordinator Barbara Hanson gave some details on her efforts to make the academic alert system more efficient.

"I think there are students out there that we can help, that we are losing. I know this because I taught them," said Hanson, a former APSU instructor.

Lottery scholarship

The Tennessee Lottery scholarship is under some scrutiny. Some are looking to loosen requirements to include some non-traditional students, according to Kay Haralson.

Adjunct instructors were also discussed by Haralson, who says that the number of adjunct instructors is extremely high at APSU.

Senate's role

The role of the Faculty Senate was discussed by Winters. According to the president of the organization, the amount of personnel issues the IC has had to deal with has been cut down by Hall.

Winters stated that Hall was not comfortable about the legality of the Senate addressing such matters.

The next meeting will be held 3 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Morgan University Center room 307. ♦

Faculty Senate

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- <http://www.apsu.edu/senatef>

Officers

- President Tim Winters
- Vice President Loretta Griffy
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Future Meetings

- March 27, UC 307
- April 24, UC 307
- May 1, UC 307

Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Noche de los emamorados

Come join Pi Nu, the Spanish honor society, for a romantic night of Latin style dancing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the Foy Fitness Center. There will be music by Jimmy Bonilla Enterprises, a chocolate fountain and giveaways. Contact Miguel Ruiz-Avilés at 221-7855 for more information.

State-building conference

APSU will host a state-building conference from Feb. 13 to Feb. 15 for the U.S. Army War College based on principles and strategies to "win the peace". Participants will hear about success stories, models and real-life challenges. Students interested in participating can contact Dewey A. Browder at 221-7919 or Tom O'Connor at 221-1477.

Best Faculty and Staff Awards

Is there a faculty or staff member that is exceptional and has gone above and beyond? Nominate your favorite faculty or staff member for the Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member of the Year award. Awards will be presented at the Student Leader Awards. Submit your nominations by Feb. 27.

Omicron Delta Kappa

The APSU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, a National Leadership Honor Society, are now accepting applications for membership. Applications are due at 4 p.m. on Feb. 29.

Climbing Competition

The first annual Ascension Climbing Competition, hosted by Adventure Recreation will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 16 at the Foy Fitness Center. Registration is \$25 and the first 40 participants will receive a free t-shirt. There will be a beginner, intermediate and advance categories as well as a mens' and womens' division. Register the day of the competition from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mister and Madam Governor

Mister and Madam Governor awards will be presented at the annual Student Organization and Leader Awards on Thursday, April 10. December 2007 and August 2008 graduates are eligible to apply. Pick up an application in the Office of Student Affairs.

Correction

In the Feb. 6, 2008 edition of *The All State*, a photo stated that the Black History Bowl was sponsored by the African American Cultural Center. The event was actually sponsored by the NAACP and Student Teacher Education Association.

Taus: Retreat planned

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The new colony will need 45 members to become a chapter, according to the ATΩ Web site.

To become a member, students must be male, in good standing with the university and hold a 2.5 GPA. There is no class requirement to join the fraternity, according to Arnold.

Arnold said there is no pledge process as in other Greek organizations.

Students who qualify and meet the financial and other obligations become instant members.

"I'm excited," Biter said. "Something we dreamed about for six months is finally becoming a reality." ♦

Meningall: Many contributions



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Jennifer Meningall served in APSU's Office of Student Affairs from 1998-2005.

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These organizations, along with other members of the faculty and staff, honored Meningall for her various contributions she made as the vice president of student affairs

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OUR TAKE

Tuition increase predicted for '09

Editorial Roundup

THE ISSUE:

- In two years, tuition has increased 10.1 percent.
- Gov. Bredezen's new budget isn't going to cover operating expenses.

OUR TAKE:

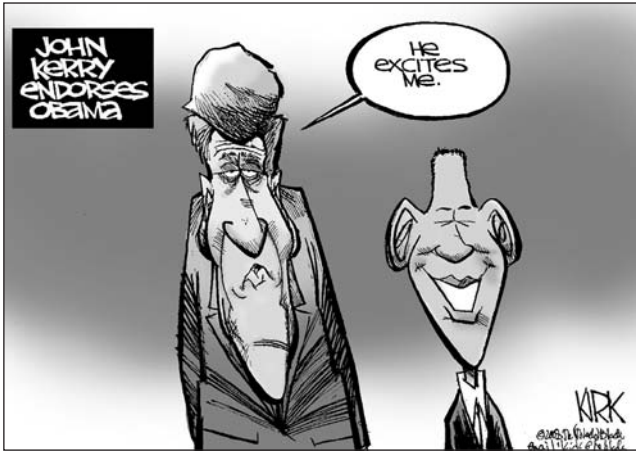
Where has all the lottery reserve money gone? If funds can't be found to supplement university expenses, students can expect an increase in tuition costs.

Students faced a 4.1 percent tuition increase in fall 2006, according to the Associated Press. And fall 2007, the Tennessee Board of Regents decided to raise tuition and fees by another six percent. Looking ahead to this fall, it seems students and their parents will reach further into their pockets to pay the price of yet another tuition hike. Recently, Gov. Phil Bredezen unveiled what he calls the "back to basics" budget. To the governor's credit, this new budget includes increased funding for need-based student aid and lowers the HOPE scholarship GPA requirement to 2.75. It will also help partially fund a two percent pay raise for all state employees, including APSU faculty and staff members.

But to the governor's discredit, this new budget did not meet a Tennessee Higher Education Commission request of an \$85 million budgetary increase to cover state college and university operations. THEC oversees the TBR system which oversees APSU and heavily influences the state dollars that this university receives. What does this mean for the APSU student? When operating expenses are not accounted for by state-appropriated funds, universities have few options. Some of these options include cutting operating costs or raising money to account for these operating costs. When universities are forced into this dollar dilemma, the latter seems to be the preferred

choice. And these needed dollars have to come from somewhere. Traditionally, tuition hikes have made up the difference. Taking all of this in, *The All State* predicts yet another tuition increase for the upcoming school year. But wait, didn't Tennessee nearly have a \$400 million surplus at the start of the fiscal year? According to Nashville Public Radio, it did. This huge dollar figure was accumulated from the Tennessee Lottery. How could having such a surplus translate into Tennessee's colleges and universities not receiving all the necessary dollars to account for operating expenses? As with any budget, issues and goals become prioritized. It's a

difficult position for anyone to be in when putting money in one area means taking away money in another. Balancing a budget is a zero-sum game, meaning that some will win and some will lose. All of Tennessee's needs cannot be satisfied simultaneously. While Gov. Bredezen is proposing a budget containing many positive aspects for education, *The All State* hates to see fellow students and parents of those students confronted with tuition hikes year after year. We remain critical of runaway tuition increases incurred on a yearly basis. Barring some push from the Tennessee General Assembly, students and parents should anticipate tuition to be increased for the upcoming school year. ♦



POLITICALLY SPEAKING

And a woman shall lead them ... maybe

Both went into Super Tuesday vowing they had momentum and that, at day's end one or the other would emerge as the clear front-runner. They were both right and both wrong. A candidate did emerge from Super Tuesday as the undisputed front-runner and within two days had forced his closest rival to say, "No mas."

Of course, this all happened with the "other" party, as Sen. John McCain assumed the top spot in the race to be the republican nominee for president. And while a recent victory in conservative and Christian Kansas for Mike "Preacher Man" Huckabee over McCain demonstrates that a chunk of republicans still have doubts about the war hero's conservative credentials, the real "thrilla in manilla" will no doubt be the stretch run between Ms. Clinton and Mr. Obama. They both continue to stand: "Obamamania" appears to hold the upper-hand in excitement and inspiration. The former first lady continues to get high marks for her mastery of public policy and depth of knowledge of the issues. As I write this column, and it will no doubt change by the time you read this, Ms. Clinton has secured 1,064 delegates to Mr. Obama's 1,029.

Though, the way the media seems to have treated this race so far, Mr. Obama is truly "the blessed one" as most articles continue to focus on his "electrifying presence," his "gift for Kennedy-like inspiration" and of course, his message of "keeping hope alive."

It's not that I have anything against hope, or dislike gifted orators, it's just that, at some point, I'd like to feel I know more about a possible future president than he talks a good game. Does he also walk the walk?

In fairness, this is always the dilemma in an electoral, primary-driven campaign such as the ones we run here in the States.

Let's face it, the most important job in our nation comes with virtually no qualifications, save for age and citizenship (sorry, Arnold). Except, and it's a big exception, you must somehow get yourself elected to the office. So, naturally, the types of skills one must have in today's era of politics is to raise gobs of money, be able to endure a marathon of endless, grueling campaign tasks that would fell an elephant (yes, and a donkey too, wise guy) and avoid any major gaffes or scandals that even high-priced "spinners" can't get you out of. Governing, actually being president, ironically, often requires a host of skills that don't always get highlighted in the campaign trail: The ability to think, reflect, be decisive, provide a clear vision, manage a sprawling government and negotiate with foreign rivals.

So, in Obama's case, while again, I'm all for hope, I am also for wanting the details of just what that means. Obama continues to have overwhelming success with black voters and liberal whites making more than \$50,000 per year. I recently asked some students about Obama, they all said they'd vote for him, and they all had different reasons. One said because "he was a brother," another said "he's for change," and the third said because he "didn't want a woman president."

In part, the basis for Mr. Obama's success is captured in the

students' responses. And it represents the unique challenge Hillary faces to become the first female president. It's hard to see black America not wanting Obama to win, and that is their prerogative.

Oprah, a long-time advocate for women's rights apparently believes Obama is just the overall better candidate or maybe, she feels more of an allegiance with a black man than a white woman. For Hillary, we know that a significant percentage of women, white and black, simply aren't ready to see a "sister" in the Oval Office unless she's hosting some tea party in white gloves, and smiling adoringly at her husband.

What about Hillary's strengths? Well, we Americans tend not to like the class know-it-all, the one who seems to always have the right answer. No offense to our current president, but he isn't in the Oval Office twice because he has overwhelming intellect. Who needs that anyway? He is a likable guy, had the genius of Karl Rove to guide him and proved to be a gifted campaigner if not a "decider."

Hillary faces what Geraldine Ferraro (V.P. running mate with Walter Mondale, 1984) faced when she tried to bust down the door to the all-male club called the White House. Act tough, like a man, and Babs "Mama" Bush says you are something that rhymes with witch. Too soft or emotional, or heaven forbid, you let a tear roll down your cheek and you are "too emotional" and unfit to thrive in a man's world.

Already, Hillary's brief campaign tear made headline news while it seems more manly men are balling their eyes out on national television than ever before and get high marks for "keeping it real." Geez, where's Clint Eastwood when you really need him?

This is also why Hillary's campaign allows her to do articles for popular magazines that show photos of her various "worst outfits" over the years and Hillary's excuses, like "It's not me, it was the sixties," and "Now you know why I wear pantsuits" (US Magazine-2-18-08).

It's also why she sends her "Famous Cookie Recipes" to magazines catering to women. Look, I don't know if Hillary has ever baked cookies in her life, but isn't this a double standard? Maybe we should have Mr. Obama talk about his best and worst outfits, his famous pancake recipe and John McCain can share his worst hair days. Sorry senator, no harm intended.

Anyway, if history has shown us anything when it comes to electing a president, the one who speaks the best and wears the sharpest outfits doesn't always prove to be the best at governing. Personally, I see an Obama-McCain national election.

My hope is that we actually send the best man or woman to the Oval Office and not just the one who makes us feel best about ourselves.

Keep in mind, the real test comes the day after the inauguration when the winner has to actually govern, not just make warm and fuzzy speeches. If that were the case McCain should concede now; the former prisoner of war doesn't do warm and fuzzy real well. Of course, in an age of terrorism maybe that's not such a bad thing. And I doubt Harry Truman ever baked cookies. ♦

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Don't say 'no' to love

The ups and downs of life make it worth living

The people who hate Valentine's Day tend to be like the little kids who go to their friends' birthday parties and get mad because they're not the ones getting presents.

Over the years, I have heard far too many people complain about this holiday. Many repeat the old cant about it being invented for commercial purposes and devoid of any real meaning. A surprising number of people are also completely willing to admit that they hate Valentine's Day because they have never had a Valentine of their own or just don't happen to have one this year.

Don't get me wrong. I hope I am the last person on Earth to ever scorn loneliness or unrequited love. It really can suck to be alone.

I hope I never attempt to belittle the big, serious emotional pain and heartbreak that so many people feel. Most relationships, if they get to happen at all, are probably going to fail, and "for aught that I could ever read, could ever hear by tale or history, the course of true love never did run smooth." Faint heart never won fair lady.

Still, it's easy to feel that because nothing ever seems to work out how we planned that there is no plan. It's easy to be seduced into looking around and determining that we live in a dark world without any pattern or Providence, and that what we call love and romance are naive illusions and mere flutterings of the central nervous system.

It's amazing how many smug, self-styled "people in the know" think that they are somehow more modern (whatever that means) and sophisticated because they no longer believe in romance. The truth, however, isn't that true romance doesn't exist. It just might not have existed for you.

So, what are we to do if we keep getting disappointed? What about people who have been disappointed their whole life? Most people grow bitter and give up trying, and we really should feel sympathy for these love-cowards.

When things don't seem to be working, I try to remember what the arch-lover himself, Lancelot, said to



Kevin Scahill

Guinevere in "The Once and Future King" when he had been defeated several times in a row: "I knelt down in the water of Mortoise, Jenny, where he had knocked me — and I thanked God for the adventure."

To go back to my opening simile, we need to learn how to enjoy presents that aren't necessarily ours. It may seem strange to enjoy things that aren't "for" us, but I never owned a sunset or a starry sky either. That is not to say that we should give up on those presents, but none of us get to choose our adventure, and make no mistake, it is an adventure.

Today might be someone else's day. Tomorrow might be yours, and some things really are worth working and waiting for.

While doing our best toward that goal though, until victory or a definite no, it seems to me that we have to just chill out and raise our glass to true friendships, cool breezes, ice cream, snow days, champagne, good music, great books, painting, swimming, pets, trips, fireflies and a thousand other of the glittering, glorious and beautiful things around us. ♦

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Pi Nu to host ‘night of the lovers’ Latin dance

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Perspectives Editor

A couple faces each other in the center of the dance floor. They are statuesque as they wait for the music to begin. The man gently holds the woman in his arms, and though their bodies look relaxed, their eyes suggest otherwise.

Their intense gaze says they are in love, and could be no happier than on the dance floor together. Suddenly, a Salsa filled with its wild drum beat and riotous trumpets resounds across the room, enbuing the dancers to move.

They step, spin and move together, each revolving around the other with lithe precision. No one else can match the strength of their passion on the dance floor. When the song is done, they are breathlessly laughing at the sheer joy they have together.

On Feb. 15, APSU students, faculty and staff will be given the opportunity to celebrate Valentine’s Day with all the vibrancy of the Hispanic culture with an event called “Noche de los Enamorados,” English meaning “night of the lovers.”

Sponsored by the APSU chapter of Sigma Delta Pi-Pi Nu, a Spanish honor society, “Noche de los Enamorados” is going to be a night of dancing, prizes, pictures and love. Beginning at 8 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m., the dance is scheduled to be held in the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center.

Ashley Lyle, president of Pi Nu, said “Noche de los Enamorados” is not going to be an average Valentine’s Day dance.

“We are going to decorate using red, orange and fushia,” Lyle said. “We wanted passionate, vibrant colors that represent the Hispanic culture.”

Other highlights of the dance include a chocolate fountain and light refreshments. Door prizes for couples as well as singles will be given away, and a Polaroid photo booth will be set up. Latin-style music will also be brought by Jimmy Bonilla of Jimmy Bonilla Enterprises, a tropical music DJ service that has been around for several years.

“We wanted to do something with Pi Nu to promote Hispanic culture, as well as have something for the students to enjoy,” Lyle said. “We’ve been planning it since last semester.”

Chaney Bonilla, vice president of Pi Nu, sees the dance as a way for Pi Nu to benefit the community. “Part of our job as a Spanish honor society is to hold events to expose people who haven’t been exposed to Hispanic culture,” she said. “We hope people will gain a little more knowledge and experience with the Hispanic culture and will have a good time.”

Although dancing lessons will not be offered during “Noche de los Enamorados” Bonilla said people who have little to no experience dancing to Latin music will still have fun.

“Most of the people who come to our events are friendly and like to show people how to dance,” said Bonilla. “The people in our organization try to encourage and teach those who want to learn.”

As far as attire goes, Lyle advises that people come in semi-formal wear.

“It could be something you would wear to a cocktail party. We want it to be an event people can come to dressed up,” Lyle said. “Guys can wear suit pants, a button-up shirt and a tie.

Of course, we want people to wear something they would wear in public, but we’re not going to kick people out for wearing jeans.”

Pi Nu is a Spanish honor society at APSU dedicated to educating people about the Hispanic culture. Lyle said being a part of Pi Nu opens up opportunities for students majoring or minoring in Spanish.

“It’s a great way to meet other people who are Spanish majors and minors,” Lyle said. “Scholarships are available for studying abroad, and people get to participate in getting the Hispanic culture out there.”

Bonilla agrees that Pi Nu serves to get students involved in both their community and their school.

“Being a part of Pi Nu helps students gain knowledge of other cultures as well as leadership skills,” said Bonilla. “When you do events with Pi Nu you meet a lot of really interesting people and become more involved with the different departments at Austin Peay. Plus, I just think it’s fun.”

For more information about “Noche de los Enamorados” or Pi Nu, contact Ashley Lyle at pinuapsu@yahoo.com. ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/FEATURES EDITOR
Instructors Alexandra Alvarez and Joseph Vasquez show their students the basics of Salsa back in February 2007.



Valentine’s Day Guide 2008

What do women want on Valentine’s Day?

By SAMANTHA PARIS
Staff Writer

Every year at this time the aisles are filled with love paraphernalia. Stores like Wal-Mart offer anything from huge teddy bears holding a little pillow that reads “I love you” to clothing with hearts and kisses.

Despite what many may think, Valentine’s Day is not a conspiracy thought up by florists, jewelers and chocolatiers.

First, let’s get something straight. Valentine’s Day is an important day for women. They may claim it isn’t, but it is. Men, on the other hand, consider the Super Bowl the most important day of the year.

The most important thing for a guy to remember is to buy his wife or girlfriend what she wants, not what he wants.

Most men are concerned about how much to spend and what to spend the cash on. Some traditional gifts would be a dozen long-stemmed roses, jewelry or a beautiful box of chocolates.

Most women, however, prefer something a little more original to show it wasn’t just a last-minute gift. Put some thought into a gift, and it will show.

Simpler gifts can be less expensive, but when it comes from the heart, it will touch hers.

Personalization is the best way of showing a woman that you love her. Instead of purchasing a Hallmark card, write your own card.

A homemade card can express true feelings better than any store-bought card. Any woman

would love to have a handwritten love letter to keep and cherish.

Instead of taking her to some fancy restaurant and waiting a long time for a table, fix her a dinner at home.

Make her a mixed CD. Flashback to the 1980s and replace the mix tape with the mix CD.

A compilation of songs to represent your love for her is a classic.

The length of the relationship can also determine what

gift to choose and how much to spend. In a new relationship it is normal to choose a less expensive gift for Valentine’s Day.

A pricey gift may put too much

pressure on a woman, and the guy may feel slighted if he is given a less than comparable gift.

In the end it is not about the cost of the Valentine’s gift, but about paying attention to the woman.

Do some homework on what she likes, and give her a gift that she can really appreciate and remember. ♦



Survivor: Men vs. Valentine’s Day

By MARSEL GRAY
Assistant Online Editor

Another gift-giving holiday looms in the mist, and because tomorrow is Valentine’s Day, many men will spend today frantically searching jewelry, flower and candy shops for the perfect gift.

For many men Valentine’s Day is one of the worst holidays — a holiday totally devoted to the emotion of love.

Yet, with a few simple tips and ideas, men can learn

to enjoy this holiday. Guys spend a good portion of the year listening to women criticize their clothes and complain about overall bad man-behavior.

Valentine’s Day is probably one of the few chances men have to redeem themselves.

Being inventive with a gift is one of the best ways to amaze a woman. Casey Wix, a sophomore management major said, “[Women] like creativity and originality, not just the red rose.”

Indeed, doing something original can be rewarding. Instead of going out to eat, find a delectable recipe on the Internet and cook a

nice, simple meal.

It’s also a great way to demonstrate a man’s cooking skills. Homemade chocolate could also be an award-winning treat for that special lady.

Jewelry is always an appropriate Valentine’s Day gift. However, instead of getting the latest diamond ring or necklace, try personalizing the gift.

A ring with an inscription or a necklace with her birthstone on it would make an ideal gift.

However, make sure she actually likes her birthstone before purchasing a piece of jewelry with it.

Also, be sure to shop around at several different jewelry stores and compare prices. Flowers have been symbols for friendship, love and peace since the middle ages. Today they are still used for these purposes.

Flowers always bring a smile to a person’s face and seem to lift up anyone’s spirits. When buying flowers this February, be sure to get her favorite flowers instead of opting for traditional roses.

Take the extra incentive and personalize it toward her preferences. As with any Valentine’s Day gift, remember that the emotion and attitude of the love must be behind it.

So, no matter what gift is given this Valentine’s Day, put serious effort and thought into giving it. Show her the caring man she knows and loves really and truly loves her back. ♦



Student I.D. brings discount to some restaurants

By KIMBERLY SHUEL
Staff Writer

It can take a great deal out of a people’s pockets to make their special someone happy on Valentine’s Day. Lucky for APSU students and faculty, all that is needed to save some serious bucks is an APSU I.D.

Most students know the particular places they can get a discount, and at first glance, those places may not seem too romantic.

However, if planned correctly, an APSU I.D. date can be smooth and affordable.

There are many restaurants in Clarksville that give APSU discounts. Some of which include Bojangles, Chick-Fil-A, Dairy Queen and Shoney’s.

A nice dining atmosphere, along with roses and a special present, should do the trick. When an APSU I.D. is flashed at the bill, watch it dwindle.

“I used my APSU I.D. at O’Charley’s and got 15 percent off my steak. It really helped out,” said freshmen education major Brittany Fernandez.

After seeing a movie, is there still some time left for the night? Who knew Wendy’s could be romantic?

Enjoy a frosty, gaze at the stars and enjoy the moon’s reflection on the river while walking



River Walk can be a romantic place to take that special someone.

along the Riverwalk on Riveside drive.

Always remember that it never hurts to ask a restaurant if they offer an APSU discount. So before the bill is paid, ask if it is possible to get a discount. Students work hard at APSU, and they deserve to get a break sometimes.

Luckily, there are some Clarksville businesses that understand this. With their generosity and a little planning anyone could have an affordable, romantic Valentine’s Day date with their special someone. ♦

Rules to buying the right Valentine’s day card

By RACHAEL HERRON
Staff Writer

Box of chocolates \$5, a dozen roses \$50, stealing her heart with the perfect Valentine’s Day card ... priceless. That’s what Valentine’s Day is all about, right? Wooing the woman and stealing her heart all the while hoping and praying for a “happy ending.” So how can a guy achieve making her happy and avoid the dog house until next Valentine’s Day?

We all know Valentine’s Day is about chocolates and flowers — guys can never go wrong with tradition. The real icebreaker is the card. It should be attractive and sweet but to the point. Stay away from the overly sappy or cheesy cards. With that said, here are some examples of bad cards no one should receive this Valentine’s Day.

First of all, cards with Kermit the Frog, Mickey, Minnie and other cartoon characters were cute when we were five, but they lose their charm for those who are 25 and older. It doesn’t seem possible that cards are still being made for adults with these characters on them, but they are. The card had Kermit the Frog on it and said, “You have to kiss a lot of frogs to find someone like you ... I’m glad I found you, Valentine.”

Unless that special someone likes Kermit, do not get this card or any other one with cartoon

characters on it.

Obviously the presidential campaign is huge right now, but unless that special someone thinks one of the candidates is super hot or if there’s an inside joke involved, please, please leave them on the shelf. There was a card with a picture of Barack Obama on it accompanied with the words “I know what you would like for Valentine’s Day ...” and the inside said “Sex, Drugs and Brock–n– roll!”

Buying a card for a mom or grandma? A Hallmark card is only acceptable for them because those are the only people who won’t hate the person who got it for them. The traditional Valentine’s card is probably the biggest no, no every year. Everyone’s seen them. They are the ones with pictures of roses and have really fancy writing.

For the record, a vast majority of the cards at Target are perfect. Just make sure it is attractive, humorous, sweet and thoughtful. Also be sure it looks like it was made in 2008 and not 1965. ♦



Peace Corps reaches students

By MARSEL GRAY
Assistant Online Editor

One of the momentous things John F. Kennedy will be remembered for is the creation of the Peace Corps. The idea of the Peace Corps was born when President Kennedy challenged an assembly of college students to dedicate two years of their lives to serving individuals in other countries.

In March 1961, President Kennedy signed an order creating the agency for the purpose of supplying skilled workers to developing countries and fostering an understanding between Americans and the rest of the world. Kyle Jessop, regional Peace Corps recruiter said, “[The Peace Corps] is really a roller coaster ride. There is tremendous glorification of accomplishment and development of challenge.”

Business Week even reported the Peace Corps was voted one of the top five organizations college graduates want to work for in 2007.

Since it was founded, over 150,000 Americans have served time in the Peace Corps. Junior Tim Choate, Greek major, said “[The Peace Corps does] a lot of good and do a lot for developing

countries.”

Members of the Peace Corps volunteer two years of their lives to serve in a foreign country, usually those of developing regions of the world. Many of those who enter are working to either educate the youth or develop the industrial and agricultural aspects of the area. Volunteers can be selected to go to one of over 100 countries and live as a local while there.

There are many benefits to joining the Peace Corps. Students can defer their college loans, become fluent in another language and gain career experience. Doctors, writers, educators, diplomats and members of Congress are just a few examples of careers people have led after their time in the Peace Corps.

APSU hosted a Peace Corps Global Talk Monday Feb. 4, in which APSU students who served in the Peace Corps came and discussed their assignments and experiences around the world.

For more information concerning the Peace Corps visit <http://www.peacecorps.gov/> or contact Kyle Jessop at jessop@peacecorps.gov. ♦

Remember when . . .

Topics that were highlighted in past issues of *The All State*



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APSU students displayed that they would rather read their newspapers than show an interest in the Tennessee Tech basketball game. The Gavs ended Tennessee Tech's seven-game streak 87-79.

Globe Trotting Gavs



NEW! Sunrise Rotary Club Study-Abroad Scholarship

The Clarksville “Sunrise” Rotary Club supports The Rotary Foundation’s ultimate goal of world understanding and peace by establishing a study abroad scholarship for qualified Austin Peay State University students. The goals of this scholarship are to:

- Increase awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending APSU students to study in a different country and integrating their experiences into community enrichment programs.
- Encourage students to dedicate

their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home community and country.

- Develop leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community.
- Foster a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholarship recipients.

The award is limited to a maximum \$1,000 per student per year. For more information, visit www.apsu.edu/study_abroad and click on the Sunrise Rotary Club Study-Abroad Scholarship Link.



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‘Enter The Dragon’ reaches 35th anniversary

By DUSTIN KRAMER
Art Director

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the release of one of the most influential films of all time. Without this movie, movies like “The Matrix” may never have existed. This piece opened the world’s eyes to a genre of cinema that many didn’t know existed and introduced them to a man who would become a pop culture legend, although his sudden death just weeks prior to the film’s release would keep him from knowing his legacy. The film is “Enter The Dragon,” and the man is Bruce Lee.

The story of “Enter The Dragon” is typical James Bond-ian fare. There’s an island owned by a shady dude named Han (not Solo) who organizes a martial arts tournament to recruit new henchmen for his underground heroin, opium and prostitution ring. Bruce Lee plays Lee (how creative), a martial artist/philosopher whose great skill has earned him an invitation to Han’s tourney. People fight; Bruce Lee wins.

“Enter The Dragon” was the first kung fu/martial arts film to be financed by a major Hollywood studio — in this case, Warner Bros. Thirty-five years later, Americans enjoy films like “Rush Hour,” “The One” and “Mortal Kombat” (although “enjoy” may be

too strong a word) that would not have the interest backing them to be produced at all had “Enter The Dragon” never been made.

Although Hollywood money can afford beautiful production design, vibrant art direction and mind-blowing choreography, great acting is not one of this movie’s strong suits. In fact, the performances (Lee included) are pretty terrible all around. But that’s not why you watch a kung-fu movie, right? Right. Note the possible influence of that idea in modern action/martial arts films.

When it’s all said and done, the movie is very watchable and ages quite well. The color palette used in the film is warm and bright, using lots of reds, yellows, oranges and golds in the production and costume design, effectively keeping the film visually engaging from beginning to end. As expected, the choreography is incredible, showcasing some of the very best of Bruce Lee’s skill ever to be put on film. Unlike modern martial arts films, “Enter The Dragon” is less interested in fight sequences that look like elaborate dances and more interested in showing you how fast Bruce Lee is. And he is. Damn fast.

Not the best of the genre, but certainly not the worst, “Enter The Dragon” is a bona fide movie you should be watching. ♦

‘The Lives of Others’ ranks with ‘Pan’s Labyrinth’

By TANYA LUDLOW
Assistant Perspectives Editor

Although it may come as a surprise to some, there was in fact another very good foreign film released during the same year as “Pan’s Labyrinth.” “The Lives of Others” actually beat “Pan’s Labyrinth” for best foreign language film at the Oscar’s, and although not as visually arresting, this gripping drama set during the Cold War in Eastern Germany features one of the most intelligently written political dramas in recent memory.

Gerd Wiesler is a captain in the Stasi, the notorious secret police of East Germany under the Soviet Union (I suppose, of course, all “secret” police forces are notorious by definition). Rigid and meticulous, Wiesler is a man who takes his job as eavesdropper for the state seriously.

There is a poignant scene with a prostitute that exposes his loneliness and the sacrifices he has

made to dedicate his mind, body and soul to spying.

Much of the action in the film, appropriately set in 1984, features Wiesler conducting a surveillance operation on a playwright and his actress lover.

As he listens and records their conversations and intimate moments, and especially as he begins to discover the reason the playwright has come under the scrutiny of the Stasi, the edifice of his superior professionalism begins to crumble.

He may be recording the lives of other people, but he is learning more about himself and the institutions of paranoia, expediency and security that he has dedicated his life to upholding.

In this era of the PATRIOT Act, an era in which we are too quick to give up our freedoms for supposed security, “The Lives of Others” is especially relevant. Everyone should watch this film before we sign more of our own lives over to Big Brother. ♦

NONA'S COOKING

By SHANNA MOSS
Photo Editor

BANANA BREAD

- 1 3/4 Cups All- Purpose Flour
- 1 1/4 Teaspoons Baking Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 2/3 Cup Sugar
- 1/3 Cup Shortening
- 2 Eggs
- 2 Tablespoons Milk
- 1 Cup Mashed Ripe Bananas

Preheat oven to 350 degrees fahrenheit. Stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda and 3/4 tablespoon salt. Set aside. In a mixer bowl, beat sugar and shortening with electric mixer until light, scraping sides of bowl often. Add eggs, one at a time and the milk, beating together until smooth. Alternate flour mixture and banana into wet mixture. Beat until smooth. Pour into lightly greased 8x4x2 inch loaf pan. Bake in 350 degrees fahrenheit oven for 60 to 65 minutes.

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- 8 Tablespoons Butter
- 1/4 Cup Heavy Cream
- 1/2 Cup Freshly Grated Asiago Cheese
- 6 to 8 Quarts water
- 1 Tablespoon salt
- 1 Pound Fettuccine
- Freshly Grated Asiago

Cream the butter. Beat in cream a little at a time. Then a few Tablespoons at a time beat into the cheese. Cover bowl and set aside. Make the fettuccine as specified on the package. Put on hot serving bowl. Mix fettuccine and sauce until evenly covered and serve with extra Asiago cheese. Cream the butter. Beat in cream a little at a time. Then a few tablespoons at a time beat in the cheese. Cover bowl and set aside. Make the fettuccine as specified on the package. Put on hot serving bowl. Mix fettuccine and sauce until evenly covered and serve with extra Asiago cheese.

Christmas for Kids

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all the students and others who decorated, raised money, shopped, ran errands, took photos of Santa, and cheerfully gave of their time to make Christmas happen for nearly 30 Clarksville children and their families.

See You Next Year!!

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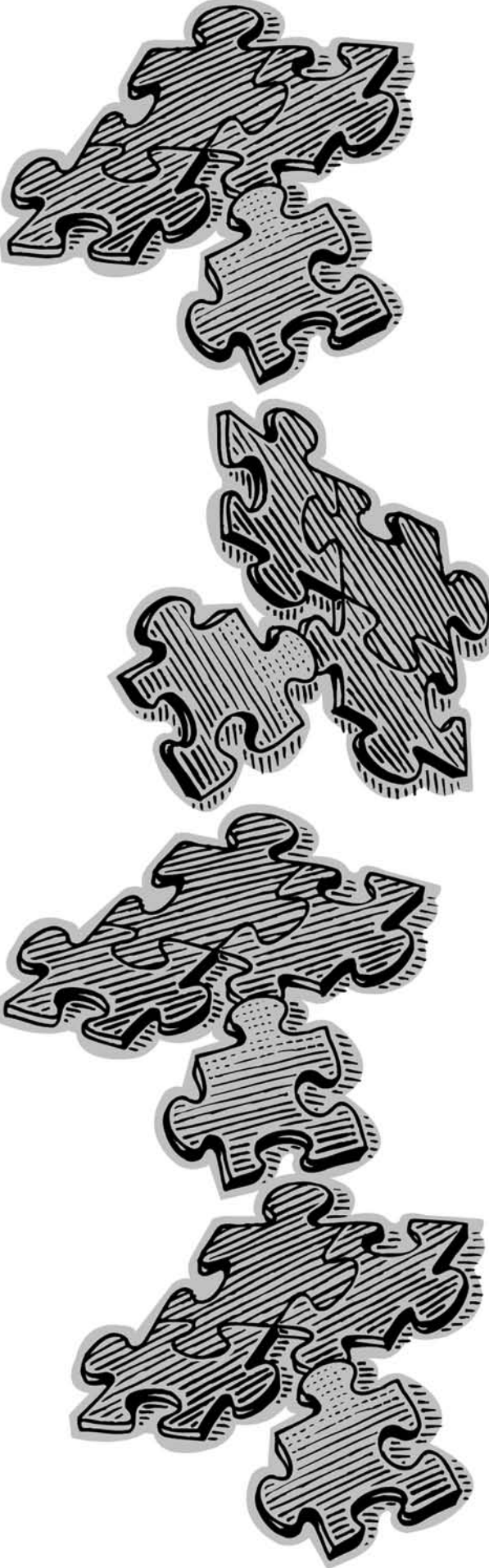
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Housing Office will eliminate the current \$100 security deposits for all new students who apply for housing. The new procedure will be a \$200 housing prepayment. This payment will be credited to your student account and reduce your housing fee by \$200.

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Govs earn 300th Dunn Center win

Govs put down Bulldogs 67-49

By NIKITA TANKS
Guest Writer

Coming off a two-game winning spree and a devastating loss to Samford almost two weeks ago, the Govs came out Saturday, Feb. 10 on a mission. The mission was accomplished when the Govs defeated the Bulldogs 67-49. It was also the Govs' historic 300th victory in the Dunn Center.

Senior Derek Wright, who finished the game with 11 points, three assists and three steals, scored the first basket of the game with a gorgeous three-pointer. The shot ignited a Govs 13-0 run. Wright was one of two Govs who scored double-figures for the game. Junior Drake Reed led the team with 14 points.

APSU dominated the entire game. It was almost four minutes into the game before Trey Montgomery scored the Bulldogs' first points with a three-pointer from the outside corner.

The crowd was tense as the Govs continued to dominate. They kept a comfortable lead throughout the first half and finished the half ahead of the Bulldogs 37-23.

Three different Govs made three-pointers in the first half. Kyle Duncan, Wes Channels and Wright combined to make 5-14 from downtown. The Govs shot 43 percent from the field in the first half (14-32). Samford shot 42 percent (8-19) but also turned the ball over 11 times.

The Govs continued their intensity on both sides of the ball in the second half. Wright scored with another three-pointer 20 seconds into the second half. At the 3:25 mark, Fernandez Lockett had the crowd going wild with a rim-shaking dunk by means of an alley-oop from Wright.

"It felt pretty good," Lockett said. "It carried on the intensity of the offense and of the team in general. It got me into the game a little bit. It's a motivator."

Lockett's crowd-pleasing dunk gave the Govs a 19-point lead, 60-41. The Govs kept the Bulldogs down by at least 15 points the rest of the game.

Joe Ross Merritt led the Bulldogs with 13 points. No other Bulldog scored in double-figures. They finished the game with 23 turnovers.

Conversely, the Govs had just seven turnovers in the game. What was the key to the Govs' overwhelming victory?

"Playing all-around defense," Lockett said. "Our shooters shot the ball really well. But for the most part, defense and rebounds."

The win improves the Govs record to 17-9, 13-3 OVC. It also insures the Govs will host in the first round of the O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. There are only five games left on the Govs' regular season schedule.

Next, APSU faces Tennessee Tech in the Dunn Center Saturday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. They will travel to Nashville and play Tennessee State University Monday, Feb. 19.

Don't miss the ESPNU BracketBusters game 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Dunn Center when the Govs are slated to play a tough Georgia Southern team. ♦



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Gov Junior Drake Reed goes up for a shot through Tennessee State University defenders Saturday, Feb. 2. In the recent victory over the Samford Bulldogs, Reed led the Govs with 14 points. The Govs have won four games in a row and are currently at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference with a 17-9, 13-3 OVC record.



As part of our continued effort to provide the APSU community with interesting and beneficial information in *The All State*, the sports section is exploring fitness and health in a new weekly column: Pre-Game Warm Ups. We hope to gain an increase in readership as well as provide useful tips on numerous health subjects. Articles may range from the latest diet to the hottest 20-minute workout. The first week of the month will be devoted to overall fitness tips. In week two the subject will be eating well. Focus will be on sport exercises in week three and the last week of every month will concentrate on the unity of the mind and body.

In the second week of February chances are high that everyone is either eating or thinking about eating some form of chocolate. Chocolate has been around for many centuries. First developed by the Aztecs, the Spanish brought, what was then a bitter drink, back to Europe. By adding sugar, and a few other ingredients, Europeans perfected the drink into a sweet treat. There are many different types of chocolate for everyone's different taste. For obvious reasons, in February the amount of people eating the delicious treat increases. On Valentine's Day many people will be devouring heart-shaped boxes filled with various chocolates and other tasty treats. For a treat that is extremely appealing, chocolate contains some key nutritional qualities. It contains carbohydrates, fats and vegetable proteins. It also contains large quantities of potassium and magnesium as well. In addition to a little calcium and sodium, chocolate contains vitamins A1, B1, B2, D and E. Besides a sweet taste, chocolate also has the ability to make people feel happy. This is because chocolate stimulates the secretions of endorphins, producing a pleasurable sensation, similar to the runner's high a jogger feels after running several miles. Chocolate can be a quick energy booster, yet too much can make a person sick. Instead of downing cases of chocolate, limit yourself to a piece or two whenever a reward is needed or as a quick pick-me-up. Enjoy the benefits of chocolate in moderation and remain guilt-free. Indulge the craving that sneaks up like a hungry wolf in winter whenever you pass the goody section of your local grocery store. These statements are only a general guideline for exercising and wellness programs. As always, consult your physician before beginning a diet or exercise regimen. ♦

Corrections

In last week's edition, it was reported that the sponsors for the Super Bowl party held in the Morgan University Center were Chi Delta Chi and the ROTC. The party was co-sponsored by Chi Delta Chi and Student Recreation.

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Softball Preview

Lady Govs preparing to strikeouts rest of OVC

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

The distinctive sounds of the 2007-2008 Lady Govs softball team's preparation can be heard from behind the APSU Foy Fitness Center.

From the metallic "pop" of aluminum bats making contact to the echoing shouts of "Ball, ball, ball," Lady Govs field is alive with activity.

Under the watchful eyes of fourth year coach Jim Perrin, the gloves have been oiled, everyone's arm is warmed up and the red dirt is flying. Excitement about the upcoming season is contagious.

"I just really feel good about the way things are going," Perrin said. "The facilities here are a lot better than they were four years ago. I just feel like we are going in the right direction. Each year we have been here, we have won a few more games. I feel like things are going the right way."

Last season the Lady Govs softball team was picked to finish seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference preseason polls.

Lady Govs 2008 schedule

- Feb. 15 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan
- Feb. 22 vs. Nicholls State
- Feb. 22 vs. Mississippi State
- Feb. 23 vs. Mercer
- Feb. 23 vs Western Kentucky
- Feb. 24 TBA
- Feb. 27 vs. Evansville
- March 5 vs. Western Kentucky
- March 7 vs. Charleston Southern
- March 8 vs. Louisiana Tech
- March 8 vs. Mississippi State
- March 9 vs. Charleston Southern
- March 9 vs. Mississippi State



With a balanced mix of talented freshmen like

from key players being loss from last season.

Anderson, Felts and Sarah Longmire were threats on both sides of the ball for the Lady Govs.

Together with outfielders Ami Bush and Nikki Garrett, these seniors held vital roles in the team's success last season.

"We lost some good kids. Natasha, of course, being a very strong pitcher and hitter, losing her and we lost Fallon Felts, Sarah Longmire and Michelle; it is probably going to hurt us a little bit," Perrin said.

This season's team is comprised mostly of sophomores returning for their second season.

As freshmen, Hooper and Ashley Taylor made immediate impacts on the team. Together with talented teammates Brittany Williams and Beth Carr, they will be expected to fill in the gaps left by the lost seniors.

"We had about six freshman that got some playing experience last year. They are really coming into their own. Last year's freshman, they maybe weren't as confident as they needed to be. I think now their confidence is really coming around. I think people will be surprised. Some of these sophomores are going to give a really good effort and I am really looking forward to seeing what they can do."

Most of the experience and leadership for the team will be on the mound this season.

On the mound

This year the APSU Lady Govs are depending on Ashley Elrod, Lacey Briscoe and Megan Williams to lead their team's defense from the pitcher's mound. With only three pitchers on the Lady Govs roster, one of their primary goals is staying healthy.

Last season, all three pitchers were hampered with various injuries. Now they share an intense desire to stay healthy this year.

Elrod was red-shirted last season when she broke her pitching

wrist. "We can't afford to be injured," Elrod said. "I'm excited because I did not get to play last year."

Daniella Hooper and senior experience led by Natasha Henderson and Fallon Felts, the team was able to finish sixth in the conference with a 28-30, 12-15 OVC record.

Earning a spot in the 2007 O'Reilly OVC Softball Championships Tournament, the Lady Govs upset third ranked Samford in the first round. However, their postseason run ended after they lost to Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State.

Key players lost

This season the Lady Govs have been picked to finish ninth in the OVC preseason polls. The lack of confidence expressed by APSU's conference rivals stems



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Elrod had a 2.53 ERA in 2007 before her injury. She is ready to start this season and has five different pitches to choose from. Briscoe currently has three reliable pitches but wants five at the start of this season.

"Ashley [Elrod] will probably start a lot this season," Briscoe said.

Williams' favorite pitch is the change-up, which she hopes will strike out batters.

Last season Briscoe and Williams each posted a 3.21 ERA. Every pitcher has a unique pre-game routine. Briscoe goes into silent mode and focuses 15 minutes before a game starts. Williams enjoys laughing or listening to her iPod. Elrod does not like to talk as she mentally prepares for the game. They all like it when their parents watch them play.

Since APSU does not have any seniors on their roster, they are depending on juniors Briscoe, Elrod and Krista Henke for maturity and experience.

They are affectionately dubbed the "moms" of the team. They all agree that this youthful team interacts well together and believe the team's chemistry will translate to wins on the field.

New faces on the team

In addition to accepting new roles and renewing old rivalries, there is a part of the team waiting for their chance to prove themselves. There are five new freshmen and one new transfer on the team; they are the wild cards of the team.

While they are learning the pace of college softball and battling for playing time, the team will be watching to see who is going to stand out.

It is too early to tell if there are any new secret weapons on the team. However, the new faces are not having any problems fitting in with the rest of the team.

"I like it. It's a lot different than high school. It's a big transition and a big step up," freshman infielder Ashley Alverson said. "It's like a family. It's like I have a whole bunch of sisters and they have made it a lot easier transition."

All the new players are making adjustments and are anxious to show off their skills against other teams.

"It has been quite an adjustment," sophomore transfer Krista New said. "I came from a small N.A.I.A. (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) school and now hopping up to [Division] one; it's a bit of adjustment."

The Lady Govs have been playing against each other in practice.

They play their first game of the season at home against Kentucky Wesleyan 3p.m Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The whole team is counting down the days.

"I'm a little excited, a little nervous. I don't really know how it is going to go," freshman outfielder Randal Davenport said. "I think as it gets closer I am going to be super excited."

What to watch for

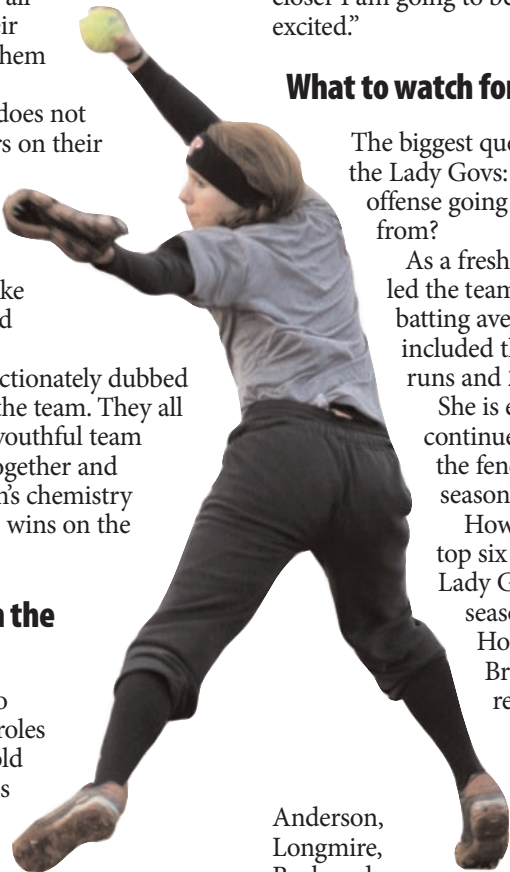
The biggest question about the Lady Govs: Where is the offense going to come from?

As a freshman, Hooper led the team with a .320 batting average that included three home runs and 27 RBIs.

She is expected to continue swinging for the fences this season.

However, of the top six batters for the Lady Govs last season, only Hooper and Briscoe have returned.

In the search to replace the offense of



Anderson, Longmire, Bush and Garrett, the answers may be Ashley Taylor, Carr and Williams.

Taylor finished last season with the most home runs (ten) and 27 RBIs. Behind Hooper, Briscoe and Taylor, the players returning this season with the most at bats are Williams and Carr. Neither hit any home runs, but did hit at least ten RBIs.

"As a team we have been working on a lot of offense," Elrod said. "Just getting behind our pitches and getting some runs, that is what we are going to try and do this year."

Overall, Perrin is pleased with this season's team and is looking forward to the future.

"I'm just really excited and looking forward to this season," Perrin said. ♦

Intramural teams shooting their way to top of divisions

INTRAMURAL ZONE



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Dynasty player Justin Long takes a shot surrounded by three Bob and the Sagets players.

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

Since Monday, Jan. 28, students have teamed up, donned different colored jerseys and hit the basketball courts in the Foy Fitness Center. Both men and women have been battling on shiny hardwood floors for respect and bragging rights in front of fans who heckle as hard as the players play. After two weeks of play, the true shot-makers are starting to separate themselves from the pack. At the rate play is progressing, a showdown is imminent.

Who is the best intramural basketball squad at APSU? Only time will tell. Here is how the teams who play on Mondays and Wednesdays are doing so far. Some are lighting up the net, and others need to throw away their sneakers.

The women's division is too close to call. Da Heels and the Regulators want to settle their rivalry in the championship game. Glancing at the records, the only thing obvious about this group of teams is that the Alpha and Omega 2 squad needs some help.

Women:	
Da Heels	3-1
Regulators	2-1
The Unit	2-1
Alpha & Omega 2	0-4

With a 47-26 win over the Clarksvegas Ballas Wednesday Feb.6, the ROTC has claimed the top spot in the Men's Black division. The Saltines are only one game behind ROTC. However, when the two teams faced each other last Monday Feb.4, ROTC ate the Saltines 45-26. Apparently there is no magic in the Wizard's Sleeves. Maybe if they invest in some kind of Wizard's staff they will finally win a game.

Men Black:	
ROTC	4-0
Saltines	3-1
Clarksvegas Ballas	1-3
Wizard Sleeves	0-4

Enemy of the Peay currently rules Men's Red "A" division. They beat Sigma Phi Epsilon (A) 70-49 in their last game. The only team they have not faced in their division is the TYT Hoopsters. Sigma Chi Black's best efforts have won them nothing so far.

Men Red "A":	
Enemy of the Peay	3-0
TYT Hoopsters	2-1
Disrespected	2-1
Sigma Phi Epsilon (A)	1-2
Sigma Chi Black	0-4

Team Dynasty has been drawing large crowds. At 4-0, it is easy to understand why. Duggie House almost beat Dynasty, 41-44, on Wednesday, Jan. 30. They have beaten everyone else in the division and are only one game behind Dynasty. Kappa Sigma has forfeited their last three games. They should think about changing their names. Is Forfeit Masters taken?

Men Red "B":	
Dynasty	4-0
Duggie House	3-1
Bob and the Sagets	1-3
Kappa Sigma	0-4

All records are the results of play until Thursday, Feb. 7. For current records of all divisions log on to <http://www.apsu.edu/recreation/im/imindex.htm> ♦



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Alex Bivens shoots free throws to send the Lady Govs into overtime. Check online to see if the Lady Govs defeated the Lady Bulldogs in overtime.