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Students exercise democracy, voices echo through plaza



Students gather outside the “free speech zone” last week for a protest calling to end the Iraq War and for the impeachment of President Bush. The protest is the first of many planned, according to protest organizer, Daniel Maurer. Maurer plans to form a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society on the APSU campus. The organization first gained national recognition for its sustained protests against the Vietnam War in the ‘60s.

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Clarksville cops cut down on ticket time

New ‘toughbooks’ ease access to driver identity

By TANYA LUDLOW
Staff Writer

The Clarksville Police Department is currently in the process of lobbying for funds for a wireless system that would streamline the ticket and citation writing process for officers.



Although the Austin Peay State University Police Department doesn’t fall under funding for the CPD, Crime Prevention Unit Officer Sgt. Charlie Struckel said that the department is currently changing the technology of patrol vehicles. The vehicles will be equipped with an automated system in the near future.

Currently, Campus Police hand-write citations and have the authority to issue either university or state citations. Although parking tickets are strictly written as university citations, campus police officers have the discretion to write either a university citation or a state citation for moving violations.

The department will soon be going to an automated system that will allow officers to check criminal histories from laptops in their squad cars instead of having to call in for information. These “toughbooks” will streamline the process of ticket and citation writing for campus police officers.

“This means more optimal patrol time for the officer, and less time pulled over [for the person receiving the citation],” Struckel said. The increase in optimal patrol time means that Campus Police officers can spend more time patrolling and less time writing citations and calling in driver information.

Patrol time is crucial for deterring crime. Struckel said, “More patrolling means more of a presence.”

Struckel also said that the Department of Public Safety is working with funding from Homeland Security District Seven in order to build communication between the policing agencies in the region.

“We have seven agencies, plus Fort Campbell, next to each other, and they can’t talk to each other on the radio. All these agencies don’t have a universal means of communication,” Struckel said. As a sitting member of the governing board for Homeland Security District Seven, Struckel said that the Campus Police contribution is not limited to the APSU campus. “Because Campus Police are participating in the county and the community, that means better equipment” ♦

Global studies program loses funding

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Greg Kaufmann, director of the Institute of Global Security Studies, will no longer be the leader of the institute.

Kaufmann arrived in 2005. Since then, he has developed and linked Southern Sudanese students to Austin Peay State University through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in summer 2006 between APSU President Sherry Hoppe and Southern Sudan’s foreign minister.

The All State asked President Hoppe a few questions about Kaufmann’s departure.

The All State: Has Kaufmann been fired, and if so, why?

Hoppe: Greg Kaufmann’s contract as Director of the Institute on Global Security Studies will not be renewed after the current fiscal year. He has done an outstanding job as director, so the non-renewal of his contract is not related in any way to performance. In fact, the work he has done has built many positive relationships for Austin Peay in the global security community at both the state and national levels.

“Despite all of Mr. Kaufmann’s accomplishments, the funding envisioned at the federal level for the IGSS has not materialized.”

— Sherry Hoppe, university president

In addition, he effectively coordinated a major international conference for the Sudanese diaspora, initiated a global securities minor, and facilitated or assisted the implementation of other programs within the IGSS umbrella.

Despite all of Mr. Kaufmann’s accomplishments, the funding envisioned at the federal level for the IGSS has not materialized. Unfortunately, at about the time Mr. Kaufmann was employed to lead the IGSS, earmarks were

prohibited in the homeland security appropriations bill. Although other funding has been sought, none has been received. Thus, we have determined that we must reduce IGSS expenditures.

TAS: Who will replace Kaufmann?

Hoppe: Dr. Tom O’Connor is the head of our criminal justice program and has an extensive background that makes him highly qualified to lead the IGSS.

I am pleased that he has accepted this new responsibility and am confident that the IGSS will continue to provide synergy for numerous global security-related programs, including forensics, international politics, military history, geographic information systems and several others.

Dr. O’Connor will also continue to maintain state and national relationships that will benefit the IGSS programs.

TAS: What will happen to the IGSS?

Hoppe: The IGSS will remain in existence but will be located at the Fort Campbell campus under the part-time leadership of Dr. O’Connor. ♦

Presidential search

Candidate will call APSU home before end of semester

By DAVE CAMPBELL
News Editor

The new Austin Peay State University president will be chosen soon, and the next step calls on the entire community to step up and take its turn at interviewing the candidates.

Last week, the search committee chose the final three being considered for the next APSU president position.

The APSU home page contains all of the interviews of the final eight candidates. Starting this Friday, interviews will begin for the final candidate to meet the entire campus.

Recently The All State got the chance to question the finalists.

Kendall Blanchard

The All State: Why did you choose APSU?

Blanchard: I have spent the majority of my career in Tennessee and think of myself as a Tennessean. I am particularly fond of the middle Tennessee area. I like the OVC and the competition that has historically characterized that conference. Most importantly, though, I like the idea of providing leadership at a growing institution that has the opportunity in coming years to play a major role in shaping the future of a growing part of the state, Clarksville and greater Montgomery County. It is an opportunity to prove conclusively that higher education is the key to economic development and quality of life in a community, and the best investment a state can make.



BLANCHARD

TAS: There have been a significant number of issues among faculty regarding diversity, stemming mainly from seven lawsuits. How will you take this issue on?

Blanchard: I am aware of the lawsuits and the events that have spawned these lawsuits. I am also aware that it will be the responsibility of the next president to deal with such lawsuits, but more importantly to ferret out and address the root causes of the events that have provoked them. These are campus-wide issues that require campus-wide solutions. I am strongly committed to fairness, equity and social justice and believe that university communities should model these values for the rest of society. However, I am not prepared to suggest any particular strategy for dealing with the current diversity issues facing the Austin Peay community. Indeed, I think to be too specific at this time would be inappropriate.

TAS: Will you foster an educational environment that is reflective of our liberal arts tradition or do you perceive the university going in a different direction?

Blanchard: The liberal arts remain alive and well in the 21st century and at the center of the higher education experience. Admittedly, the liberal arts are changing, just as they should as colleges and universities across the country are changing in response to new economic and technological demands. However, I think it is highly unlikely that viable institutions of higher education will move away from the liberal arts, as suggested in the question. To do so would be for colleges and universities to abrogate their responsibility to educate critical thinkers, leaders and socially conscious citizens who are prepared to sustain the fundamental values of a free, just,

and caring democratic society. So, my goal at Austin Peay, should I be privileged to assume the leadership, would be to foster an educational environment that combines the best of its liberal arts tradition with dynamic, specialized major programs that prepare students for careers, further education, professions and the realities of the workaday world.

TAS: What is your favorite song?

Blanchard: Rocky Top (You may think I’m kidding, but ask my wife!)

Blanchard: Related to your career or otherwise if you prefer, what has been the single greatest moment of your life?

TAS: There have been some wonderful moments, but the most recent took place just this week here at Georgia Southwestern. At an honors convocation, after speaking and presenting a variety of awards, I received two enthusiastic standing ovations from the audience, made up largely of students. It was a satisfying and very emotional moment and reinforced my suspicion that students here know that I care deeply about them and their individual success.

Timothy Hall

The All State: Why did you choose APSU?

Hall: Austin Peay is a vibrant academic community serving a fast-growing region, and I would like to be a part of its future. Among other things, Austin Peay needs a strong advocate to communicate its message and core values in the



HALL

region and the state, and I think I can be such an advocate.

TAS: There have been a significant number of issues among faculty regarding diversity, stemming mainly from seven lawsuits. How will you take this issue on?

Hall: APSU’s diversity is one of its greatest strengths. That diversity prepares Austin Peay’s students for the world they will inhabit after graduation and for the places they will occupy in it. As is the case with virtually every challenge I would face if chosen to be the next president of Austin Peay, my first steps in this area would emphasize listening and learning from all the members of the Austin Peay community.

TAS: Will you foster an educational environment that is reflective of our liberal arts tradition or do you perceive the university going in a different direction?

Hall: I believe an education with a strong focus on liberal arts is one of the main things a university should offer its students: It equips them for the many and varied vocations they will pursue and for their lives as citizens.

TAS: What is your favorite song?

Hall: It’s not fair to ask for just one. How about three: “Your Love,” by Third Day; “Fly Me to the Moon,” as sung by Frank Sinatra, and “Misty,” which I sang to my wife about 50 times at her repeated request while she was in labor with our daughter, Amy.

TAS: Related to your career or otherwise if you prefer, what has been the single greatest moment of your life?

Hall: My greatest career moment was my first

Interview Information

Campus interviews will last from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on three separate days.

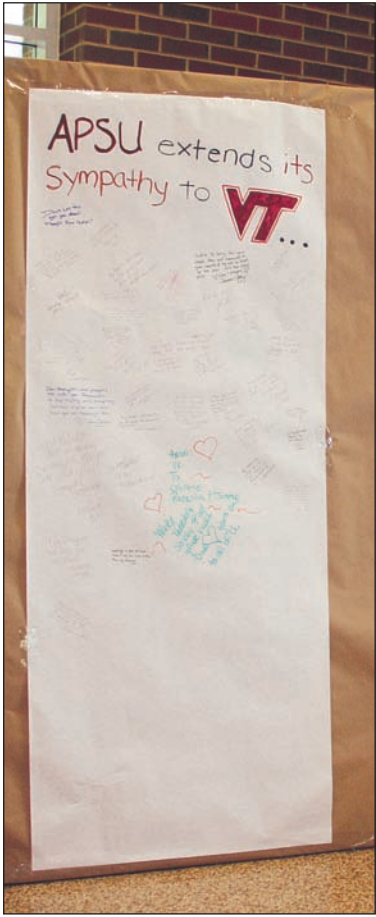
• Kendall Blanchard will be interviewed on April 30.

• Timothy Hall will be interviewed on May 1.

• Michael Spitzer will be interviewed on April 27.

All interviews will be broken into individual time slots to give the entire community a chance to field questions. Each day, open forums will be held for the community and alumni, faculty, staff and finally students.

From one campus to another...



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Two walls were placed so students could express their sympathy to the Virginia Tech students.



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A basket full of ribbons was put out at the front information desk for students to take.

For more information

http://gisweb.apsu.edu/hls_r911/warning.htm#TENS

Peer Institutions	Officers	Civilians	Total	*Population
Austin Peay State University Public Safety	12	8	20	9,000
Jacksonville State University Police	15	5	20	9,000
Morehead State University Police	15	10	25	9,000
McNeese State University Public Safety	14	2	16	9,000
Western Carolina University Police	23	11	34	9,000
Radford University Police	20	8	28	9,500

GRAPHIC BY DUSTIN KRAMER

The above statistics are from a May 2005 equity study performed by Campus Police Sgt. Charlie Struckel. "I wanted to show that we are under strength in comparison to our peer institutions by population," Struckel said. APSU peer institutions are determined by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Emergency procedures are in place

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Managing Editor

Schools across the nation are re-evaluating their emergency procedures since the Virginia Tech shooting April 16.

Austin Peay State University Police meet regularly with administrative officials to discuss safety procedures within the university.

There are over 200 security cameras placed strategically throughout campus according to Chief Lantz Biles; there are also approximately 50 emergency phones.

"No one in law enforcement can guarantee someone's safety, but we can ensure that we're making [campus] a safe environment," said Crime Prevention Unit Officer, Sgt. Charlie Struckel.

There are many procedures in place to ensure student safety, such as:

The Whelen System: An outdoor warning system that informs local areas of various emergency situations. This warning system has the capability to both sound and alarm and allows for a voice transmission. There are Whelen speaker systems throughout campus.

Reverse 911: There is a reverse 911 calling procedure within Montgomery County. Through the TENS — Tennessee Emergency Notification System — program, residents of an area in danger are notified via the phone of impending danger.

Administrators can add unlisted and cell numbers to the call registry as the system will only call listed land line telephone numbers and those that are entered in by various emergency management officials. ♦

President: Search finds final three

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day as a professor. I paced the halls for about two hours before the first class, worried I would crash and burn. Once I stood up in front of the students, though, and we began to talk with one another, I never looked back.

Michael Spitzer

The All State: Why did you choose APSU?

Spitzer: APSU is a regional comprehensive university that emphasizes a strong foundation in the liberal arts. Its mission is one that I identify with, that I can support wholeheartedly, and that I can work to strengthen. Several of the challenges facing APSU — such as improving retention and graduation rates — involve issues that I have worked on with some success, and I believe I can help the university address these issues.

TAS: There have been a significant number of issues among faculty regarding diversity, stemming mainly from seven lawsuits. How will you take this issue on?

Spitzer: I need to learn a great deal more about the issues raised in the lawsuits you reference. SCSU has also faced lawsuits and grievances prior to my arrival, but the number of these has decreased significantly during my time here, in good part because of the work I have done. Diversity issues need to [be] addressed so that the university offers a welcoming environment for all students, faculty and staff. As an administrator at four different universities, I have developed or supported a number of initiatives to improve diversity. In my current position, for just one example, I provided funding for a Multicultural Resource Center in the library. The Center works with faculty to incorporate diversity education into their courses.

TAS: Will you foster an educational environment that is reflective of our liberal arts tradition or do you perceive the university going in a different direction?

Spitzer: I would not want to see the university abandon its liberal arts tradition or focus. At the same time, however, the university must also look to expand its programs into areas that will support the economic needs of the region.

TAS: What is your favorite song?

Spitzer: I listen mostly to classical music, especially from the baroque period. I also enjoy classic rock, such as the Beatles, Stones, and Bob Dylan.

TAS: Related to your career or otherwise if you prefer, what has been the single greatest moment of your life?

Spitzer: I can't select a single moment for you. In terms of my personal life, the birth of a child or grandchild is among the most significant. Professionally, helping students, faculty, staff, or an institution solve problems or achieve goals provides enormous satisfaction. ♦



SPITZER

Seeing stars amidst the stripes

Rivers and Spires



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Many people helped with the opening ceremonies of Rivers and Spires. They included soldiers from Fort Campbell, Miss USA and country music singer Lee Greenwood.



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Soldiers from Fort Campbell helped to participate in the opening ceremonies of Rivers and Spires. Many bands performed throughout the three-day festival.



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Miss USA 2007, Racheal Smith, sang the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies of Rivers and Spires.

Administrator election decision quells business as usual

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Though Student Government Association did not pass legislation April 18, the room was filled with questions and debate on the previous ruling of Sherryl Byrd, associate vice president of Student Affairs, to overturn the Election Board decision to disqualify Bryan Huffman for president and Chris Drew for secretary.

Both of which won their respective races after the ruling. Huffman and Drew had been disqualified due to placing doorknockers, campaign material that urged students to vote for them, in residence halls.

Byrd said in a memo to SGA that she still found the candidates guilty.

Byrd attended the SGA meeting to answer questions about her ruling. She said that, "[SGA needs to be] more specific in the electoral act."



BYRD

"It is my goal to make sure I follow through on making sure the Electoral Act is improved so candidates clearly know the rules."

— Chris Drew, newly elected SGA secretary

Senator Richard Longstreth, who lost the election to Huffman, said during the meeting that he believed that the doorknockers were a violation of not only the electoral act, but also TBR policy which prohibits the posting of political material in residence halls.

Byrd stated she had not read the policy but that she "does not believe it covers posting."

She believes the policy referred to political campaigning outside the area of university elections.

"I am very hesitant to disqualify candidates on what seems to be a minor campaign violation and thus invalidate the votes of all the students that supported those candidates," she said about her reasoning to overturn the election board decision. Initially the Election Board opted to penalize each candidate by reducing their total amount of votes by 5.94 percent.

Chief Justice Allyson Lambert, said that the punishment was retracted due to the advice of Richard Jackson, the legal advisor to SGA, because it was, "not legal."

Instead of being disqualified, the president and secretary elect have issued a reprimand and are to do service to the university. This service entails researching election guidelines at other universities and recommending revisions to Austin Peay State University's electoral act.

Some senators were distressed and likened the punishment to letting a murderer revise the laws on murder. Byrd stressed that Huffman and Drew were recommending revisions, not rewriting the electoral act. ♦

Campus Crime Log

Austin Peay State University crime log includes any arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within 48 hours of an incident and available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

April

- April 2 6:49 p.m. Meacham apartments, Minor Possession of Alcohol, arrested: Molly M. Bartkiewicz of 1756 Farris Garden Path, West Lake, Ohio.
- April 2 7:52 p.m. Foy Fitness and Recreation Center, Theft of Property.
- April 3 8:45 a.m. Summer and Marion, Indecent Exposure.
- April 3 8:45 a.m. Drane and College Street, Indecent Exposure.
- April 3 10:58 a.m. Miller Hall, Theft of Property
- April 6 9:01 p.m. Foy Recreation Lot (Amory Lot), Vandalism.
- April 10 8:55 p.m. Harned Hall, Theft of Property.
- April 11 11:32 p.m. Music Mass Communications building, Public Intoxication, arrested: Joshua T. Ream of 231 Marion Street Clarksville, Tenn.
- April 11 10:55 p.m. Emerald Hill apartments, Driving on Suspended License, arrested: Gregory D. Jones of 942 Vanleer Street Clarksville, Tenn.
- April 18 4:06 p.m. Sevier Parking Lot, Harassment.
- April 18 5:12 p.m. University Center, COR Violation, arrested: Shanita N. Taylor of 533 Donna Drive, Clarksville, Tenn.
- April 19 12:55 p.m. Music/Mass Communications building, Theft of Property.
- April 20 3:40 p.m. Shasteen, Driving on Suspended License, arrested: Treniece Aldridge of 5418 Eagle Bead Court, Memphis, Tenn.

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<http://www.tbr.edu/APSU%20Search%20Main.htm>

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OUR TAKE

We'll miss you, Mandy

Our beloved editor in chief is leaving us this semester. Although we're not ready to let her go, Mandy Rogers will soon be off to other things. Throughout the past five years she has devoted herself to *The All State*, and we would like to share with you what Mandy Rogers has meant to the paper.

Empowering. Mandy Rogers has the strength of bringing out the best in people. She has the rare ability of being personable while being professional at the same time. We do not know her as only our boss; we know her as our friend. Her management style combined with her very approachable attitude has helped to turn *The All State* into not just a paper, but a family.

Mentoring. In many ways, Mandy has been a mentor to us. Through balance, hard-work, kindness, persistence, intelligence and being just plain fun she has set examples that we will carry on with us. She demands excellence, but what makes her so powerful is her ability to bring out the best in everyone in accomplishing excellence.

Welcoming. For our boss, no question is too stupid. Mandy's unassuming perspective has opened the door to improving the paper, but more importantly, this attitude has opened the door to many cherished

relationships. Also, we want to thank Mandy for always having a smiling face and always providing encouragement.

Succeeding. Mandy Rogers knows how to get a job done, and she won't stop until it is done. Complete confidence is demanded by her because she always has a solution for every problem. Mandy Rogers is driven to succeed.

Visionary. This is another strength Mandy carries with her. Through her ability to remain focused on central objectives Mandy has guided *The All State* with purpose and commitment in serving the campus community. The direction of the paper has been guided by our editor in chief's understanding of how to best manage people. Mandy Rogers had a vision for the paper because she knows people. This vision noted the strengths and weaknesses of each individual, and then placed each person in a role where he or she could best develop and use his or her talents.

We know that our boss cannot remain with *The All State* forever, but if she could, we'd ask her to reconsider leaving. *The All State* would like to thank Mandy Rogers for the relationships she has shared and the memories she has left.

Mandy, you'll be missed. ♦

The soldiers deserve more; George W. is a war criminal

One of the Christmas presents I remember most vividly as a child was a .50-caliber machine gun replica. It was huge, at least to me. It came complete with a tripod and an ammo belt, which held 50 spring-loaded shells and bullets. Like the real thing, you would place the belt in the firing chamber and clamp the belt feeder in place. I would pull the spring lever back to the full firing position and push down on the thumb trigger. The bullets would fly out the end of the barrel with enough force to knock down my G.I. Joes. They were almost 12 inches tall back then. For those few seconds when

the toy soldiers fell, I was a war hero.

That Christmas was not too long after World War II, but it was less than 20 years after it. My friends and I would always argue over who got to be the American hero and who had to play the part of the German soldiers or the Japanese soldiers. There was of course, the occasional oddball kid who preferred to play the part of the French resistance fighter. I think it had more to do with the beret than anything else. The point being that we all knew who was going to be the hero and who would be the villain. The villains always lost, and the hero got the parades. As a whole we weren't too interested in girls at that time. We believed it wasn't the manly thing to do.

As we grew older and our battlefields extended beyond our back yards, our bicycles became troop transports, tanks and bombers. The solution to no one wanting to be the Germans or the Japanese was to use sticks and boxes as our enemies. There were times that five or six of us would "fly" our fighter jets and bombers into the combat zone and unleash our arsenal of rocks and stones at the cardboard boxes until the enemy lay strewn about the roadside. We would set the targets back up according to how hard they were to hit the first time. We then started our next series of sorties, that is, until, the summer sun faded in the west and we were quite satisfied that we had saved the world.

In our early teens, there was another war Americans were fighting. It was Vietnam. Unlike the wars that came before this one, there was never a clear enemy, nor a clear purpose. Some of my friends had brothers, cousins and uncles who went to fight in that war. Some of them never came home. The ones that did come back were never the same. Unlike the other wars that we watched on television and knew the explosions were fake and the dead came back tomorrow for another shooting. The ones we saw die on the news did not get back up.

We saw the effects of real bullets on real people. We saw men, some of them in

Perspectives Jack W. Butler



numerous pieces, being carried to the landing zones where the wounded were taken away first, then the dead. The pictures on the television showed us what it was like to watch actual people being blown up. I watched as American fighters dropped napalm on villages. I watched a young Vietnamese girl running down the road in sheer terror after her clothes had already been burned off of her. I saw a South Vietnamese general, without blinking an eye, blow the brains out of a man who refused to answer his questions the way he wanted them answered.

My friends and I lived in fear. This was not the way a war was supposed to be fought. A war should be fought because there were the bad guys and the good guys, and you should always know who was who. I was afraid of dying in some worthless rice patty halfway around the world for a war I didn't understand and no one else did either. We were afraid that we would be drafted and forced to kill people who may not be our enemy, like the real women and children who are also casualties of war.

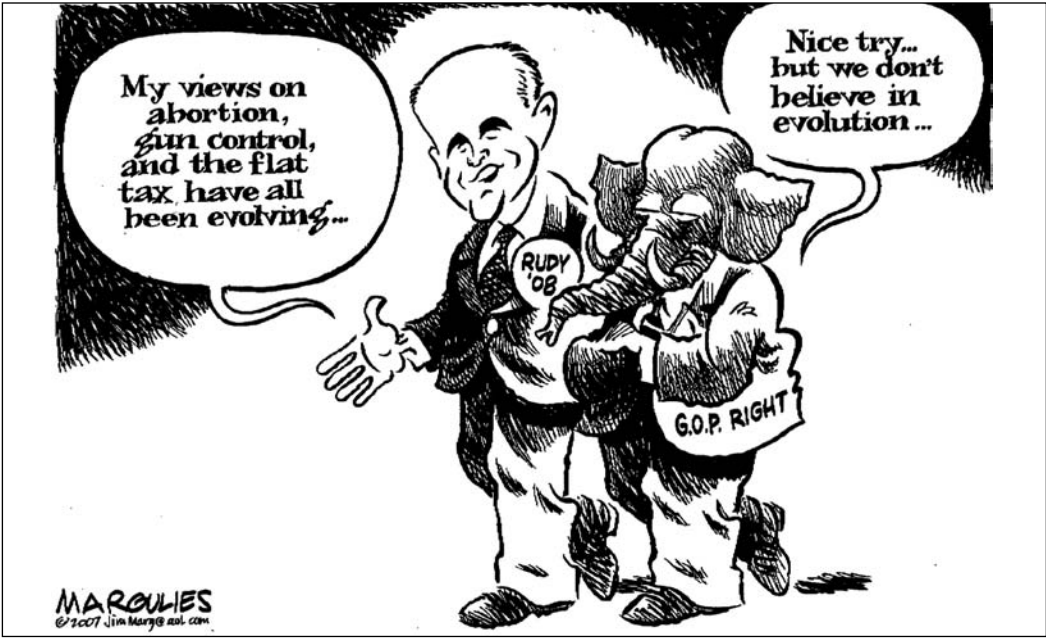
At first, I was very angry with our military personnel who did not refuse this immoral and illegal order to invade Iraq. After the atrocities of the German military came to light after World War II, the U.S. passed a law that gave American military personnel the right to refuse illegal and immoral orders by any commander.

But what happens when that illegal and immoral order comes from the commander in chief? The reality is that we shifted the moral responsibility of right and wrong to the backs of our military personnel who only wanted to serve and defend our nation. This was and is unfair.

I will always remember watching Colin Powell give his speech to the United Nations outlining the excuses for declaring war against Iraq. While he was able to read the speech with elegance and dignity, he could not hide the shame and disgrace in his eyes when he lied to the world.

There were no weapons of mass destruction, Iraq never had anything to do with the attacks on the World Trade Center or terrorism at all, and CNN has reported that many people have come forward to state they were ordered by George W. Bush to lie and falsify information to come up with excuses to blame Iraq in order to justify an illegal and unprovoked attack on Iraq and its citizens. Any pre-emptive, unprovoked attack against any target is a war crime. The evidence is there. It is time to put George W. Bush on trial for war crimes against humanity.

I have not read in any book about the other victims of the war criminals. Those victims are the soldiers ordered to their deaths by the war criminals. Sen. Obama and Sen. McCain once said that American lives were wasted in Iraq, then changed their statements to the politically correct term of "sacrificed." By the time of the deadline for this article, over 3,300 American military personnel have been murdered by George W. Bush, the war criminal. ♦



YOUR TAKE

Another casualty of economized eduation

The course of action that this university has chosen concerning the contract of Professor Greg Kaufmann is quite disappointing to myself and other students. The decision also reflects the poor direction this university has taken recently in regards to academia. Professor Kaufmann's contract was not renewed due to his relative cost compared to that of other professors. The minor he helped to create and direct, Global Security Studies, will now be moved to another professor and the core introduction class will now be placed online. Although Professor Kaufmann is not a doctor, his experience in the field of Global Securiertes is a necessity for properly explaining the true nature of security in the modern world. Professor Kaufmann is a retired army colonel whose experience helps to show the complex nature of modern security. One notable example was his direction of the Balkan Task Force during the NATO intervention in Kosovo. The release of Col. Kaufmann is a continuation of Austin Peay's policy of sacrificing quality education for cost and convenience. Initially, Austin Peay backed the Global Security Studies minor proclaiming it to be part of Austin Peay's global perspective for a quality education. This minor is likely going to become like

many classes at Austin Pea; Online based, where the academic standards seem lower, and it cannot be guaranteed that the student enrolled in the class is actually the student doing the coursework for the class. Professor Kaufmann has shown interest and concern for the well-being of his students and this minor; he made an effort to direct his students to internships and foreign language programs that would be helpful in this field. He also set up a Global Security Studies club on campus, and worked with the GIS center to show the modern impact of technology upon security. Austin Peay is rewarding his hard work and dedication to this campus and his students by releasing him from his contract and devaluing his work and by moving the minor to a professor who already has many other academic responsibilities. This minor deserves the attention of someone who can devote time and resources to ensure its quality. The university apparently had such a person in Professor Kauffmann, but decided it could find more profitability in removing a dedicated professor instrumental in creating and advancing the minor and putting it in the hands of someone else.

William Johnson, junior, homeland security
Brandon Pulley, sophomore, history

Okay, it's been enough already

Patriots ask why. Diversity. Black History Month or not. CIA, James (Jamie?) Bond and their new recruits not named Colin Farrell. Congressional elections, Foleygate and a Speaker named Nancy. Outrage, real and imagined. Men of God who couldn't say no. Hillary, Billary, Obama and Rudy. Seven quarter-pounders, fries and a trans-fat inspired law-suit. Imus in the mourning, no more. Saying "I Do" for dudes. Big "Willie" Clinton is back in town and the dreaded "Clinton Fatigue." Mistakes and why it's so hard to admit making them, Rachael Ray and her tasty treats on cracker recipes, the NBA dresses down its hip-hoppers and the \$8 billion in cash that "got lost" somewhere in the desert of Baghdad. Annie and a bunch of maggots. Nanny laws that really nag. Wait, there was more.

The great APSU "smoke-out." The politics of "meth" and the view of the U S of A abroad. David "I'm taking my \$20 million to Obama" Geffen and Kevin Bacon and the "Baconettes." Michael J. Fox and the comedic stylings of Rush "my aching back" Limbaugh. My "confession" at fathering Anna Nicolés "love baby" and John Edwards' hair and why he feels oh, so pretty. Borders with fences. Video cameras in locker-rooms. A loner with rage and a gun with many rounds of ammunition. The Iraq war. Tell me again, why?

Yes, it's been an adventurous, though bumpy, ride this semester. Many issues, including those above, have graced (?) the pages of *The All State* for two semesters now. As we close out publication for awhile, I would be remiss (and who wants to be remiss these days?) if I did not mention the following before I run out of ink:



Politically Speaking Dr. Greg Rabidoux

The nation has been through a lot since Monday, April 16. My prayers go out to everyone directly affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech. I hope that those affected are able to cope, however difficult it will be. I also hope that we, an awe-struck and enthralled nation, aren't tempted (as more frequently is the case) into giving up our liberties in attempts to quickly solve a problem with a rash solution.

I speak of the blame fanatics, who come out of the woodwork in the wake of national tragedies like Virginia Tech and use the fear spawned by those tragedies to — if not further their own agenda — blindly assume they have the answer to complex problems in our society. Politicians and lobbyists did it in the wake of Columbine, and now new politicians and lobbyists are doing it again after Virginia Tech.

Journalists such as Tom Plate urge us to "lay down our right to bear arms" and give up liberties for the sake of freedom. To some extent Plate is right. Re-evaluation of gun laws can be beneficial; however, simply discarding the Second Amendment is not the answer. The right to bear arms has always been essential to ensuring our freedom and our ability to keep our government in line. Trading freedom for safety is folly. It's difficult enough for us to keep terror from making us captives of fear without imprisoning ourselves to an all-powerful government.

I'm not saying that you should ignore everything these blame fanatics have to say, just to not assume that the answers they present are right. It's every American's responsibility not to shrug off the problems, allowing the government to decide. No offense to President George W. Bush, but just imagine if he had more power during his office. Just how much worse would things be if he were running our lives, while we stood helpless with no liberties to object and protest with?



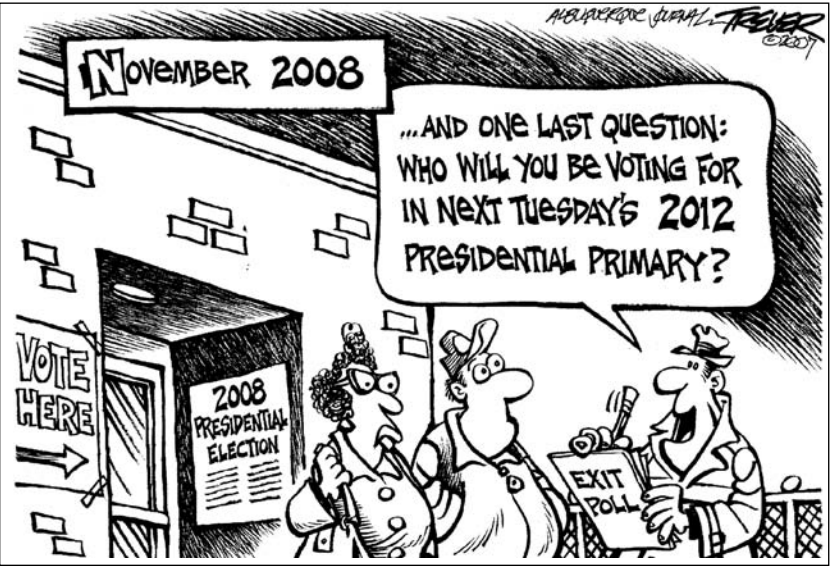
Assistant Perspectives Editor John Ludwig

It's not just our liberties that these fanatics attack but also the media. Just as much as gun laws, video games are feeling the heat after Virginia Tech. Ever since the tragedy, Florida attorney Jack Thompson has been speaking out against video games, "Counter-Strike" in particular. Commentator Winda Benedetti explains that it hasn't been proven whether Cho Seung-Hui was a fan of the game.

I've always been a defender of the video game industry and a denouncer of censorship, so it's only fitting that I pass this attorney off as some nimrod on a soapbox, looking for attention. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe he has a point about video games being the direct cause of the murders in Virginia. There's no denying that a correlation exists between some violence and video games. But as most professional psychologists will say, "Correlation does not mean causation."

There's one thing I can say confidently about Thompson and his blame games: Thompson and Plate are similar in what they seek through their arguments. They don't think individuals should be responsible for themselves, family and friends. It's my anchored opinion that people have a responsibility to censor the media at the individual level and that people have a responsibility to maintain a certain degree of control, which is provided by the Second Amendment. Giving up that responsibility, whether it's to the government or something else, means giving up that control.

When horrific displays of inhumanity such as Seung-Hui's shooting rampage occur, I am not only filled with grief but also fear. I'm fearful that such tragedies will further repress Americans' sense of personal responsibility and therefore encourage them to give up their liberties for safety that can never be absolutely guaranteed. I'm fearful that such tragedies go truly unaddressed, as people just want to go back to their lives and selfishly contend not to be bothered with such hardship. The hardship at Virginia Tech is not just Virginia's hardship. It's the hardship of every American, and it's incumbent upon us not to blindly say "yes" to the blame fanatics, who offer false yet seemingly expedient solutions. Life isn't that simple. ♦



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Grade people by thought, not method

Throughout our education, we are required to prove our knowledge to professors, academic evaluators, prospective employers and many others. There are various ways in which we are asked to do this. We may have to write an essay, give a presentation, answer a series of short answer questions or bubble in the answers on a standardized

test. Of these methods, some are more effective than others, and some perhaps should be used on a more limited basis.

Starting at an early age, we are exposed to the world of standardized tests. We are taught all the tricks to answering questions correctly, even if we do not know what the correct answer is. So how do these standardized tests prove that we know anything at all? They simply prove that we are good at taking tests. Don't they?

So why do we rely on these type of tests to prove so much about ourselves? We take standardized tests to prove that we are on grade level with other students in our state throughout elementary school and high school. We also put much more faith in these tests as we prove that we are ready for other forms of education, with the American College Test (ACT) and the Scholastics Aptitude Test (SAT), but in reality, do they really prove that we are ready for anything? Do they truly represent our knowledge? No, they do not. These tests only prove that we have been well trained in taking standardized tests.

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facts, limiting the creativity in learning anything. This takes place in order to make things simple to organize and grade and attempt to make things fair. Fairness, however, as an argument is not valid. A test is fair if it is the same test for each person, so an essay test would be fair as well.

Now, it's true that not all subjects are suitable for essay questions. Math, for example, would be a difficult subject in which to write a full-length essay. For this, there is an easy solution: Short answer. Students must prove what they know, by showing their work, and there is no way to guess unless they know at least something.

We are slowly beginning to realize that this is an issue and some actions have been taken to get this resolved. The ACT test now incorporates an optional writing test that colleges are beginning to require. The test, however, is not graded for knowledge base but for how well the student writes. This is important, but it is not enough. Highly intelligent students are still not given the opportunity to express their critical thinking skills in the knowledge portions of the tests and those who have not been dedicated to their studies can still guess their way through these portions and write a decent essay with no previous knowledge requirement.

Now, there are benefits to standardized tests. They are easy to grade and students know exactly what to expect. There are specific percentages that decide the subject matter of the test, but the disadvantages far outweigh these. Is it not a disturbing thought that our high school students are going to college with the impression that they will do well, according to these standardized tests, only to find out that they are not prepared for the critical thinking and writing that will be required of them?

This needs to be addressed. We need to realize that teaching our children to do well on tests is not the same as simply teaching them. We need to put aside our own laziness, need for simplicity and overdone attempt at equality. We need to pick up an ethic to learn and present knowledge in a way that expresses true understanding. It is this ethic that we need to pass on to future generations, not the practice of good guessing and test taking techniques. ♦

Hopping to the future

Sherry Hoppe was named president of Austin Peay State University in 2001. The very next year, I began my undergraduate studies at APSU.

I guess it's the whole circle of life thing. Hoppe is leaving the same year I'm finishing my master's degree at my alma mater. I've been here throughout her entire career, practically, and I feel like I've been a part of something, a part of her legacy.

It was neat, actually. I was part of the President's Emerging Leaders Program, and my first semester at APSU, Hoppe herself taught a one-hour class, once a week. I was young and probably a little intimidated. But looking back, I feel lucky to have been given the chance to meet the president of the university — in a meaningful way — right from the start.

In the class, Intro to Leadership, we talked about various leadership styles and what the concept of leadership meant to us in our lives and communities. But bigger than that, we got a chance to see Hoppe's own leadership style. We talked with her and got a sense of who she was and what was important to her.

From the first day of class, I knew Hoppe was someone with ideas. She told us her passion is finding ways to make things better and implementing change. In fact, she felt change is so directly related to leadership that we studied Spencer Johnson's *New York Times* best-selling book, "Who Moved my Cheese?" The book's cover says inside, readers will find "an amazing way to deal with change in your work and in your life."

The author operates under the observation that change can be a blessing or a curse, depending on your perspective.

Hoppe obviously views change as a blessing. During her tenure at APSU, the university has evolved. No online classes were offered when Hoppe assumed the presidency; today, APSU leads the state in online enrollment and offers 12 completely online degrees.

Overall enrollment has also skyrocketed, increasing by 30 percent and making APSU Tennessee's fastest-growing university for four consecutive years. Many new academic programs have launched, including eight new bachelor's and master's programs, as well as more than 20 new minors and concentrations.

In addition to her concern for academics, Hoppe has placed confidence in APSU athletics. In the past five years, many improvements have been made, including new seating and jumbotron-type screens in the Dunn Center, a new soccer field and a new turf and track in Governors Stadium.

Buildings on campus have also flourished. A few construction projects from the past few years include the state-of-the-art Foy Center, renovations of McCord and the Harvill Building and the conception of Hand Village, which today provides much-needed housing due to continued increases in enrollment.

These examples of Hoppe's push for change are only a few of the more obvious ones. Undoubtedly, there have been many, many more that occurred over the years.

Lou Schuler may describe change best in his review of "Who Moved my Cheese." "Things change. They always have changed and always will change. And while there's no single way to deal with change, the consequence of pretending change won't happen is always the same: The cheese runs out."

President Hoppe and I didn't lose touch after that first semester. In fact, as I became more and more involved with *The All State*, I appreciated the opportunity to get to know her more closely than many students. In our last interview, which took place Jan. 15 after her announcement to retire, I asked her about all the changes that had taken place at APSU.

"People tend to give me a lot of credit for what's happened here over the last seven years," Hoppe said. "But really, I'm the cheerleader. I set an initiative in place after talking with people and collaborating. But then it is an incredible group of people that made all of the things happen that have happened."

And to an extent, she's right. Hoppe probably had more input than she wants credit for. But we do have an incredible group of people working together at this university. A new president and a new way of life are on the horizon for APSU. Change occurs whether a person is ready or not. Now, whether we wish Hoppe a fond farewell or wonder what will ever happen without her, the university community must step up and embrace change, just as she would. ♦

"Find your place in the world." Austin Peay State University's motto may be President Sherry Hoppe's new mindset as she approaches retirement. I too, often ask myself this same question. The path to finding my place in the world is similar to that of Hoppe's journey. Both of us grew up in similar areas of Chattanooga. We both have ties to UCLA (that's University of Chattanooga Left on Amnicola for all the non-

Chattanooga natives) which is better known as Chattanooga State. And then there's APSU. It's strange — both Hoppe and I came to Clarksville for similar reasons. APSU offered us tremendous opportunities for being a part of the change occurring at the university.

Change is good, but no one person can promote all agendas. Like any president, some issues took more priority than others. What President Hoppe chose to emphasize, and more importantly what she chose

not to emphasize, has left the APSU community somewhat divided. Some have embraced change, while others have not been so receptive. Whether you love her or hate her, everyone has to acknowledge that Hoppe was a president of change. She saw the need for change, and change happened.

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Current APSU procedures and policies have not met the satisfaction of everyone involved with the university, but such a task is a near impossible feat. Not all interests can be promoted simultaneously, so accommodating everyone is not likely.

APSU is not the same university it was seven years ago. Some of President Hoppe's success can be measured by the responses to the problems

confronting the university upon her arrival. "Hoppe came to clean house." This was the catchphrase used to describe Sherry Hoppe as the Tennessee Board of Regents appointed her as APSU's new president.

One of the initial problems Hoppe faced as president involved the school's financial situation. Prior to her arrival, the budget was anything but fiscally sound.

Through Hoppe's vision and her strong action-oriented style, this problem with the budget is not a problem the school currently faces. The university now finds itself in its best financial position.

One of President Hoppe's strengths is her ability in fundraising. In the world of public institutions, private funding is imperative in

complimenting the typically insufficient funding provided by the state. President Hoppe gets an "A" in that respect as she has raised large sums of capital — if not the most — in the history of APSU presidents. Perhaps if Hoppe is approved of President Emeritus status, the university's interests could be better served financially. Keeping Hoppe close to APSU affairs and utilizing her talent of raising capital could best serve her and the university's interests.

Another wise business move that can be accredited to the president is APSU's strengthened involvement with Fort Campbell. Better emphasizing the satellite campus at Fort Campbell and increasing the resources available to it has been grounds to the university's increased enrollment.

APSU is Tennessee's fastest growing university. Such a description is largely due to the university's online presence in offering not just classes, but degrees. Whether you view the school's growth as a good or bad thing, credit has to be given to the fact that APSU filled a niche in the market. The supply of online students is out there, and being able to capture that demand makes for good business sense.

Hoppe has mentioned that much credit has been given to her for what's happened at the university in the past seven years. And she deserves it. Much of the university's current standing can be attributed to her. Whether you think this standing is good or bad, one thing can be agreed upon: President Hoppe has been an agent of change. ♦



Perspectives
Ashley Brown

They simply prove that we are good at taking tests. Don't they?

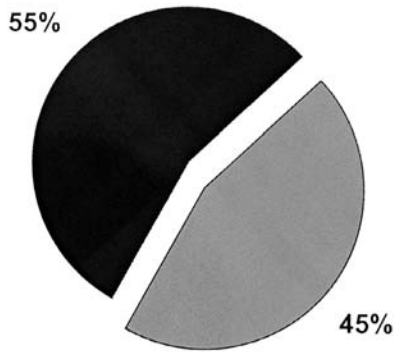
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Austin Peay Responds:

■ Yes
■ No



Last week's poll question asked:

In lieu of the Virginia Tech shooting, do you think the U.S. needs stricter gun laws?

Our online readership is divided on the issue. What do you think? Visit us online at:

<http://www.theallstate.com>

Serve yourself by serving the church

The semester is coming to an end, and I wanted to write an article that I hope will stay with you throughout the summer. For the longest time, church was a big bore to me. I used to go there and hang out with my friends because my mom made me. I always thought the sermons were long and I got tired of hearing the same things over and over. With the help of some friends I



Perspectives
Chris Whitson

realized that my relationship with Christ had nothing to do with how many times I've gone to church or how much I put in the offering plate. My relationship with Christ was my own personal one. God is something that I hold very dear. I believe without God I would be nothing. This doesn't mean I hold church very dear. I see church as a place to serve others. I will always encourage others to go to church, but I will emphasize your personal walk with Christ.

I know that many of you get turned off by the way the church and its members portray God because I know I was. Please remember that they are people and none of us are perfect. I know I still don't portray Christ the way he wants me to, but I'm working on it. Some people use church as a place to gain power or influence and God will deal with them. It isn't my job to condemn or judge people by what they do, that's God's job. All I can do is love them and try to lead by a good example.

The church was not built to serve you. Jesus came to Earth to serve others and I believe it is our job to follow in his footsteps. I used to get caught up with being a leader there and lost all sight of what I was truly put in

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the church for. I thank God for reminding me to serve those who are lost and to love everyone as they are. I'm trying my best and I will continue to encourage others to serve in the church.

The thing I want to stress is that it's a personal walk with God not with the church. You must build your own relationship and personal way of worshiping and glorifying God. Of course others will help you along the way, but no one can walk with God for you. I suggest searching and seeking for the way God would have you do it best. God wants only what is best for us. He will always be there to lend a hand and guide us when we turn to him for direction.

The summer is coming, and I wish everyone the best of times. Try to use this time to find what benefits your spiritual life most. Sorry if I sound a little preachy, but I can write only what God lays on my heart. As Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." ♦



What's in this issue:

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- APSU grad's achievements
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- "Fracture"
- Book reconciles gays and God

This week in history:

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April 22 — For the first time the United State celebrates Earth Day, an event established to bring about greater public awareness of the world's environmental problems. Millions of Americans, including thousands of students from various colleges and universities, participated in educational programs, marches and rallies. Earth Day was the invention of Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, a staunch environmentalist.

Word of the Day:

opusculum • \oh-PUS-kyuh-lum\ • noun : a minor work (as of literature)

Example Phrase:

The book is a collection of opuscula written by the author between his two major novels.

Quotes of the Week:

"Learn as if you were to live forever, Love as if you were to die tomorrow."

— Ghandi

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain."

— Dolly Parton

Did you know?

All of the following are superstitions:

~ An acorn at the window will keep lightning out.

~ A bird in the house is a sign of a death.

~ It is bad luck to light three cigarettes with the same match.

~ It's bad luck to say the word "pig" while fishing at sea.

~ To dream of a lizard is a sign that you have a secret enemy.

~ If you drop scissors, it means your lover is being unfaithful to you.

~ If you bite your tongue while eating, it is because you have recently told a lie.

~ If you recieve a knife as a gift from a lover, it means the love will soon die.

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Don Imus appears on Rev. Al Sharpton's show April 9. He was released from his CBS broadcast on April 12 after making controversial remarks about the Rutgers' College women's basketball team.



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Surrounded by her team, Matee Ajavon, center on the Rutgers' women's basketball team, speaks at a recent press conference held on the school's campus.

Imus slurs incite debates

By LORI PERKINS

Staff Writers

Questions of whether hip-hop is to be blamed for the use of inappropriate, disparaging remarks towards women in the black community have been raised in reference to the racial comment made by CBS radio broadcaster Don Imus.

Imus called the predominately black Rutgers' College women's basketball team of New Jersey "nappy-headed hos," bringing dishonor to each member, and earning himself a revoked privilege to broadcast on his CBS and MSNBC shows.

The pressure is now taken off of Michael "Kramer" Richard of the television series Seinfeld, for his blatant behavior of using racial slurs against black spectators viewing his stand-up comedy act, calling them the 'n' word.

So the underlying questions many people have stewed over for years have officially been raised: Who can and cannot use the 'n' word? Also, what phrases are allowed to be used against or among the black community?

Because of Imus' boldness of using a phrase that has been dubbed politically incorrect, civil rights activists, Rev. Al Sharpton, and other activist leaders were very upset and felt deep sorrow for the women who were insulted by Imus' comment. Sharpton said the ladies represented what Americans wanted to see "... they struggled against odds, bringing their school to the national championships."

Sharpton, along with others, made it his point to win justice. They pursued the justice of Imus being terminated from his position of having a

voice throughout the radio airwaves. Many argued that Imus no longer deserved to be in a position where he was able to influence listeners and spread his harsh opinions towards women, (or anyone) especially those who are perfecting their lives and being positive role models.

Although the women on the team were hurt, Vivian Stringer, team member, showed her strength by expressing her thoughts, "We also understood a long time ago that no one can make you feel inferior unless you allow them ... that we can't let other people steal our joy."

Imus' feelings toward the use of the expression 'nappy-headed hos' is that the focus should not be on him, but rather rappers like Snoop Dog and Lil' Jon and other hip-hop artists who use such terms in their lyrics, causing even more controversy with the makers of hip-hop.

While Sharpton and others are in agreement with Imus concerning the degrading material that musicians produce, they still believe that Imus crossed the racial lines by using such terms. Sharpton said that Imus "hit the core."

In order to talk about racial terms, slavery has to be discussed. Slavery is the foundation of division among diverse cultures.

While it is believed by some that the 'n' word got its origin from the word Nigerians, still many believe that because it's now the year 2007, it should not be considered a mystery that the word is inappropriate to use and naturally evokes confrontation.

According to Russell Simmons, founder of the hip-hop record label Def Jam, on his appearance

on the Oprah Show, he believes the 'n' word is "historically incorrect, black people didn't invent the term," and he defended hip-hop by saying "hip-hop is a mirror of the dirt we overlook, and it needs to be discussed."

Shortly after Imus' remarks, Simmons stated that "Don Imus' racially motivated diatribe toward the Rutgers' women basketball team was in no way connected to hip-hop culture, comparing Don Imus' language with hip-hop artists' poetic expression is misguided and inaccurate and feeds into a mindset that can be a catalyst for unwarranted, rampant censorship."

Hip-hop was not always looked at in a negative way. For some, in the beginning, it delivered positive messages to listeners. 'Hip-hop changed my way of thinking,' Common, a hip-hop artist, said on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Common admits that after 30-years of hip-hop, "it did take a turn."

A turn that has caused some hip-hop to focus more on money, cars, women and violence instead of inspirations and motivations.

In March 2005, Sharpton asked that a 90-day ban on violent, degrading music be banned from airwaves because of its influence.

So the questions still stand: Who is allowed to use the slang or racist terms that have developed over the years, and is hip-hop to blame?

People often condone the use of the 'n' word because of the spelling and definition change. People who use the word say they use it as a replacement for the words 'brotha', or 'sista'.

Rapper Fat Joe, who has a Hispanic

background used the 'n' word in his famous song with lyrics saying (I say my n's don't dance ...) he is non-Black but still no controversy sparked.

Carol Bennett, director of the African-American Cultural Center, believes that, "Everybody doesn't use it and no one should think they can change the meaning." She also said that, "she cannot concisely use the word towards anyone in her culture, even if they have a negative attitude, and even if we boycott music, it's still gonna be out there."

Michael Gardner, senior, history major, with a minor in African-American Studies, "feels that it is derogatory no matter who uses it based on the history of the word."

He also said that, "the word has a negative connotation to it. It shouldn't be accepted, especially by blacks. No other racial slur will ever be accepted by the population as a whole. It's saddening that blacks have allowed the 'n' word to degrade them to become slang in a public phenomenon."

So, while the question is still being asked, who should have the permission to use harsh and racial comments towards black men and women, the answer given by some is simple — no one!

While it is easy to excuse or forgive anyone who uses derogatory words toward the black community, because of the historical background, and the negative approach associated with it, whether modified or not, it can and never will be forgotten, but because the words exist, who ever chooses to use them will continue to do so. ♦

Grad reaches electrifying heights

Former student achieves prestigious government position

By AIMEE THOMPSON

Staff Writer

For most people, graduation is a time of great happiness and much rejoicing. There are no more papers to write, classes are over and done with and the time is theirs to do with as they please.

However, amidst the celebration, there can also be a sense of fear as people are forced to look to a future of uncertainty.

For Electra B. Frederick, a graduate from Austin Peay State University, graduation gave her the opportunity to pursue her biggest dreams.

In 2002 Frederick started attending APSU to receive a bachelor's of fine arts in visual communications.

Although she originally wanted to attend a university with a major in fashion design, she was convinced by her parents, both of whom are APSU alumni, to attend APSU.

It was while at APSU that Frederick decided to pursue her goal of being in the fashion industry. However, despite her devotion to fashion, Frederick was unsure of how to make her dreams come true.

"I will admit," she said, "I love design, but the issue I had —and a lot of college students have this — is that I was not quite sure what I wanted to do with my degree."

It wasn't until the summer before her senior year, while in a graphic design III class, that she finally decided to make her dream a reality.

During her senior year at APSU, Frederick "ate, slept and talked design and ideas, and silkscreen techniques." She was also supported by many faculty members.

"My mentor, Dr. Cindy Marsh, encouraged me to carry out my ideas of a fashion show," Frederick said. "I was hooked on design in an entirely new fashion. And I still am." In 2005, Frederick began designing and selling T-shirts she made by hand, and in 2006 she formed ElectraCity™, her own fashion design company.

Frederick received much praise when she started making designs. "I started to kind of like the reactions people were getting from the T-Shirt designs," Frederick said.

"I started learning more about silk screen. I went to the library on campus and checked out 20 books on silk screen." Frederick has had endless support.

"Not only do I like doing it, but I loved the fact that people liked it," Frederick said. "[People] said 'I would wear that design on a shirt!' or 'I would buy that!' I really got tied into it."

Frederick chose 'Dream Aloud' as her company slogan, believing it would inspire others to pursue their own dreams.

"When I decided to use 'Dream Aloud' as the slogan it had to do with not just dreaming about what you can do, should do, might do," she said. "Do it. Execute what you feel. Have faith in yourself and execute those dreams and goals. You just might be able to do

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— Electra B. Frederick

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Recently, Frederick has expanded ElectraCity™ to both a clothing line and a custom printing company.

Through her Web site, <http://www.electracity.net>, customers can purchase custom designed clothing, mugs, bags and even posters. Her products are also available at The Red Pepper Squirrel boutique in historic downtown Clarksville.

One of the biggest obstacles Frederick deals with now is finding the time to run her business. "[It] is a challenge," she said. "But it is not one that I plan on running from."

Since graduating, Frederick has been selected by the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) for an internship that will prepare her for becoming a Commissary Management Specialist (CMS). Being a CMS means Frederick will be required to manage all departments within a given Commissary.

She is the first management intern to be selected and trained at the Fort Campbell Commissary, and hopes to be a director by the time she is 24.

According to the program, she will train at Fort Campbell for one year, and then she will move to Fort Lee, Va., to intern with other directors. Although Frederick has lived in Clarksville since 1990, she is eager to move ahead with her life.

"I am excited about moving to Virginia because of the possibilities that this internship can bring for my career," she said. "At the same time, it will be tough to move from family and friends that I have grown up with for over 17 years."

Frederick credits much of her success to God, her parents, Bobby and Marites Frederick, and her sister, Lana S. Frederick.

"The biggest influence in my life would have to be God and my family," she said.

"There are many steps that I would not have taken, and many moves that I might not have made if I didn't have the correct guidance from my parents. I love them more than anything, and I'm very thankful and blessed to have their support." ♦



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Electra Frederick gives credit to her family and God for her success, stating that their encouragement provided her with the confidence to attempt challenges.

Summer theaters to be full of spiders, ogres, witches

By **PATRICK ARMSTRONG**
Staff Writer

Many people anxiously await that time every summer when new movies come out, — “Blockbuster Summer.” For this summer’s movie line-up, there is the possibility of a chart-topping summer. There will be web slinging, squash buckling, spell casting, transforming and a Donkey for viewers to see.

The five movies to see this summer are “Spider-Man 3,” “Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds End,” “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,” “Shrek the Third,” and “Transformers.”

The wall crawler is back in his most thrilling movie yet. Spider-Man faces more new enemies including himself, when he discovers his new-found power begins to control him by increasing his aggression. If he wants to keep the love of his life, Mary Jane, and make amends with Harry, he must not give into Venom’s control. “Spider-Man 3” will be a tough contender to beat this summer since “Spider-Man 2” took in over \$370 million at the box office making it No. 10 on the all-time leaders chart, while “Spider-Man” still claims the No. 7 spot. “Spider-Man 3” swings into theaters May 4.

Captain Jack Sparrow makes a comeback to set sail on the high seas yet again in his next adventure. Elizabeth, Will and the other crewmen make a bold decision to team up with Captain Barbossa to travel into uncharted territory at the world’s end to fetch back witty Jack. Along the way, they meet new and old enemies. Who will win, who will survive and how does Jack come back, will all be answered in “Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds End.” This will be another huge

box office gainer if it mimics it’s predecessors. “Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest” dug up \$423 million raising it to No. 6. “Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds End” sails into theaters May 25.

The 15-year-old wizard, Harry Potter, is back at Hogwarts for his fifth year. He gets recruited by a secret organization that is waiting for the return of He Who Must Not Be Named. Harry and Dumbledore give out warnings to other wizards but no one believes them, which forces a witch to assume control of Hogwarts. Although the first four Harry Potter movies are ranked No.s.17, 31, 38 and 26, this promises to a formidable summer foe. “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” flies into theaters July 13.

That smelly ogre from the swamp is back for a whole new kind of adventure. Princess Fiona’s father falls ill and guess who is next in line for the throne? To avoid becoming king, Shrek, Donkey and Puss in Boots set out to find a replacement before Fiona can object. If this third movie does as well as “Shrek 2” did, it could possibly be the biggest movie of the summer. “Shrek 2” brought in over \$441 million and is still ranked No. 3 on the all-time leaders chart. “Shrek the Third” will magically appear in theaters May 18.

The 80’s cartoon about robots that fight each other and turn into cars, jets and others vehicles makes its come back on the big screen this summer. Earth is caught in the middle of an intergalactic war with the Autobots against the Decepticons. “Transformers” will be the under-dog movie with Steve Spielberg as an executive director. “Transformers” will explode into theaters July 4.

The ratings should be decided by then. ♦



This summer promises to provide many hours of must-see movie entertainment.



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Local preacher stirs up controversy with his recent theological book

Homosexual pastor claims reconcilliation of sexual preference and Christianity

By **TANYA LUDLOW**
Staff Writer

“If God doesn’t do something about San Francisco, he owes Sodom an apology,” said David W. Shelton, while examining mainstream interpretations of the infamous Sodom and Gomorrah Bible story.

An openly gay pastor at the Christian Community Church in Clarksville, Shelton told the audience about his journey from self-loathing and shame to reconciling his homosexuality with Christianity in a book

presentation April 12 in the Gentry Auditorium.

The presentation was part of a guest lecture series sponsored by the Austin Peay State University Gay Straight Alliance.

Reading excerpts from his book, “The Rainbow Kingdom: Christianity and the Homosexual Reconciled,” Shelton challenged traditional interpretations of what he calls “the clobber verses” that he said are taken from their original context and used by mainstream Christianity to condemn homosexuality.

Using traditional biblical interpretation methods, albeit radically applied, Shelton said that the city of Sodom was not condemned because of homosexuality, but because of its inhabitants’ complete and abject rejection of outsiders and extreme wickedness.

“I’m keenly aware that not everyone is going to

believe me,” said Shelton of his interpretations of the biblical passages.

Shelton also pointed out that although only six biblical passages address homosexuality, over two hundred address heterosexuality.

“Does that mean heterosexuals need more supervision?” accused Shelton, prompting laughter from the audience.

“This book comes out of years of struggle,” said Shelton in reference to his own years of mental turmoil, torn between what he thought were two mutually exclusive elements in his life: His sexuality and his faith.

Shelton related his journey from deep shame and denial of his sexuality and his failed attempts to “fix” himself of a sexuality that he thought was incompatible with Christian faith.

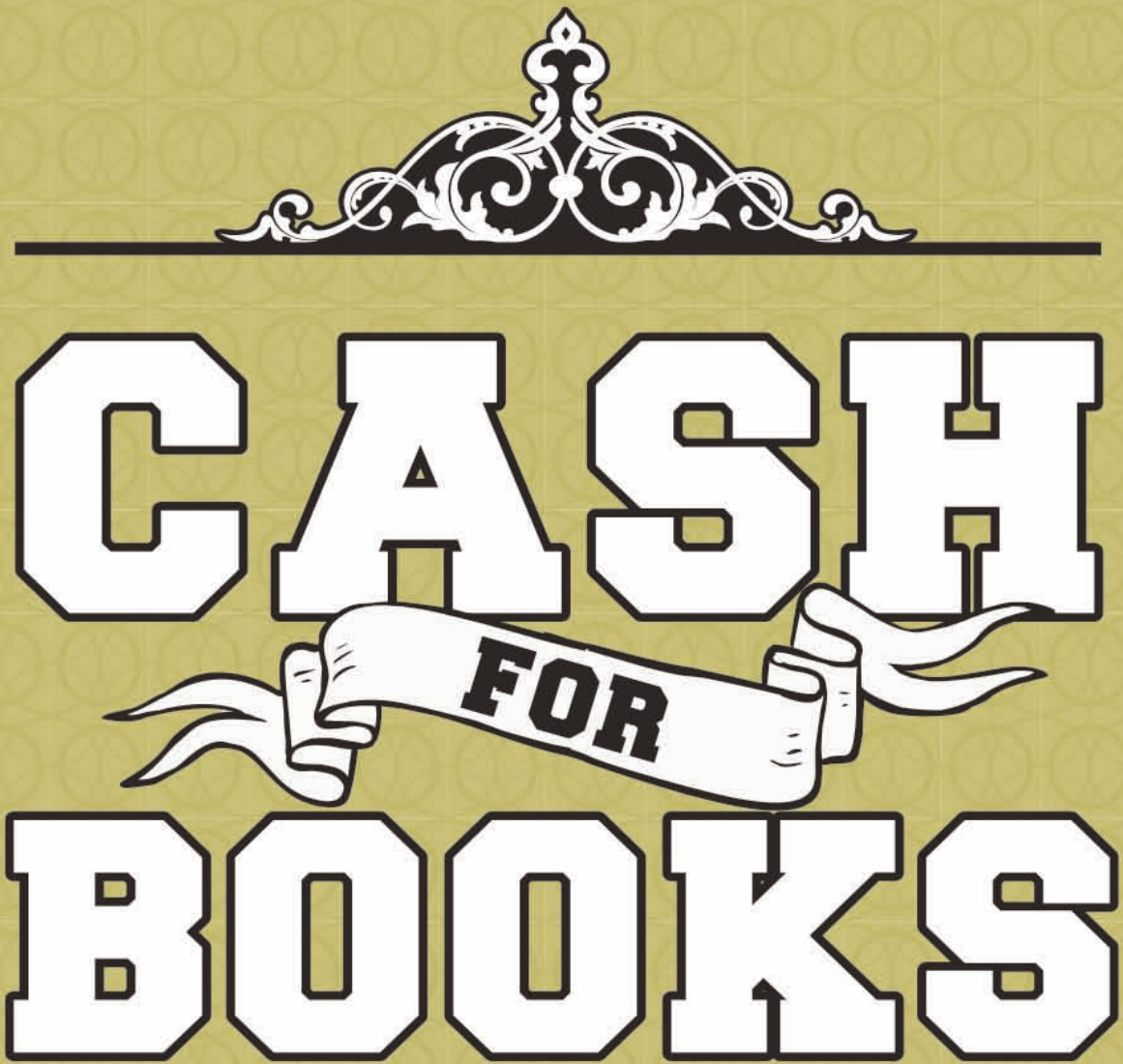
His new understanding of his sexuality and his faith

prompted him to write his book in order to help other gay Christians reconcile their own beliefs with their sexuality.

He sees his interpretations of biblical passages referring to homosexuality not as justification, but reconciliation. “Reconciliation is an important part of the Christian faith,” Shelton said.

Relating his own years of silence to the silence that today’s gay teens feel, Shelton encouraged audience members to participate in National Day of Silence which was April 18, an annual event designed to bring attention to anti-gay harassment, bullying and discrimination in schools.

For more information on Shelton’s book, “The Rainbow Kingdom: Christianity and the Homosexual Reconciled” or to purchase a copy, visit www.rainbowkingdom.com. ♦



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‘Fracture’ holds it together

By **JESSICA BAIRD**
Staff Writer

Fresh off an Academy Award nomination, Ryan Gosling goes toe to toe with the serpent of suspense, Anthony Hopkins, in the smart and twisted thriller “Fracture.”

Directed by Gregory Hoblit, whose other film credits include “Primal Fear,” “Fracture” borrows much of its style from classic Alfred Hitchcock films. Keeping with the Hitchcock tradition, the audience is faced with more questions than answers.

Hopkins plays Ted Crawford, a wealthy aeronautics engineer, who discovers his wife is having an affair. That same evening when his wife, played by Embeth Davidtz, arrives at home Ted takes out a handgun and shoots her in the head. When the police arrive, he confesses to the crime.

Enter Gosling as Willy Beachum, a lawyer at the District Attorney’s office with a 97 percent conviction rate. Beachum has just taken a new job at a posh corporate attorney’s office and he has one foot out the door when this case arrives on his desk. However, considering Crawford’s confession of the crime and Beachum’s stellar success the case seems closed, right? Wrong.

One crucial piece of evidence, the gun, is missing from the crime scene. Questions about how and where Crawford disposed of the weapon not only plague Beachum and the police officers, but the audience as well.

When the trial begins, Crawford chooses to represent himself. Beachum now wants out of the case and into his new cushy office at the corporate firm. Crawford, however, has latched himself onto Beachum. He even hires a private investigator to delve into Beachum’s background. Ultimately, Crawford is searching for something that will fracture Beachum. Some piece of information that will tear him apart.

The most satisfying and riveting scenes of “Fracture” take place between the two lead actors who engage in several verbal spars.

“I’m not gonna play games with you,” Beachum tells the confessed murderer. Crawford responds in a conniving tone, “I’m afraid you have to, old sport.”

Hopkins’ sly sneer in “Fracture” can best be described as Hannibal Lecter-lite. His character, Crawford, is not as sinister as the unforgettable and haunting Hannibal in “The Silence of the Lambs,” but Hopkins’ stares at Gosling still produce goose bumps.

Thanks to the film’s interesting script and great actors, “Fracture” is incapable of falling apart. ♦

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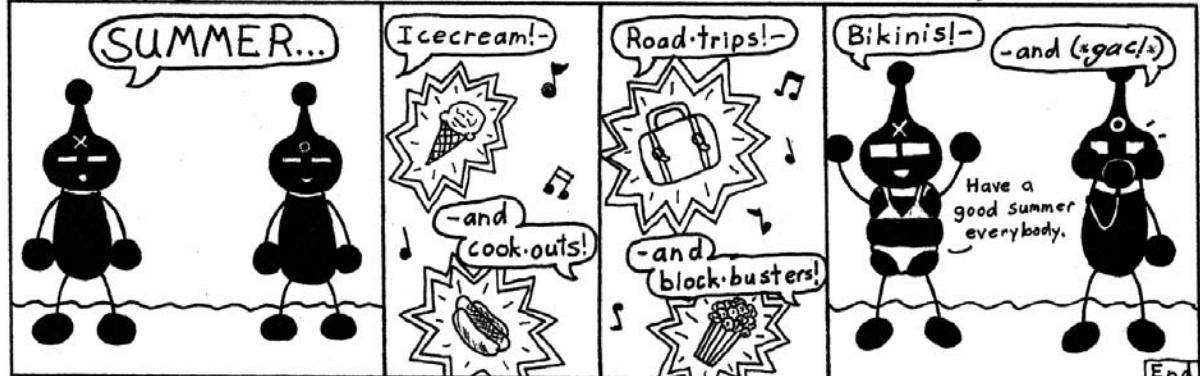
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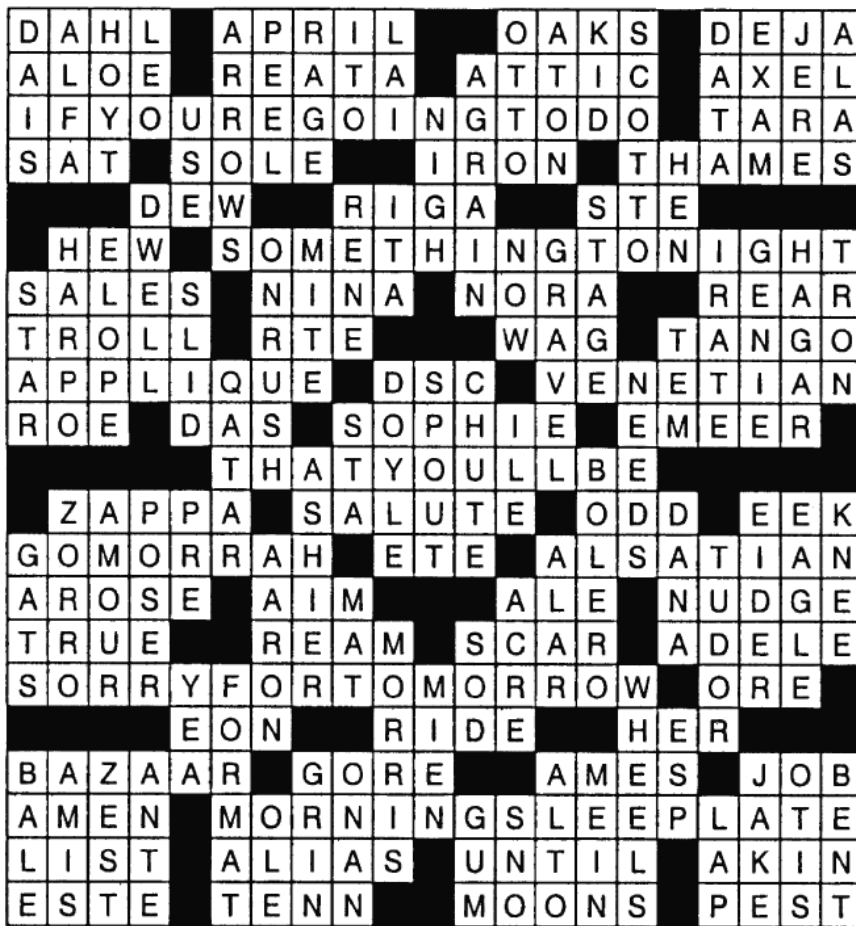
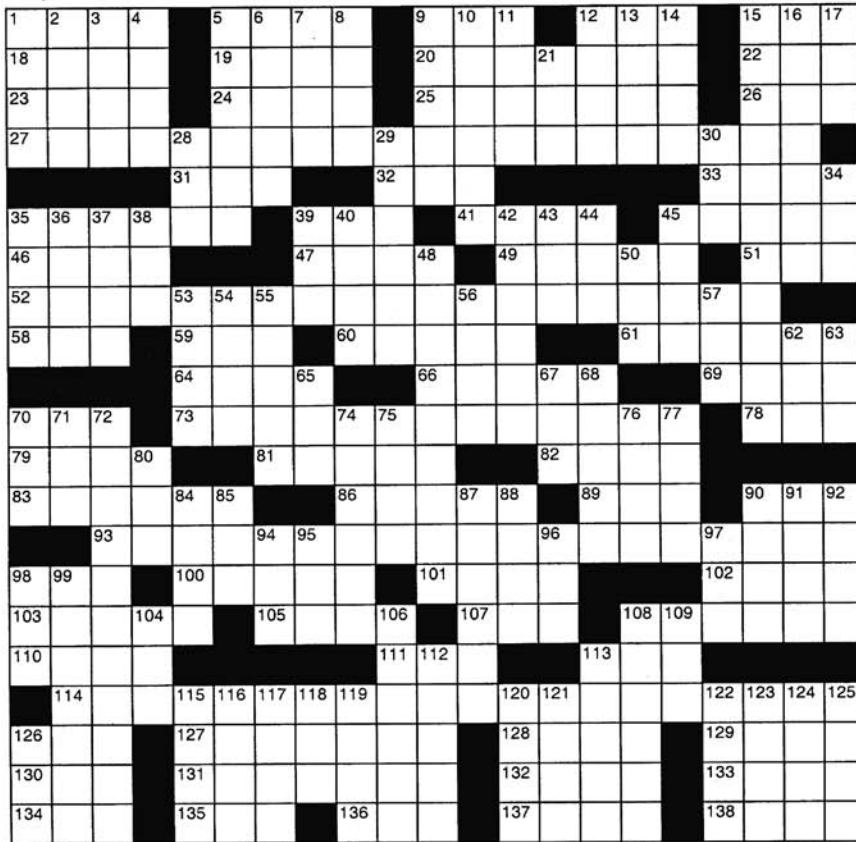
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Govs scrimmage into new season

Red team squeaks by White team 9-7 on last-second field goal

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

Students, family and curious fans of the Austin Peay State University Governors football team gathered Saturday to see this year's annual Red and White scrimmage.

No one was disappointed as the Govs played a close game that ended in a last-second field goal kick for the Red team to win 9-7.

Transfer student John Bell kicked the game winning, 31-yard field goal.

"I would like to credit most of this to my teammates for believing in me, even the White team because they knew I could do it, and my coaches," Bell said. "I just concentrated and did it."

The game-winning field goal was the end of a long drive that began when Kit Hartsfield intercepted a pass from freshman quarterback John Sellers. The Red team took possession at their end of the field on the 25-yard line, behind in the game 6-7.

Freshman quarterback Gary Orr led the Red team down the field efficiently with help from his running backs Jeff Lyle and the Govs all-time leading rusher, senior running back Chris Fletcher.

Lyle plowed and scampered to convert third and 18 on a screen pass, and then Fletcher made a 16-yard scramble that put the Red team on the White's eight-yard line.

Fletcher had begun the day by running 46 yards for a touchdown on his second carry of the game. He finished the game with 11 carries for 91 yards.

"It felt great to come out here in front of the fans," Fletcher said. "It felt good to just come out here and get after it. I had good blocking on the tackles and a good read from the outside zone. After I made my read, it was up to me, and I just tried to find my way to the end zone."

Although he showed his strong arm on a couple of long passes that were dropped, Orr was 4-of-11 for 34 yards passing in the game.

Defensively, the White team stepped up to hold the Red team from first and goal at the eight to third and goal on the 14-yard line.

It was fourth and goal on the 14 with just enough time for one play when Bell kicked the game winner.

Sophomore linebacker Ricky Woods led the White team with six tackles. Freshman linebacker Daniel Becker had four tackles and a sack. On the Red team sophomore linebacker Chris Haynes led both sides with 10 tackles.

Junior quarterback Mark Cunningham played well for the White team. Cunningham looked confident leading the White team on long drives, in which he converted two fourth downs, threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Carter and finished 7-of-10, passing for 94 yards.



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The Govs line up at scrimmage the annual red and white scrimmage game. This game ended spring practice for the Govs. New head coach Rick Christophel was able to see exactly what kind of team he was working with in the game. The Red team beat the White team, 9-7, on a last-second field goal by transfer student John Bell.

"We still have a ways to go. We still have some stuff we need to accomplish. As far as competing, I thought it went really well."

— Head football coach Rick Christophel

Freshmen running backs Spencer Gulmire and Otis Spivey split the load for the White team. Spivey showed his power and downhill running ability while Gulmire showed versatility and good hands catching passes out of the backfield and running routes from the line.

Head coach Rick Christophel was glad the fans were entertained, but is looking forward and concentrating on honing the team's skills.

"We still have a ways to go. We still have some stuff we need to accomplish," said Christophel. "As far as competing, I thought it went real well." ♦



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Senior Mark Cunningham looks to throw in the Red and White Scrimmage. Cunningham threw for 94 yards on 7-of-10 completions.

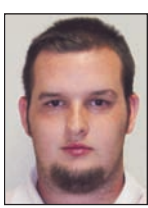
OPINION

Cherish time as a Govs' fan as long as possible

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Senior Staff Writer

The last three years have flown by and now, as I am finishing up my junior year, I can look ahead to one last year at the Peay. All three years I have spent watching practically every sport Austin Peay State University has to offer. Instead of using my weekends to party or relax, most of the time I was at some field or court watching sports and writing.

In one sense, I have lost a lot of time in the past few years as a spectator since any member of the press is prohibited from cheering for his or her favorite team. It has been hard as an APSU fan to hold my tongue for practically my entire time in college.



YOUNG

I still have one year left before I head out into the working world and my advice to all sports fans is this — enjoy your role as a fan. For hundreds of games I have sat silent on the sidelines watching sporting events without the ability to express my emotions with the players. It's a part of sports that fans do not understand unless it gets taken away from them.

Imagine the sports writers who were Florida or Ohio State fans that covered the NCAA men's basketball national championship. They had to hold in every emotion through the roller-coaster game and be objective because that's their job.

I can tell you personally that it's one of the hardest things to go through. Sports are emotional and it's only natural to want to sweat, bleed and yell along with your team.

But, with one year left, this column will mark the last article I write for this newspaper. For once, I feel good about not being so involved in APSU sports. With the Govs football team entering the Ohio Valley Conference for the first time in over a decade, I feel great about being able to go to the stadium and getting back in touch with the side of me that's just a fan.

So my last piece of wisdom to all APSU fans is to take advantage of the right given to you as a fan when you support your team. Yell, scream, heckle, boo or whatever you want to do when you're in the stands. It's your right and duty as a fan to let your presence be known. Let your team know that you are there for them, through thick and thin, and that you won't take bad, or even controversial, calls from striped-shirt wearing, whistle-blowing zebras.

You might not ever know what it's like to be at sporting events as a job but I have and you should always cherish the fans' experience. ♦



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Senior Matt Reynolds had four strikeouts in 3.2 innings against SEMO in game two which the Govs won 4-0. The Govs also won their first game 2-1.

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

The sun shined on everyone but the Southeast Missouri Redhawks this weekend as they came to Austin Peay State University to face the Govs at home in a three-game OVC series. The Govs won their first OVC series at home, 2-1.

The Govs had outstanding pitching against the Redhawks in the doubleheader on Saturday.

In the first game was a pitching clinic put on by all-time APSU strikeout leader Shawn Kelley. Kelley came into the game leading the conference in both wins and innings pitched. He finished the game allowing just two runs in three hits and a season-high eight strikeouts.

It was clear early that Kelley was on a roll. After allowing one hit with one out in the first, he retired 21 consecutive batters.

"I like to work just as fast as anyone and I like to get in a rhythm," Kelley said. "Anytime that we can get a couple runs and get a quick pace going, I always seem to find a way to stay in rhythm and get outs. That's all I try to do."

The Govs' offense exploded early with three doubles that led to two runs in the first inning.

They ended the game with 10 hits and four runs and won the game, 4-2.

The Redhawks' only score came in the eighth inning when pinch hitter Dustin Pritchett nailed a two-run home run.

"We won the first two but you just worry about one game at a time. We know we won the series."

— Head baseball coach Gary McClure

In the second game, the Redhawks had to be experiencing déjà vu as the Govs once again flexed some offensive muscle in the first inning.

After the leadoff batter was walked, Govs outfielder Jacob Crass hit one into the gap between right and center field for an RBI double. Crass then moved to third on a sac bunt and Josh Meeker drove one into right field one foot inside the first baseline for a 2 RBI double that put APSU ahead 3-0.

Gov pitchers Matt Reynolds and David Vicini shut down the Redhawks from the mound.

Reynolds threw four strikeouts in 3.2 innings of work. Vicini closed with no hits, walks, runs or errors and two strikeouts.

APSU won the second game 4-0 and dropped Southeast Missouri from first place in the conference to a tie at 9-5 with the Govs.

"As a team, we felt like we should be riding the top of the OVC from the get go," Vicini said. "We made it a point to go out

there and challenge these guys and show them what we had."

After winning both games in less than two hours on Saturday, APSU fell 16-14 in a five-hour, seven-minute, 12-inning marathon on Sunday. Raymond C. Hand Park echoed with the repeated sounds of baseballs being whacked as the two teams combined for 43 hits (22 by Austin Peay; 21 by Southeast Missouri) off of 15 different pitchers.

By the sixth inning the Govs led 10-2. They scored seven runs in the fourth, which included a two-run home run hit by Tyler Farrar. First baseman Jake Lane led the Govs going 4-for-6 with one RBI. The Redhawks came back with seven runs in the seventh inning, including a three-run homer by Matt Wagner followed by a solo shot by pinch hitter Phillip Riley. Wagner went 2-for-5 with six RBI.

The Govs rallied to tie in the ninth, but was the first to tire offensively with no runs in the bottom of the 12th after the Redhawks had scored two.

Despite losing the series, Southeast Missouri (10-5) ended the weekend one game ahead of APSU (9-6) in the conference.

"We won the first two, but you just worry about one game at a time," said head coach Gary McClure. "We know we won the series. Wherever that puts us with everybody else is where it puts us. We can have impact on one game. That's our game." ♦

Senior Natasha Anderson pitches complete game in win against Jacksonville State

By ANDREW SOLARSKI
Staff Writer

The Lady Governors of Austin Peay State University took two out of three games from fellow Ohio Valley Conference rival Jacksonville State last weekend. The Lady Govs won a pitcher's duel in the first game, were shut out in the second game and won a nail biter to take the third game of the series.

Game one of Saturday's doubleheader was all about pitching. The Lady Govs got a stellar performance from senior pitcher Natasha Anderson (17-13). She pitched a complete game striking out three, walking two and giving up no runs. Jacksonville State pitcher Melissa Dowling (9-7) pitched five innings while giving up one run on four hits and striking out three. The only offense came in the top of the fourth inning when Lady Govs first baseman Sarah Longmire hit one out of the park. It was her third of the season. Jacksonville State got two hits in the bottom of the fourth, but Anderson

pitched around it, forcing the last two batters she faced to pop out. Anderson would continue to hold Jacksonville State in check as the Lady Govs took the first game of the series, 1-0.

The second game started off just as the first ended. After the first inning, neither team looked like its offense was going to show any signs of life. Lady Govs pitcher Lacey Briscoe (4-5) held the Jacksonville State hitters in check until the bottom of the fifth when Alana Hicks hit a two-run home run. The Lady Govs were still not out of the game, but they were unable to get their offense going in the top of the sixth. Jacksonville State scored four more runs in the bottom of the sixth and took game two of the series, 7-0.

The Lady Govs found their offense in the third game and scored early and often. They scored one run in the first as Beth Carr walked with the bases loaded and Ami Bush came home to score. In the top of the third, Daniella Hooper smashed her

third home run of the year, bringing in Anderson as well. Michelle Edmonds added an RBI double as the Lady Govs took a 4-0 lead. Anderson kept the Jacksonville State batters in check through the first four innings, allowing only one hit.

The Lady Govs scored again in the top of the fifth, adding two runs on an error and a wild pitch. Anderson ran into trouble in the bottom of the fifth when Jacksonville State third baseman Whitney Elder hit a home run.

Carr doubled and added two RBIs in the bottom of the sixth. Jacksonville State would not go away as they scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at eight. The Lady Govs rebounded and scored three in the top of the seventh. Briscoe, Hooper and Longmire all had RBIs. Briscoe (5-5) came in to relieve Anderson midway through the sixth and shut down the Jacksonville State offense pitching the 11-8 win in 1.3 innings. ♦



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Senior Natasha Anderson struck out three and walked two in her complete game.

Wisconsin Woodchucks add Govs' Will Hogue to summer league roster



Junior Will Hogue will represent APSU this summer in the wood bat summer league, playing with the Wisconsin Woodchucks. Hogue currently leads the Govs in a number of categories including batting average, home runs and RBIs. Hogue will live with an foster family for the summer and will start playing toward the end of May, after the OVC tournament.

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By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

The off-season for college athletes is time to hone their individual skills in whatever sport they play so that they can help out their team in the upcoming season.

The summer is a key time for all athletes to focus on their weaknesses and improve. This summer Austin Peay State University baseball player junior Will Hogue will look to improve his skills with the Wisconsin Woodchucks. Hogue was recently selected to be a part of the Woodchucks and participate in their wood bat summer league.

“Coach McClure placed me in there,” Hogue said. “I have never played summer ball before because my freshman year I was hurt, and last year I had to figure my swing back out, so I am excited and looking forward to it. It should be a lot of fun.”

Hogue will be coming off his best year so far as a Governor, which includes him recently being named OVC Player of the Week. During that week Hogue batted .529 with a home run, two doubles, six runs scored and seven runs batted in.

Hogue wasn't sure how this season would be for him after his rollercoaster sophomore year in which Hogue considers his worst year ever. Last year he played in 43 games with three home runs and 14 RBIs.

“After last season my swing was in a funk, so I went home and got back to the basics about my life,” Hogue said. “The hitting coach back home helped me out a lot because I have been hitting with him since I was little, so he told me what I was doing wrong.”

Hogue took that advice, and it has led him to the season he is having now. Hogue leads the team with a .336 batting average, six home runs and 23 RBIs. He also leads the team in multiple hit and RBI games.

“We are excited to add Will to our already potent lineup,” said Woodchucks field manager Jim Gantner on the team's Web site. In the college wood bat summer league, players play all summer long and live with a foster family who has volunteered to let players live with them.

“We play just about every day, but from what I hear it's just more laid back,” Hogue said. “I like swinging a wooden bat and it really refines your swing, so doing that all summer against other good players and pitchers will really help your game and help you get to the next level.”

After the summer league is over, Hogue expects to come back as an even better player and teammate so that he can continue to help the Govs.

“I want to make it to the region again, which I think we have a team that can easily do that, and I still don't think we have gotten to our potential, so I hope we can peak at the right time and win the



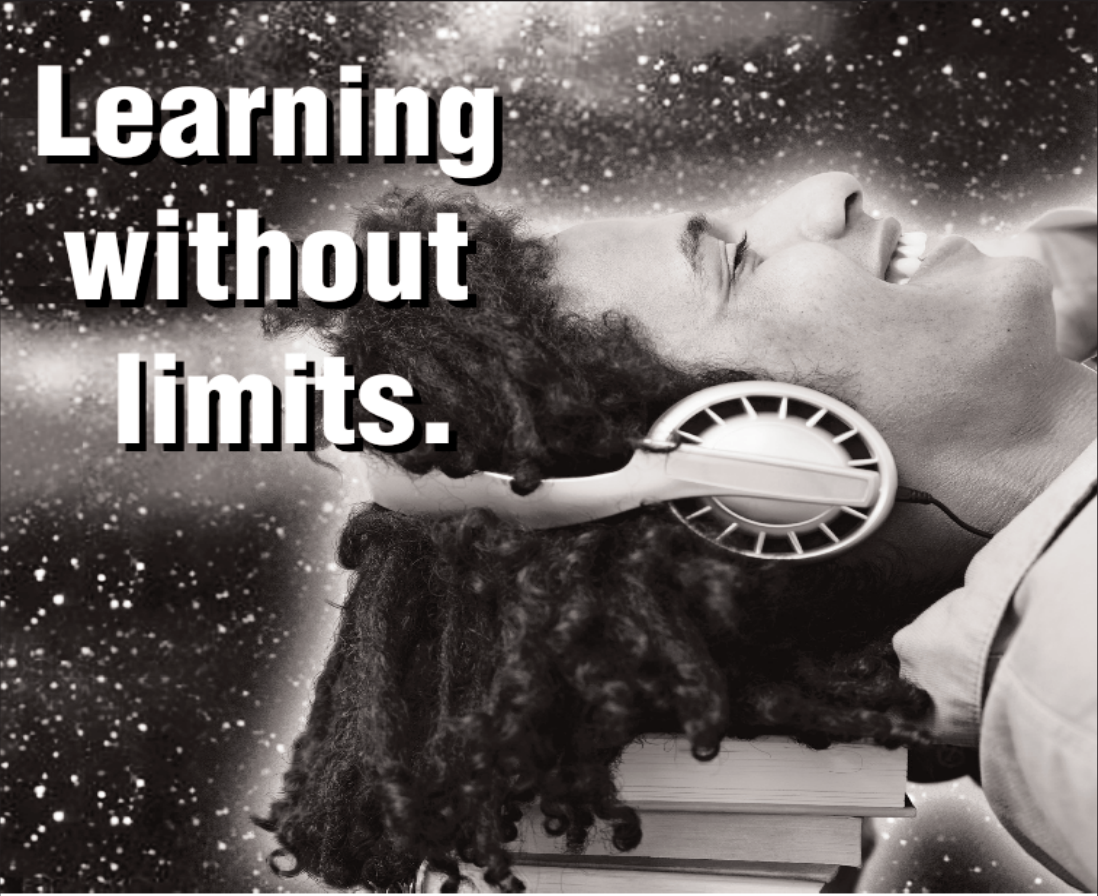
LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Will Hogue is having his most successful season with the Govs after a tough sophomore year.

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— Junior Will Hogue

tournament.”

Like all of the players in the summer league, Hogue expects scouts at the games looking to see what he brings to the field.

“I'm assuming scouts will be there. They like to watch stuff like that since you're using a wooden bat so they can tell what you would do in a minor league system, and that is how the league is ran.” ♦



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Freshman Erik Barnes was just named OVC Freshman of the Year. Barnes won his first major collegiate golf tournament at the ASU Indian Classic earlier this season. Barnes was also named second-team All OVC. Barnes has a stroke average of 71.78 with a low of 67 and a high of 78. In Barnes win, he got a cumulative score of 206, which tied him for the eighth-best, three-round total in APSU history.

Freshman tees off with early success

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

“He was the highlight of the tournament,” said head coach Kirk Kayden about freshmen Erik Barnes after he won his first collegiate golf tournament. Barnes shot a 2-under par, including birdies on the eighth and ninth hole at the ASU Indian Classic in Jonesboro, Ark. Barnes recorded scores of 68, 68, and 70, making him the only player in the tournament to have three sub-par rounds. His score of 206 is the eighth-best three-round total in APSU history.

“That victory has been the highlight of my career so far,” Barnes said. Barnes has had a number of accomplishments in his short career at APSU. He has had back-to-back top-10 finishes with both scores of 206.

His stroke average is 71.8 which is good for second best on the team and third best in the league. Barnes came to APSU after a successful high school career in Marion, Ind., which included being named the fourth best golfer of 2006 in the state of Indiana.

“The competition has been a big transition from high school,” Barnes said. “Guys were the best players at their high schools so the level of confidence is different.”

Though he is only a freshman, Barnes gives a lot of credit to his teammates for helping him make that transition.

“When I first got here, they were real helpful. Anything I needed they would do for me, and if I ever needed help I could just call my coach or

teammates and they would help me out.”

After high school, Barnes was offered scholarships from different universities, but in the end he believes APSU was the right decision.

“APSU is good,” Barnes said. “When I signed, we were ranked in the top 40 in the country and I'm from Indiana, so I wanted to go to a school that was farther south and warmer.” After winning his first tournament, Barnes is going into every tournament believing he has a shot to win.

“When I won the first one, I thought to myself it was about time. Now that I have that first one, I believe I can do it again.”

Playing golf since he was nine, Barnes said he has one role model that has helped him.

“My dad is my biggest role model,” he said. “He always instilled that hard work in me so I have always worked real hard on my golf game.”

Though Barnes has had a successful freshman season, he believes there is still plenty of work to be done to continue to improve.

“I've got to get a lot better on the green, and my shorthand has to get a lot better. I also have to improve mentally and my course management has to get a lot better.” After this season, Barnes will be looked upon with a leadership role.

“I think now that the seniors will be leaving, I feel as though I will one of the leaders on the team, and I will be able to help out the freshmen like our seniors helped me,” Barnes said.

“I want to win some more tournaments next year, and then help my team win the conference tournament and go to the national tournament.” ♦



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