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A² puts African Americans in the equation

By DEVINE WARFIELD
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University hosted the first African American Academic Academy during the week of July 20, 2003.

Dr. Jennifer Meningall, vice president of student affairs, and the participants deemed the academy a success.

The program, nicknamed A², consists of a pilot program that is beneficial to a comprehensive four-year plan to increase recruitment and retention of African American students at APSU.

According to Meningall, A² is a "bridge" program to help participants make an easier transition from high school to college.

Information on student retention indicates that there is a strong correlation between student retention and how quickly a student feels comfortable within the campus environment.

Therefore A² will better equip its participants with the needed essentials to make a smooth transition into college life.

Since research suggests African American students are more likely to become academically and socially isolated in a predominantly white college than Caucasian and Asian students, Meningall created the program to help resolve this problem at APSU.

APSU faculty and staff talked with participants about what they need to do to succeed as an APSU student.

Dr. Meningall said, "We impressed on them the importance of time-management; we told them not to dig themselves into a hole academically that's hard to climb out. We talked about taking tests, managing stress, and getting involved in worthwhile campus activities."

Next summer, the plan is to expand the program for one month. The participants will take two courses to strengthen their writing and math skills.

According to Meningall, taking such developmental courses prior to their first semester at APSU should help refresh their knowledge in the two critical areas.

The courses and program will help the participants begin their fall semester with improved self-confidence in their ability to succeed.

As part of the pilot program, all participants receive academic advisement from a single staff member.

Additionally, A² participants receive yearlong support from a select group of African American peers.

For more information on Austin Peay State University's African American Academic Academy, call (931)221-6642.

Campus brawl erupts in UC lobby

By JOSH SMITH
Guest Writer

Early Sunday morning Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.'s Welcome Back Jam quickly erupted into a brawl, according to campus police.

Approximately five students were injured according to a University Center report.

Campus police, city of Clarksville police and emergency medical services responded to the incident.

Campus police were unable to confirm the number of injuries, although a spokes-

person for the department said no one was transported to the hospital.

Omega Psi Phi hosted the last Welcome Week event for Austin Peay State University students on Sunday.

It began in the University Center ballroom, according to UC building reports, where members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity began to dance during the Omega Psi Phi song "Atomic Dog."

A heated argument was placed under control before anything serious could happen.

It was shortly after 12:45 a.m., when the heated argument turned into physical contact in the UC lobby.

Building supervisors called campus police and attempted to break the fight apart, but before they could accomplish much someone hit the fire alarm.

Brian Hutchenson, president of Omega Psi Phi, said he could not offer a comment until he spoke with Vice President of Student Affairs, Jennifer Meningall.

"I tried to stay in the background, to stay out of it.

They were all twice as big as me," freshman Josh Lambert said.

According to Jason Scott, president of the Student Art League, he left the building, heading for his friend's dorm room through the UC Plaza, when they arrived upon a large group of people.

The fight between Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma continued.

"We thought they were evacuated because of the fire alarm, but in the midst of the chaos we started to notice a lot of aggression.

"They were loud, and yelling and I was scared. It was the last thing we were expecting after such a quiet evening," Scott said.

The fighting stopped in the lobby, but the aggression never ended.

"They were flailing around trying to make sense of what just happened," sophomore and UC employee Eric Provost, Jr. said.

Provost was present at the end of the event. Blood was found on the floor, as well as on tables and the main doors. The fight slowly pro-

gressed around the building to the plaza, and a crowd ended up in front of Killebrew.

Chief of Police, Eric Provost, said that the night was, "an unfortunate incident that possibly violated the law and/or the Student Code of Conduct."

"We don't have the luxury of speculating or gossiping... the important thing is to get to the truth," Provost said.

Campus police would not comment on further details pending completion of an official report.



Photo by Melinda Simmons

Due to the increase in student enrollment, available parking has significantly declined. Students have resorted to "making" parking spaces.

More students means less parking

By DONZETTA KETCHERSIDE
Staff Writer

"Faculty, staff and returning students will find parking more difficult this fall due to an increase in enrollment and an increase in apartments for students living on campus," said Austin Peay State University Police Chief Eric Provost.

On Aug. 22, the Admissions Office reported

an increase in enrollment of 3.7 percent with 6,015 students compared to last year's 5,886. "Fall enrollment figures will be finalized after the fifteenth day of classes," said Scott McDonald, Director of Admissions.

"Parking is much worse this year compared to last year," said Mary Rodgers, senior Corporate Communication major. "They need to create more parking."

In the new APSU parking and traffic regulations there is limited parking within the vicinity of many facilities recognized.

"The university acknowledges the problem with parking and has encouraged students to allow extra time to park and get to class on time," says Chief Provost.

"Parking is not worse, it is the same; however, parking at Austin Peay is ridiculous. The number of spaces

misused by students without passes is outrageous," says Jessica Hoover, junior Public Relations major.

"Attitudes toward parking are better this year," said Chief Provost. There will be more commuters parking on Eighth Street.

In addition, Austin Peay has acquired land to add two more parking areas. "The goal is to provide more parking for commuters in hopes that it will cut down on

students parking in housing, faculty and staff parking spaces."

The new parking and traffic regulations state there are a sufficient number of parking spaces on campus and adjacent streets for everyone to park legally.

"I understand parking is a great concern of students, however, isn't it nice that parking is our number one police problem on campus," said Chief Provost.

The Peay catches glimpse of Mars Madness

Campus Crowd gets closer look at Milky Way

By MELINDA SIMMONS
News editor

As the world prepares to see Mars at its closest so does Austin Peay State University

in its own celebration of this exciting event. "Mars Madness" will be Thursday evening, Aug. 28. The events include an actual viewing of "The Red Planet" through telescopes in front of the Dunn Center and a presentation by Dr. Alex King, an associate professor of physics and astronomy, called "Welcome to Mars."

According to Space.com, Mars will be less than 34.65 million miles away; closer than it has been in 59,619 years. Named after the Roman God of War, Mars should be easy to spot. It should appear orange or red, depending on the atmosphere, maybe yellow. This event may be a once in a lifetime experience.

According to Dr. Spencer Buckner, an associate professor of physics and astronomy, "it may be several hundred years before it comes this close again."

The events start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sundquist Science Complex with the presentation from King. The presentation will continue throughout the night at 8:30

p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The viewing in front of the Dunn center will be from 8-11 p.m. A bus will be provided to shuttle people between the Dunn Center and the Science building.

For more information call (931) 221-6241 or go to www.apsu.edu and click on the department of physics and astronomy.

Emerald Hills accommodates large families



Photo by George Shumoff

Emerald Hill Apartments have expanded adding three buildings.

By DONZETTA KETCHERSIDE
Staff Writer

Austin Peay offers six different options for living on campus including family housing. Many Austin Peay students may not have realized that family housing was offered for those who need it. This year more apartments have been added

for the convenience of the students.

"We added over three hundred new apartments overall, including sixteen for families at Emerald Hill," said Joe Mills, Director of Housing and Residence life. "Single students moved into over 300 new apartments added to Hand Village," says Mills.

"The students were placed

in hotel rooms until the apartments were ready on Aug. 24," Mills added.

The family apartments rent for \$495 to \$535 per month including washer and dryer hook ups in each apartment, as well as electric, Internet, cable and more. Students moved into the eight two-bedroom apartments and eight three-bedroom apart-

See Emerald, page 2.

Theft leaves Theater in the dark

Lighting, and Prop building Equipment stolen

By BRUCE SHANKS
Staff Writer

Somewhere between the fifteen days of the 2nd summer session and the fall semester, property was stolen in the theater department.

It is assumed a person or a group of people took \$3700 worth of equipment.

The theater department, which just recently installed a \$100,000, state-of-the-art lighting system, lost prop building equipment as well as

brand new lights. Scott Boyd, assistant professor of theatre, says "that the theft was not just from the theatre department, but also of the Austin Peay Community."

According to Boyd when the theft was actually discovered, a student went to unlock the cage where all the equipment is kept and the door fell of the hinges.

Immediately an inventory of the cage was taken and the police were notified.

Police Chief Eric Provost says that because of the fifteen-day gap it would be hard to find any suspects.

The reason the building was kept open was because of construction and also so that professors could prepare for fall classes.

No leads have developed in the case and Boyd does not believe that any will turn up.

He is currently replacing the tools so that the 19 students in his prop building class will actually have class.

"As for the lights that were stolen," Boyd says, "we will use the old lights until we can get an allotment from the State Legislators."

If you have information on the theft please call (931) 221-7786.

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News

Jay Leno tempts Gov candidates for California

By PATRICK MAY
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. To Leno or not to Leno? That is the question facing the candidates for governor of California.

Jay Leno has invited all 135 of them to be on "The Tonight Show" Sept. 22. Well, not exactly on the show, like his buddy Arnold Schwarzenegger when he announced his candidacy earlier this month. More like in the audience.

Some are plotting their own media events in Burbank, Calif., the same day as the taping, to tap into all the press hype expected around the Leno show.

But many others have eagerly replied to NBC, even if they have to pay their way there and back.

Leno "can poke fun at us all he wants, but it's really tough to get this sort of public exposure," said David Laughing Horse Robinson, a candidate from Bakersfield.

Diana Foss of San Jose is thrilled to be going. "I see it as a perk of running for governor. How often do I get a personal invitation to go on Jay Leno?"

But others are conflicted. Won't Jay simply exploit them as comic fodder, use them as human props?

Darin Price, a chemistry professor at Humboldt State University, says Leno can stick it up his monologue.

"Hell no, I'm not going," he said.

"Why would I pay \$400 to fly down there to sit in the audience and be made fun of? Not only am I not going to respond, I'm thinking of selling my invitation on eBay. It's got a nice little address card and envelope."

It's a tough decision for many candidates, financially strapped and desperate to get their message out to as many voters as they can.

Having your mug on TV, even for a flash, is a powerful aphrodisiac for many aspiring governors out there.

"Initially I thought this was just entertainment and not something I'd be interested in," said Bill Vaughn, a structural engineer from Lafayette. "But I talked to my sister-in-law and she said: 'Bill you have to

go. You never know how it might turn out. Maybe they'll decide they want to pull you up on stage or something. Who knows?'"

Doubtful, says Marc Valdez, a Sacramento air-pollution scientist who is boycotting the event. He feels Leno is abusing serious candidates by using them as part of the show.

"Other candidates tell me I'm all wrong, that I should look at it as an invitation to a party," he says. "But in my view, the party came and went when Arnold made his announcement on Jay's show. That was the party. This would be a consolation party, because we're not the guests of honor."

Sacramento political consultant Gale Kaufman agrees. "I'd say don't

go, because if you're a serious candidate you should get the play that Arnold got. Anything less is just for Leno's purposes."

This being in California, a mini-revolt has broken out over the invitation.

Angry e-mail is flying back and forth as candidates wrestle with the invitation. Audie Bock of Oakland thinks Leno should be ashamed of himself for blatantly exploiting the lesser-known candidates while giving Schwarzenegger "the complete forum." Peter Camejo's media representative, Tyler Snortum-Phelps, says the Green Party candidate "has better things to do than to sit in the audience of 'The Tonight Show' and have Jay Leno make fun of him."

GOOD LUCK

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Would like to wish our Football Team luck in
their game on the 28th against Tennessee-
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First home game brings first tailgate party for APSU

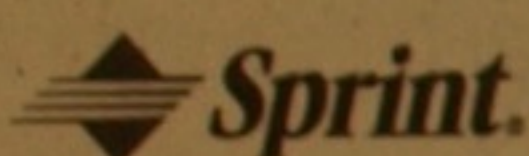
Austin Peay alumni, friends and students are invited to kick off the 2003 football season at a Pre-Game Tailgate Party on Saturday, Sept. 6, preceding the APSU vs. Campbellsville home opener.

Fans are encouraged to come and enjoy free hot dogs and hamburgers and help cheer our Governors to their first home victory of the season and support new head football coach Carroll McCray in his Austin Peay debut.

The tailgate party will be located in the parking lot on the west side of governor stadium in front of the Tennis Center.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m.; game time is 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the University Advancement Office, APSU Alumni Association, Governor's Club, Student Government Association, and Student Life and Leadership Office.

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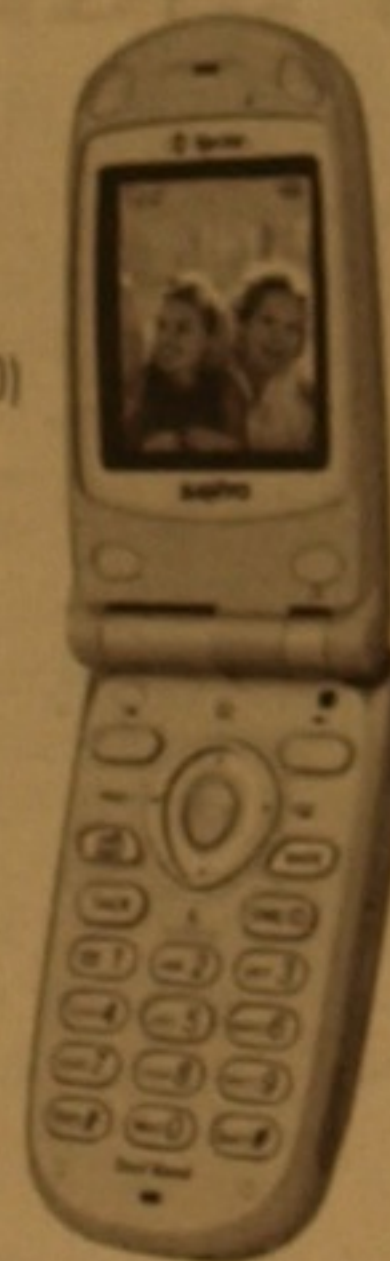


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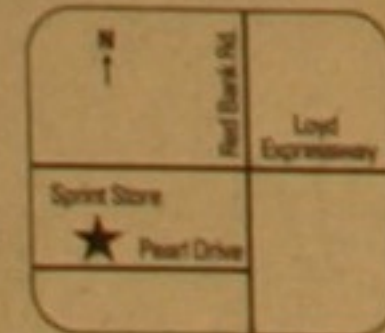
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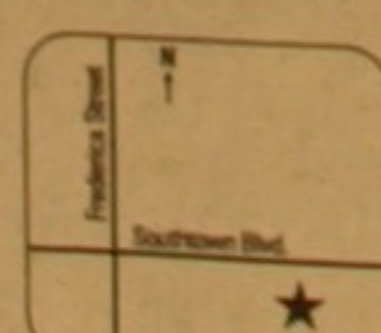
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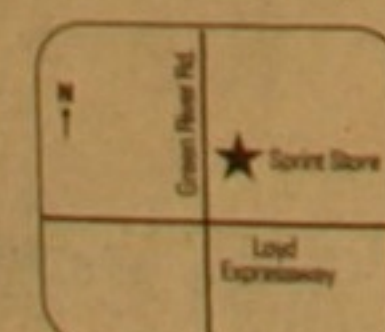
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Good Morning APSU

Campus Communities

SGA Meeting

Wed. Aug. 27, at 12 p.m.
room 203 in UC

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You are invited to the Fall 2003 info. meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. All interested ladies are welcome to come.

Governors Ambassador Recruitment

The Governors Ambassadors group is recruiting new members. Applications are available online (www.apsu.edu/govambassador); they can be turned in to UC 211 with a letter of recommendation by Sept. 10.

Sociology Club Meeting

The Sociology Club will meet at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26 in UC 310.

College Democrats

The College Democrats will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 28 in UC 310.

Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom

Discounted coupons available at UC info desk. 30- Nov. 2. Admission \$17.

Emerald *From Page One*

ments last week. Last year, Austin Peay did not turn down students desiring to reside on campus; however a small percentage was placed in hotels until the no shows were determined.

"We have no shows each year," says Mills. This year a small percentage of students were placed in hotel rooms until the construction was completed on the new apartments.

Theater Note:

This semester the AP Playhouse will have special guest director, Louis Fantasia. Fantasia will direct William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *An Evening of Brechtian Song and Poetry*. both will be performed in the months of November and October. For information and exact dates for showing contact the AP Playhouse at (931) 221-6390.

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Editorial

Sutton View

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor

The massive black out in the northeast recently affected millions of people.



SUTTON

In a day and age where society depends on electricity for survival, I can only imagine what it would be like to be in the middle of the blackout.

Well, maybe I can imagine it. Every night my lights go out as I go to bed. The room becomes dark and I am taken back several weeks into the heart of darkness. For all I know, I could be standing in Times Square.

As much as people are used to the dark, what makes this situation unusual? Could it be the tremendous amount of people trapped in elevators, subways and on escalators?

How much attention was paid to those individuals who were trapped by the cruel torture known as electricity?

What makes this situation a good story is the fact that there were no major issues with the public. No riots or mass looting was reported.

The residents of the affected areas and emergency officials were very prepared for the crisis. Now, I'm not trying to make light of the situation, but I think many people, including those in the news media, over reacted to this situation. Yes, people were in the dark, but that's why we have the sun.

The oldest source of light in the universe is the sun, and we need to take advantage of it. Now, if the sun had stopped working, that would be a serious problem.

Going back to the media over reacting, isn't it the job of cable news channels to make a serious

deal of every possible news situation in the world? From high speed pursuits on busy California highways to large building fires in the middle of Iowa, every story gets a dramatic name with some kind of over bearing graphic.

It certainly is easy for me to put myself in a situation like this having no real world experience of an extended blackout, which would be more than four hours.

But, what if there was a blackout at APSU? Would I have my wits about me to put the batteries in my flashlight and open my blinds during the day? Would I be calm enough to stop myself from trying to burn my furniture for a source of light? How would Campus Police react to such a situation with so few officers on patrol? I would like to think that everything would be fine, but you never know.

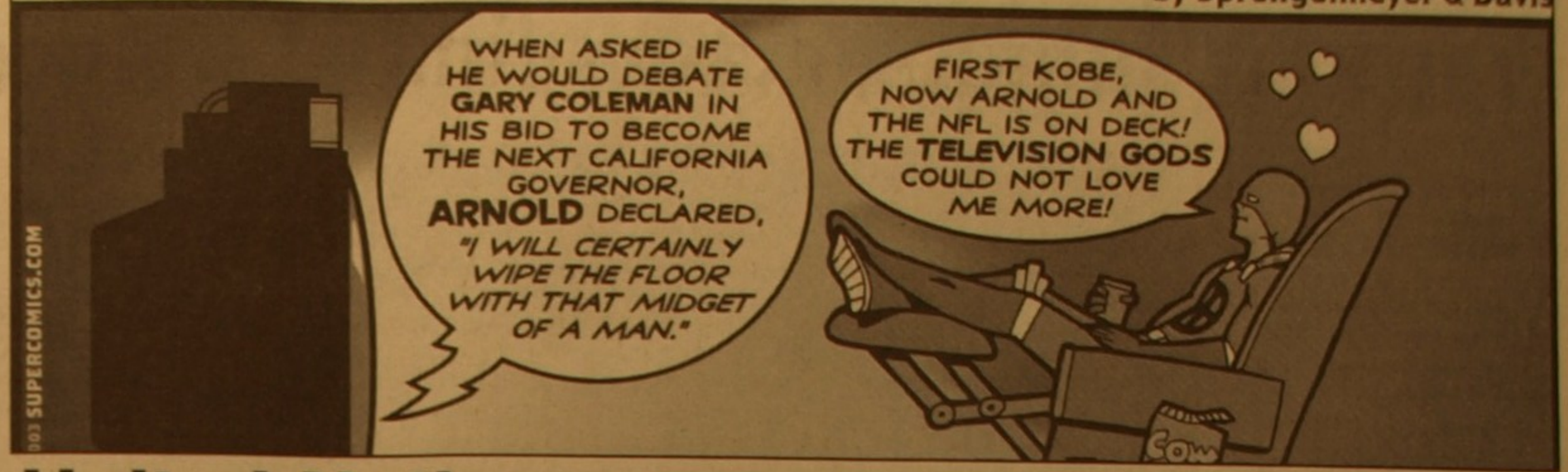
Moving on to other things in my world, lets talk about Welcome Week. You just have to applaud the efforts of everyone who put hard work and time into making the week what it was, a tremendous outpouring of enthusiasm and spirit. However, is that all we have to look forward to? I certainly hope not.

It would be a sad event and a sad year to say that the best events of the year happened at the beginning of the semester, when many of us were just getting accustomed to our new routine. What makes a successful year in student activities should be a year long effort that mimics the events that went into Welcome Week.

If you are a student who enjoyed the events, or even if you did not go to a single one, contact the people in charge and let them know what you would like to see in future events. The best way to get the ball rolling is for a good idea to make its way into the right hands.

You never know what you might get started.

CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Tele-Visions



United Nations presence needed in Iraq

U.S. war with Iraq costing too much money and life

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH
Staff Writer

The United States needs help. These words are not easy to hear or to type; but they are true.

Whether or not you believe we should or should not have gone into a war with Iraq, it is hard to deny things did not and are not working as planned.

The weapons of mass destruction have not been found, the Iraqis have grown tired of our presence and making Iraq a model of democracy in the Middle East has turned out to be far more costly in money and human life than we were told.

Since President Bush announced the end of major combat on May 1, 135 U.S. soldiers have been killed,

bringing the total American loss of life to 273.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this war has cost American taxpayers \$135 billion (that boils down to about \$1200 per taxpayer). It will require billions and billions more to get safe water and electrical systems up and running, not to mention reviving Iraq's health care system.

Even though the American public was assured the government had precise information as to where the weapons of mass destruction were located (remember the United Nations inspectors were just stalling) we have found no proof that Iraq did not destroy what weapons they had.

Add to this the fact that Iraq is now a haven for terrorist groups. The Iraqi borders are very easy to cross undetected because it is impossible for our limited troops to protect them.

With no real government or police force in place it has become

easy for terrorists to set up shop and recruit followers. The New York Times reported on Aug. 13 that terrorists have set up safe houses all over the country for incoming recruits. The two most suspected groups are Al Qaeda and Ansar al-Islam. Some would add a third, claiming Saddam Hussein still has active followers.

The U.N. headquarters bombing in Baghdad on Aug. 17 caused the United Nations to reassess their involvement in the war with Iraq. The Armed Vanguard of the Second Muhammad Army claimed responsibility for the 1,500-pound bomb placed outside U.N. Coordinator Sergio Vieira de Mello's window.

The United Nations is now interested in creating a resolution to help lift some of the "post-war" burden off of the back of the United States if given some control over military operations. Among those who have already agreed to help if

the United Nations is given military control are India, France and Germany.

We need their help. The job is too big and too costly for us to continue to go it alone. If we are going to win a war on terrorism it has to include other nations.

Unfortunately this will require Bush to be humble; something he is not very good at. Many of these international leaders argued from the beginning the "coalition" did not have the information or justification for going into this war.

With an already lagging economy, an increasing deficit and so many Americans out of work, our country would be better served if some of our money and our focus remained at home.

The United Nations may give us the only way out of this ever-broadening problem of post-war Iraq - and give some of our troops the chance to come home.

Editor seeks students with opinions

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor

Do you like what you see on the editorial page? If not, you have the power to change it, to a certain

degree of course.

The editorial page is currently seeking some dependable writers with an opinion who would like to contribute to making this a better page.

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Blood donation not a faint experience for some students

By ROSIE SPECK
Managing Editor

As I slowly came to, the words became more and more clear. The phrases I caught were, "Quick, someone go get some sugar," "Put her jacket under her head," "Are you ok? Rosie? Rosie?..."

A bit confused, I opened my eyes and stared from the office floor up into my co-workers' concerned faces.

It dawned on me that I had just fainted. Moments earlier I had jubilantly bounded over to the ROTC building and had, for the first time, donated my blood for the use of humanity.

Moments later, back at work in the office, my good deed backfired and floored me...literally. Let me explain.

Last semester, I was checking my student web-mail account (I'm one of the five students who do, I think) when I saw an announcement that the American Red Cross would be at the ROTC building taking blood donations later on in the week.

Turns out that I was free the time and day of the blood drive and so since I was old enough, brave enough and had blood enough, I decided to grab my friend to go along with me and give it a whirl.

I had never given blood before but was eager for the new experience, goodness knows why.

My friend and I found the blood drive in this gym area where on one side, three army-green cots were laid out for the blood donors to lie on and on the other side a man in gym clothes was running on a treadmill.

First, my friend and I filled out some basic student info and since there wasn't a long waiting line, we were then separately called to a little area sectioned off by curtains where a nurse was waiting to take down more information from us.

I was asked a whole bunch of questions concerning my blood such as if I was sexually active, if and where I had any piercings, if I had such and such a disease, if my parents had such and such a disease, if my distant cousin living in Tasmania had such and such a disease, if I had lived abroad in certain countries, etc... Then the nurse sterilized a needle, pricked my finger, tested my blood, took my blood pressure and, finding I was still qualified to donate blood, she sent me on my way to one of the army cots where an American Red

Cross person was taking two other girls' blood.

My friend, who I was counting on to go through the whole blood-being-drawn-out-of-body experience with me, had evidently lived in one of the forbidden countries that was on the black list for giving blood.

So, while I was chained and strapped down on the cot waiting for a needle to be inserted into my arm, my friend calmly, and, not without a little relief, I think, pulled up a chair next to my cot and told me it probably wouldn't hurt that badly.

And it didn't. Of course, it wasn't the most pleasant feeling in the world, I wouldn't want to go around all the time feeling as though there were a needle stuck in my arm taking out my blood, but it really

wasn't that bad and the people working there were really friendly, informational and were experienced at putting people at ease.

After my blood was drawn, I got a bandage for my arm, was given juice and cookies and was on my way back to the office for a meeting I had to attend.

I was feeling really good about what I had done. With little pain or effort on my part, I had donated blood, gotten juice and cookies and had saved a life.

I skipped into the office and was standing, talking to one of my co-workers when I felt the blood drain slowly from my head and, I am told, that I fell over on our graphic designer and onto the floor.

Soon after, I became conscious again and sugar was spooned under

my tongue, juice was given to me to drink and I was able to sit up slowly. After I ate a lot more, I was just peachy keen.

The point is, I've had the "dreaded" fainting experience after giving blood and it wasn't that bad.

The American Red Cross is coming to the University Center this Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and I'm going to give my blood again.

If you would like more information concerning the Red Cross and donating your blood, take a look at these two web-sites: www.redcross.org and <http://www.redcross.org/donate/give/>.

Giving blood saves lives. You have that opportunity.

Scandal at Baylor reflects poorly on NCAA sports

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor

One of the top sports related stories during the summer of 2003 was the highly investigated story of former Baylor University transfer, Patrick Dennehy, who was shot and killed by alleged suspect, Carlton Dotson.

What makes this tragic story even more scandalous to NCAA athletics and the Baylor community was the revelation that Baylor Men's Basketball Head Coach, Dave Bliss, was allegedly caught on tape trying to convince others that the deceased Dennehy was a drug dealer.

Bliss has since been terminated from his position at the university and Dennehy's father is now proceeding with a lawsuit against the university.

In addition to the Dennehy tragedy, the school is also being looked at for possible NCAA violations including improper tuition payments to student athletes.

In the wake of the events, Baylor University Athletic Director, Tom Stanton, stepped down from his position on Aug. 8.

No matter how this story unfolds and concludes, it has already tainted the face and look of college athletics.

The arena of college athletics has

recently gained an unpleasant image in the last few years, and the situation at Baylor does not help.

Millions of dollars can be made by the top collegiate schools in the country, only if there is a winning program. To get a winning program you must have the best players, which often comes at an illegal price.

Most of us have heard the tales of superstar athletes who have been seen driving cars way past their income level and making passing grades in classes without ever having to attend class.

Then there is the issue of athletes should be compensated somehow for their performance and time on the field. After all, certain athletes bring fame and fortune for the school that they play for.

I argue that athletes should not be compensated for their effort. Athletes already on scholarship are being rewarded, with an education. Those athletes not on scholarship are a different story however.

What benefits does an athlete playing a non-scholarship sport receive? I think we just have to accept that an athlete playing a non-scholarship sport plays for the fun and enjoyment of the game, and nothing else.

There is always the possibility that the NCAA needs to be more strict on investigations and punishments for those who violate

the rules.

Another issue that faces college athletics is the "special treatment" many athletes at big time schools receive. Aside from the gift giving and academic fraud, there is the crime factor.

With NCAA sports being covered more and more every year, the moves and trip-ups of top athletes seem to make the front page now more than ever. In the past few years we have heard about off the field actions of such athletes as Lawrence Phillips, Maurice Clarrett and others who have garnered the spotlight for their off the field exploits.

Issues may have gotten so bad in college athletics that many young high schoolers are opting for the professional game when at all possible. LeBron James is a recent example of one who may have bypassed the troubles and guidelines of college life for the riches of the NBA. Making college a marketable option for high school athletes is another top priority for NCAA rule makers.

Only with serious reform of the rules and guidelines will the NCAA be able to clean up its image and return to a golden period of highlights, bowl memories and a focus on the real reason we have collegiate sports, the tradition.

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Features

Famous singers, actors linked to Austin Peay

By CHARLES BRIDGERS IV
Staff Writer

Kevin Bacon is a famous actor, best known for such films as "Footloose," "Animal House" and "Hollow Man." One thing he is probably known for the most is the game called Six Degrees of Separation.

In the game, just about any actor in Hollywood is connected to Bacon in six steps. The steps are other actors who have starred in movies with the person in question.

Austin Peay State University is taking a page from this book and making its own version of the game. Kevin Bacon can be linked to Austin Peay in only five steps.

First, Kevin Bacon was in Animal House with Jon Belushi. Second, Jon Belushi is the brother of James Belushi. Third, James Belushi was in "Return To Me" with Carroll O' Connor. Fourth, Carroll O' Connor was born on Aug. 2 which is the same day that

there was a Rebecca Lynn Howard concert this year. Fifth, the Rebecca Lynn Howard concert happened at Austin Peay.

For those who don't know, Howard is an MCA Nashville recording artist who held a charity concert at APSU back in August 2. Hosted by the APSU Governor's Club, "An Unforgettable Evening" with Rebecca Lynn Howard occurred in the Music Mass Communications building.

As with any respectable show, there were a couple of opening acts playing before Howard, though they weren't musical.

Hors d'oeuvres were served at 5:45 p.m. to sustain the crowd, followed by an auction at 6:45 PM that bade for people's attention. Finally, at 7:30 p.m. Howard grabbed the microphone and showed all in attendance why she was there.

A native of Salyersville, KY, Howard began her musical journey at age six with the piano. A year

later she wrote her first song. She took up guitar when she was ten years old and four years later she decided to continue with string instruments and added the fiddle to her repertoire.

She finally signed her first record deal with Rising Tide Records when she was longer eighteen years of age.

After recording the song "Softly and Tenderly" for the Grammy-winning soundtrack for "The Apostle" she was dropped before an album could be recorded.

Decca Records also proved disappointing in that area. Home to country music stars such as Rebecca McIntire, George Strait and Trisha Yearwood. Decca's sister label MCA Nashville, released Howard's self-titled debut in 2000.

She blends musical styles such as gospel, country and bluegrass with her powerful vocals. She is influenced by a number of artists ranging from Mariah Carey to

label mate McEntire to even Michael Bolton. She is a talented songwriter as well, writing many of the songs that appear on her albums.

She was nominated twice in the 2003 Academy of Country Music Awards. Once for Top New Female Artist and the other time for Song of the Year with the hit "Forgive." This single also garnered her a nomination for Best Female Video of the Year at the 2003 Country Music Television Flameworthy Awards.

Howard wasn't the first performer to do a concert for Austin Peay. Louise Mandrell started the tradition in 1997 and other artists who followed were Lee

Greenwood, Kenny Chesney and Deana Carter. Howard mentioned in the "Leaf-Chronicle" that she was proud to be part of this series of concerts. All proceeds from her performance went to the APSU athletics

program. Overall, 400 people paid \$100 each to watch Howard perform. The auction raised \$8,607.50 selling various things including autographed guitars and microphones from popular artists such as the Beatles and Eric Clapton.

"An Unforgettable Evening" with Rebecca Lynn Howard was sponsored by ABC Auto Auction, Charter Communications, Chucks Furniture Depot, Family Net-WCKV-TV 49, 5-Star Radio Group, the Governors Club, The Leaf-Chronicle, Legends Bank, Matthews Nissan, WJZM 1400 AM, and WKAG-TV 43. Bank of America, Beach Oil/Direct Furniture, First Federal Savings Bank, Union Planters Bank and U.S. Bank also bought many of tickets for their employees.

Though it is impossible accurately say, it is quite probable that Kevin Bacon was not present for the festivities that evening.

APSU faculty exhibits beautiful art

By SHANA THORTON
Staff Writer

The Downtown Artists' Co-op Gallery is featuring an exhibition titled "Intimate Portraits" by artists Mitzi Cross, Malcolm Glass and Suta Lee through Sept. 20.

"It is an exquisite and bold collection of figurative work. This is a special show for Clarksville because there are many venues where you can't show nudity. I feel the DAC [Downtown Artists' Co-op] allows artists the opportunity to exhibit work other venues won't show due to content restrictions," Jason Scott, senior art major and president of the Student Art League, said at the opening reception of "Intimate Portraits."

The opening, which was held Friday, Aug. 22, brought the students, faculty and staff of Austin Peay together with art appreciators

from the Clarksville community. All wandered to the DAC Gallery located at 105 Franklin St. above the Front Page Deli. "Intimate Portraits" features fine art, nude photographs by Cross and Glass. Some photographs are figurative studies, while others are more traditional portraits.

The use of color and duplication in several pieces by Cross echo the style of Andy Warhol. While "Woman and Trees" and "Woman with Cat Mask" display visual metaphors for the female body; they are symbolic of inner and outer beauty, enlightenment of the individual and hiding behind outside masks, and finally companionship with nature and the body. Interestingly, the majority of the pieces in the exhibit are images of the female body.

"Often when I am teaching, people hear the word nude or

nudity and it instantly triggers something in people that is taboo. What I'd like for people to get out of this show is that it is a celebration of the human body. The body is something to be celebrated, because the body is where the soul resides," Cross said.

The photographs taken by Glass, who is a retired professor of creative writing from Austin Peay, span three decades.

The use of time in his art displays the journey of each decade's modern woman. The use of identical postures in "1970" and "2000" demonstrate such a passage. "We are trying to get people to sense something deeper than the image."

We hope the photographs will let something come out of the viewer," Glass said. "Cross and

Glass are married and worked



Photo by Joseph Kerstetter

together on the exhibit. One can see their influence in each other's art. The "Intimate Portraits" exhibition also features another type of portraiture besides photography.

Suta Lee, professor of painting at Austin Peay, has included several of his watercolors and many portraits completed in oils. The style of each artists is what makes the exhibit so unique.

Interim director named

By CHUCK Knight
Staff Writer

Dr. Neil Thorburn has been named interim director of the Austin Peay State University School of Business. Thorburn brings to APSU and to the business department a liberal arts background and years of teaching and administrative work.

"Unlike most directors of schools of business my training is in the liberal arts discipline," said Thorburn. "I have a PhD in American History from North Western. I started my career by teaching history for about a dozen years before I got involved in college administration."

Thorburn most recently served as interim president at McPherson College in Kansas. Before his retirement, Thorburn was president of Wilmington College in Ohio from 1982-1995.

About his positions after his retirement, Thorburn said, "This is the fifth time I've done a post-retirement, temporary position. I belong to an organization called the Registry for College and University Administrators. We're all retired college presidents, a few deans, a few financial officers, and we're the elbow for this kind of assignment."

While Thorburn settles into his new position, he is taking time to get a feel for APSU.

"Right now I'm doing a lot of listening and getting acquainted

with members of the faculty. My initial impressions are very positive. I've met some very, very interesting people in the last couple of weeks. And, I think this place (APSU) is in a good position to move along and I want to help them do that the best I can."

Austin Peay is a bit different from Thorburn's last appointment. Noting the differences between small colleges like McPherson (a student body of around 350) and midsize state universities like APSU, he said, "In the way we're organized administratively here at Austin Peay, it's a little more complicated, a little more bureaucratic. Higher education is higher education wherever you go. Our curriculum, at least here in business, is a pretty good one - a high side of being well organized. Graduates seem to do well. People seem to be happy in the classroom."

In what is sure to be a busy academic year, Thorburn will be assisting APSU in finding a permanent director for the school of business. "We're going to do what they call in the trade, a national search to make sure we talk to a number of people who might be interested in the job," Thorburn said. For more information about Dr. Neil Thorburn visit

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Love at The Peay

Last week I touched on an important communication skill in a relationship. It is not just important in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, it is important in all types of relationships, including friendships. This week I concentrate on the type of relationships we all seem to have the most trouble with, the relationship between boyfriend and girlfriend.

As the semester is starting, we have all of these new relationships, we seem to be overreacting and tend to forget about our old half. If you find yourself busier than normal, try to communicate to your partner what your plans are for the semester and how much time you plan to spend together. Before I go further, let me remember what our main goal is to graduate.

With that said, keep an open line of communication with your partner. If you have not already had a conversation about the upcoming semester, take time out to have a conversation as soon as possible. It may seem simple, but that can save you a lot of time discussing issues and also save you a lot of headaches.

This is just for the ladies. We tend to spend a lot of time with our girlfriends and if he is not giving us the time we jump to conclusions and start wondering why he does not have time for us anymore. We know our schedule like the back of our hand and know he is not in class and so why is he not with me? Let's not do this! This causes a lot of stress to run away and spend more time away from us. Take a look at what you are doing and try not to let him about time.

Try to stay busy yourself and concentrate on school. Set your own goals for the semester and try hard to maintain them. I know you do not like to feel neglected and you won't if you take time out for yourself and spend it doing something that you like to do yourself. Spend more time with your friends, go shopping, go to the salon or just chill. This will let your guy know that you have a life too and you are not trying to live over his life by being around all the time.

Now for the men, women do not like to be neglected. Take time out to concentrate on them and their needs. If they like to spend a certain amount of time with you, then try to do that. There is nothing like a happy woman in a relationship, then in turn you will be happy because everything is going well. Take time away from your friends and spend time with your lady. Take time out from studying to spend time with her. You know that Wednesday is her least busy day then take her out to the movies that day or do something that you both planned. That way she feels like she is still important and you take time out of your schedule to spend valuable time with her.

Men, please make sure to tell your lady at least three times a day. Even if you only say, "I love you." "I was thinking about you" makes your woman feel special. That makes you feel special and often overlooked because it is a simple gesture. Believe me, that can make your lady's day more than you know.

With all that being said, remember that communication is more than talking. It may be spending time doing homework together. It is silent but there are words being exchanged, even if you are having that conversation in your mind. I am going to leave you with five simple tips that can help make this semester easier for the both of you.

1. Respect: always respect your partner, no matter what his or her wishes are.
 2. Trust: try to let go of your events and learn to trust again.
 3. Take time out for yourself. Use time to assess your own needs.
 4. Love: remember to love unconditionally. But don't give all.
 5. Have fun: Don't forget to have you two got together in the place. And don't forget to communicate. Communication is key!
- Please email all of your questions and problems to Love@thePeay.theallstate.apsu.edu

Sports

by the NUMBERS

2

Number of days until the first women's volleyball game.

2

Number of goals scored by sophomore Kaylee Yago in APSU's exhibition soccer victory over Bethel, Saturday.

6

Number of home games in the 2003 Football schedule.

6

Number of future Bat Gobs who have signed a Letter of Intent to play baseball in 2003-04.

7

Number of future Lady Gobs who have signed a Letter of Intent to play softball in 2003-04.

8

Number of Lady Gobs on the Women's Cross Country roster.

9

Number of home games in the 2003 Women's Soccer schedule.

10

Number of Gobs on the Men's Cross Country roster.

12

Number of home games in the 2003 Women's Volleyball schedule.

21

Number of Lady Gobs on the Women's Soccer roster.

78

Number of Gobs on the 2003 Football roster.

Volleyball squad ready for 2003

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

Reporting to Austin Peay two weeks early, the Lady Gobs volleyball team worked on vital skills needed to accomplish their goal of winning the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Championship, after receiving a disappointing preseason ranking of sixth in the conference.

Practicing for six hours a day for a week straight, the Lady Gobs showed improvement from the first day. Learning to trust each other and looking for consistency were some of the big things Head Coach Cheryl Holt and her staff looked for.

"Every good hitter gets blocked, but don't let a blocked ball beat you," Coach Holt told her players.

After two weeks of practice, Coach Holt believes that she can put in any combination of her 11 players and win. She is also pleased with preseason OVC first-team junior Sarah Schramka and OVC second-team senior Amy Walk for their acknowledgement of their exceptional skill. Showing great promise are two freshmen, Ashley Genslak and Laura Wussow, as they join the team and show great potential.

"We are really pleased with the freshmen this year. They have worked really hard and have really pushed the upperclassmen," said Schramka.

Every game in the conference is a big one, but the big match to watch this year is against Murray State. Stacked with four players, each over six feet tall, Murray State will be one of the more difficult teams the ladies face, but they look forward to the opportunity.



Head Coach Cheryl Holt (background) watches over one of her players during practice in the Dunn Center.

"Murray is one of the hardest teams we are going to face, but if we play our best we should win," said Schramka.

"I think with the experience play of Sarah and Amy, positive things will happen," said Mike Griggs, a Graduate Student at APSU. "I look forward to seeing these players propel the team to several dominant victories."

A key element that the ladies feel they are missing from the team going into the season is the amount of fan support.

"There is an advantage to playing at home, and that is the fan participation," said Holt. "We need some support from the community," said Walk.

"We appreciate the fans we do have as far as the Gobs Club and other athletes, but some

student support is needed," said Schramka.

The Lady Gobs open their season Fri., Aug. 29 against Southern Illinois at the Saluki/Best Inns Invitational in Carbondale, Ill. The match begins at 7 p.m.

The Lady Gobs first home game will be against Belmont Tues., Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Dunn Center.

Games on schedule...

Thursday, August 28

Football at Tennessee-Martin, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 29

Women's Soccer vs. Alabama A&M, 7 p.m.

Women's Volleyball at Southern Illinois, 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

Women's Volleyball vs. Iowa at SIU, 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Denver at SIU, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

Women's Soccer vs. East Tennessee State, 2 p.m.

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Soccer team shuts down Bethel, 2-0

By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University's women's soccer team kicked off the season with an exhibition win against Bethel, 2-0, on Saturday.

Two goals by sophomore Kaylee Yago in the first 30 minutes was all the offense the Lady Gobs needed in their only preseason contest before facing Alabama A&M in the season-opener.

"I think it's a good start," said Head Coach Kelley Poole. "It was really good for the newcomers, and especially those returning on the team who went through last year."

The young team, in its second year of existence, has 12 newcomers and mostly consists of freshmen. Last year, the Lady Gobs finished the season 0-13-3 overall and Saturday's victory was definitely a confidence booster according to Coach Poole.

"It set the pace for the season," said Poole.

With one game under the team's belt, the coaching staff has already noticed an overall improvement from last year's team.

"I think depth is a key. Last year, we only had 11 players at the end of the season and we didn't have anyone to put in throughout games," said Poole. "There was no competition for the starters because

there was no one to take their position."

"Now we have people competing for starting positions. We're into week three and the kids want to prove themselves and that's what I like to see."

Next on the Lady Gobs' hitlist is Alabama A&M, who shut out APSU, 5-0, last year in what Poole describes as their worse game last season.

"A&M has a lot more experience, they're just a little older than us. It was a poor result last year and the girls from last year remember it," said Poole. "They know some of the girls from A&M. We don't want to replicate what happened last year."

Being offensive is important according to Poole since A&M has good speed.

"We've been working on team play and more transition play. Last year, we defended a lot. We want to focus more on attacking," said Poole.

The 2003 season begins on Aug. 29, and now the wins count, as the Lady Gobs hope to capture their first win in school history.

"I'd jump up and cheer and then commend the girls," said Poole. "They're itching for it just as much as I am. We'd be super-excited, and then ready to take on the next opponent."

New weight room underway

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

Scheduled to open Oct. 6, the new 55,000 square foot University Recreation Weight Room/Aerobic Studio is promised to be a great addition to the university. The facility will be a great improvement as it will offer wellness counseling, aerobics, personal training and much more, in addition to new fitness equipment.

After the bookstore moved across the street into its new building, renovations began to turn the open space left by the bookstore into a fitness facility. New tile floor, mirrors and wiring are just some of the changes made to the building.

The bid for the workout equipment is still open, but the equipment has been promised to be delivered in time when the doors are opened.

Upon opening of the new fitness facility, APSU will be equipped with the right equipment and adequate space to offer a wide range of fitness programming. From beginner to the advanced workout, the facility will accommodate all students, faculty and staff.

"The facility is going to be a great place to get in shape, have new experiences and meet new people," said Marcus Haynes, the current weight room supervisor.

The naming of the facility is still pending at this time.

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