



Bipartisan internships benefit students

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University has set up internships with campaigning politicians in return for elective credit hours.

The current interning programs are set up with Phil Bredesen's re-election campaign and the Joshua Evans campaign for the Robertson County seat to the Tennessee House.

In order for these internships to be available, a representative from each party has to confer with the APSU political science department and establish the

guidelines for the internship.

Controversy has arisen throughout campus recently in regards to the lack of students interning with the Democratic parties; more specifically the issue has been regarding lack of internships with the local Democratic party in Montgomery County.

"The Democratic Party did attempt to get an internship for the party itself [locally]," said Keith Amoral, a local Democratic party member. According to Amoral, the offer was turned down due to a reported lack of interest amongst students.

David Kanervo, chair of the political science department said that he would never dismiss an

internship due to political bias and that the political science department, "looks at it as an opportunity for students to learn something about the political process."

In regards to a lack of interest in political internships, there are currently zero students enrolled for either Bredesen or Evans' campaign, Kanervo said.

Some students are concerned with the amount of advertisement done for the political internships.

"I never heard of the internships with the Bredesen campaign," said D.J. Luciano a president of the APSU College Democrats.

Kanervo spoke on the subject and said that he did not furnish campaign flyers and only posted those that were given to him by each campaign. He also explained that being an intern for these campaigns is like registering for a class, therefore the deadlines would be the same.

The political science department has internships available with the Tennessee legislature and the governor's office.

Enrollment for the governor's office is ongoing and continues through the summer. The application deadline for the legislative internship is Sept. 29. Each internship is worth 15 credit hours ♦

Piñata burst, free candy for all



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Cyzz Walters takes his turn at the piñata outside the campus bookstore last Friday. His hit successfully broke the pinata, freeing the candy inside.

Event kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15 with a piñata burst outside the Morgan University Center.

The Hispanic Honor Society, Pi Nu, is sponsoring numerous events throughout the month long celebration as well as the Hispanic Cultural Center.

Upcoming events include:

- Game night: Oct. 6 that will take place at 6 p.m. in UC 120.

- Family style dinner night; home cooked Latino dishes served Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. in UC 120.
- Hispanic movie night: Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in Ritazza's coffe shop. Salsa night: Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in UC 120.

There are many more events happening throughout the month. For more information, thoses interested can contact Pi Nu or the Hispanic Cultural Center. ♦



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Students make a ma -dash for candy after the piñat was split open last Friday. The Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off event included some candies with numbers which gave the recipients bigger prizes.

Geier funding may soon run dry

Geier money recipients

- APSU currently receives Geier funding for:
- Scholarships for African-Americans
 - Graduate fellowships for African-American students
 - Professional development and educational assistance for African-American faculty and staff
 - Relocation assistance for newly hired African-American faculty and staff
 - The "Families" pilot program for freshmen African-American students

Money from 1968 lawsuit funds numerous minority programs

By NATALIE GILMORE
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Incoming black freshmen starting in Fall 2007 may not have the same programs offered to them at Austin Peay State University if the motion is moved to end a 38-year old desegregation lawsuit.

Gov. Phil Bredesen and Rita Geier, the woman who filed the lawsuit in 1968, announced its end on Monday, Sept. 11 and filed a joint motion in U.S. District Court asking to dismiss it.

The governor also vowed to commit about \$19 million a year to fund programs it had required, not just towards Tennessee Board of Regents' universities but as well as UT and all public education institutions.



BREDESEN

"I can only hope that the governor and the legislature continue to fund programs that assure access, equal employment and an appreciation for diversity in the state's institutions of higher education," said Richard Jackson, APSU's vice president for Legal Affairs & Strategic Planning.

Wendy Thompson, special assistant to the chancellor for Geier Implementation at TBR, said it's in the best interest of the state and the governor to continue funding and they're not expecting to have any losses.

"We're hoping there won't be cutbacks. We're looking at it is a big access initiative that has diversity as a major component of that. We just have to determine which programs get the best bank for the buck," said Thompson.

Since 2001, the state has spent \$77 million to help public colleges and universities diversify their student bodies, faculties and staff.

Part of that settlement has also helped APSU improve and create its own programs in line with the decree's terms.

This year, the university will receive \$173,000, which, according to Jackson is considerably less than it has received in the last two years.

If APSU doesn't receive Geier money in f all 2007 for programs geared at increasing diversity, Jackson said it would be difficult,

Professors' work showcased in national science magazine

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
Guest Writer

Two Austin Peay State University professors' work was showcased this month in a national magazine.

The world of science is ever changing; computational physics is a relatively new branch to the science community. A few universities around the country have realized the importance of this new field and have upgraded their curriculum accordingly. That wasn't quite enough for the physics department of APSU.

Headed by Jaime Taylor and Alex King, a new program has been devised to include the physics, mathematics, and computer science departments. This radical change, which puts APSU among only three others nationally; is an entire curriculum of computational physics.

Computing Science and Engineering, a national science journal, contacted universities with a computer physics program, in 2005. They had hoped to learn more about the new field and what was being done to teach it within the schools. Taylor responded to the magazine's request with a lengthy e-mail detailing all the work he and King, along with their colleagues, were doing at APSU.

Norman Chonacky, the journal's editor in chief, requested an entire paper on the program at APSU, detailing the courses involved, teaching methods, and the computer programs it uses. It was published in the Sept./Oct. edition this year.

Computational physics is different from traditional physics; it was needed because of its strong everyday applications. The techniques learned in these courses are

involved in aerodynamics, used by the military to devise new ways to propel submarines, and many others.

APSU's program differ from others around the country in many ways. One such way is the sheer extent to which the faculty embraced it. It would be a remarkable feat for two different departments in a university to devise and work on a program like this. The APSU faculty has gone above and beyond to collaborate on this project for students' benefit. There has always been math in physics, but not the other way around.

However, with this new program, there is now a new emphasis on math courses with computational methods that will be seen in the physics lab. Computer science courses that the physics students needed but that were geared toward business majors have a renewed emphasis on using the methods and programs needed in physics. The intense cooperation of both departments has contributed to the success.

Through the different courses, students learn to use such programs as Mathematica and LaTeX gradually with the hope that, upon graduation, they will be able to be competitive in an ever-changing scientific environment.

According to King, this program didn't just pop up overnight. The classes were already in place, and little by little they added the different computational methods over the years, until realizing that they could potentially create an entire emphasis in one field.

"It takes courage and hard work to make change," Taylo said.

"Doctors King and Taylor are outstanding faculty



JAROD LEONARD/PHOTO EDITOR

APSU professors Alex King (left) and Jaime Taylor (right) pose with a copy of the Sept. Oct. issue of *Computing Science and Engineering* that features the two.

members. They are two of many exemplary faculty members who garner national attention regularly...not only doing an exemplary job here, but representing us [APSU] nationally and internationally as well, and representing us very well," said APSU president Sherry Hoppe. ♦

Students return to campus homes

By TANGELIA CANNON
Staff Writer

After three weeks of living in hotels, Austin Peay State University's third floor Harvill residents were finally able to move into their dorms.

Carpenters continue to repair the first and second floors of each residence hall while the students who will be living there remain in hotels provided by the university.

"I came up here Friday, Aug. 28. My sister and I pulled up, expecting to move in. [Instead] we saw a message on the door telling us to go to Joe Mills office. We walked down there and found out that the Tennessee Board of Regents had to shut down the dorms, due to mold," said Amber Byard, 19, a sophomore, elementary education major.

Expecting only to stay for less than a week, students are exhausted by the continuous postponing of the exact move-in dates.

"I've been going to get food from fast food places," admits Byard, "so I don't have to drive to campus, find a parking spot or arrange my life around the schedule of the shuttle."

Another issue that remains to a common problem is studying. Due to the fact that there is no library at the hotels, it is not easy for the students to just run across campus and do their research at the library.

"I am ready to move in. My father is ready, he had my bags ready to move, and eventually put them away because he realized that it would be another couple of weeks. However, I do not believe that anyone's health should be jeopardized for the sake of money or time," Byard said.

Over 50 students took advantage of Great Change Day, and moved into dorms other than the ones they were initially assigned to.

"At first I didn't like living in the hotels, because I moved onto campus to be on campus, and my car was still in Dixon. Then, when I got here, I had to move to a hotel, and wait on a bus every morning for 30 to 40 minutes." She admitted to having no other concern or issue with living in the hotel versus the dorm, but she feels sorry for her roommate, who "paid for a single room, and now is living in a double occupancy," said Kathy Coleman, a 26-year-old senior, political science major.

Other students, such as Patricia Johnson, nursing major, moved in to the third floor of Harvill on Sept. 10.

Johnson admitted she felt disconnected living in the hotel. Since she's been back on campus that feeling of disconnection has disappeared, she said.

"If you don't have a family in Clarksville, it [living on



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF P

Above, Taylor Bearden, 21, a senior living in Harvill Hall was allowed to move in to her dorm Sept. 10. Some residents are still living in hotels until the final construction on the drywall is completed.

Below, boxes sit empty in the Harvill Hall lobby.



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF P

campus] gives you an opportunity to build a family and friends," Byard said.

There has yet to be a move-in date set, Joe Mills, director of housing is hoping for the first and second floor residents of Harvill to be moved onto campus by Sept. 18 or 19. "They are cutting out some of the drywall in some of the ceilings, we have to patch that, and repaint Harvill," Mills said.

Blount is about five days behind Harvill, due to an inconclusive air quality test. Once the air quality tests come back positive, third floor Blount residents are expected to be able to move into their dorms.

"I truly appreciate the patience of all of the students. I hope that we have made their transition a good once. We're trying our best to get them back onto campus. It is going to be a great environment for them to live in," Mills said. ♦

Tenn. schools given C-minus

State report card says students' college preparation under par

Associated Press

Tennessee receives only a "C-minus" in preparing its young people for college, though that is a substantial improvement over a decade ago, and flunks on the financial burden it places on students trying to get a degree, a national report card said.

Tennessee's higher education effort has made strides by most measures since the early 1990s, according to the biennial study to be released Thursday by the independent National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education and U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings in Washington.

But Tennessee still is flirting with only average scores compared to other states and considered "underperforming" on some levels, according to the report, "Measuring Up 2006: The State Report Card on Higher Education."

The impact will be felt both on family incomes and the state economy, said Patrick Callan, president of the center. High-paying, knowledge-based jobs go where the workers are.

"College doesn't guarantee anybody a good job," he said. "[But] we're in a world that just relentlessly punishes communities, states and countries with undereducated populations ... by moving the jobs to other states or to other countries." The bottom line: "If you stay the same as you are or you regress, your economy is likely to regress hand in hand with it," Callan said.

The only category in which Tennessee made no gains was in college affordability. Tennessee and 42 other states all failed.

The report said the cost of going to a four-year college in Tennessee now equals 38 percent of the income of a lower-middle class family in Tennessee. As a result, student borrowing is going up the average undergraduate loan in 2006 was \$3,463.

The University of Tennessee and Tennessee Board of Regents systems kept tuition increases this fall below five percent. It was the

smallest hike in a decade, thanks to a rare boost in appropriations from the state.

"We have to reign in the price," Callan said, noting that college tuition and fees have grown 375 percent since 1982, outpacing normal inflation (95 percent), growth in family income (127 percent) and medical care (223 percent).

Tennessee graded "C-minus" in preparation for college _ Tennessee is "among the poorest-performing states" in the number of young adults earning a high school diploma or equivalent, the report said. Eighty-three percent of Tennessee's 18- to 24-year-olds had a diploma or GED in 2006, up from 77 percent in 1992.

Another "C-minus" came in college participation rates. The study said the number of Tennesseans enrolled in college by age 19 has grown 12 percent since 1992 against a slight decline nationally. But Tennessee still had fewer students in this category (36 percent) than the national average (40 percent).

The study also found a sharp drop in the number of working-age Tennesseans enrolled part time in post-secondary education, a decade-long trend Tennessee higher education officials noted last year.

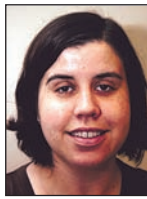
Tennessee scored a "B" on its education completion rate — the number of students who stayed in college once they got there, particularly among first-year community college students. The report said 49 percent of full-time college students received a bachelor's degree within six years in Tennessee, up from 46 percent in 1992.

Meanwhile, Tennessee received a "C-plus" in realizing the benefits of its more highly educated population. Some 25 percent of adult Tennesseans had a college degree in 2006, compared to 18 percent in 1992. The average for the top states was 37 percent. ♦

SOARE helps environment

By STEPHANIE COWARD
News Editor

Austin Peay State University spent over \$1.5 million on electricity during the 2005-06 academic year. Students Organized to Advance



CAMERON

Renewable Energy (SOARE) is hoping to reduce the cost of electricity on campus by at least 12 percent. SOARE president Jessica Cameron said that the group is working with Student Government Association Senator Deanna Hensley to get a referendum through the SGA that would allow students to vote on increasing student fees \$10.

Seven of the \$10 increase would go to purchasing renewable energy directly from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The left

over \$3 from the increase would stay within the campus to purchase more energy efficient items such as solar panels to aide in heating the buildings.

"We're trying to get the vote on the homecoming ballot," Cameron said.

SOARE is a local organization that became part of the APSU community during fall 2005 by professor Joe Schiller and several environmentally concerned students.

Cameron said that the entire administration has been extremely helpful and supportive of their work.

Cameron was recently contacted by *Business Week* magazine, which will be featuring the organization in one of its upcoming issues.

SOARE is always looking for new members.

Their next meeting will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Morgan University Center, room 310. ♦

Democratic convention brings politics to Clarksville

By CYNTHIA BRYSON
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's College Democrats are actively assisting the state's Democratic Party agenda and candidates in the November mid-term elections.

The party made their support known at the recent Labor Day celebration at Charles Hand's Robertson County farm on Sept. 9.

Volunteerism for the Montgomery County Democrat office is also keeping them busy making phone calls in support of the state democrats.

Caleb McMillan, a 19-year-old political science major, serves as secretary of the group and attended the rally with Jennifer Lee, an 18-year-old nursing major. "We're really trying to spark interest, get a lot of people knowing who we are, and a lot of people willing to work with us; we're really excited about this election and we're going to win," said McMillan.

"I want to help get this organization out to the community and support our Democratic community [and] help get Harold Ford campaign's going," said Lee, who is running for treasurer of the organization at their upcoming Sept. 21 elections.

Prominent state Democrat officials attended the rally. Gov. Phil Bredesen, Rep. Kim McMillan, and Senate hopeful Rep. Harold Ford were among the key speakers. Labor was appropriately one of the main issues discussed with Lindsey Jerry Lee, president of the Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council giving perhaps the most rousing speech of the evening.

"If we don't win in America we will be the first generation in America to leave our kids and grandkids less than what was left us," said Lee, drawing a standing ovation from the enthusiastic crowd.

The need for change in Tennessee and the nation was stressed as well. "A change is needed...[there are people] who know that this country is capable of so much more than what the [Washington] Republicans are giving us," said Ford.

Bredesen supports Ford's campaign, and is "optimistic about the future." "[If elected]

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

IABC chapter Sept. meeting

The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) will meet at 3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 in the Kimbrough Building, Room 119. Gerry Helper of the Nashville Predators will discuss the communication crisis of the hockey stoppage, followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session. All interested parties are welcome. Contact Debbie Gibbons, IABC president at 221-6308 for more information.

One More Chance to Get the Class You Need

If a class you needed was full or you could not work it into your schedule, you may be able to take the course through the Austin Peay Center @ Fort Campbell. You can register for Fort Campbell Center classes Oct. 2-6. The term lasts eight weeks. There are no Friday classes. The Fall II term dates are Oct. 10-Dec. 9. For more information contact Cheryl Garret at 221-1400.

Additions to Group Fitness Schedule

Two new classes have been added to the Austin Peay Group Fitness schedule. One that targets buttocks, legs and thighs will be 7:15-7:45 a.m., Mondays and 6:45-7:15 p.m., Tuesdays. The other class is Cardio Dance from 5:45-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays.

Green seminars hosted throughout the year

XEM Chemistry Club is hosting a series of green seminars throughout the academic year. The first seminar will cover plastic production and recycling and will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in UC 308.

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if not impossible, to continue funding the current programs with other revenue resources.

Carol Bennett, director of the African American Cultural who also heads the Families First Mentoring Program, agrees that the university will see a significant loss in minority students if scholarships or programs are taken away from APSU.

Though Bredeson indicated he wants to continue to fund diversity initiatives like the one's funded under Geier, the outcome of how much money, if any is expected to go towards universities.

"We feel confident that we can continue to do the successful programs that we've had with some level of funding, we just can't be sure what that level will be," said Thompson. ♦

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it would give us the ability to bring a lot of good things home to the state of Tennessee," he said.

Rep. McMillan is vacating her position and Democrat Joe Pitts of Clarksville, vice president/market manager of Planters Bank is running for the District 67 seat.

The College Democrats have attracted about 216 students on their Facebook site, and are holding their next meeting on Sept. 21. The group's president is D.J. Luciano.

Getting students to vote is just part of the group's agenda. Conducting meetings and events to learn what issues students care about, determines the focus of their message.

"There are enough of us that if we all get out and vote like we should, we can determine this election; the Senate election this year is going to be very, very close and if a few hundred college students come out to vote, we could decide the election this year," said McMillan (no relation to Rep. McMillan).

McMillan's passion for politics has been active from the time he accompanied his mother to vote as a 4-year-old. "I thought it was the coolest thing ever, and I've been into it ever since; I've been a Democrat ever since I was in elementary school," said McMillan.

Students interested in learning more about the group can stop by their table at the UC on Sept. 19, and register to vote at the same time. ♦

OUR TAKE

Unite to perfection

We the people of *The All State*, in order to reflect upon the most perfect union, discuss justice, theorize about domestic tranquility, hypothesize towards affirming the best general defense, expose ourselves to best-conceived general welfare, and ensure ourselves that the fortunes of freedom and prosperity, do uphold and defend the Constitution for the United States of America which protects and permits the foundational elements that make all of these things we hold dear in this country possible.

On Sept. 17, 1787 our founding fathers bound together to establish a constitution mapping out a guide to how things are to operate. It was to be the first governing document possessing the ability to adapt and correspond to the dynamic transitions of time. Because our founding fathers created a living document, our Constitution's relevance is just as evident today as it was back in 1787.

Our founders were imperfect men,

Stephanie Coward
Natalie Gilmore
Mandy Rogers

Real Patriots Question

By PROFESSOR GREG RABIDOUX
Politically Speaking

Questions, it has been said, are like human laser beams. They can focus our consciousness and propel us to truth. There may be nothing as powerful or puzzling as the unanswered question. It simply refuses to budge, slowly growing over time. Where once it was a grain of sand, perhaps causing some slight irritation to those in power, it later grows to be a pebble, later still, a rock. Questions simply demand answers. In our democracy, questions posed by our citizenry demand accountability. As Albert Einstein said, "Never lose the holy curiosity of asking questions."

So, in the spirit of curiosity, and armed with the knowledge that to question power is not simply partisan but patriotic, the following questions demand, if not answers, at least vigorous debate. Why, if Afghanistan is, as we were told, the central front in the war on terrorism, a virtual hot-bed incubator for terrorists, are we neglecting it so, as if it were an unwanted orphan? Taliban insurgency is on the rise, the Afghani elected leader cautions us that it is now suffering its most civil war strife since the fall of the Taliban and wonders out loud, why are all of our resources seemingly directed at Iraq? Just what is our strategy for Afghanistan and how will that impact terrorism on main street USA?

What is our current mission in Iraq and what is our true exit strategy? It looks, smells, acts and quacks like a full-fledged civil war, so just what is the plan for this messy, embryonic would-be (maybe?) democratic duck? Car bombs detonate, civilians and soldiers become martyrs, our military leaders demand more support and resources to finish the job, and many ask simply, what is the job? Our democracy was conceived in 1776, refined in 1789 and has taken 217 more years to evolve and we are still working mightily at getting "it" right. How long until Iraq is allowed its time to grow and mature on its own?

Closer to home, questions abound about just what all is involved with domestic surveillance and the struggle against terrorists, home-grown and foreign. With sophisticated wizardry that would put "Q" to shame, wow 007 and simply drive some to several "shaken, but not stirred" cold ones, the President and the National Security Agency are watching and waiting in ever more intrusive ways. Recently, we found out through a leak to the press that the President had given the NSA a secret order to conduct wide-spread, warrantless, electronic eavesdropping and searches of fellow citizens across the U.S.

Employing its own MATRIX [Multi-State Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange] surveillance and data-mining network, the likes of which Keanu Reeves would stand no chance against, (might he be the One?) the NSA has been tapping and recording phone-calls, harvesting and monitoring billions of pieces of data on thousands of Americans. Medical, financial,

however they produced a perfect document. Contributors to the Constitution were limited by finite abilities that come with being non-omnipotent, but what they produced has been the best set of rules for government organization the world has seen. Foreseeing their own limitations, our fathers instituted a government that would not be tied down, but be liberated and progressive in overcoming the weights of tyranny which would drag a country down.

The beauty of the Constitution is the idea of forming a more perfect union. Absolute sovereignty was forfeited in order to achieve liberty with a government represented "by the people" and "for the people." The essence of the document is evidence that conveys each founder looked beyond himself and put belief in building something bigger, something better, together. And that's the beauty of the Constitution — different ideologies coming together in unity with an open-mind in governing this great country of ours. ♦

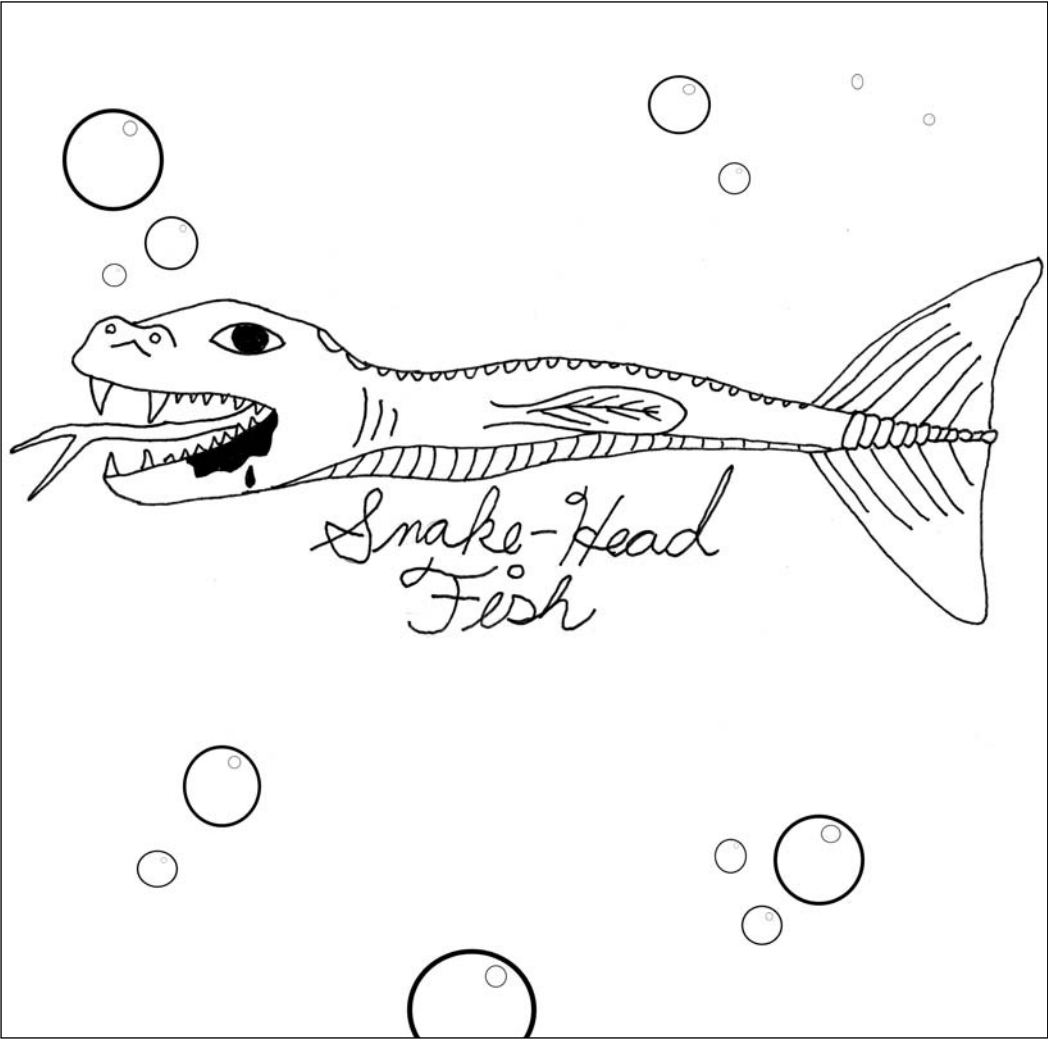
educational, criminal, civil, internet use, phone use, credit-card use, travel itineraries, on-line purchases, library books borrowed, DVD rentals all and more are collected, analyzed and tested through an algorithmic formula. All of which is designed to develop a portrait that may be "abnormal" and intended to "flag" identified citizens that may be, aid or become a terrorist. Hey, for all I know they even are aware and have stored a gigabyte or two on what underwear (boxers or briefs) the typical male Austin Peay State University professor prefers. Briefs and Fruit of the Loom in my case. Or is it "Perry Ellis"? Sorry, just trying to reduce the literally millions of "false-positives" this MATRIX may now generate.

Which of course begs the question, is all of this domestic surveillance and virtual end-runs around the judicial branch and the FISA [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act] constitutional? When this President or any president, assumes such vast and virtually unfettered power whether or not with good intentions, does it not threaten to dismantle the carefully designed system of "separation of powers" and "checks and balances" our founders took care to create? President Nixon used domestic surveillance to harass, intimidate and try to destroy his "enemies" (now there was a mountain of a list to harvest!) and tried to do so all in secret. President Bush sure is no Nixon, but then shall we blithely set in motion such a perilous overhauling of our constitution today in a context of fear, trusting that this or no future president shall ever use such power and technology for ill and not for good? Such an assumption may be a little like assuming the Internet will only be used for educational purposes and no one would ever think to post and download, um, shall we say, naughty items that they already know what they look like but want to see, again and again?

Why does it appear we speak in such reverential tones about core values like liberty, privacy, democracy and the Constitution but when we face peril we seem so willing to potentially trample upon these values in order to combat our foes? Why so little faith in the ability of our system to work, in good times and bad? The founders didn't place a caveat in the Constitution to the effect that we were to only honor the system in smooth times and could junk it in bad.

Why not search for a balance between security and liberty? Why not ask questions that propel us to not only defeat would-be terrorists but show the world why, when we say we want to export "democracy" they actually can see what that word means in action. As President Bush has noted, and rightly so, the real war we are involved in is one of ideologies; hope versus hate. Hope asks questions where hate arrogantly assumes it already has the answer.

Let's keep asking questions, that's what you do in a democracy. That's what real patriots do. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

Snakehead fish and university freshmen share common bond

As you read this, we are halfway through our fourth week in school. First tests have been taken and perhaps failed in classes, parties have been dwindling and the reality of work is kicking in. Freshmen are finding their place in relationships and social groups. Some leapt right in; others are still awkward, but all are getting there somehow. It is the process of fitting into your collegiate ecosystem.

Like college freshmen who have been taken out of their hometown habitat and into the Austin Peay wilderness, snakehead fish have been removed from their homes into strange new worlds. Native to parts of Asia and Africa, snakehead fish have been sighted in California, Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island and yes, even Tennessee.

Snakehead fish started gaining public attention around the summer of 2002. Man, that's when I was a freshman in college. Never thought I'd start

feeling old, not to make my associate Phil Grey feel bad or anything. They look like the North American bowfin, and multiple species have been found over the years. Many types of freshmen inhabit the campus of APSU resembling sophomores, yet their confused look gives them away.

However, freshmen are not damaging our campus, but snakehead fish are harming North America's ecosystem. These fish are vicious predators armed with teeth; they are aquatic terrorists in the environment where they reside.

Why did snakehead fish come over in the first place? Some speculate that they were originally imported to North America as pets and then thrown into our local bodies of water.

But foreign species are also brought to our ecosystems to fix a problem occurring in the habitat. For example, kudzu was brought from Japan to the United States during the 20's and 30's because animals would eat it and it would help control erosion.

This eventually became a problem because they neglected to bring over kudzu's natural predator along with it. Since nothing here was capable of destroying it, kudzu is growing up to 60 feet around trees, inhibiting their ability to absorb sunlight and thus killing forests. Identified as a weed by the USDA in 1972, kudzu is barely affected by most herbicides if at all. One actually helps kudzu grow.

Snakehead fish and kudzu are only two of several examples in which foreign species are unwisely introduced into our ecosystems. Should we mess with ecosystems? Are we doing more harm than good by trying to fix things unnaturally? Do we think enough when we do things in a new environment? Sometimes

we as individuals mess things up when we move to a new social ecosystem, i.e. college.

There are no predators currently for the snakehead fish. When you're a freshman, the people who kept you in check are no longer there. Some of you have been running wild since you discovered your total lack of familiar authority to tell you "no." This is what makes the first semester so interesting for our resident assistants. The boundaries you had in high school must now become natural instead of enforced, interior instead of exterior.

College life is about discovering self-control, learning who you are and making the mistakes that lead you to the career you want to do. You are in charge now, not your parents or teachers. Skip class and you fail, wasting your education money. Play video games all the time and watch your learning habits atrophy slowly. Too much goofing off and you wake up one day unsure of your future and whether you'll ever do anything useful.

You end up questioning your dreams and the ability to make them a reality. The good times are fading away as you watch your peers grow and improve their skills, gaining internships and making things happen. Next thing you know they're graduating and you're not even sure if you'll ever get that diploma, or more importantly if you'll ever chase your passions that you think about as you go to sleep when the party has died down.

I know because I've been there. Year after year I watch people drop out, come back, drop out again, get kicked out of school for drugs, burn out or end up stuck at some job saying they'll come back someday.

I'm surprised I haven't dropped out yet, getting involved in organizations like campus housing, Baptist Collegiate Ministries and yes *The All State* is definitely what has kept me here so far.

Being a freshman in a new school is different than snakehead fish being introduced into a new ecosystem — definitely less dangerous. These predatory fish can also breathe air and migrate to land, making them a double-edged sword wherever they are. They reduce the population of fish, which isn't good for fishermen or other animals that rely on an aquatic diet. Bears might have to find an alternate food source, which doesn't sound too good to me whenever I'm out camping in the woods with some friends.

Experts tell us to kill snakehead fish if we see them, but not to grab them by the jaw. Tampering with ecosystems is dangerous work, and we should proceed with caution.

Freshmen, be careful this year. Have a blast, try new things, but don't goof off too much. Finding your place is hard, but doing nothing only cheats yourself out of everything you love. Surround yourself with good people. Be kind to your social ecosystem. Finally, if you are concerned about the snakehead fish issue, check out the snakehead fish nonproliferation group on Facebook.

Take care of yourself, and America bless God. ♦

More oil found but problems still loom

By RAY REESE
Guest Writer

Good news and bad news. This often used phrase may apply to our global situation in 2006. Our energy crisis has hit a breather, recently, in Chevron's exploration of a petroleum pool four miles beneath the Gulf of Mexico. They tout the discovery as a major find that's projected to boost our nation's oil reserves by 50 percent (three to fifteen billion barrels).

That could be good news if there was no corresponding bad news.

The United States uses 5.7 billion barrels of crude oil per year importing 50 percent of oil from Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, some nations of Latin America and Russia. Our current reserves exceed 29 billion barrels; these are primarily in the states of Alaska, Texas and Oklahoma. Even with the recent discovery, our domestic reserves would hover around 44 billion barrels, only 17.6 percent of Saudi Arabia's reserves.

What steps do we take to provide a solution to our immediate problem? We basically have three steps, but each gives birth to different predicaments.

The first step is reducing our oil consumption. It sounds simple enough, however there are dire consequences. We are a highly technological,

industrialized nation. Our private automobiles, production plants, factories and entire transportation system revolve around petroleum; when crude goes up so does everything else. Companies pass these increased productions costs along to the consumer.

Step two includes continuing the exploration for more oil sources. Perhaps, there could be exploration off the coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. This would take decades and billions of dollars to develop. It may demand more investment and lack in possible yield, so perhaps it's not worth it.

Step three considers alternative fuel sources as our last hope. Government and university studies have urged that hydroelectric power, coal and even corn can fuel cars and trucks. The major problem is that oil companies have been opposing alternative fuel concepts for the past 61 years. They have the economic resources and governmental influence to block small independent, alternative fuel companies. Thus, any actual conversion has never been attempted on a large scale. The massive, international oil companies are in a position to develop, and own, any alternative fuel source.

Where does this leave the American consumer? It may be wise to find a "buggy with the fringe on top!" ♦

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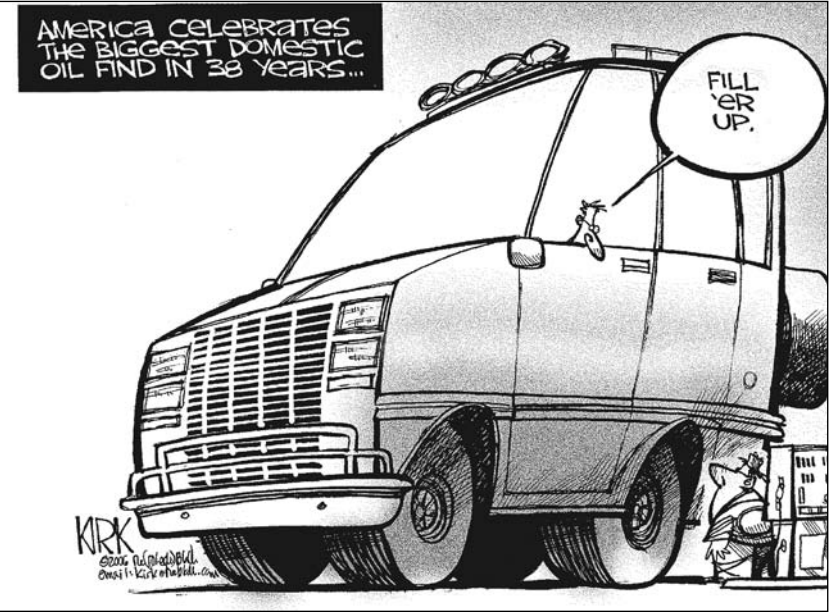
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Peay on the Edge

Word from Jason (the editor)
¿Que pasa? Hope you all are taking advantage of Hispanic Heritage Month. The weather stinks. Sorry, I pulled for nice weather, but no one listened. Have fun this week dancing in the rain. Enjoy, peace out!

A moment with Chuck :
When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.
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Quote of theDay:
“Happiness”
“If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years.”
— Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

“Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast — you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.”
— Eddie Cantor (1892 - 1964)
— www.quotationspage.com

This day in history: 1925
“The Freshman” with Harold Lloyd premieres

Silent film star Harold Lloyd debuts in what will become his most popular film, “The Freshman.” Lloyd appeared in some of the industry's earliest films. He began playing bit parts and was hired by budding director Hal Roach to star in a series of shorts, playing a character called “Willie Work” — later called “Lonesome Luke” — who eventually appeared in some 100 films. Lloyd became one of the best-loved actors of the silent-film era in movies including “Haunted Spooks” (1920) and “Why Worry?” (1923).
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To read is to hear



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Georgeanne Shirling, left, and Ernest Fields, right, are using the TypeWell system. Shirling transcribes what is said and sends it to Fields, via his monitor.

TypeWell enables students to communicate

By LOIS JONES
Senior Staff Writer

TypeWell is not learning to type, but typing to learn. TypeWell is the name of an assistive technology that is used for the hard of hearing, hearing impaired and deaf. It is a transcription system where the transcriptionist types into a computer what is being spoken and the client reads what is typed on another monitor.

At Austin Peay State University we have a student using this system. Ernest Fields is a freshman and has always needed assistance to hear. During elementary school, Fields used hearing aids and then a FM system, which consists of a special transmitting microphone worn by the instructor and a receiver that Fields would wear. Neither were the answer. This continued through high school until Fields couldn't wear his hearing aids on the basketball court.

That's right, Fields is a 6'6" forward for APSU's basketball team. Fields needs assistance to hear his instructors in class but does fine on the court.

When you meet Fields, his speech wouldn't indicate that he has a hearing impairment: you also wouldn't notice that he needs to look at you when you speak or says “what” or “excuse me” a little more often than most of your friends. He has acquired the ability to read lips well.

With one-on-one conversation, reading lips to comprehend what wasn't heard can help. That doesn't work in a classroom situation. In the classroom, many things can happen, including a professor who might turn his back to the class to write on the board, or multiple students who might be speaking at the same time. If Fields did not have reading skills then the TypeWell system wouldn't work for him.

“I don't know what percent hearing loss I have,” said Fields. His hearing loss is not enough to require that he has to learn sign language, but enough that he needs help to hear conversations and lectures.

With the assistance of the TypeWell system and his transcriptionist, Fields is able to understand his

professors' lectures and also receive a transcript of the lectures and notes for each class at the end of every day. “I am able to e-mail Ernest his lectures and notes every day,” said Georgeanne Shirling, a certified transcriptionist for the League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Shirling has been working with Fields since the semester started.

Bryon Kluesner, assistant director for the Office of Disability Services, conducted an investigation into which alternatives to sign language were available. This research led to a one day demonstration, held in June, which included the TypeWell system. This system was provided to APSU through the League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. “Fields is the first student at APSU to use the TypeWell system,” said Kluesner.

“This system works well for me,” Fields said. He also said his professors have been very accommodating with the equipment and the transcriber that is necessary for his success. Fields is enjoying his classes and the benefits of using the TypeWell system. ♦



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Clarksville has taste for Bavarian food

Edelweiss Café serves authentic German cuisine for last six months

By JESSICA NOBERT
Staff Writer

When you think of Clarksville, does authentic Bavarian food come to mind? Not many people could answer that with a yes.

However, after a freshly cooked mid-Saturday afternoon lunch from the Edelweiss Café, it is definitely something I will think twice about in the future.

If you travel down Fort Campbell Boulevard, about a quarter mile past Wal-Mart, and look to your left, you will see it sitting there, almost looking out of place in the middle of Clarksville.

The façade of the building is quaint and inviting. It offers a sense of home to some German native students of Austin Peay State University. Sophomore French, German and Greek major, Rebecca Brockman, 20, spent most of her life living in Lower Saxony, Germany.

Upon first entering Edelweiss, Brockman can simply say, “I feel at home there.” Her family are regulars at the café. There is even a traditional table for them, called the “stammtisch.” Upon this table is a bell. Whoever rings the bell has to buy the next round of drinks for everyone in the restaurant.

To the right of the front counter stands a pastry case full of German desserts. Among them is Blenestich, or Bee sting. It is made of vanilla crème between two layers of honey nut dough, topped with honey and almonds. Another

popular item in the case is the almost intimidating Chocolate Thunder, which is chocolate cake, filled with chocolate crème shaped like a mountain and covered with chocolate. It sits on a vanilla cookie, the only thing that is not chocolate. According to Brockman, “You can't eat it all at once.”

The Edelweiss Café opened almost six months ago, in April, after a life-long dream of the owner finally came true. From her time in Bavaria, Germany, owner Manuela Jackson always dreamed of opening her own restaurant. She even took her business courses at APSU.

Nicole Roth, Jackson's daughter, works at the restaurant. “We have regulars, we have our basic clientele,” said Roth. “[People] are just interested.” Since many residents of Clarksville have been stationed in Germany as military assignments, Roth said, “They know what to expect.”

“They have great specials,” said Brockman. They are even able to accommodate special orders with adequate notice, usually about five days “as long as we have the recipe.” Edelweiss Café also imports goodies from Germany including Knoppers, a wafer candy with hazelnut and chocolate, as well as coffee. They also carry German beers like Hefeweizen.

The hours of Edelweiss Café are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ♦



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF



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Above: Edelweiss Café is located on Fort Campbell Boulevard. They not only make German food, but they have imported German candy. For example, Knoppers, a wafer candy with hazelnut.

Manuela Jackson, left, is the owner of Edelweiss Café. She is originally from Germany.



Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars in "Gridiron Gang" as the head coaching of the team.

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‘Inspired by’ movie leaves movie go-ers feeling uninspired

'Gridiron Gang' deemed unimpressive

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If you're looking for something worthy of an Oscar, it's not here. If you're looking for the strategic return of an injured player at exactly the right time to inspire the players, only to be disappointed by crappy acting, you're in the right place. This movie does little to give justice to the real people involved in the real account. But then again, that's why the disclaimer only reads: "Inspired By A True Story." ♦

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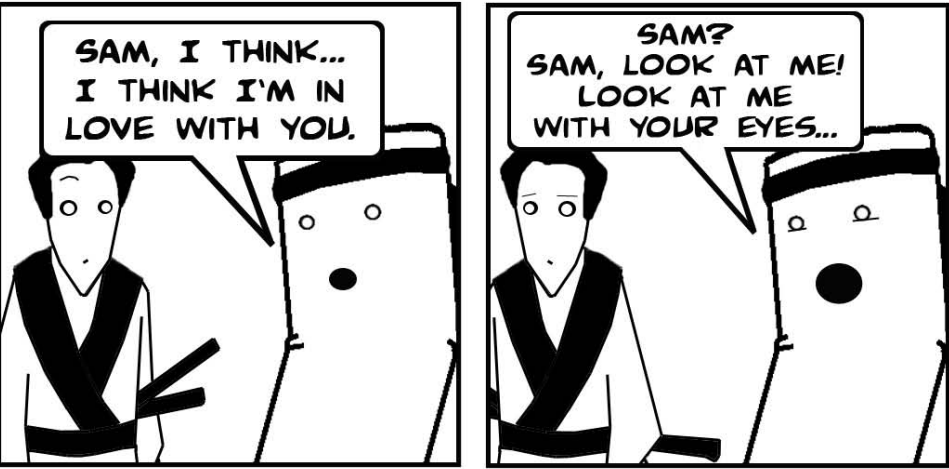
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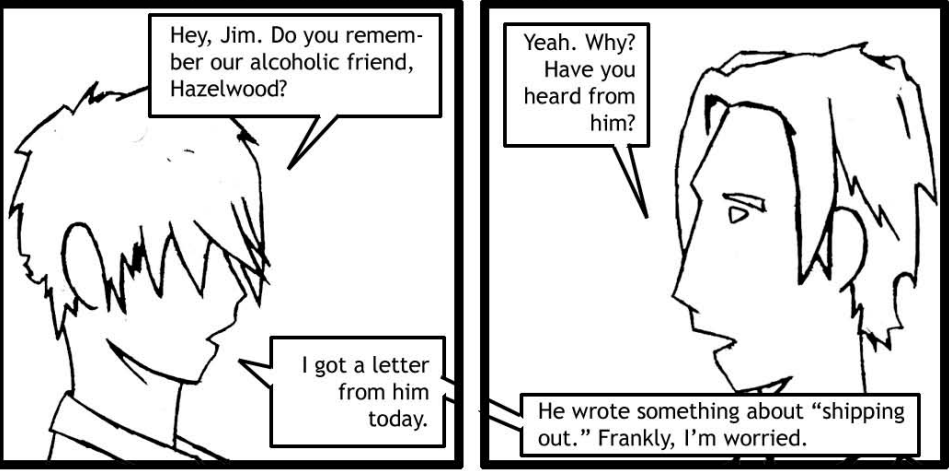
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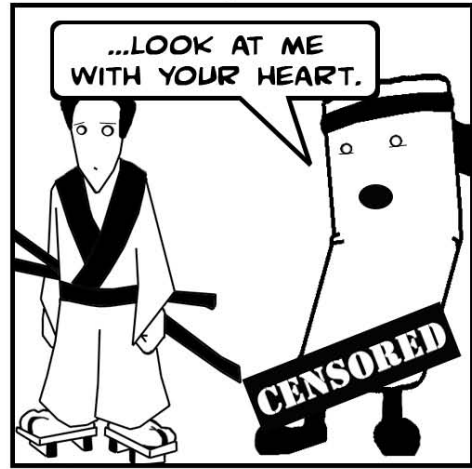


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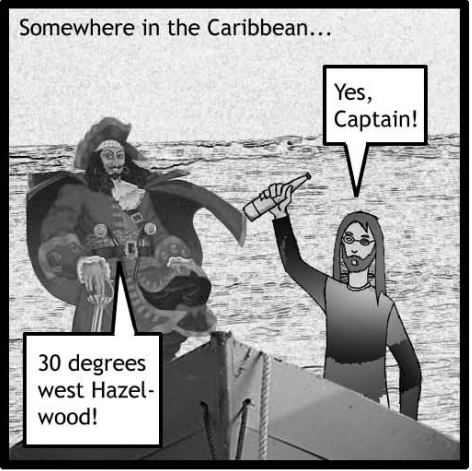
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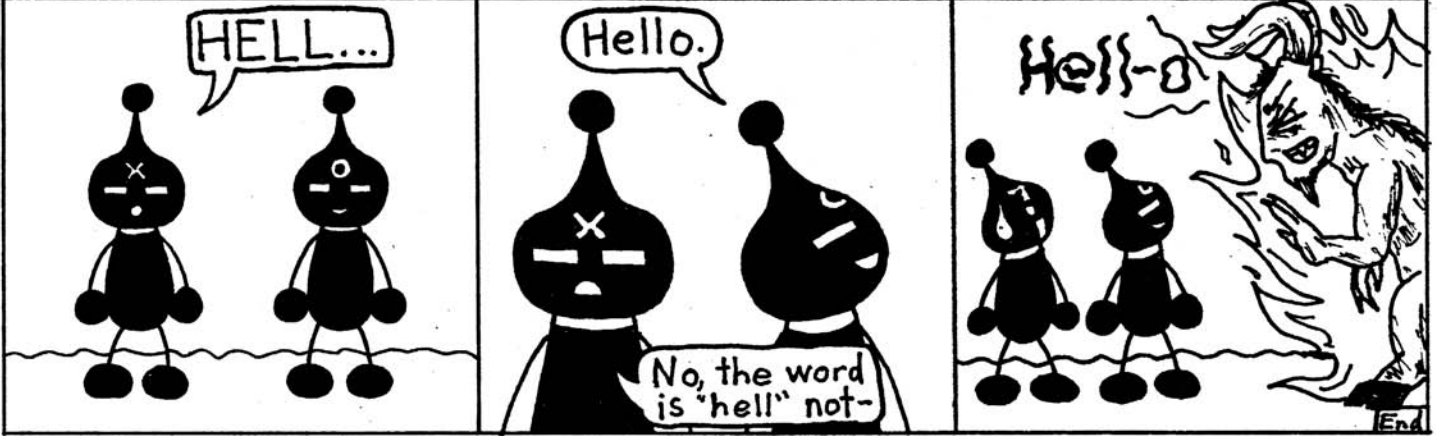


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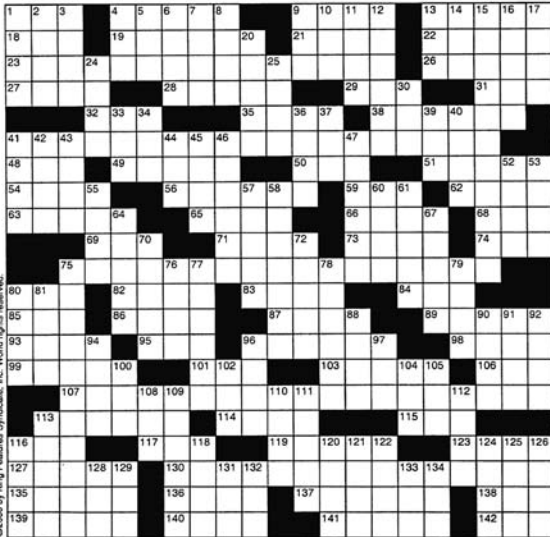
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by Linda Thistle

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Lady Govs remain undefeated at home



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Adonia Bivins, right, attempts to block Chattanooga's Chelsea Hurst from getting to the ball during Sunday's contest. Hurst scored the Lady Mocs' only goal of the game as APSU picked up its season's first win at Morgan Brother's Soccer Field.

Beck, Abrahams lead both sides for APSU

By MARLON SCOTT
Guest Writer

The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs soccer team did not play like they were missing starters or that this was their third game this week.

It was as clear as the weather that the Lady Govs had already forgotten their loss to Western Kentucky less than 48 hours before as they dominated Chattanooga in a 3-1 victory.

From the opening whistle, the Lady Govs attacked Chattanooga with a fast break, ending with a near missed shot-on-goal. The early onslaught continued until sophomore Ashley Beck scored the first goal off an assist from junior Virginia Penner in the fourth minute of the contest.

In her first start, junior keeper Brooke Abrahams stopped Chattanooga from tying the score by making a diving save on a penalty kick in the seventh minute of the game.

Abrahams defended 10 of 11 shots for the game.

Chattanooga's lone goal came in a rally that resulted in Chelsea Hurst scoring with 14.9 seconds left in the first period.

Junior Jessica Hosse led the second-half charge with a goal in the 65th minute of the game.

The Lady Govs continued to beat Chattanooga to the ball. They spent most of the game in Chattanooga territory, constantly trying to score.

"Our key was finishing our opportunities, definitely," said Lady Govs soccer coach Kelly Guth. "We have

dominated before but missed opportunities to score. Today, although we did not capitalize on all of them, we were still able to finish most of them and end up with three in the net."

Ashley Beck scored the third goal 72 minutes into the game off an assist from junior Stephanie Hosse. It was Beck's second for the day and fifth for the season so far.

Although Chattanooga attempted to come up with some late offense, the Lady Mocs couldn't get past Abrahams' solid defense or keep up with the constantly slashing offense of the Lady Govs.

"This is the end of a long 10 days," Guth said. "It's great to come up with the win. I am proud of the girls."

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Monica Dunham

Cross country stumbles, women's team improves



PHOTOS BY PATRICK ARMSTRONG/STAFF
APSU runners lead a group of women as they run up a hill earlier this season at the Screaming Eagle Invitational.

Men finish ninth, women seventh at meet

Austin Peay Sports Information

It was a mixed night of results for Austin Peay State University's cross country teams, Friday, at the Tennessee Cross Country Invitational.

The men's team was unable to maintain its momentum from last weekend's home meet and finished seventh out of nine collegiate teams. Meanwhile, the women's team rallied from last weekend's disappointing performance to post a seventh-place finish in an 11-team field.

The men entered the Tennessee meet looking to catapult forward from winning their own Screaming Eagle Memorial, last weekend.

Sophomore Tim Hall showed improvement, finishing the 8.4-kilometer course in 28:10, good for 26th in the 102-man field and leading an APSU effort which scored 186 points. Hall was well off the pace set by Louisville's Wes Seacat who led the collegiate field across the line in 26:58, leading the Cardinals to the meet title with 46 points.

Finishing behind Hall and counting in the Govs team score were junior Josh Yeckering (38th, 28:40), sophomore Ryne Sexton (41st, 28:54), freshman Sam Nelson (53rd, 29:21) and sophomore Antonio Diaz (64th, 29:49).



Tim Hall

Junior Matt Rowe (67th, 30:21), freshman John Fischer (81st, 31:00) and sophomore Lucas Siska (84th, 31:04) also competed for the Govs.

"I believe we got a little too big headed," said head coach Doug Molnar. "We came in and rode our performance last weekend and paid for it. Against competition like we faced, you have to bring your 'A' game everyday."

Sophomore Anna-Claire Raines led an improved women's team effort, finishing the five-kilometer course with a time of 20:23 and was 39th out of 84 runners. She led the Lady Govs who scored 223 points and finished ahead of Ohio Valley.

Conference rival Tennessee State (10th, 283 points).

Chattanooga's Lanni Marchant won the women's race with a time of 18:05. However, it was nationally-ranked host Tennessee which claimed its third-consecutive meet title, scoring 28 points and finishing 49 points ahead of second-place Georgia Tech (77 points).

The Lady Govs finish was boosted by sophomore Jamie Babb (46th, 21:07), freshman Kate Gauf (51st, 21:40), sophomore Melissa Nobbs (58th, 22:14) and sophomore Holley Koob (66th, 23:18), who all finished among the team's scoring five.

Freshman Breonna Brown (69th, 24:14) also ran for APSU.

"I was pleased with the women's performance," said Molnar. "We were much more competitive this weekend, even though we were beaten up physically entering the meet. I thought the team ran a good race."

Both APSU teams will take a two-week break before returning to action at the Auburn Invitational, Sept. 30. ♦

APSU finishes third in OVC Academic Achievement Award

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University finished third in the standings for the 2005-06 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award, presented by Aeropostale.

The standings are based on the greatest percentage of student-athletes from each institution named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Morehead State was this year's first-place recipients followed by UT Martin.

"Our student-athletes continue to make us proud with the work they are doing in the classroom," said Dave Loos, APSU athletics director.

Loos' basketball team, in fact, was one of two APSU programs, along with volleyball, to earn the OVC Team Academic Achievement Awards, presented by Aeropostale. It was the second straight year for volleyball to earn such a distinction.

"I am very proud what our men's basketball program has accomplished in the classroom and continues to accomplish," Loos said. "Sometimes this sport as a whole takes some hits. We are fortunate to have individuals in our program who understand the importance of academics."

In addition, six APSU athletes earned OVC Medals of Honor for the highest grade-point average in a conference sponsored sport: Ashley Haynes (4.0 GPA) — women's basketball; Jessica Benson-Boyter (4.0) — rifle; Adonia Bivins (4.0) — women's soccer; Michelle Edmonds (4.0) and Emilee McConkey (4.0) — softball; and Elizabeth Whelpley (4.0) — women's tennis.

In addition, 66 athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll, whose recipients must earn a 3.25 GPA for the academic year. ♦

OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll

Andrew Clement	Laura Wussow
Ryan Kane	Monica Storey
Brett Luther	Jessica Benson-Boyter
Michael Parson	Corey Hasty
Todd Babington	Mary Schoenbachler
J.P. Felder	Molly Thomas
Zac Schlader	Brooke Abrahams
Amber Bacon	Adonia Bivins
Ashley Haynes	Haley Black
Lukas Siska	Sarah Broadbent
Sarah Chandler	Erica Dengler
Deanna Hensley	Cassie Hill
Mary Honea	Stephanie Hosse
Holley Koob	Stephanie May
Anna Claire Raines	Virginia Penner
Ben Glover	Kaylee Yago
James Humston	Lacey Briscoe
Luke Ladd	Michelle Edmonds
Grant Leaver	Stephanie Eggers
Yoshio Yamamoto	Nikki Garrett
Christine Idoux	Emilee McConkey
Rachel Ingram	Christie McCrum
Pier-Anne LaChance	Brianna Venable
Jennifer Walker	Holley Koob
Ankur Singla	Anna Claire Raines
Alana Carere	Kelly Schulz
MacKenzie Kurth	Kamaria Alexander
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Governors' upset bid falls short against Bulldogs



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Junior running back Chris Fletcher is stopped by Samford linebacker Calvin Hodge during the Govs' 17-10 loss to the Bulldogs last Thursday. Fletcher rushed for 105 yards on 25 carries for his third straight 100-yard performance.

Fumble on final APSU drive seals loss to future OVC foe

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**
Sports Editor

Momentum had seemed to settle itself on the Governors' side in the final minutes of Austin Peay State University's contest against Samford last Thursday.

Down 17-10 on the Govs' own 27 yard line, junior running back Chris Fletcher reeled off a strong, 16-yard run on the first play. Two plays later, Fletcher powered ahead for another 12 yards, but the play was brought back on a penalty.

With the same play called, Fletcher reached for the handoff from quarterback Mark Cunningham, but the ball slipped and the fumble was recovered by Samford to seal the Ohio Valley Conference-member's win.

"The hole opened up and he just got his eyes on the hole instead of the ball," APSU head football coach Carroll McCray said. "It all comes down to focus and execution and, for one play, it wasn't there."

The Govs' defense served as the key factor for APSU's performance against a talented Bulldogs team. However, despite stopping Samford on 11 of 12 third down attempts, the Govs' defense allowed the Bulldogs to convert all three of their fourth down conversions, including the winning

touchdown on a fourth and one situation.

The fourth downs, however, are not the concern for McCray.

"We were great on third down stops, defensively," McCray said. "We made some big stops despite poor field position the entire first half, and we blocked a field goal early."

"The one thing we need to do is do better is on first and second down situations. If we do better on them, then third and fourth down will be even harder for the other team to convert."

Fletcher racked up 105 yards on 25 carries and one touchdown. The performance marked the junior's third consecutive 100-yard game this season. In the air, Cunningham was able to complete 15 of his 25 pass attempts for 147 yards.

After a short week, the key for the Govs, according to McCray, is to rest up for their long upcoming trip to Dayton, Ohio, to take on a familiar Flyers team and to forget about their recent, heart-breaking loss.

"Our first priority is to get rest," McCray said. "We are a tired football team. We spent a lot of energy these first few weeks. We'll come back on Monday and not talk about the Samford game. Instead, we'll have Dayton's film cued up and ready for us to prepare." ♦

Record Tracker

Chris Fletcher
APSU junior running back

Game: Week 3 vs. Samford
Yardage: 105 yards on 25 carries, TD
Career Yardage: 2,327 yards
Record: 2,992 yards
Yards left: 665 yards

A Look Ahead

Next Opponent: Dayton Flyers
Last Year: 21 yards on 11 carries
Game Result: 46-0 loss
Side notes: Fletcher will need a huge effort from his offensive line in order to rush for his fourth straight 100-yard game this season.

OPINION

Govs out to prove they are underrated

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**
Sports Editor

With three weeks of the 2006 football season in the books, the Austin Peay State University football team doesn't look as bad as most fans thought.

In the first week of the season, the Govs lost in traditional APSU fashion with a second-half blowout by Ohio Valley Conference-member Southeast Missouri.

As predicted by this sports writer, the Govs rebounded and picked up their first win since 2003 on the road over the Cumberland Bulldogs. The win wasn't so impressive considering the Govs had beaten the Bulldogs in Clarksville a year ago as part of a 2-9 2005 season.

But then the Govs had to go out on Thursday and do something that no one in their right mind would have expected. Despite losing, APSU held the Samford Bulldogs — a team that finished third in the OVC in 2005 — to just 17 points and only a one touchdown victory.

As most APSU football fans probably did, I had to check the score twice to make sure that I hadn't gone to the wrong teams' Web site.

Was this the same Govs team that lost to an even less-talented SEMO team by 25 points earlier this year? It couldn't have been.

Last season, the Govs would have played with the Bulldogs for a quarter before handing them the football a few times in order for them jack the score up where it should be. But there is something different about these guys.

The players this year — although most are returning players — seem to have a different game plan. This team possesses something not seen in a few years — confidence.

Junior running back Chris Fletcher, a player who had run for over 970 yards in back-to-back seasons, is on pace to rush for over 1,400 yards. The third-year starter has posted 383 yards and three touchdowns in just three games.

Junior quarterback Mark Cunningham, despite throwing three interceptions against SEMO, has since rebounded and completed 30 of his 46 pass attempts (65%) for 365 yards and two touchdowns. This is the same quarterback who was forced to sit the bench last season behind posing quarterback Jesse Kellogg.

But it's not only the impact players that have made a difference. The Govs' starting offensive line is the anchor and cornerstone of APSU's newly acquired swagger. These big guys are the reason that Fletcher and Cunningham have found success this season.

On defense, it's the rookies that have made the difference. Nine freshman that have received starting time on defense this season — led by linebacker Josh Becker and defensive tackle Rocky Dee Peeler — have combined for 74 tackles, five tackles-for-loss and one sack.

After all the stats and all the rambling, it all comes down to one thing — these Governors have come ready to play. Each week the team is improving and widening their future spot in the OVC.

It's only a matter of time before the Govs knock off one of the OVC teams slated on their 2006 schedule.

At the beginning of the season, I predicted the Govs to finish with a 4-7 record, but I will not be surprised if the NEW Govs come out with more. ♦

The long road home



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
APSU starting defensive end Steven Young underwent eight months of rehabilitation in order to return to the Governors' lineup for the 2006 season. The senior is one of many APSU players under scholarship as he leads the Govs' defense along with fellow seniors Josh Hackett and Drew Wilson.

Young returns to starting lineup after breaking leg

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Assistant Sports Editor

Excitement, nervousness, anticipation, adversity and patience are just a few words that could describe what Steven Young has gone through in the past year. Young, a senior defensive end on the Austin Peay State University football team, has been through a little bit of everything just to play the game that he loves for at least one more year.

It was just a little over a year ago in the Govs' contest against Cumberland University that Young broke his leg, ending his season.

"That night against Cumberland, (Young) ran a little twist and guy swung his legs around and hit him, and I knew right then he was hurt," APSU head football coach Carroll McCray said.

Young knew as soon as he was hit that his leg was broken.

"I tried to stand up and couldn't, so I knew my season was over," he said.

Young suffered a severe leg fracture that not only ended his season on the field, but also affected his life off the field as well.

"I could not walk and was bedridden for about two months," Young said. "I had to take three months leave without pay."

Young, who is married and has a child, said it was hard on his family, but they got through it with the help of family and friends.

"My dad is a contractor, and at the time was in Iraq so he kind of took care of our basic needs," Young said. "My wife was also working but couldn't really work anymore that she already was because she is also in school."

Losing Young for the rest of the season took a toll on McCray and the Governors' players.

"Since I have been here, I have had two players get Preseason All-American, and Steven was one of them," McCray said. "It really hit us hard up front defensively. He has been a leader on this team and has been around for a long time, and when you lose someone like that it's very hard to replace."

Fellow seniors Josh Hackett and Drew Wilson were especially affected by Young's absence on the field.



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Young receives instruction from one of APSU's coaches in preparation for the Govs' contest with Samford last week.

"It was tough, especially when we got down to the conference games," Hackett said. "We lost him and lost some depth."

Wilson said it was hard to see him get hurt knowing how hard he works.

"He's a hard worker, and he didn't get to finish the season with us, so that was tough," Wilson said.

For many months after, Young would undergo rehabilitation that, in his opinion, was worse than the injury itself.

"Rehab was very difficult at first," Young said. "The first two months of rehab hurt worse than when I actually broke my leg. I had to retrain my leg, because I had no feeling in my toes, feet or anything."

Career Stats

Player: Steven Young
Class: Senior
Position: Defensive end
Tackles: 113
Tackles-for-loss: 16
Sacks: 6
Interceptions: 1

Although his rehab was difficult, Young's determination to get back onto the field was even greater than the pain.

"The harder you work, the sweeter the victory," he said. "I love this game, and knew I had one more year left, so quitting never entered my thoughts. You quit one thing, you'll quit another."

Young received plenty of support from not only his family and friends, but also from McCray and his fellow teammates.

"I told him just don't do too much to quick and take his time coming back, because we would be with him every step of the way," McCray said.

"My teammates came and saw me as soon as I got out of surgery, and at least one person in my family was always at the hospital with me," Young said. "I had a feeling they wanted me back, so I didn't want to disappoint them."

Looking back, Young knows that the eight months of rehab was worth it as he rejoins the Govs' for the 2006 season as a starting defensive end once again.

"These first few weeks have been great," Young said. "My leg hurt at first, but now I feel good, and just want to go out and do my best."

So far this season, Young has played in all three games and has 14 tackles, including 10 against Samford last week.

"I was very excited to see him back on the field," McCray said. "Having him on the field with the few older guys we have gives you great comfort. Camp was a little tough on him, but he is getting fresher every week, and I believe he will have another fine season." ♦