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Sept. 11: Five years later



Smoke billows from one of the towers of the World Trade Center as flames and debris explode from the second tower on Sept. 11, 2001. In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center that brought down the 110-story towers. This year will mark the fifth anniversary of the attacks.

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“We’ve come back to remember the valor of those who innocently went to work that day, and the brave souls that went in after them.”

– Rudy Giuliani,
former New York mayor



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A jet airliner is aimed at one of the World Trade Center towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. Knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center.

Nation reflects on anniversary of terrorist attacks

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Cold, dry numbers never can tell the full story. Ponder enough of them, though, and they help to fill out the portrait of how life has changed since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that killed nearly 3,000 people.

WAR

- 272: Deaths of U.S. servicemen and women in and around Afghanistan.
- 2,655: Deaths of U.S. servicemen and women in Iraq war.
- 21,000: Members of U.S. military now in Afghanistan.
- 145,000: Members of U.S. military now in Iraq.
- 1.35 million: Members of U.S. military deployed for Afghan and Iraq wars since 2001.
- 380,000: National Guard and Reserve members among those deployed for Afghan and Iraq wars.

CULTURE

- 11: Weeks the Sept. 11 commission's final report was No. 1 on *The New York Times*' best-seller list for nonfiction.
- \$19 million: Movie ticket sales for "World Trade Center" on its first weekend in theaters. (Director Oliver

Stone's best weekend debut ever.)

- 1,248: Books published related to the Sept. 11 attacks.
- 5: CIA's ranking in a list of ideal places to work, based on a survey of college undergraduates at 207 universities. (FBI was 4th; State Department was 3rd; Disney and Google were top two vote-getters.)

PRICE TAGS

- \$2.50: Security fee paid by airline passengers for each leg of every trip flown.
- \$2.1 million: Average award from government compensation fund to families of those killed on Sept. 11.
- \$150 million: Assets of terrorists frozen worldwide.
- \$40 billion: Airline industry losses.
- \$432 billion: Approved by Congress for Iraq and the War on Terrorism.

ENEMIES

- 1: Person in this country charged with a crime in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.
- 6: Life sentences for Zacarias Moussaoui, who pleaded guilty to conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers.
- 42: Groups designated Foreign

Terrorist Organizations by the secretary of state.

- 456: People charged in U.S. terrorism-related investigations.
- 91: Percent of terrorism cases recommended by FBI and other agencies that Justice Department lawyers declined to prosecute in the first eight months of the 2006 budget year.
- 455: Detainees at Guantanamo Bay's detention center.
- 5,000: Suspected terrorists captured or killed outside United States with CIA help.

SENTRIES

- 16: Times the color-coded threat level has been raised or lowered by federal government.
- 18: Times undercover investigators with fake IDs breezed through U.S. border checkpoints in a test by Government Accountability Office.
- 42,000: Flights logged since military began combat air patrols over major cities.
- 40.3 million: Prohibited items confiscated from carry-on bags since Transportation Security Agency took over airport screening in November 2002.

- 2-3: Extra minutes added to airline passenger screening process every time a prohibited item is detected.

ATTITUDES

- 46: Percent of people polled in the United States who are confident Osama bin Laden will be caught.
- 50: Percent who say the attacks affect the way they live their lives today.
- 60: Percent who think there will be more terrorism in the United States because the U.S. went to war in Iraq.
- 95: Percent who remember exactly where they were or what they were doing when they heard about Sept. 11 attacks.

REMEMBRANCE

- 5: Galleries in the Tribute Visitors Center at the World Trade Center site in New York, which will serve as a temporary memorial space until the official Sept. 11 memorial opens in 2009.
- 184: Benches to be installed at Pentagon memorial, each over its own small reflecting pool and inscribed with a victim's name.
- 500,000: Visitors to the field outside Shanksville, Pa., where the United Flight 93 crashed. ♦

Bredesen restores felons' voting rights in Tennessee

Law signed in July reinstates some convicts' citizenship

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Assistant Perspectives Editor

People convicted of a felony in Tennessee will be able to vote once again. Gov. Bredesen signed the law allowing disenfranchised citizens restored participation in the political process on July 1.

The Montgomery County Board of Education hosted a town hall meeting Sept. 5 to acknowledge what NAACP Press and Publicity coordinator Terry McMoore called "a great day for the state of Tennessee." The turnout was lower than expected and Bredesen did not show as anticipated, but the panel of speakers was there to educate those who did attend.

Convicted felon Kenneth Alberitton was a panel member. He said people deserve a second chance to vote. "Once you've paid your debt to society, that should be it," Alberitton said. The question that remains for him is, when does one finish paying for a crime? Even after sentences are served, some are still barred from voting. "Don't give up," Alberitton said. "You have to be determined ... and trust in something stronger than yourself."

Michele Flynn, coordinator of town hall meetings for the ACLU of Tennessee, said that for a while even she was unaware of what it meant to have a felony conviction. "I was surprised to learn that you just have to have 365 days worth of a sentence to constitute a felony conviction," Flynn said. The crime may only be a misdemeanor, but if a year is served for that crime, it will still keep you from voting.

There is now documented research that the right to vote decreases an individual's likelihood of recommitting a crime. "It's a critical aspect of linking

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– Kenneth Alberitton, convicted felon

people back into the community," Flynn said.

Prior to July 1, Tennessee had the most complicated law concerning whether you could vote after serving your sentence. Flynn said many organizations worked for several years trying to allow former felons the right to vote. "The great news is that now someone who has had a felony conviction does not have to go in front of a judge or have a lawyer in order to have their right to vote restored."

Tennessee is one of 14 states that blocks felons from voting. There are 5.3 million people with felonies on their records in the United States, with 98,000 residing in Tennessee. In Florida, Virginia and Kentucky people are permanently barred from voting, even after they have served their sentences, said Neema Trivedi, Brennan Center for Justice research analyst.

According to Trivedi, 70,000 of Tennessee's convicted felons are back in the community after serving their sentence. However, due to unpaid child support, unpaid court restitutions or the nature of the crime, they will not be able to regain their voting rights.

There also are time stipulations that would further prevent restoration. In addition, there are certain parts of the South that bar 30 percent of African-Americans from voting. Nationwide, 13 percent of black men are



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF

Left to right, Hugh Poland, Vickie Koelman, Kenneth Alberitton and Terry McMoore listen to ACLU representative Michele Flynn speak at the NAACP's "Get back the right to vote rally" held at the Montgomery County Board of Education in Clarksville, Sept. 5.

disenfranchised because of their conviction.

"Globally, the U.S. is completely out of step [especially] when compared with other Western Democracies," Trivedi said. "We're really trying to build a movement and get these laws changed. Tennessee has a challenge to get people educated."

Trivedi also works for the National Right to Vote Campaign.

Some in the crowd expressed concerns that despite the new legislation, Tennessee's laws for voter restoration will remain one of the most complicated.

"This is still a hornet's nest," one unidentified lobbyist said. "If you're in this country and have citizenship, that supposed to be [enough]. We're talking about citizens telling their government what we want or don't want."

And that's not conditional upon whether we're an A1 person, because most of us are not."

"The community needs a wider audience before there is more reform," said Administrator of Elections Vickie Koelman.

Koelman said that students can get involved and help. She will be representing the Montgomery County Election Commission on Constitution Day.

Alberitton also said that students should stay in touch with their legislators and let them know how they feel about the issue.

"It's a way to get involved," he said, citing that students have been active in many social justice issues.

As for students that have been convicted of a felony, Alberitton said that they would have to wait it out. ♦

Hispanic History Month line-up promises fun

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
Guest Writer

Fiesta! Whether you speak the language or not, you know what it means: time to party! Austin Peay State University's Hispanic Cultural Center is beginning a month-long celebration in honor of



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National Hispanic History Month, which lasts from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. The various events will focus on culture as well as history and will include exhibitions throughout campus. In an effort to expand students' knowledge and appreciation for the Hispanic culture, the center is sponsoring a wide range of activities.

"National Hispanic History Month is

our moment to shine, to make people aware of the contributions of Hispanic culture in our society," said Miguel Ruiz, associate professor of languages and literature as well as director of the center.

The Mexican celebration of freedom from French control on Sept. 17 and the Spanish celebration of Columbus' discovery of the new world on Oct. 15 bookend the month's festivities.

The Hispanic Cultural Center will host the main activities, such as musical performances, a lecture on Magical Realism and Salsa and Merengue lessons for those students who would like to learn. In addition, throughout the month, they will sponsor game nights, featuring favorites such as Monopoly and Scrabble in Spanish, movie nights, and travel nights where students can learn about Hispanic countries and the opportunities available to

visit them.

Hispanic History Month is not the only time that the Hispanic Culture Center gets involved with the university and the community. Since its opening last fall, the center has been involved with many events, including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for recently immigrated locals. The center offers APSU use of a computer and a Spanish keyboard for advanced learners, tutors for different level Spanish courses, and access to Spanish television and radio.

Ruiz said he sees the center as a place for students to study and relax, in short, just a place to absorb and enjoy the Hispanic culture. The center and the people involved in it, greatly enjoy sharing and giving back to the campus. National Hispanic History Month is just another way to do that.

The month-long celebration kicks off

Sept. 15 with a piñata-burst in the Morgan University Center. ♦

Upcoming events

• Game night: Sept 15 and Oct. 6
Both events 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.

• Latino dancers: Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. in UC lobby.

• Hispanic movie night: Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in Ritazzas. Salsa night: Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in UC 120.

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

International studies, exchange programs forum

Learn about APSU study abroad and exchange programs from faculty coordinators from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Morgan University Center, Room 305. The programs are available during the fall, spring and summer semesters. Contact Deanna Hensley at 221-7381 for more information.

Jane Chitwood's retirement reception

The Center for Extended and Distance Education invites you to join them in honoring Jane C. Chitwood on her retirement from APSU following 39.5 years of service. A reception will be 3-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill.

APA workshops

Workshops on how to write in APA style are being conducted on the following dates: 5 p.m., Sept. 14 in the UC 303; and 4 p.m., Sept. 21 in the UC, 308. For more information contact Martin Golsen in Academic Support at 221-6553.

Hot topics series No. 6

Join Joe Schiller, Robert Sirk and Student Life and Leadership for an engaging open forum about global warming. Say your piece and hear what your peers have to say. Hosted by Student's Organized to Advance Renewable Energy (SOARE). The talk will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 in UC Room No. 303.

Pinata-burst

Join the Hispanic Cultural Center in kicking off Hispanic History Month with a pinata-burst in the University Center lobby at 11 a.m. Sept. 15.

Latin dance classes

Salsa, Bachata and Meringue lessons will be offered Sept. 20 and 27 in the Memorial Health Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The lessons are also offered Sept. 21 and 28 in the Memorial Health Center from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact the Hispanic Cultural Center at 221-6645, for more information.

9/11-inspired art exhibit opened Monday

Robb Fladry's "End of the Beginning" art exhibit showcasing video footage from Sept. 11 opened on Monday at the APSU Trahern Gallery. The show will run through Sept. 14. For more information, visit www.endofthebeginning.info.

Lady Gobs soccer

Come on out to the Morgan Brothers Soccer Field Sunday at 2 p.m. to cheer on the Lady Gobs as they play Chattanooga.

Students cautioned to censor online content while job hunting

Personal information may hinder job opportunities

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Students all over the globe are connecting through various online services such as Facebook, MySpace and friendstar. Users of these sites publish a slew of information on their homepages, including daily blogs and pictures. While doing this allows friends to stay updated, it can also harm the poster. Employers have caught on to this growing phenomenon and are utilizing these sites to aide in recruitment.

To "Google" someone has become common practice in today's world. Merriam Webster's dictionary recently added "Google" to its newest edition. Employers all over are "Googling" potential employees and while this can help some, it can also hinder many, according to a July 26, press release form www.College recruiter.com.

Results from a 2005 www.Execunet.com survey found that out of the 102 executives surveyed, 75 percent use search engines to gain information on

candidates, and 26 percent had actually eliminated candidates due to their search results.

"[This type of screening] is occurring more and more, and as companies get more comfortable with the Internet, this practice may increase," said John Volker, assistant professor of management. Volker said that when he was looking for a potential candidate for a position, he used a search engine for research. "It's not an end-all, but another source of information that may bring up red flags," he said.

Many students do not agree with their names potentially being "Googled" by future employers.

"I don't really think it's that ethical," said Kenneth Chessman, 20, pre-physical therapy major. "I mean it's your personal life, not your work life."

www.CollegeRecruiter.com cited Facebook's terms of service as proof of unethical practices. The terms state, "the Service and the Web site are available for your personal, non-commercial use only." Likewise, MySpace has a

similar clause in their terms of usage, "MySpace Services are for the personal use of Members only and may not be used in connection with any commercial endeavors except those that are specifically endorsed or approved by MySpace.com."

In addition to the security concerns raised by this issue, Facebook made a major splash with its users when they introduced news feeds and mini feeds, which allowed the user to see posts of comments, blogs, pictures, and any updates on the profile.

Almost instantly, groups emerged inside Facebook going against these new features. Each was stressing that the new features may make it easier for Internet stalkers.

One group, the "Students against Facebook News Feeds (Official Petition to Facebook)" reached a membership of over 744,000 in a three-day period before the creators of Facebook added privacy settings on Sept. 8. ♦

Cheatham county man sets up 14th scholarship fund for students in need

By APRIL MCDONALD
Senior Staff Writer

Ashland City resident John E. Mayfield has chosen Austin Peay State University as the place for his 13th and 14th endowment scholarships.

"I especially like the endowed scholarships," Mayfield said, "knowing that long after I'm gone, I'll still be helping others."

This newest scholarship is a \$1,200 annual award given to any graduate of a Cheatham county high school who is attending APSU either full or part time in any major. Preference will be given to adult learners or students with established financial need and can be renewed as long as a GPA of at least 2.75 is maintained.

The second scholarship awarded to APSU students through the John E. Mayfield Charitable Foundation is a \$500 once a year award.

"When I went to college, I had the opportunity and didn't take advantage of it," Mayfield said. "I look around and see people desperate to go to college and they can't."

In light of this view Mayfield has now established five scholarships with each high school in Cheatham county, one for athletes building life experiences (ABLE) youth, one with Tennessee Technology school, one with Nashville Technology school, one with Cleveland State Community

"It's kind of a spiritual thing. It's my way of paying back for the good fortune I've had,"

— John Mayfield, scholarship donor

College, three with 4-H, two with APSU, and his favorite one set up in Danville, Virginia.

The Danville, Virginia scholarship is named the "John & Betty Eggleston Scholarship" after the doctor for whom Mayfield was named. Doctor John Eggleston saw Mayfield for an exam, and knowing that Mayfield was an orphan knew of a couple who would later become Mayfield's parents. Mayfield established the scholarship to honor the Egglestons for the great difference they made in his life. Mayfield does not usually meet the students who benefit from his generosity. "I don't care as long as what I'm doing helps," he said. "I look in the paper to see whose won. Its kind of a spiritual thing, it's my way of paying back for the good fortune I've had."

Sharon Silva, development officer and scholarship manager in APSU University Advancement, was unavailable for comment. ♦

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LiveWell Challenge

New incentive program to promote a healthy lifestyle.
Sign-up dates: Sept. 7-9
Start date: Sept. 11
End date: Nov. 30

Biking Across America

First to finish race will receive a TREK road bike
Sign-up dates: Sept. 6-11
Start date: Sept. 11
End date: Oct. 30

Intro 2: Cardio

4:30 p.m., Sept. 12
12:30 p.m., Sept. 20
1 p.m., Sept. 28

Intro 2: Strength

6:45 a.m., Sept. 12
6 p.m., Sept. 20
10 a.m., Sept. 28

Tighten Up Demo

Exercise of the week demonstration
No sign-up
4:45 p.m., Wednesdays

Intramural Events

Check out the new Intramural Point System
www.apsu.edu/intramurals

Monday Night Football

Monday nights 6:30 p.m.

Racquetball Ladder

Registration deadline
Tuesday, Nov. 28
Event begins Sept. 11

Dodgeball

Registration deadline
Tuesday, Sept. 26

Become a Group Exercise Instructor

Class meets 11a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Saturdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 28

Registration deadline
Friday, Sept. 15

LiveWell Group

12:15 p.m., Wednesdays
Memorial Health, 104

Group X Showcase

4:45-6:45 p.m., Sept. 7
UC Plaza

September Wellness Workshops

Carbohydrates
9 a.m., Sept. 12
1 p.m., Sept. 20
5 p.m., Sept. 28

Intro 2 Group Fitness

4:45 p.m., Sept. 10

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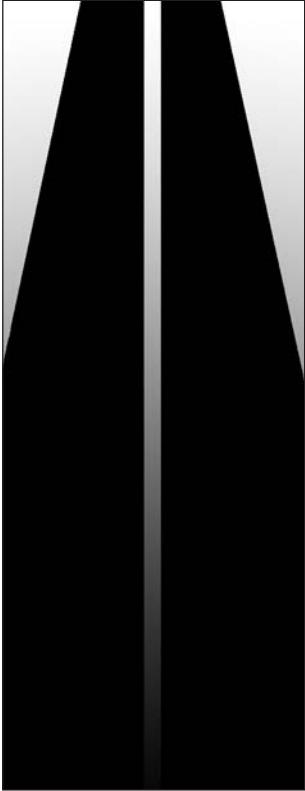
As this week marks the five year anniversary of the tragedies, we here at *The All State* reflect on what patriotism means to Americans post Sept. 11, 2001.

In the days following the terrorist attacks, united we stood as the rest of the world looked on. Diverse groups of people from all walks of life put differences aside and came together, unified under one common purpose: love and devotion to the United States.

Now fast-forward to days of 2006 and ask yourself, "Does patriotism mean the same thing it did five years ago?"

In 2001, no one questioned how to represent patriotism. The United States instinctively stood as a country of one. Volunteering as a firefighter, putting a "United We Stand" sticker on your car, donating money to a charity, wearing an NYPD ball-cap, republicans hugging democrats and democrats hugging republicans, all of these actions were clear examples of showing love for our country.

Today, Sept. 11 is no longer in close proximity to the sympathy of



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

America's heart. Americans can separate themselves from the tragedy and reflect with a perspective that is no longer in the middle of the situation, but outside of it. The victims are not forgotten, but they're not necessarily mourned by our nation. A point has to come for everyone when "you pick up the pieces and move on," however, when moving on means distancing yourself from and not acknowledging the worst terrorist attack on American soil, something has been lost.

Today, this country is more polarized than ever. Arguing for what should be in the nation's best interests is the heart of what it means to be patriotic. But forgetting boundaries that come with questioning and determining this nation's future can distance us from our moral duty to reflect on Sept. 11, honor the fallen and grow from the tragedy.

As Maya Angelou best says it, "We are more alike than we are unlike." America must not forget what lies at its foundation. The closer we come to our patriotic essence, the less these differences will drive us apart. ♦

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Comparisons of Sept. 11, Pearl Harbor fall apart due to national division

Nearly everyone who was sentient on Sept. 11, 2001 has a clear memory of the events of that day. I remember that it was night in Camp Casey, Korea, and that my platoon was up late getting the barracks ready for an inspection the next day.

I was in the hallway with the platoon sergeant when we heard yelling from one of the rooms. Rushing in to see what was happening, we found four of our soldiers transfixed in front of the TV.

The rest of the platoon piled in behind us and we watched Tower Two burning from a half a world away.

About two minutes later, we saw the second plane smash into Tower One.

When the second one hit, every guy in that room knew we were under attack. Master Sgt. Hoch called it a night but told the troops to stay close by. He and I walked over to the non-commissioned officer barracks and...

(The following is from a diary I kept in Iraq in 2003. I was trying to remember key points in my life and my reaction to them.)

...while I'm down the hall changing I hear him yelling, "Grey-bo! Come here and see this!" I come running and this time it's the Pentagon and this is just out of control. Now the feed keeps jumping from New York to Washington. Not since John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963 has anything hit us this hard... This is BAD and this is HUGE. This is Pearl Harbor for our generation, no doubt about it.

But the worst hasn't happened yet. Just as the news guys start speculating about a possible attack on Camp David or the White House, the first tower comes down. It's about 12:30 am our time and Hoch looks at me and says, "Life as we knew it is over."

I get up to go out and he asks me where I'm going. I tell him I'm going to change back into uniform and get back [to 2-9 Headquarters] before the alert siren sounds. "Good idea; me too," he says.

As we're walking back toward the office we hear it [the siren]. It was a long, long night.

Actually, it was a long, long month. Less than a week later we were doing a mission up near the demilitarized zone and wondering what role, if any, would fall to 2nd Infantry Division in the new War on Terror. The talk was all 9-11 still, and Hoch and I were engaged in heavy speculation one evening while waiting for the platoon to move through the chow line.

Staff Sgt. Erik Weiser and I were convinced that America would be able to come together for what we thought would be a long war. Hoch argued against our optimism; America had changed too much, he said. The "Pearl Harbor" atmosphere would dissipate, the public wouldn't tolerate casualties and the media would foster anti-war sentiment. In short, he didn't think we could win.

He wouldn't let up. We almost got into it in front of the whole platoon. I called him a defeatist and Weiser had to get between us. Hoch and I ended up talking it out that night and agreeing to disagree. We went on fairly amicably during the rest of our time in Korea, came back stateside about a month apart, and both ended up in Iraq in 2003 (him with the 3rd Infantry Division and me with the 101st)...

In the intervening years, I have flashed back on that incident on a number of occasions. As it turned out, Hoch was on the money, although

I tend to believe that if we hadn't gone into Iraq we might have been able to avoid the deep national division we are now experiencing. Then again, maybe not.

America has been in "party mode" since the 1950's with only occasional breaks. The Beatles landed in New York two months after Kennedy's assassination. Vietnam barely slowed the party down. Some would even say the war was actually a catalyst for the national drug-binge of the 1960s and 1970s.

Fast-forward to the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001 ... I think the unspoken fear among many people was not that Al-Qaeda would win but rather that the fight might require something more than simply cheerleading from the sidelines.

There were renewed fears of a draft and of the erosion of civil liberties. Mostly though, there was a fear that the party might come to an end with a collapse of the economy, gas lines, rationing and unemployment.

America experienced Pearl Harbor at the tail end of the Great Depression. We were inured to hardship by the experience, a fact that overturns comparisons between then and now. Now, there are many of us who would rather indulge in conspiracy theories than in contemplating any change in our lifestyles.

"You've got to fight for your right to party," the Beastie Boys told us in the early 1980s. What was left out of the song was that in order to fight, the party has to stop for a while. I don't think we're even close to stopping it at this point.

The refrain from the other side, from bin Laden, Nasrallah and others, is that they will win because they love death more than we love life. That remains to be seen, but five years later my optimism about the outcome is not nearly what it was. ♦

The percent rule calls into question our role in national security

Ron Suskind's best-selling book "The One Percent Doctrine" refers to Vice President Dick Cheney's axiom that if there is a 1 percent chance of a nuclear bomb going off in an American city, the U.S. government has



to respond with all the urgency as if there is a 100-percent chance of such an event.

When Suskind's book appeared, there was much clucking about Cheney's thinking — so dire, so dark, so unmodulated. But Cheney's vision can only be considered unhinged if a fog of

complacency descends about the terror threat facing us.

Whenever that threat becomes clear again, as it has in the wake of the breakup of a plot in Britain to blow airliners from the sky, everyone begins to think like Dick Cheney, or maybe more so: If there is a mere .0001-percent chance of a terrorist smuggling liquid explosives on a flight from Denver to Green Bay, Wis., no one can carry on hair gel, and new mothers must present their baby formula for inspection.

The fact is that we live in a 1 percent world. We face a shadowy enemy who represents a threat that is unspeakably awful when it is actualized, but is too easy to discount when it isn't.

The British plot serves as a reminder that Islamic fanatics are intent on committing violent acts against the West, but really, how many reminders do we need?

Since 9/11 there have been the Bali bombings (October 2002), the Madrid bombings (March 2004) and the British subway bombings (July 2005), among

others. Terrorists are very good about reminding us of their threat at regular intervals — it's just that there is a segment of Western opinion that willfully wants to forget.

Fresh from rallying around the Democratic Senate candidate in Connecticut who vanquished their party's most prominent hawk, the Democrats reflexively condemned the Iraq War as a distraction from the war on terror in response to the British news. A case can be made that Iraq has indeed prevented us from taking tough measures elsewhere in the world. But Democrats simply oppose tough measures, in Iraq or anywhere else.

The same Democrats who oppose the war in Iraq tend to oppose the National Security Agency surveillance program, condemn aggressive interrogations and complain about the Patriot Act.

It is all part of a worldview that wishes away dangers when they demand philosophically uncongenial

responses, defined as roughly anything that doesn't involve shoveling federal money to localities.

We are engaged in a multifaceted war on terror. To fight it requires the military, law enforcement, international cooperation and preventive domestic-security measures.

The ultimate center of gravity is the hearts and minds of Muslims. We have to reach into the Middle East, because so long as the cradle of Islamic civilization is a cauldron of chaos and failure, it will spin off murderous fanatics.

We also must engage in an ideological struggle within the West, where radicalism infects Muslims living among us. Britain is a study in how not to do the latter. It doesn't insist on assimilation and routinely courts exactly the Islamic extremists who should be shunned. All of this is the work of decades. In the meantime, get used to the 1 percent world.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. ♦

Unnecessary discussions result in communicating nothing of importance, significance or progression

Recently, I overheard a discussion about Hurricane Katrina. They were arguing whether Biloxi or New Orleans was hit worst during last year's storm. One of them was irritated that a preacher had said something they didn't like about the situation. I sat there wondering if the people affected by Katrina cared which city won the



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undesirable award of being the worst hit.

How many of you have heard pointless conversations like this? Maybe you've participated in similar futile discussions. I know I have. Time is a precious commodity, and our words guide how we spend each tick of the clock. Words shape feelings, inspire action and have the potential to make or break anything

in this world. Pointless conversations inspire pointless moments of getting worked up over nothing. So much of our energy goes nowhere as our potential slowly dies inside us.

When we aren't having arguments where the winner doesn't even matter or change the course of society, we are re-hashing the past, looking back at things we did to each other, like arguing who fix whatever went wrong a long time ago. Sometimes we can't even move on to new conflicts, we just have to solve what doesn't need to be solved, just forgotten.

So why do we do this? I'm just as guilty as anyone

of wasting my words. When I'm not trying to work on my nasty habit of letting go of grudges and bringing the past up to fight someone, I'm trying to be a pretentious intellectual. You know the type; we learn a few facts and act like we're smarter than everybody. We look smart but half the time we're nurturing our insecurities by making fun of others. It's easy for me because I have glasses. To quote Peter Griffin, "T his meatloaf is shallow and pedantic."

I was looking for a story idea, something political, something relevant. The top headlines confused me due to my lack of awareness in current events. So my eyes wandered to entertainment stories. Instead of Iran willing to negotiate yet refusing to back down on some issue, I was curious about the possibility of the Church of Scientology funding Tom Cruise's movies. I don't know how Iran is doing, but I do know Cruise ended up signing with a company run by the owner of the Washington Redskins.

There are probably a lot of things going on right now globally that could cause a country to panic, but all I know is that Panic! At The Disco won video of the year for "I Write Sins Not Tragedies." A random audience member even interrupted their acceptance speech, you know, important things that deserve our full attention. I get my news from the Daily Show and especially the Colbert Report.

This is nothing new; entertainment stories are what people like to read. Celebrity gossip is today's religion. VH1's *Celebrity* boldly states "get a life, theirs." I wouldn't be surprised if some people knew more about Nick and Jessica's relationship than their own. People chronicle musician feuds like they were world wars. These are interesting things to talk about, but they aren't true crises.

Britney Spears' baby and K-Fed's rap career won't

raise or lower oil prices. Dave Chappelle's *Lost Episodes* won't increase or decrease the national debt. Beyoncé's "smoking hot" career won't affect global warming (well, if she has a tour bus, the fumes will affect the ozone layer). You get the point; celebrity news doesn't change the course of world politics.

A lot of people in our culture are obsessed with news that is meaningless in the big scheme of things. The prominence of E! and VH1 programs are proof of that. What does this have to do with pointless conversations? People that are wrapped up in irrelevant topics discuss irrelevant things. You are what you watch or read. The less you feed your soul, the less heartfelt topics will come out of your mouth. This also applies to our actions, which are even more important.

Maybe those who thrive in the trivial are too afraid to step out in the real world and generate true change. Maybe we're too cynical to believe that society can be improved. Maybe we just don't care. I don't speak for those who are doing the exact opposite. I respect you and hope to be like you someday. All I know is that ridiculous topics leave me unsatisfied, and I pray to encourage and be a part of something meaningful instead.

I leave you with this thought; are you unhappy with the way you are and how your life is going? Well, what do you surround yourself with? What do you spend your time on? Who are you letting shape your views? All of these things will form you into the person you are going to be. Becoming a better person starts today, and your life will be pointless if you are obsessed with pointless things. It's that simple.

Thank you, and America bless God. ♦

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your name, classification and major

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Don't complain if you don't vote

Political efficacy is a person's belief in whether or not he or she can have a personal influence on public affairs. This single concept keeps millions of voters out of booths every election. You have thought it, almost assuredly, "How much will my one vote count?"

In America, we pride ourselves in the democracy that gives us the freedom to vote in free elections. In our country, with all of the wars and scandals going on, you'd think that people would care, but still people opt out of casting their ballots.

If you look around as Election Day approaches, you will see a plethora of campaign paraphernalia as well as volunteers offering their assistance in your registering to vote. I remember back when I was first filling out that form; I had my registration in the mail the morning of the presidential election! Even better, it only took a few minutes to fill out. Still, people can't be bothered to vote.

According to [australianpolitics.com](#), in countries like Austria, Greece, Panama and Venezuela, there is some sort of compulsory, or required, voting law. Imagine this: it's the night of the elections, and there are hundreds of millions of voters who have cast their ballots. Just think of what that would be like. If there were a 95 percent turnout rate, imagine how much different, the make up of congress and other elected offices would be. What kind of impact would that have?

My critics may now be asking their paper, "What about polling places? They are

already crowded enough!" Think about it. If it were the law, don't think that there would be more venues at which you may have your voice heard? That the hours might be extended? Do you not think that more volunteers and paid workers would be brought on to assist this huge mass of voters?

According to the Washington Post, voter turnout in 2004 was the highest since 1968 (the year Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota) with a measly 60.7 percent of the eligible voting public actually casting a ballot. That number was even up 6.4 percent from the previous presidential election in 2000. If Americans were, by law, required to vote, the difference may have been by just thousands of votes, or even millions. What a huge impact that could have made.

Better yet, imagine how much longer the re-count might have taken, or would it have even happened?

Another thing that I cannot let pass under the radar is people's disappointment with elected officials. We elect them, do we not? If someone has things that they want to say about the current administrations, presidential or not, they have every right as an American. However, "If you don't vote, don't complain!" Still, I hear the complaint every day.

This isn't just true with elections, but also for policy. Look around. Do you not read and hear about Austin Peay State University's very own smoking policy and how people want a re-vote or think it is unfair? Now, take those same people who are complaining, and ask if they voted the first time last fall. Something tells me that most didn't. Just a hunch.

What if you didn't have a choice, but had to vote. Would that be fair? I say yes. If compulsory voting will get people out to the polls, then I think that Australia and it's counterparts have it right! ♦

Know where yours is going

By RICK YOUNG

Guest Writer

So here I am standing at the ballot box in the Election Commission's office, exercising my honorable right to vote. I have waited in line for 10 minutes and even had problems with an address change on my registration card. Eventually, I got that wrinkle ironed out and waited another 10 minutes in line to get my chance to vote.

It was my first big step towards manhood, being a voter. I could make a difference; my thoughts would be heard. Heck, I could be that one vote that puts my candidate over the edge and into victory. I was a little-known city boy, taking his step into the pantheon of the patriotic American elite. But when I reached the ballot box, something strange caught my attention. The electronic touch screen had people's names on it.

People running for office I'm sure, but still they were people I didn't recognize. There were candidates for mayor, district, trustee and things like that, but I had never heard of these people before in my life.

We've all seen the two figureheads of the political mainstream, Van Hilleary and Corker, duke it out with each other on television.

But these meager candidates were the ones who we'd most likely meet everyday and I had no clue what they stood for.

I ended up acting like the typical student, guessing my way through the whole thing. I didn't know who they were or why they were running but if they had a catchy name, I voted for them. I left the office in disgust. I was so concerned with the idea of voting that I forgot to

learn about who I was voting for.

If you had an experience, like this, you know how frustrating it can be. Or maybe you do sit and listen to others' opinions about people and never get the real facts. I remember being a bigot during my high school years when I would only vote for the people who were my friends. Then I would sit and complain about the bad job they were doing, knowing I didn't have all the facts about the candidates.

After my latest voting experience I've tried to stay informed about different candidates, not just the big boys. I also listen to the news about the people running for district and trustee and other lower-tier jobs like that.

I still don't know as much as I ought to, but at least I know I can walk into the Election Commission with a confident smile on my face.

If you are reading my story today and are confused, as I was, about whom to vote for, I have some advice: get information on both sides of the spectrum.

Don't just stick to one party and be done with it. Get a broad view of the candidates and find out some smaller items of detail as well. Learn about all the jobs that our governing bodies fill. Don't just stick to the big dogs. Even smaller offices make a difference.

People of the world, I urge you to a single task: Be alert, be aware, but most importantly, be informed. ♦

Jesus loves the little ... ex-felons

I die daily. As I see our so-called Christian state quickly abandoning the principles of the "Prince of Peace," I often wonder "Was Jesus' message lost somewhere?" One act should not forever define any one person, but it does. Tennesseans take one act and permanently condemn someone for it. We judge first and forgive last.

All of these thoughts were wrestled with as the Right to Vote organization came to Clarksville last week. The purpose was to raise awareness in the campaign to end felony disenfranchisement. According to the Sentencing Project, today's barring for life condemnation is an issue affecting an estimated 98,000 Tennesseans.

I find it "hardness of the heart" as our non-compassionate and judgmental attitude continues the permanent damnation of a person who happened to be misguided at one point of their life.

Not all convicted carry on the same lifestyle that scarred them in the first place. Some attempt to be rehabilitated and are positive contributors to society. To not show grace and mercy would be a violation of Christian principles. "Rejoice for they were once lost, but now they're found."



Ex-felons find themselves in a messy situation once they have completed their sentence; they cannot assimilate back into society. They are barred from qualifying for government funding to get an education (thank you, President Bush). Ex-convicts are rejected in job interview after job interview not only because poor public opinion stereotypes them, but because many don't have the adequate training that one gains through education (that most can't receive because of the afore mentioned). To add to this, these citizens living in our so-called "land of the free" that promotes equality, human rights, opportunity, and fair treatment are alienated from the paramount liberties guaranteed by this nation.

No justice can be found in letting ex-felons remain forever punished for crimes for which they have already served time.

As a state that is self-proclaimed as having the "Protestant Vatican" (Nashville) within its borders, Tennessee must strive to observe the principle values of Christianity; concentration must be placed on mercy, not punishment (if the example Jesus of Nazareth exemplified is ever to be lived up to). "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

Christians must not confine their love from those they deem not worthy, but instead break down barricades and extend grace to those excluded from society.

Less condemnation and more compassion would be a good thing. ♦

Peay on the Edge

Word from Jason

(the editor)
You really should see the exhibits in Trahern. May your week be full of music, lots of TV, movies and much hanging out. Oh, do some homework, too. Enjoy, peace out!

A moment with Chuck :

Fear is not the only emotion Chuck Norris can smell. He can also detect hope, as in "I hope I don't get a roundhouse kick from Chuck Norris."
— www.chucknorrisfacts.com

Quote of theDay:

"Life"
"Life is just one damned thing after another."
— Elbert Hubbard (1856 - 1915)

"It's not true that life is one damn thing after another; it is one damn thing over and over."
— Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892 - 1950)
— [www.quotationspage.com](http://www quotationspage.com)

This day in history: 1899

First automobile fatality is recorded

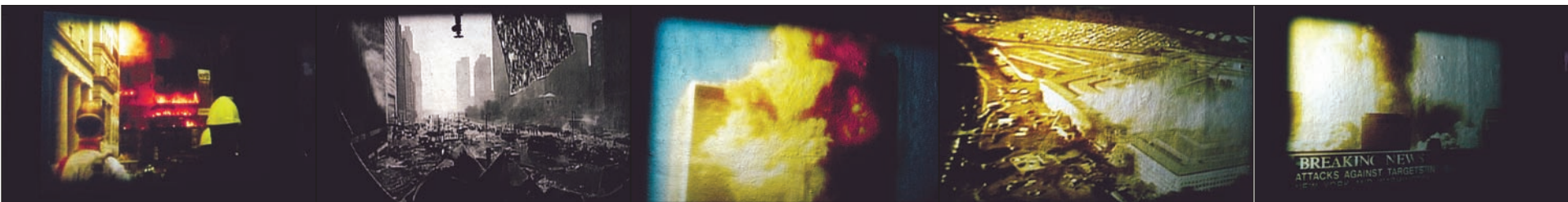
The first recorded fatality from an automobile accident occurred on this day, after an oncoming vehicle fatally struck Henry Bliss on the streets of New York. Bliss, a 68-year-old real estate broker, was debarking from a southbound streetcar at the corner of Central Park West and 74th Street when driver Arthur Smith ran him over. Smith was arrested and held on \$1,000 bail while Henry Bliss was taken to Roosevelt hospital, where he died.
— www.history.com

Word of the Week

Suasion (SWAY-zhun), noun:

The act of persuading; persuasion.
— dictionary.reference.com

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"the end of the beginning"

By LOIS JONES
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It started five years ago when American Flight 11 was hijacked and flown into the first of the World Trade Center towers in New York City. From then on Sept. 11, 2001, will forever be imbedded in Americans' memories. The subsequent crashing of United Flight 175, American Flight 77 and United Flight 93, changed people forever. No one was left untouched that day.

Robb Fladry was one of those who watched the terrorists use the United States own air transportation system to wreck havoc in New York. "I watched it live after the first plane hit, around 9:55a.m. I had just dropped one of my best friends at the airport that morning. It was surreal, I thought, oh sh** this really happened, its not a movie," said Fladry.

Fladry chose the events of 9/11 for his senior show when the dates available for the shows were revealed, "the end of the beginning" was conceived. "Sept. 11 was one of the dates that was available, and when I saw that date, I took it, and the date dictated the topic of the show," Fladry said.

Fladry had seen much of the same footage that the rest of the world had seen. In doing his research, he uncovered much more. That footage is projected on the left and right screens, while the footage that was shown to the world is projected on the middle screen. There were DVDs that had been compiled that were not shown on the news. Fladry took all the news footage and other footage and edited it into a show that runs approximately seven minutes. He set up the gallery like a movie theatre by painting the walls black with three silver rectangles painted on one wall on which the images were then projected.

Fladry thought he had seen everything there was to be seen, but discovered he

learned more while working on his show. "I thought I was desensitized to all the footage, but watching night after night, it brought up emotions and I couldn't sleep," said Fladry.

Another thing that impacted Fladry was a repeat of the Jon Stewart "Daily Show" originally aired on Sept. 19, 2001. In the show, Stewart cried as he told about watching the towers go down. Stewart further said that the view from his apartment window used to be the towers, now it is the Statue of Liberty. That was one of the deciding factors for Fladry when choosing what perspective to take with his show.

Fladry's show is not a political statement or a statement of blame, but a tribute to those who lost their lives that fateful day. While Fladry is not a fan of the current administration, there was no bias, politicizing, or agenda, just the facts and footage that was out there for the world to see. Fladry has no direct tie to the events of 9/11, just friends of friends. This show is meant to be a tribute to those who lost their lives at the hands of terrorists and those who gave their lives to help save others. Fladry was successful in his video tribute.

Fladry was the 2006, second place winner in the student art show and winner of the five-foot Trout award. In 2005 he was winner of the Best in Show in the student art show. He also won first place in the U.S. Bank show and second place in a national video competition. His dream job would be directing music videos. He uses music in 85 percent of his video art now. Fladry wrote the music used for his show. Fladry's show opened Monday night Sept. 11 and runs through Sept. 14.

- **Editors note:** On a more personal note, this writer lost her cousin Linda Gronlund on Flight 93. It has been five years, and Linda is still missed every day. Fladry's show is an emotional representation of the facts of Sept. 11. While footage is limited for Flight 93, the impact of the day is well documented. ♦



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APSU student draws talent from world

By A.J. DUGGER
Senior Staff Writer

There have been many great artists throughout history, ranging from Vincent Van Gogh to Michaelangelo. A student at Austin Peay State University has talent that could be described as very similar to those greats. His name is Takuya Kanemitsu and his art talents have to be seen to be believed.

Born on May 23, 1972, Takuya Kanemitsu is an international student from Tokyo, Japan. He is an art major who is set to graduate in May. This is only his second year at APSU, but his artwork has already become legendary on campus. His drawings have been as lifelike.

"His art really amazes me," said Brandon Mcknight, senior political science major. "He really gets accurate with it."

Kanemitsu has had an interesting life. As a child, he got to travel a lot because his father was an airline engineer. As a matter of fact, Kanemitsu even lived in London for four years. Later, he attended a prep school for a year and studied drawing. He then enrolled in Musashino Art University in Tokyo and graduated. Then he had a job as a video editor for the next nine years. But something was missing. The six-foot-tall video editor made a decision. He packed his bags and decided to move to Clarksville. "I quit the job and I came here to study art," Kanemitsu explained.

However, his beginnings at APSU began a bit rough. Yu Togawa, sophomore business major, formed a quick friendship with the former video editor and observed his uneasy transition as an APSU student. "I met him around October 2005," Togawa said. "When we first talked to each other, I could tell he was stressed because he did not know anybody around here and could not speak English."

Kanemitsu has drawn very lifelike pictures of people on campus. He prefers to draw living things. "I'm not

interested in flowers or landscapes. I choose a person who I think has taste," Kanemitsu said. Normally, if he sees someone with potential, he will ask that person for permission to take their picture so he can draw it.

The thing that is probably more difficult than the actual drawing and painting itself is arranging the time for a photoshoot. "Sometimes it's stressful," Kanemitsu explained.

Typically, it takes between 15 and 20 hours for him to complete his drawings. He also enjoys the fact that this is a very diverse campus with all kinds of different people to choose from.

However, art was not the only reason why Kanemitsu came to Tennessee. He is a musician, and a music fan. "I like country music ... and blues music," Kanemitsu said. He even plays classical and blues music. He specializes in playing the slide guitar. He practiced eight hours

every day for three weeks to prepare to record a CD of his music. He is also on the look out for other serious musicians.

"I'm looking for a good blues singer to play with," Kanemitsu said. Although he has been playing the guitar since he was 15 years old, he is not looking for fame as a rock star. "I want to be a musician just as a hobby," Kanemitsu said modestly.

The 34-year-old plans to become a video editing teacher at a technical school after he graduates. He is a true inspiration, not just because he packs monster talent in both art and music, but because he is a great person in general. "He's a good person. He's friendly," said Natthorn Subbawong, senior computer science major.

Kanemitsu's artwork captures the beauty of the human race. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/ PHOTO EDITOR

Takuya Kanemitsu spends at least 15 hours drawing and painting his masterpieces.



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF
Takuya Kanemitsu, artist

Student organization SOARE want campus to have green energy

By SARAH BULLOCK
Staff Writer

If you feel helpless when it comes to things like non-smoking referendums, pro-smoking petitions, or general abuse of our environment, there may be an organization waiting for you.

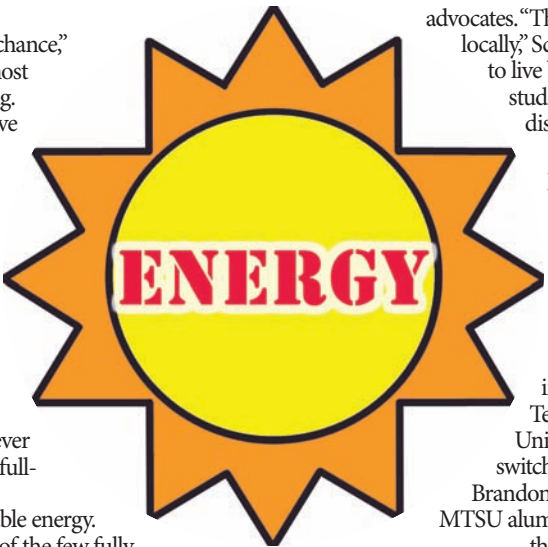
Students Organized for the Advancement of Renewable Energy (SOARE) is a dedicated group of Austin Peay State University students who strive to increase the awareness and decrease the effects of injustice to our environment.

To achieve this, SOARE does everything from informational tables at student events to hosting guest speakers to introducing legislation to APSU's Student Government Association. SOARE also hosts student recreational events such as film and concert nights and will soon host this month's Hot Topic on "Global Warming."

This event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the University Center, Room 303. Joe Schiller, the adviser of SOARE, will debate against Sirk as to the existence and imminence of Global

Warming. "He doesn't have a chance," Schiller joked at the most recent SOARE meeting. "In all seriousness, we've been very fortunate to have professors willing to take time to address these issues in front of students, and I am looking forward to the debate. He may have some very persuasive evidence."

Schiller has been dedicated to SOARE ever since its birth and is a full-fledged supporter and practitioner of renewable energy. Schiller's house is one of the few fully solar panel-powered houses in the region and is known among other Green Power



GRAPHIC BY DUSTIN KRAMER/ ART DIRECTOR

advocates. "Think globally, act locally," Schiller stated as a rule to live by. There isn't a student in SOARE who disagrees.

Jessica Cameron, president of SOARE, is currently writing a referendum for SGA that she hopes will switch APSU to Green Power. Many other universities including Middle Tennessee State University have already switched to Green Power. Brandon Armstrong, a MTSU alumnus, was among those who made "Green Power" the norm at MTSU and was present at the most

recent SOARE meeting to offer his help. "You'd be surprised how easy it was at MTSU to pass the referendum," Armstrong stated, "The referendum passed with 89 percent of the students for it and the largest voter turnout in MTSU history."

Armstrong began educating himself about environmental issues when 'Mountain-Top Removal' destroyed his homestead, Zeb Mountain. "After I came back from Germany, I began to travel Tennessee and speak at high schools about the dangers and reality of Mountain-Top Removal," Armstrong said, "I just hope Austin Peay has as many supporters as MTSU did."

Other activities SOARE is involved in include: the Tennessee State Summit in Crossville, Constitution Day, a Green Seminar in conjunction with the Chemistry Club and many other related events.

To join SOARE, one only has to be a student and have concern for the environment. Contact Dr. Joe Schiller at schillerj@apsu.edu for more information. ♦

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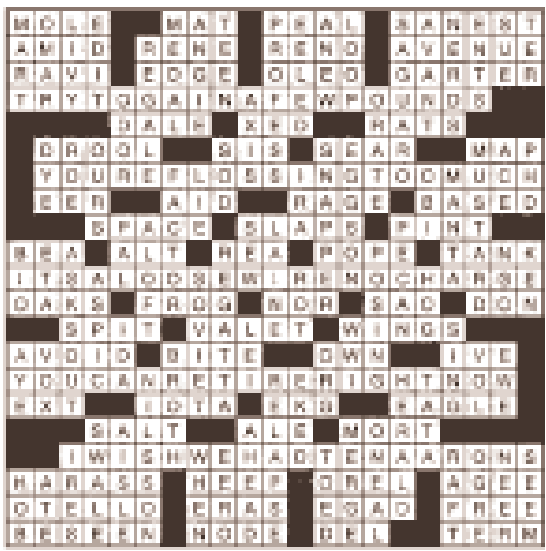
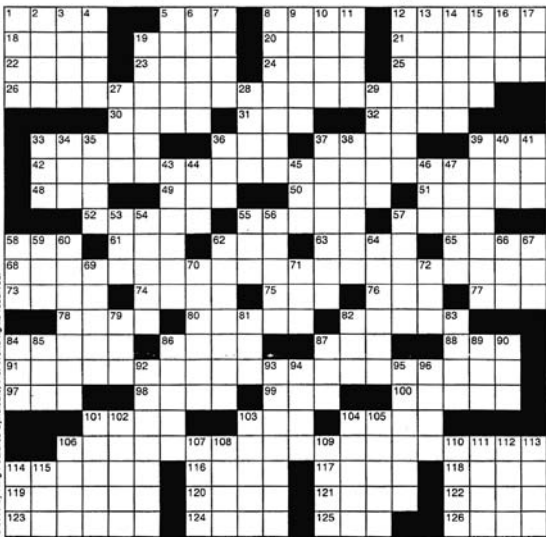
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OOPS!

The All State would like to apologize to readers for the appearance of last week's comics page. Due to some technical difficulties, the comics and games appeared pixelated and difficult to read. We believe we have fixed the problem and will strive to bring you the best possible product every week.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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OPINION

Agassi will be missed in professional tennis world

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG
Guest Writer

With tears, sweat and pain, the twice-crowned champion at the U.S. Open returned the last serve he will ever return in his 21 years as a tennis player on Sept. 3. Andre Agassi never gave up in this final point and when he lost, he lost playing the game that he loved so much.



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During his career, Agassi faced some of the greatest tennis players of all time, like Pete Sampras and John McEnroe. Many thought that these players would cause Agassi to drop off the radar, but he never did. He has beaten some

of the top players of the game today and he always kept the same attitude, "I came here to win."

Through the years, nothing has changed in the way he played the game. He would always be a baseliner, a wicked server and one of the best returners in the game. The only thing that did change in his career would be his style.

Believe it or not, Agassi once had wild hair and gaudy outfits like most women in the sport today. Now you hear him talk about his family frequently and his dedication to at-risk youth. These changes have been one of the most dramatic the sport has ever seen.

Agassi won his first pro tournament at the age of 17. As he reached the age of 29, he started emerging by winning four of his eight major titles. He has evolved from a punk teenager to a wise man with years of experience.

Agassi would stack up a career record of 870-274 and a 224-53 Grand Slam record while accumulating over \$31 million in prize money.

In his first-round match at the U.S. Open, Agassi struggled against Andrei Pavel. It was an intense four-set match and during it he started to have pains that required him to have cortisone shot. He outlasted through the throbbing to win the match.

Agassi then was up to play the eighth seed, Marcos Baghdatis. The pain started to take a toll on him again and he was injected once more by the seven-inch needle full of cortisone. Somehow he pushed through the soreness and won.

This win led him to face Benjamin Becker. As the match went on, it seemed as though the tennis legend's career was coming to an end, like the broadcasters were predicting this to be as far as he was going to go. He did lose, but he lost doing the thing he loved the most.

In his farewell speech, with the crowd applauding the legend, the second-seed, Rafael Nadal, was there to show his support for a man he admired.

"You have given me your shoulders to stand on to reach for my dreams," Agassi said in his farewell speech. "Dreams I could have never reached without you. Over the last 21 years, I have found you and I will take you and the memory of you with me for the rest of my life."

From when he started to his final point Agassi has been like a "poster child" for tennis by doing many TV commercials and being one of the most recognizable names in the sport. Agassi might have retired from the game but I predict that he will become a tennis broadcaster, like John and Patrick McEnroe. This legend will not stay away from the game long.

Tennis has been his life for 21 years and he might not play, but he has inspired many players to play the game. Nadal showed his appreciation to Agassi during his farewell speech because he was his ideal and wanted to live up to that, and he certainly is on his way up there.

In 10 years, when new players are playing tennis they will be asked in interviews, "Who was your inspiration?" and they will say, "Andre Agassi." ♦

Volleyball drops two



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The Lady Gobs volleyball team practices hitting and blocking during a practice last week before the Saluki Invitational. APSU, however, was dominated in two of three games in the tournament, both resulting in losses.

Lady Gobs win one of three in Saluki Invitational

By DUSTIN GANT
Staff Writer

The Lady Gobs volleyball team became its own tough competition last weekend, committing 35 attack errors in the Saluki Invitational opener against Southern Illinois.

Ashley Genslak recorded 10 kills, but also committed 11 errors to lead the team in both categories. Her performance in the opener was a primary example of the entire team's performance and inconsistency throughout the tournament.

Austin Peay State University only managed a .063 attack percentage against Southern Illinois, losing in three games (30-20, 30-24, 30-27).

"We didn't take care of the ball against Southern Illinois," head coach Corey Carlin said. "We had an opportunity to win that game. We didn't make the easy plays."

Saturday held a little more success for APSU. The Lady Gobs posted their second win of the season by beating West Virginia in four games (30-25, 30-14, 25-30, 30-22), holding the Mountaineers to a .066 attack percentage.

Ashley Genslak rebounded with an amazing 19 kills, and Laura Wussow had 15 to help APSU dominate a much larger West Virginia game.

"If you don't play a clean game against a team like Belmont, you will lose,"

– Corey Carlin, volleyball coach

The Lady Gobs did not fare quite as well against volleyball powerhouse Belmont, where they were swept in three games (30-13, 30-24, 30-26). The Lady Gobs stumbled out of the gate, but hung tough for the next two games against a much more experienced team.

"Belmont just played a clean game," Carlin said. "If you don't play a clean game against a team like Belmont, you will lose."

Belmont was efficient, posting a .361 attack percentage as a team, outperforming the Lady Gobs' .206 percentage for the match which was led by Dorota Szymaska. Genslak again let the Lady Gobs with 15 kills. "Belmont runs a quick offense, way tighter than anything that we see in the Ohio Valley Conference," Carlin



JAROD LEONARD/ PHOTO EDITOR

The Lady Gobs get ready for their games in a practice last week.

said. "I think that these guys are way underrated."

With the loss, the Lady Gobs drop to 2-8 on the season. Ashley Genslak also received all-tournament honors for the third straight week, posting 52 total points during the weekend.

"She is doing a tremendous job, switching from outside hitter to middle hitter and playing out of position," Carlin said.

The young APSU volleyball team will attempt to defend its home court on Friday against Samford. ♦

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Senior Staff Writer

Lady Gobs golf finishes 16th at Cardinal Classic

The Austin Peay State University Lady Gobs' golf team finished 16th in this weekends' Cardinal Classic hosted by Ball State.

"We didn't hit the ball well at all this weekend," said head coach Sarah Burkhead. "We struggled this weekend because we kind of played up-and-down golf."

In the opening round on Saturday, the team shot a 335 to finish in 17th place, which was six spots away from Ohio Valley Conference-rival Eastern Kentucky. Eastern Michigan led the opening round with a 296. Ferris State finished second with a score of 304, and Western Michigan third with 309.

Although they were disappointed in their place on Saturday, there was a bright spot on the team as freshmen Staci Lynch shot an opening round of 79.

"Staci did really well despite this being her first round of college golf," Burkhead said.

Senior Amanda Rose also stood out, shooting an 81 which tied her for 50th place. Sophomore Monica Storey shot an 87, followed by junior Lindsey Pippins with an 88, and freshman Beth Ann Burns with a 93.

On Sunday, the Lady Gobs moved up one spot to 16th place, shooting a 332 which put their total for the weekend at 667.

Eastern Michigan picked up the tournament victory with a total of 607, while Ferris State (615) and Grand Valley State (617) finished second and third, respectively.

Lynch again shot a 79 in the second day of the tournament giving her a total of 158 and tied for 26th place. Rose's performance dropped a few strokes from the opening round to finish with a total 165, good enough for 57th place.

Storey posted an 82 while Burns shot an 87 and Pippins shot a 96 to round out the scores.

Burkhead said her team learned a lot from this tournament.

"It was good that we have a tournament under our belt now," Burkhead said. "We got some good experience and are finding out our weaknesses."

Burkhead said her team will be ready for its next match against Western Carolina.

"Their golf course really sets well with us and works to our strengths as a team," she said. "We are ready to just go out there and work hard and find success." ♦

Upcoming Tournaments

Sep. 1-Oct. 30	Great Smokies Intercollegiate
Oct. 9-10	Lady Indian Classic
Oct. 23-24	F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate
Oct. 30-31	Troy University Women's Invitational

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Sports Brief

Governors' basketball team announces schedule

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team announced its' 2006-07 schedule which features road games to Dayton and national powerhouse teams such as Illinois and Memphis. The Gobs, who boast 14 home games this season, will enter their second season as part of a 20-game Ohio Valley Conference schedule.

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Cross country wins Screaming Eagle meet

Women's team struggles with off-campus course

By **DUSTIN GANT**
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever run track or cross country would know that the first time running a new course can be challenging.

The new course at the Screaming Eagle Invitational was no exception.

Last Friday, the Austin Peay State University men's and women's cross country teams hosted the second meet of the young season and had mixed results.

With only four teams competing – Murray State, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee Tech and APSU – a win was not easy to come by with tough competition coming from each school.

The men's team defended its' new home course, winning the meet and finishing with five runners in the top 10. The Govs' were led by sophomores Ryne Sexton who finished second (26:37) and Tim Hall who finished fourth (27:10).

Eastern Illinois kept the points standing tight by having runners finish first and third, individually.

Dave Carlson took the individual win for Eastern Illinois by running a 26:32 with Brad Butler coming in third (26:41), but the Govs were still able to edge EIU, 27-31.

The Lady Govs showed some fight but were only able to place fourth out of four teams in their 5k race last Friday.

The top runner from last week, Kate Gauf, was sidelined, and sophomore Jamie Babb has been running through injury for the Lady Govs. Baab still managed to finish 15th for the Lady Govs (21:23) and Anna Claire Raines finished 10th to lead the team.

"The footing was really bad, and there were a lot of difficult, short hills," Raines said of the new course. "Really I just couldn't get my footing."

Raines also placed a lot of emphasis on the team staying together in order for the team to place higher in meets.

APSU men's and women's head coach Doug Molnar sees his young teams heading in the right direction in the face of adversity.

"The biggest thing for the girls' team is to get healthy and the men have to continue what we are doing," Molnar said. "I think they are starting to realize that we are running in the right direction. They are starting to buy into what we are doing and any time we can knock off the defending conference champs that is big."

The men's and women's cross country teams will run Friday at the Tennessee Adidas Invitational in Maryville, Tenn.

The Govs and Lady Govs will not compete again in Clarksville until they host the O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Championships Oct. 28. ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/STAFF

APSU men's cross country runners Matt Rowe (5), John Fischer (7) and Sam Nelson (8) lead a pack of Eastern Illinois runners during the Screaming Eagle Invitational last Friday. The men's team won the meet with runners Ryne Sexton and Tim Hall leading the way.

Soccer falls twice in weekend



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Nikki Moore drives her way downfield during the Lady Govs' exhibition against Erskine earlier this season.

Defense allows seven goals, offense scoreless

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Senior Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs soccer team went into Winthrop Friday looking to avenge its last loss.

Unfortunately, they couldn't get the job done despite dominating the game statistically.

"We just couldn't capitalize on our offensive play," head soccer coach Kelly Guth said.

Winthrop scored early, getting its first goal of the game in the 17th minute as Chelsea White beat goalkeeper Michelle Smith in a one-on-one play. Winthrop scored a second goal right before halftime on a pass that got behind Smith.

Finally, in the 90th minute of the game, Winthrop again scored one more goal with a lob over Smith's head by Erin Foote.

The Lady Govs recorded 18 shots, 10 on-goal, while Winthrop recorded 10 shots with four on-goal.

Sophomore Ashley Beck and senior Claire Bennett each had three shots-on-goal, while Erica Dengler had two shots-on-goal.

Winthrop's goalkeeper Dimitra Polous had 10 saves in the shutout. Smith recorded just one save on the night, and Jennifer Hensley had two assists on the Eagles' three goals.

Sunday, the Lady Govs mirrored their performance from Friday by out-shooting their competition but ending up losing to Birmingham-Southern, 4-0.

Birmingham-Southern's Patricia George started the scoring by hammering the ball over goalkeeper Brooke Abrahams head in the 11th minute of the game.

The Panthers scored their second goal at the end of the first half when they lobbed the ball over the Lady Govs' off-sides trap with Brittany Lyons slamming in the goal.

As the second half began, Birmingham-Southern continued to find the back of the net when Anne McIntyre converted a lob over APSU's defense to make the score 3-0.

Birmingham-Southern's final goal came in the 90th minute of the game when Caitlin Gordon beat Abrahams in a one-on-one play.

The Lady Govs out-shot the Panthers 12-7 and had more corner kicks, 4-1.

Coach Guth said she was disappointed at her team's performance but she did find some positives.

"We owned the majority flow of both of the games this weekend," Guth said. "We just have to learn how to finish and find the back of the net. It was really just one or two mistakes that made the outcome of the games. I do like how we kept the possession of the ball, so we just have to use this learning experience and be prepared for our next game."

The Lady Govs will face-off this Friday in Bowling Green, Ky. against Western Kentucky before defending their home field against Chattanooga on Sunday. ♦

Govs win road 'Dogfight'



MICHAEL YOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR

Junior quarterback Mark Cunningham fires a pass downfield to sophomore wide receiver Lanis Frederick. The duo hooked up on eight passes for 153 yards and one touchdown. The Govs much-improved passing game opened up the door for a running game that did its share of damage against the Bulldogs' defense.

Govs escape Cumberland with first road win since 2003

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**
Sports Editor

Tired and weary, Austin Peay State University running back Chris Fletcher knew what he had to do. The junior, banged up from all the hits he sustained from the Govs' dogfight with the Cumberland Bulldogs, continued to run the ball for APSU with the same explosiveness he did when the game began.

With the game tied at 21 and 4:31 left on the clock, Fletcher carried the Govs' on his back, reeling off seven carries for 34 yards, including a one-yard dive into the end zone to cap-off the Govs' 28-21 win.

"I am determined to win and to turn this program around," Fletcher said. "When it came down to crunch time, I knew what I had to do so I sucked it up and stuck it in the end zone."

There were a few times when Fletcher was treated by the APSU trainers after some hard-hitting plays. Once, Fletcher had to be helped off the field following a play. Despite all that, Fletcher continued to churn out yards – posting 182 on 27 carries – against the Bulldog defense.

"Fletcher plays with a lot of heart," junior quarterback Mark Cunningham said. "His character really came out today. He came out and didn't give up because he didn't want to lose just like everybody else here."

Just like any modest running back, Fletcher attests his success mostly to the blocking of his offensive line and receivers.

Early on, the offensive line struggled due to a plague of injuries and the absence of starting tackle Brandon Hufstetler but the younger players were able to hold their ground.

"Some of them were out there dropping like flies," Fletcher said. "Some of the younger guys came in and did a great job of filling in. All of those guys are warriors and they'll do whatever it takes to be out there on the field. I



MICHAEL YOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR

Junior running back Chris Fletcher is escorted off the field after getting banged up during one of his 27 carries during the Govs' match-up with Cumberland, Saturday.

hope we can get them back in the training room and get them healthy for this next week."

Fletcher, however, wasn't the only APSU player making an impact. Cunningham, along with sophomore wide receiver Lanis Frederick, displayed their talent, attacking the Bulldogs' defense through the air. The 6-4, 220-pound quarterback connected 15 of his 24 pass attempts for 218 yards and two touchdowns.

"I just felt good out there," Cunningham said. "I got the jitters out in the last game. The offensive line did a great job keeping their guys out and away from my throwing hand. The receivers really stepped up big today."

Frederick accounted for most of Cunningham's success with eight catches for 153 yards, including a 61-yard touchdown pass.

"It felt good because when we called the play we knew who was going to get the ball," Frederick said. "We just had to come up with a big play because we

were down, and that was the play that did it."

The win snaps the Governors' 13-game road losing streak that dates back to September of 2003 when APSU picked up a 31-21 win over Davidson.

However, next up, the Govs will travel to Birmingham, Ala., to take on their second Bulldog team in a row in a very talented Samford team.

The last time the two teams met was in 1999 when the Bulldogs came away with a 51-0 win.

"Anytime you can go on the road and get a win, it feels great," APSU head football coach Carroll McCray said. "This win definitely takes some pressure off us, but we are still going to have to work hard to win on the road in the future." ♦

Record Tracker

Chris Fletcher
APSU junior running back

Game: Week 2 vs. Cumberland
Yardage: 182 yards on 27 carries
Career Yardage: 2,222 yards
Record: 2,992 yards
Yards left: 770 yards

A Look Ahead

Next Opponent: Samford University
Side notes: On pace to rush for more than 1,500 yards, Fletcher will go into uncharted territory against a Samford team that APSU has not played since its 51-0 loss to the Bulldogs in 1999.

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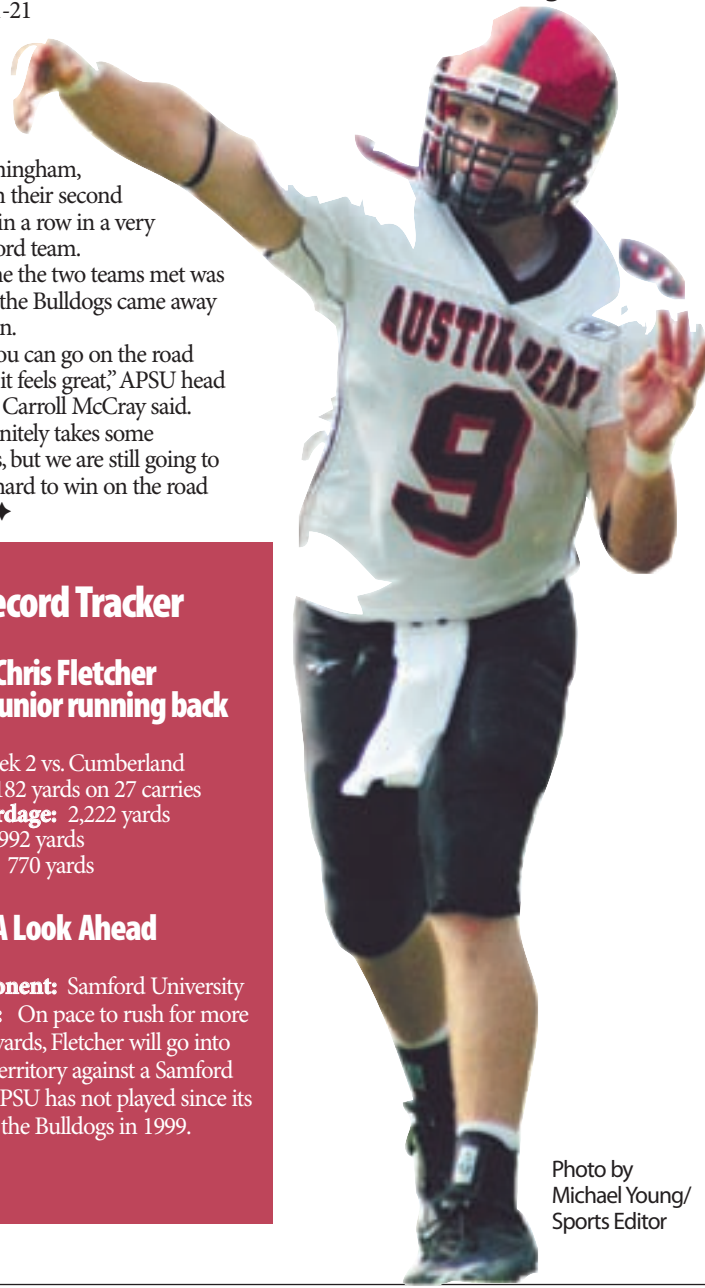


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