

Independents shatter party boundaries

By CYNTHIA BRYSON
Staff Writer

Students who have felt bound by conventional political views now have the opportunity to study politics from an independent stance, free from the constraints of the right or left with the formation of Austin Peay State University's College Independents.

The information age provides Americans with more world news than ever before. With this onslaught of information, many people are coming to realize that not everything is the proverbial black and white of yesteryear.

This change in views is especially relevant in the political arena. Trevor Law, a 19-year-old APSU student, decided to form the Independents when he became disillusioned with the two major political parties.

"What those parties have done, is they've rolled every single issue into two camps and you can't do that... no one on the planet is completely either a conservative or completely a liberal, and it's not fair and it's not right," said Law, giving credit to comedian Chris Rock for the quote.

Law said the group welcomes anyone who is interested in what is happening with the government, and is also disenchanted with the other parties. He said



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that what makes the Independents different is that, "besides being small, the fact that we will welcome any from the left, the right, anarchists, communists, socialists, fascists, whatever."

According to the Independent Voting Web site, (www.independentvoting.org) "Thirty-five percent of all Americans currently identify themselves as independents (and) roughly 22 percent of the electorate are registered as such." The fact that many voters want to vote in the primaries explains the discrepancy in numbers.

Greg Rabidoux, assistant professor of political science, is the group's faculty advisor. "A pure independent, someone who truly believes they're independent, has much more of a variety of ideology, and truly not beholden or fealty to any party," Rabidoux said. He added that Independents tend to be "environmentally aware" and want to see long-term solutions.

The group still has several things to accomplish before they are considered a full-fledged student organization. A constitution is being written, then must be ratified, elections held, and by-laws created, prior to submission for approval.

As their advisor, Rabidoux is there to steer them in the right direction for accomplishing those items. "This is their organization, they need to lead the charge, I

don't need to be in front of the scenes, nor should I, as an advisor," said Rabidoux.

"I think most important for a professor and I think our obligation as faculty, is if a student is enthusiastic about something and it's going to help the learning process, and they want to join, I'm not going to throw water on that by saying absolutely not because there may not be other places they can go," said Rabidoux.

Law encouraged students to consider their organization. "The (College Independents) will not have a platform, individual candidates will have their own platform, because we believe in free speech," he said.

D.J. Luciano, president of the College Democrats, is enthused about the group's future. "For them to be active is an achievement in itself," said Luciano, adding that due to student commitments, it can be difficult to recruit new members.

"I hope that everybody starts getting involved in the political process and is registered to vote; it's going to be an important election and I'm looking forward to working with the College Independents," said Luciano.

Paul Overholser, acting president of the College Republicans, is pleased to see the College Independents form.

"I just think it's great to see people, especially young people, involved in politics no matter what the party,"

said Overholser.

He encouraged students to attend one of the College Republican meetings, "I am glad to see that those who cannot identify with Republicans or Democrats have a group in which they can come and discuss their issues," said Overholser.

Law has followed politics since childhood. "I always was interested in politics; when I was young I liked political satire, I thought it was funny; I've just always been interested," he said. ♦

Independents' facts

- Trevor Law, student leading the start up
- Greg Rabidoux, faculty advisor
- No party platform; individual platform
- Web site can be reached at www.independentvoting.org

Peay gets dirty at Mud bowl



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/STAFF

Freshman Courtney Hatmaker readies a serve during the volleyball game at Friday's mudbowl.



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Above, Robert Jones tackles a friend on the volleyball court at Friday's mudbowl. Below, an unidentifiable Sigma Chi is covered with mud after a fierce game of volleyball.



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/STAFF

Annual event allows for extreme play

By TANGELIA CANNON
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association held its annual Mud Bowl Sept. 28 at the Austin Peay State University intramural field. Students were encouraged to participate in this event by enjoying free music, as well as the unique entertainment, that only mud can offer.

The students involved in organizing this activity dedicated a lot of time and effort to pulling off another Mud Bowl. The planning and work started this summer, when the group began to search for the most effective and cost efficient way to coordinate every aspect of the Mud Bowl. However, the work does not finish until the Mud Bowl has taken place.

This year, it took 88 tons or four truckloads, of mud to pull together another successful Mud Bowl.

One of the main purposes of the Mud Bowl is to "unite students and create a collective bond among them," said SGA President Nick Pitts, "which you can find in our SGA handbook, which is easily accessed from our Austin Peay Web site." To make this a possibility, the Mud Bowl offers students the opportunity to play

mud volleyball and tug-of-war against their peers. Although this event is offered to all students, many of the campus organizations decide to attend and play as a group. In the volleyball and tug-of-war events, the first place groups in the men and women's divisions win a trophy. Along with the volleyball and tug-of-war events, this year special performers DJ Terrel and Duck and Fine\$\$ entertained attendees with music.

The SGA took several safety precautions to prevent any injuries from occurring while participating in Mud Bowl. However, Thursday night during the last tug-of-war match, between Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha, Pike pledge Chris Block twisted his ankle. Despite this incident, the night went off without a hitch and everyone had a blast.

Approximately 600 students took part in this year's Mud Bowl. Among all of the students, faculty, and sponsors, the reasons for attending varied. Students such as junior Margaret Uga, 20, education major, commented that they "have been waiting for this all year long." Others such as freshman Chris Drew, 18, finance major had no clue what to expect, but

said "it is fun seeing everyone have so much fun as a school in a fun and safe way." However one thing is on everyone's mind, such as Christa Mashboard, 20, political science major, which is simply enjoying "hanging out and having fun with my friends." However whatever your reason is for enjoying the fun, one thing is clear, after only one time of experiencing the Mud Bowl you will always come back for more. ♦

Mudbowl tidbits

- Mud Bowl is an annual event that takes place every fall to encourage students to unite together.
- Approximately 600 people attended this years Mud Bowl.
- Alpha Sigma Alpha and SigEp took home the first place trophy for Tug-of-War in their divisions.



SHANNA MOSS/STAFF

A card reader sits idle outside the door of the UC. The readers have been installed near all university building doors... Activation of the readers will begin over fall break. Upon completion, students will be required to swipe their APSU ID to gain after hour access to buildings.

Door readers will provide added security to students

By APRIL MCDONALD
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Another new Austin Peay State University ID card feature is on the verge of being active.

The newest feature, the addition of door readers, will help improve security at APSU with one on all external doors.

"The door ready system helps control who has access to buildings," Andy Kean, director of University Facilities, said. "Public Safety will know who is in a building at all times after hours."

The door readers will require that people wishing to enter the building after hours have their name included on a list of approved persons. Those people whose names are included on this list will simply slide their ID card through the reader and the door will unlock and allow entry to the building. An extended hours computer lab is available in the library and at times the lab is open it will not be considered after hours, therefore the doors will be unlocked, according to Kean.

Communication between computers and the door readers will keep a list of all persons that enter a door after swiping their ID card.

"Each building has security coordinators who have to authorize people to be in a building after regular hours," Kean said. These coordinators will be working with each department in a building to compile the authorized user lists.

All of this helps campus security to know who was possibly in a building at a certain time, should items turn up missing or something go wrong. With this additional security measure no unauthorized persons should gain access to university buildings.

"It's nice for safety reasons," aid Steven Hall, a sophomore nursing major said. "You don't have to worry about someone wanting to do harm barging in."

The APSU community should begin preparing for the door readers to be functional in the coming weeks. It will happen over a two to three week period, with the residence halls being activated first, then academic buildings, one, or two, at a time in the following weeks. "We're shooting for around fall break to start bringing buildings online," Kean said.

Kean also stated that APSU is only waiting on the interface between systems that is currently being written and debugged by the door reader company.

If a person believes they are on the authorized list, or feel they should be, they will need to work through the department chairman in the appropriate building. The residence halls will be the first to go "online" with the new readers. The department of Housing and Residence Life is working with the dormitory students on procedures of how to get in, what to do if they have a problem, and other issues that may arise with the new door reader system.

Kean and his colleagues are hoping to make sure everyone understands what's going on, and is bearing with them as they work through any access issues that may arise.

"As much as we like to think it will work the first time we know it won't. We are trying to make things as smooth as possible," Kean said. ♦

Blood drive pushes awareness

By TINEA PAYNE
Guest Writer

Last Friday, it was not basketballs and boys playing hoops that filled Memorial Health's racquetball court, but rather machines, pumps, needles, nurses and relaxed blood donors. From 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Austin Peay State University students participated in a "Battle of the Halls" Blood Drive, sponsored by athletics department and provided by the American Red Cross.

The residence hall that had the most donor participants, Killebrew Hall, received a big-screen television, compliments of the Office of Housing and Dining Services. The Red Cross also served refreshments and gave away shirts.

This event was not so much about winning; many students took advantage of the opportunity as a way to give back to their community.

Amanda Hinkle, freshman, gave blood three times in the past. "I can get out of class for this...and free food on top of that!" she said.

She was nervous the first time she gave blood. "I was scared out of my mind!" Since Hinkle had donated blood before, Friday's blood drive was simply a 'walk in the park' for her.

"They just prick your finger, then take your blood, that's all," she said.

Gary Askew, sophomore and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, took a more serious approach to the blood drive.

"Everybody's too worried about parties



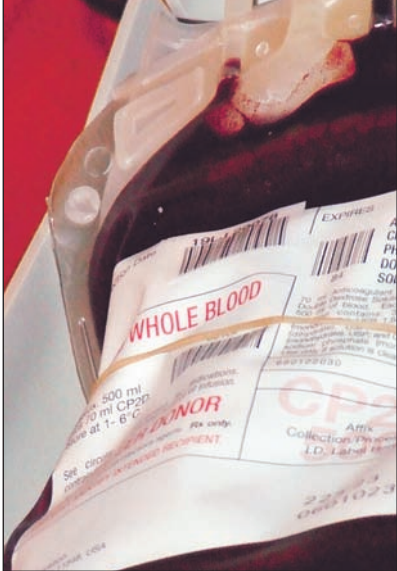
Gary Askew, sophomore, sits patiently as an American Red Cross worker takes his blood. Last Friday's blood drive attempted to raise community awareness within APSU.

instead of the community."

Askew's fraternity promoted the drive. He and other brothers of Omega Psi Phi made an effort to give blood. Fraternity brother Justin Hunter, junior, gave blood after his basketball practice.

"We're doing this for the community, not the fraternity." Along with the blood drive, Omega Psi Phi is also promoting other health and community related campus events. "We're doing a lot of things to help out with the community, we have had Diabetes Day, voter registration, and the blood drive, within the next two weeks, we will have safe sex awareness," Hunter said. Community awareness holds a strong

focus with Omega Psi Phi, "You shouldn't have an excuse for not taking part in community awareness on campus," said Askew. ♦



A pint of whole blood is bagged after donation and will be transferred to those in need.

Blood donor guidelines

(The American Red Cross stresses this is not a comprehensive list, donors are subject to physical exams and other procedures if warranted)

- Must be at least 17 years-old, 16 in some states and weigh no less than 110 pounds
- A person may not donate blood if they have donated in the past 56 days

Senate begins year with hot issues

By CYNTHIA BRYSON
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The Austin Peay State University faculty senate had its first meeting of the semester Sept. 28. Faculty Senate President John Foote presided.

DSP

The future of the Development Studies Program (DSP) at APSU drew considerable attention from the approximately 30 faculty-senate members present. Some campuses have integrated supplemental instruction into core classes and have eliminated their DSP programs altogether. If the program is removed from APSU, several jobs will be at risk in that department.

This past summer was the first to not offer DSP classes. Many believe DSP to be an important asset to the university.

"If they (students) had the opportunity at the end of high school before they came to our campus in the fall to eliminate that (DSP) deficiency; then they come to us as fully admitted with no developmental study required...and they're not behind in terms of graduation," said Loretta Griffy, assistant professor of mathematics.

Kay Haralson, assistant professor of DSP, told the senate that the DSP faculty was never given a reason as to why the summer sessions were cancelled. "We put the classes in and then we were told we couldn't offer them, and we were not given a reason, and I asked the reason and we were not given one," Haralson said.

Haralson said that she has been on campus for about 21 years, and this was the first time DSP classes were not offered. She went on to say that discussions at APSU on this issue do not include the professors teaching the DSP courses.

Additionally, DSP does not currently allow students enrolled in the program to enroll for 3000 or 4000 level courses.

"If a student comes in with a deficiency in mathematics, for instance, but has four years of Latin in high school I want that student in advanced classes, if they're good enough to be there, and right now I can't have that student in advanced classes," said Tim Winters, assistant professor of languages and literature.

After more discussion a motion was made to allow students enrolled in DSP classes to take 3000 and 4000 level classes. All of the members present voted in favor of this, with one exception.

Faculty Working Hours

Faculty working hours were also addressed at the meeting. Faculty members are expected to devote 37.5 hours per week to the university. This includes work done at home. Furthermore, they are expected to be on campus five days a week, with office hours spread out during the week.

"If you are absent for an entire day from Austin Peay, you should take a day of sick leave, unless you're off on university official business," said Foote.

Athletics

An announcement was made that the athletics program will be conducting their 5-year interim-status report over the next year to ensure compliance with the NCAA Division I athletics certification program. A subsequent review by a team of external reviewers will take place sometime between September and December of 2007. Failure to comply could result in sanctions being imposed.

Disability

Student disability issues were also discussed. If a faculty member with an enrolled disabled student is going to adopt a textbook, it is their responsibility to contact the publishers to see what type of modifications are available to meet the students' needs.

"By law, if they're intelligent enough to pass the class, you basically have to provide a way," said Griffy. Students are encouraged to contact the professor prior to the beginning of the semester to facilitate this process.

Other items

Other items discussed included the establishment of a web page for lost and found items; a motion was made and approved. There will now be a background check on all graduate students. All displaced dorm students are out of hotels, although some rooms are still unoccupied. ♦

Meeting in a minute

- DSP program is at risk, along with faculty members' jobs.

- A motion to allow DSP students to enroll in upper level classes was approved.

- Faculty members are expected to be on campus at some time five days a week.

- Sick leave is required of faculty members who are absent from campus for one full day, with the exception of official university business.

- Faculty members with disabled students are responsible for contacting publishers to see what types of textbook modifications are available.

- A Web page will be established for lost and found items.

- Background checks on graduate students will be conducted.

WORLD BRIEFS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq's prime minister announced a new four-point plan aimed at uniting the sharply divided Shiite and Sunni parties in his government behind stopping rampant sectarian violence.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki emerged with the plan after talks with the top Sunni and Shiite leaders in his government, trying to stanch a potential crisis over the sectarian divisions. Under the plan, local commissions will be formed in each district of Baghdad, made up of representatives of each party, to oversee security forces' efforts against violence, al-Maliki said. A central committee comprising all the parties will coordinate with the armed forces, he said.

A media committee also will be formed, and the progress of the plan will be reviewed monthly, al-Maliki said. ♦

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran's headline president on Sunday said his country was determined to expand its uranium enrichment program, announcing a plan to produce more nuclear fuel and calling allegations that Tehran was seeking nuclear weapons a "big lie."

Speaking to professors at Tehran University, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad reinforced his rejection of demands by the U.S. and its allies to stop enrichment,

saying his country was committed to generating nuclear fuel for electricity.

"Allegations or charges by the United States that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons is a big lie," Ahmadinejad said during his speech, which was broadcast on state-run television.

The process of uranium enrichment can be used to produce electricity or build nuclear weapons depending on the level of enrichment. The U.S. alleges Iran is seeking to build nuclear weapons, but Iran contends that its program is for peaceful purposes.

Ahmadinejad said in his speech that Iran will hopefully install up to 100,000 centrifuges, which spin uranium gas into enriched material in order to produce nuclear fuel. He did not provide any more details or set a timeline, but installing so many centrifuges could take several years.

In February, Iran announced for the first time that it produced a batch of low-enriched uranium, using 164 centrifuges.

The speech Sunday was one of several lately in which Ahmadinejad has said Iran will not give up its right under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to enrich uranium to even for a day.

"Not a single person has a right to give up the rights of the Iranian nation," he said. ♦

Campus Crime Log Aug.-Sept. 2006

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

September

- Sept. 7, 10:49 p.m., 371 Patrick Street, simple assault, arrested: Alpha O. Fry of 371 Patrick Street, Clarksville. Fry was charged with domestic assault and violation of COR.

- Sept. 6, 8:26 p.m., UC, vandalism.

- Sept. 4, 6:24 a.m., Robb Avenue, evading arrest.

August

- Aug. 26, 2:36 a.m. Cross Hall, Alcoholic beverage by a minor, arrested: Bridget M. O'Neill of 821 Trigonía Road.

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

ABF Freight Inc. upcoming interview

A representative from ABF Freight System Inc. will be on campus 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Oct. 19 to conduct interviews with qualified students for job opportunities. The company is asking for business management and Spanish majors to bring their resumes to the Career and Advisement Center in Morgan University Center, room 210 for review by Oct. 2. ABF will contact students to set up interview times on campus. The Career and Advisement Center can be reached at 221-7896 to answer further questions.

Apply for student allocations business manager position

Student Affairs is seeking applicants for business manager, a scholarship position. Job description is available at the Web link below. The position is open to students who have a minimum 2.5 grade-point average with 24 credit-hours, no formal discipline record and ability to fulfill duties of job. Deadline to e-mail resume to bryantt@apsu.edu is Oct. 4.

Information meeting about Ed.D. through the University of Memphis

The University of Memphis will host an informational meeting via ITV for anyone interested in pursuing an Ed.D. in adult and higher education through distance learning. The meeting will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11 in Woodward Library, room 118A.

SOARE environmental panel

Ben Namakin, environmental educator will speak Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium in Kimbrough.

Make plans to attend One Night Stand

One Night Stand is the kick-off event for Homecoming festivities, 7 p.m.-3 a.m., Oct. 27-28. Join the effort to raise funds for the Children's Hospital and have fun in the process. Register now. Visit <http://www.apsu.edu/ons> for more information.

Smokers protest in lot



Student smokers protested APSU's smoking policy Wed. Sept. 27 by grouping together in the Trahern parking lot. The protesters blocked traffic by following the new university policy. Peter Kolozsy, (far left), 21, said they were just tryin' to obey the rules. "When so many people are out there, it causes many problems, like traffic hold-ups," Kolozsy said.

Ashton Gilbert, an APSU sophomore, lies in the middle of the Trahern parking lot during the protest Sept. 27. Gilbert and others were protesting the APSU smoking policy. The protesters feel the policy creates unsafe conditions for university smokers.



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OUR TAKE

Fear funds terror

Who is Osama bin Laden? We think that he is an elusive figure that none of us can really know too well. He is a symbol, representative of the image that has been and is being used to instill fear into our national psyche. Important or not, he is there and as a whole the media have used him to further the stereotypical assumptions upon which our images of this supposed war on terror is founded.

Granted, Mr. Bush said bin Laden was not important in 2002 and has restated this feeling even more recently. We feel that because he was made out to initially be such an issue that he should be considered as important. Why? Because he has shaped the very meaning of what we have come to understand as terrorism. Not the man himself — but the symbol he represents, which has made bin Laden the scapegoat since Bush re-declared the war on terror. This is a topic worth examination.

World respected author Noam Chomsky, Chair of Linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers a humorous, yet serious, take on the war on terror that we think our mainstream media might do well to adopt.

Chomsky says that the war on terror should be reported as a Martian reporter might. First, he mentions that the Martian would want to obtain a definition of terrorism. Subsequently, a Martian reporter would ask, how do you go about dealing with it? What's the solution?

According to Chomsky, one step in the right direction is to understand our own part in causing terror. To understand this we must realize that we began the rhetoric that would define these acts directly following the cold war era, during the Reagan administration. The events surrounding this time led to the original declaration of the war on terror — when the Reagan administration defined it for us.

We have become fed up with the term terror or terrorism being continuously interpreted differently by our mass media. Reports have been used very loosely to define terrorism with a U.S.-friendly definition of much unexplained violence since 9/11. We agree that this contributes to a "Politics of Fear" atmosphere presented by David Altheide of Arizona State University.

"The politics of fear is buffered by news and popular culture, stressing fear and threat as features of entertainment that, increasingly are shaping public and private life as mass-mediated experience," Altheide said. In this paper, Altheide opens up his introduction with a couple of quotes.

You'll notice the comparison, as these two standing alone would seem to imply a diminishing logic existent in the U.S. presidency.

"A good society is able to face schemes of world domination and foreign revolutions alike without fear."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Al Qaeda is to terror what the Mafia is to crime."

George W. Bush

So what does Chomsky say our response to terrorism should entail? He offers two options. First, we could set up a court wherein the guilty are tried fairly. This, however, would necessarily involve the criminalization of U.S. actions as well, like our attack on Nicaragua and as such, is not a likely option. Secondly, we should take the point of view of the Martian who we will assume knows that the concept of double standards means adhering to our own prescribed courses of action.

Let us not deny that we do fear a terrorist threat. In doing so let us also realize that the origin is due in part to the false logic that is presented to us in the Bush quote. We may not cower, duck and cover at every sound of a plane flying overhead but we — as a nation, harbor an underlying belief that there should be a fear which drives our policy, foreign and domestic, and the information we receive. So let's not listen to the media and what they have to say on this matter. Whoops, too late. If you've read this far you're already listening. At the very least, let's all be the Martians that we know we should be. Let's never pretend to know more than we think and never make false leaps in logic that lead to a collectively deadly fear. Did not Rome face the same fears and turmoil before it fell?

In these times, we are reminded of words from our history that are profound and timeless. They applied then at the false fear of communist takeover and they apply now to our fear of what at times is a vague threat of an often-misdefined foreign enemy. So in the words that Edward R. Murrow made so affective during the age of the Red Scare, please allow us to close by restating:

We will not walk in fear, one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason, if we dig deep in our history and our doctrine, and remember that we are not descended from fearful men, not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate, and to defend causes that were for the moment unpopular. What is the current cause that is unpopular?

We condemn the actions of our foreign policy. To go further, we condemn the effects that this policy has on our mass media and what limited messages they are allowed and are choosing to send. The media outlets themselves may not be guilty of creating the environment that allows our fear to win out, but they are guilty of perpetuating it. ♦



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YOUR TAKE

Discrimination is costly

On Monday, Sept. 11, I was invited to the state capital to receive Governor Bredesen's announcement that the Geier Desegregation Lawsuit had satisfactorily met its objective, and is terminated. The overcrowded Supreme Court chamber was filled with political, judicial, legal, social and religious representatives.

I listened to the governor and other speakers review the long road of 40 years, the end of litigation that summoned us to the state capital on Monday. One speaker, an attorney for the plaintiffs, informed us that Jane and Jim Crow are dead. However, the governor conceded that the journey is not ended and stretches far out before us. I do wish the journey would be over. That Geier had settled the differences experienced by race and class discrimination in Tennessee classrooms today. When we read between the lines of Mrs. Rita Geier, I gather she is not absolutely satisfied because she stated, "this is perhaps the best settlement we can expect at this time."

Perhaps we learned very little from the civil rights era of the 1960s. The destruction of property, lost lives and court litigation have birthed new laws forcing governments, institutions, businesses and individuals to recognize, honor and respect the civil rights of minorities.

The cost in terms of dollars cannot be calculated. We can't be sure that the total cost of the Geier

case will ever be revalued. We do know under the Geier Consent Decree, Tennessee has spent more than \$77 million since January of 2001.

Discrimination is costly. Austin Peay State University has had problems with diversity for many years. This campus has been the scene of many civic and student led demonstrations. Pointing out inequities and problems receive little or no community support. The general population is silent on several discrimination lawsuits filed in federal court by present and former minority employees. The first case scheduled has been postponed. Could it be waiting on the Geier case to be fully resolved? APSU could make a better case if that is the situation.

The Geier Consent Decree was put in place to assist in eliminating some of the racial problems experienced all across the Tennessee campuses, especially Austin Peay. The Board of Regents, much like Clarksville, has not taken these charges seriously and employees have had to seek remedy in the federal courts.

Discrimination is costly. The Clarksville police department problem is costing citizens thousands of dollars. At the same time, the city denies any problem with the Title VI implementation.

A serious violation could terminate federal funds. Rather than make sure the city is in compliance, Clarksville's attitude is to ignore the complaints and move

on with business as usual.

**Pastor Jerry G. Jenkins
PCA Director**

Frustrations abound

As a senior in the Social Work Department here at Austin Peay State University I feel it necessary to speak out on my frustrations over my return to campus this fall semester 2006.

It is obvious that the administration has committed money to be used in area beautification. This is, of course, pleasant to the eye, however, I would much rather see more computer labs around campus than improvement on the landscaping.

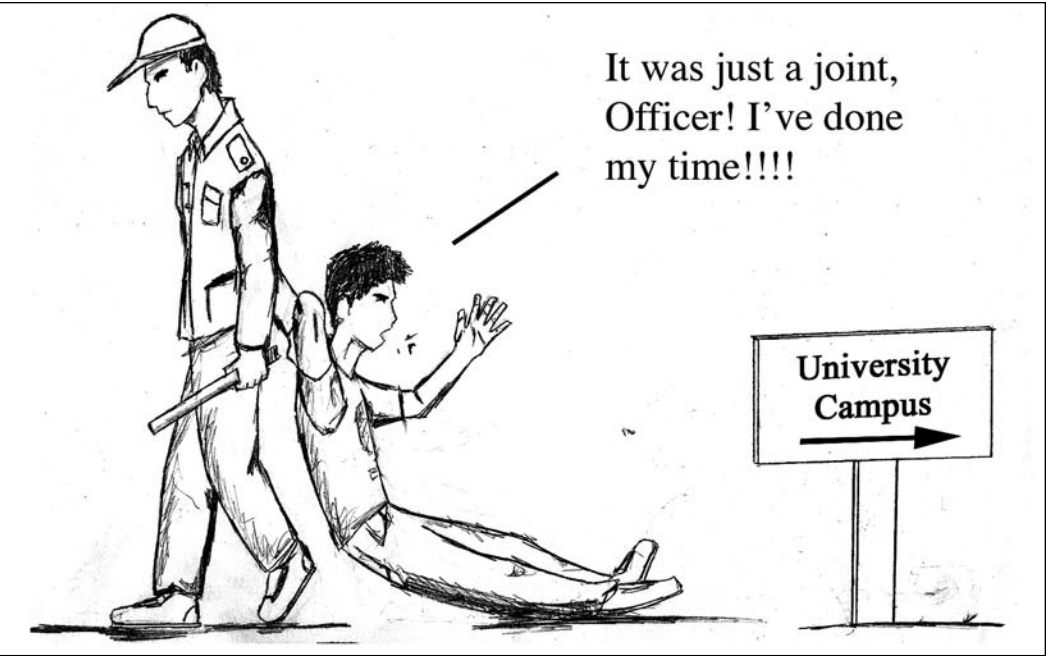
Furthermore, the new hours in the library haven't helped much either. I would like to be able to get into the library during in the daytime rather than have to return to campus in the late evening or in the middle of the night.

It was projected that Austin Peay enrollment was going to increase this fall semester. Well, someone should have ensured that the returning students would come back to high technical operational computers labs with enough computers to accommodate the larger population of students. Instead, we returned with fewer computers and less labs around campus.

All of this has been most stressing.

**Sharon D. Campbell
Senior
Social Work**

Financial aid takes one big hit



The war on drugs is about as humorous as the concept of a war on terror. Yet, in all actuality, it's not the least bit funny that either one is occurring. Both wars are fighting an idea in order to build up an argument based around rhetoric and generalizations. They are not addressing any specific instances that need to be dealt with on an individual basis. Essentially, what we are doing is carpet-bombing anyone who falls into a general category and labeling them society's unwanted. And our

U.S. Department of Education is now guilty of targeting our country's students.

So when will someone stand up and speak out for those who have been unfairly denied their access to education? Are you really surprised to learn that someone has?

It's called Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP). The organization is a broadly stretched group of concerned students who are stepping forward to voice the concerns of those who want to attain

higher education but have been blocked due to a lack of funding options. In cooperation with the American Civil Liberties Union, SSDP are banding together to file a class action lawsuit against this law. I can say with much enthusiasm, it's about time.

In a report from *Bloomberg* news, the author of the law, Indiana Republican Representative, Mark Souder, was quoted as saying that U.S. taxpayers shouldn't subsidize students "who are frittering away their educations by dealing or using drugs."

"If students want to pay for their educations themselves and use drugs while doing so, that's one thing," Souder said in a written response to a request for comment. "If they expect to receive taxpayer funds while using drugs, that's something else."

Souder doesn't make the distinction here that this law deals with students after they have served a sentence for a conviction. All he does here is a lot of generalized huffing and puffing about the drain that drug users are on the education system.

It is one thing to genuinely want to help students who have a problem (SSDP does not deny that there is a drug

problem), and who do not need to be using drugs in the first place, but to further punish these students who want to better themselves after they have "done their time" is deplorable.

Thankfully, people like Souder do not have the final say in this country. The Higher Education Act contained the original "drug provision" that originally denied loans, grants and work-study jobs to those with a drug conviction. There was an amendment in 1998 that allowed for students to bypass this hindrance and apply for a scholarship from the John W. Perry Fund (www.raiseyourvoice.com), which became an option after the amendment.

This is worth noting as a step in the right direction but when there are still some 200,000 students held back from college, there is obviously still a serious problem.

To make a prediction that is not far off base and is reinforced in countless stories of college dropouts: We know that once a student is denied federal funding and is in effect, shut out the avenues that lead to higher education like financial aid, he or she will probably be less likely to return to a system that seems out of reach. In fact, is it not reasonable to conclude that this kind of blanket judgment will only turn more people back into the lifestyle that we stigmatize them with?

Consider someone who is told upon serving their sentence, "Once a drug dealer/user, always a drug dealer/user." If that person heard that from enough people and had it affect them on a large decision (loss of financial aid) don't you think, just maybe they would be overwhelmed and believe that there is no other life for them? And who will stand up to speak for these people then?

Here, at Austin Peay State University you can do your part to make your voice heard on this subject. You can start an SSDP chapter on campus or an ACLU chapter for that matter. APSU used to have an ACLU chapter but it has since fizzled out and if still in existence, it is completely in the shadows. This needs a change.

Help your fellow students around the country who genuinely want and deserve the education they seek. If we allow our nation's educationally hungry to go unfed, we can expect the decline of our education and those who desire to attain it.

There are no predictions needed to come to this conclusion. It can take only the forward action of the same groups of people who are being targeted. It begins here where the problem lies. ♦



**Politically
Speaking
Dr. Greg
Rabidoux**

plausible deniability show just about carried the day. But not quite. The evidence, as any CSI fanatic could tell you, simply lead to another, less innocent conclusion. Forget the wagging finger, we now know that there was some type of adult relations between Bubba and Ms. "I now own my own line of purses" Lewinsky. There was indeed that awful stained size 14 blue dress and sadly, a Cuban cigar. Hopefully, unlit. And they call poor Dubya the devil!

Fast forwarding our political remote control and we get the following scenario (with apologies to Adam "click" Sandler): former President "Big Willie" Clinton has raised millions of dollars for AIDS, Katrina and Asian Tsunami victims and, along with Dubya's Dad, "Poppy" Bush, has hip-hopped the globe, a veritable traveling tour of sympathy, hugs, money and education that would make the Rolling Stones blush for the passion, size and energy of the crowds that followed. Recently, Clinton's (Bill not Hillary) very own "Clinton Global Initiative" was the recipient of \$1.5 billion from that nutty, loveable, daredevil of an entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson, founder and CEO of Virgin Group/Airlines. The purpose of this staggering, filthy-rich money gift? To assist Big Willie in fighting global warming. Al Gore? Well, he did put on quite a nice little artsy slide-show. But again, it's Bill's warm front overwhelming Al's information-laden cold front, making for one heck

of a Clinton storm.

You say you want more of Big Willie? Can't get enough of him? Well, there's more. Recently, he was "interviewed" by Chris Wallace on Fox News regarding the Clinton Administration's efforts to capture Bin Laden some 7 years ago and the overall current war on terrorism. In case you missed it, the highlights are as follows — Big Willie got flush-red in the face, wagged and poked his finger at Chris, all the while defending his and Richard Clarke's (the General not the former bandstand leader) actions. He even accused Chris of doing a "nice, little right-wing hit job" on him while ignoring the Republican Party's abysmal record on terrorism and failure to capture bin Laden, dead or alive.

Say what you will, it was another masterful, virtuoso Clinton performance. Passionate, articulate, persuasive, in-your-face politics. Just what the Democrats could use right about now. Unfortunately, it came from the wrong Clinton. Bill, not Hillary. Does anyone know Hillary's stand on the Iraq war? Her views on counter-terrorism? I do, but then I'm paid to know. She hasn't been shy about her views just not as commanding or as visible as Bill (John Kerry? Um, wasn't he busy on the slopes in Aspen or was it windsurfing on the Riviera?). Maybe it's just that Billy C. can get away with more as a former President. Maybe he's the Clinton that we can't get enough of, even if only to hate (or love) in a way his supporters (and critics) would call "irrational."

Either way, those that warned of a certain "Clinton Fatigue" were wrong about Hillary not getting elected as a Senator from New York (she did, by the way) and about Big Willie choosing to lie low in some upstate New York suburb (he hasn't, by the way). The continuing debate over the Iraq war isn't going away anytime soon, especially after a de-classified White House report concluded that terrorist groups are better financed, more deadly, greater in numbers and better trained since the invasion (hey, no wonder the sheep I count at night are so well-armed). And, apparently, it looks like Big Willie Clinton isn't about to go away anytime soon, either. I wonder what Hillary thinks? Maybe he never really left us at all. If only I could be certain that he truly means what he says, even when he's not poking at poor little Chris Wallace. Gee, I bet that interview made Daddy Mike Wallace proud. Yep, Big Willie is back in town, I hear sheriff-elect Dubya is gathering up a posse. Just so long as deputy sheriff Dick Cheney isn't packing any heat our town should be safe. ♦

Misplaced sympathies;
then and now

In 1866 the Ku Klux Klan began a campaign of terror that threatened to escalate into open insurrection. In 1871 the Grant Administration responded by ramming through a series of “Force Acts” and the United States Army was employed to destroy what was plainly a terrorist organization.



Perspectives
Phil Grey

THE ISSUE

Racism —
past and present

Today most historians agree on the necessity of President Grant’s war against the Klan. However, at the time, many northern newspapers bought into the Klan’s romantic “freedom fighter” fiction and openly castigated what they saw as a draconian misuse of federal power.

And so, as the Klan was being put out of business there were those who painted them as heroic underdogs beset by a tyrannical government. Within a few years this misplaced sympathy would contribute to the literal deconstruction of the Reconstruction era, resulting in the erasure of nearly all of the gains the Freedmen had made between 1865 and 1878.

In the long term, the South paid dearly for this “victory.” It remained a place of backwardness and reaction for the next hundred years. While liberalization, modernization, and prosperity predominated elsewhere, the benefits of the era mostly passed the South by. Fear and ignorance effectively barred the door to progress, turning the South into a national embarrassment.

There is a lesson here for everyone, but particularly for the progressive-minded. We make a great mistake today when we portray Hezbollah, Hamas and others of their ilk as being heroic fighters for freedom. More to the point; those who embrace the puddle-deep philosophy behind the statement, “one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter,” probably need to think a little deeper about the meaning of freedom.

Simply being the underdog does not qualify anyone as a freedom fighter. Those who deserve the designation are those who fight for an inclusive definition of freedom, which is something more than the right of one group to lord it over every other. For this reason the politico-religious zealots of Islam that plague the world today are no better than the Klan: they fight only for their own freedom and for the ability to deny freedom to others.

The societies that they envision will not be diverse or intellectually vibrant. They will be prisons for the mind, needing no bars to mark them as such. Their wardens will enslave women and then make them tell us how wonderfully liberating their chains feel. Seeking purity of thought, they will stamp out free expression and mistake the ensuing silence for consent. Ultimately that is why they will lose in the long run, but it will be a very long and painful run if we, in the free world, persist as enablers for this destructive behavior.

The Islamic KKK has had great success in winning the world’s sympathy, mostly by ensuring that life in certain places remains as miserable as possible. However, do not think that they have any fondness for their misguided supporters in America and Europe, or that achieving their goals will result in a sudden shift toward moderation. Rather, after establishing their theocratic Heaven on Earth and finding that it more closely resembles Hell, they will react in the way that fanatics and extremists always react. Convinced of their own infallibility, they will blame anyone and everyone except themselves and then they will lash out violently at those they perceive as being responsible for their failure.

In the slow dying of the Old South the objects of hatred were Blacks, Jews, Catholics, liberals, “hippies,” “do-gooders,” and an assortment of other evil “outside forces” – progressives mostly, who had finally come to grips with what it was that had been allowed to grow in the miasmal swamp of Southern “restoration.” The forces of progress in this country had learned a bitter lesson from having allowed the South to go its own way, as so many of us wish to allow Islamic extremism to go its own way today.

They learned that allowing a toxic swamp of hate to develop somewhere else will not keep sickness from striking close to home. Eventually, the poison gets in the air and seeps into the ground, contaminating everything around it.♦

Little white lies don’t hide
the colors of dark truths

I support George Allen for President in 2008 even if he supports the confederacy. Now, before you cast the first stone hear me out. Recently, the Virginia senator has come under scrutiny for his displays of the confederate flag and other confederate memorabilia including a noose, which he used to hang on a tree outside of his law office.

A more in depth look into his past will reveal such things as his dubbing of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as an “extremist group,” signing a ‘confederate heritage month’ proclamation, and other actions which run the gamut of insensitive to overtly racist.

This issue is not an isolated occurrence as there have been other senators whose racist views have surfaced. Which brings me to the heart of the matter: if you only get one thing from this article it is this: “We told you so!” What civil rights supporters are seeing with this controversy is the tip of the proverbial iceberg; we have been accused of not giving credit for the advances White America has made against racism. We have been accused of playing the race card and digging up old dirt. All of us have heard someone say,

“why should I suffer for what happened four hundred years ago?” or some variant of this statement. Those on the opposing side of the race war use this reasoning to get rid of affirmative action and slowly erode the foundation laid with the blood of those who fought for these rights. Those who have any awareness of history know that racism and hatred are entrenched in American culture. Culture is not something that is unlearned or changed because of one law or amendment; it is present in the way children are raised, words that are spoken and policies that are put in place.

Here at Austin Peay State University everyday, minorities look into the faces of people whose fathers stood at the spraying ends of hoses, whose hands held the leash of attack dogs, who cheered and fired shots at Black bodies swinging from trees. People who supported segregation because that is just the way things were and turned a blind eye to the atrocities committed by friends and loved ones. I say hold to you that every day we interact with people who have committed these acts themselves or who uphold this part of their history with veneration. We are expected not to question motives of administration or imply discrimination. We are expected to attribute the obvious social segregation of the campus, shady hiring and firing practices, and the questionable silence in reference to discrimination lawsuits, to coincidence.

So what does all of this have to do with my support of Sen. Allen? Truthfully, I have no intentions of voting for him, but as an American, I, theoretically cast a vote for racism every time I don’t question the motives of white society. Why is White America so adamantly against immigration? Why did a group of senators try to hijack the floor during the renewal of the voter’s rights act? Why doesn’t APSU take a stand against social segregation on campus? I say hold White America under the microscope, if there is nothing to hide, then nothing will be found but it is obvious that from our small APSU campus all the way to the senate floor, racism is a motivating force in American society.♦

WHY IT MATTERS

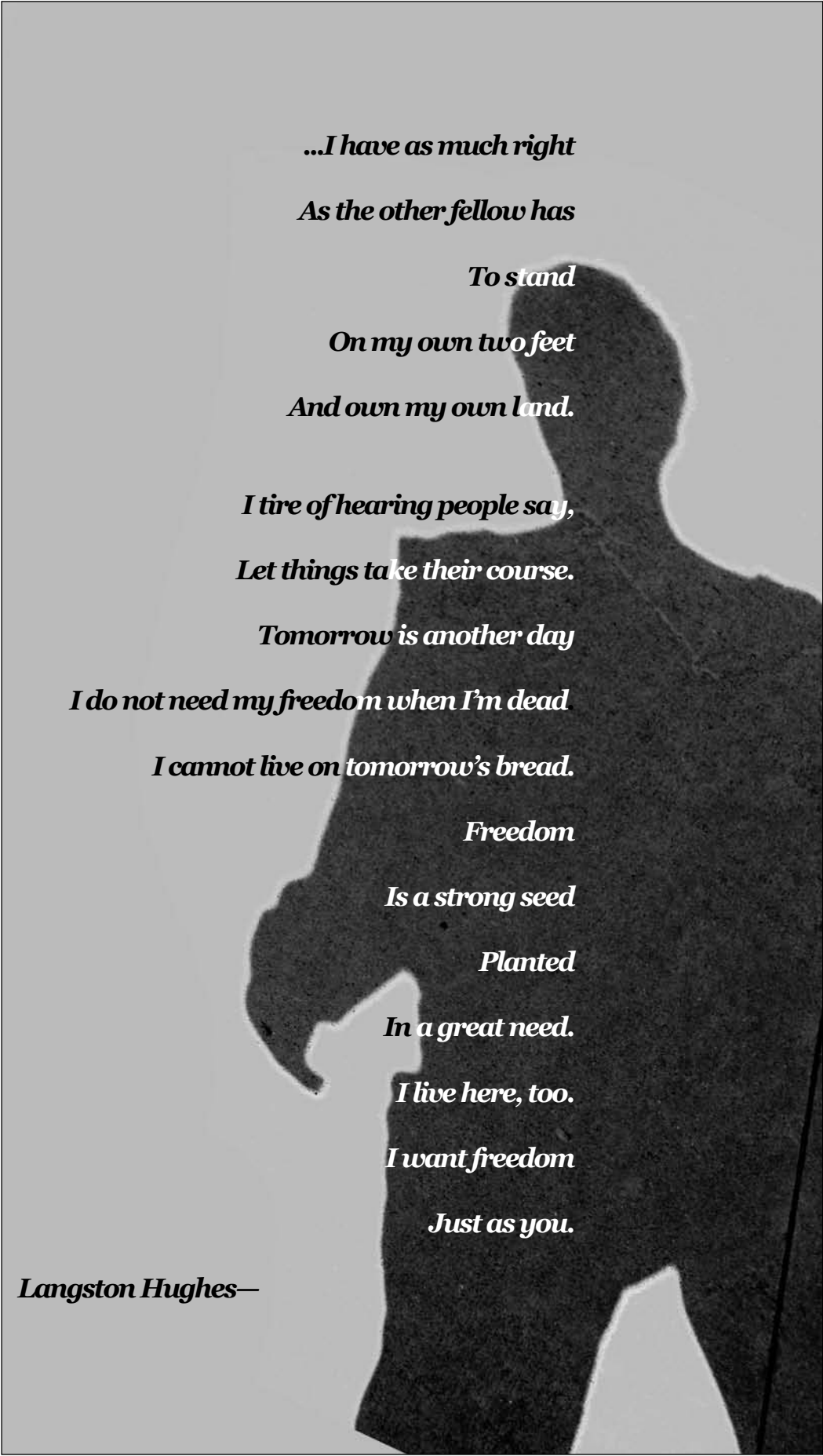
Crimes against
nature dehumanize
us from our
intended being.



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WHAT’S NEXT

It starts with you.
Decontextualize
the content that
composes your
everyday life.



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In 1492 Columbus raped a culture too

Let’s all give it up for one of America’s most celebrated racists as Oct. 9 approaches. Yes it’s true, America puts aside one day every year for Christopher Columbus to commemorate his crimes against humanity. No seriously, putting mass enslavement and genocide aside, Columbus is a historical figure that deserves celebration. I mean he is notorious for being a sailor, so maybe we should merit his supreme navigational skills for finding the Americas. That was



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the true intent of his voyage, right? It’s quite appalling to look beneath the surface of things and discover what constitutes the man whom I loved drawing finger paintings of as a kid. My childhood Columbus was the ambassador to this great country of ours that supposedly represents the land of the free and home of the brave. In early school years the Columbus I came to know was credited with

the discovery of the New World, but in reality he did anything but. Columbus invaded and ravaged an indigenous culture. As a kid I don’t ever remember reading about how Columbus did anything wrong. For as our history books are written, our American figures ever did anything bad; bad things just happened (and the books just clean them up). But to buy into that propaganda would fuel a self-serving fantasy that I want no part in. That history is a fool’s history for the intellectually lazy and morally vacant.

America’s past is “an inconvenient truth,” but that’s reality. Our books are filled with contradictions depicting authenticity through the lens of those in power. In Columbus’ case, our history books give no regard to the native perspective. Maybe it’s just me, but I have a hard time celebrating a figure that’s responsible for enslavement and genocide.

Upon arrival to the New World, Columbus’ dehumanizing views immediately became apparent. A letter to the Spanish Crown demonstrates his subordinate view of the indigenous people. It reads, “They would make fine servants. With fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want.”

In February of 1493, the “supreme navigator” went on a slave raid by rounding up 1,500 Arawak (Taino) Indians, imprisoning men, women and children. After selecting 500 he deemed most marketable, Columbus shipped them to Spain. Upon arrival to Seville, only 300 had survived. In Spain the archdeacon responsible for conducting the slave auction noted that though the savages “were naked as the day they were born,” they endured “no more embarrassment than animals.”

It’s sad to say that even through all the harshness, Columbus went to the extent of justifying his actions in the name of God. He wrote: “Let us in the name of the Holy Trinity go on sending all the slaves that can be sold.” Columbus probably decontextualized biblical text in a way that would make old Pat Robertson smile. I mean based on select verses, one can justify any power struggle as being divinely inspired (see slavery in America).

Examples can be drawn from the New Testament and Old Testament. Romans 13:2 reads, “He who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” and Psalms 2:8 says, “Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the

earth your possession.” Not looking at scriptures holistically only further destroys the socially oppressed and weakens what it means to be a Christian.

Further details of the horrendous acts were given by Bartolome de las Casas, a priest who spoke in strong opposition to Columbus. Being consumed with firsthand experience, Casas found himself recording history: “My eyes have seen acts so foreign to human, and now I tremble as I write.” Casas went on to describe the acts performed by the oppressors as being “to exasperate, ravage, kill, mangle and destroy.”

Columbus’ actions ignited a genocide that would result in almost full extermination of the natives. A brief glimpse of things to come could be exemplified at the island (Haiti) first encountered. Scholarly calculations differ on how many indigenous people lived on Haiti (pre-Columbus) at around 1.5 to 3 million. In 1496, Columbus’ brother, Bartholomew, performed a census and the numbers had diminished

Columbus did
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to 1.1 million. But even more drastically, another study performed by Casas found that fewer than 200 natives remained in 1542. This occurrence serves as a model of what would happen to the rest of the hemisphere.

Population estimates of North America also vary greatly, but a conservation approximation is around 12 million natives. By 1900, census reports show that only 237,000 indigenous people lived in the United States. Columbus cannot be held responsible for the entirety of the destruction, but it’s safe to say he is responsible for initiating such an injustice.

The late Harvard historian and Pulitzer Prize winner Samuel Eliot Morison best articulated Columbus’ actions. “The cruel policy initiated by Columbus and pursued by his successors resulted in complete genocide,” and “the natives were reduced to a species of slavery or serfdom and declined in numbers catastrophically.”

What’s really American is celebrating something that constitutes reality. That’s why I will reflect on the inhumanity of Columbus, and turn praise to the observance of a holiday that reflects truth, El Día de la Raza.

This Latin American holiday celebrates the birth of our current identity. This day will be taken to observe not Columbus, but the influences and actions that followed him. I will take this day to commemorate humanity and celebrate beauty and freedom, not murder and exploitation.

It is about building compassion and understanding in hope for a future in the Americas that lacks racism, oppression and domination.♦

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Peay on the Edge

Word from Jason (the editor)
Some of you out there might be having your cell phone contracts running out. That means a different phone. Upgrades, yeah baby. Spend this week as if it were your last. Stay up late and enjoy college. Enjoy, peace out!

A moment with Chuck :
Chuck Norris always knows the EXACT location of Carmen San Diego.
— *www.chucknorrisfacts.com*

Quote of the Day:
“**Worries**”
“Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight”
— Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)
— *www.quotationspage.com*

This day in history: 1957
Sputnik was launched

The Soviet Union inaugurates the “Space Age” with its launch of Sputnik, the world’s first artificial satellite. The spacecraft, named Sputnik after the Russian word for “satellite,” was launched at 10:29 p.m. Moscow time from the Tyuratam launch base in the Kazakh Republic. Sputnik had a diameter of 22 inches and weighed 184 pounds and circled Earth once every hour and 36 minutes. Traveling at 18,000 miles and hour, its elliptical orbit had an apogee (farthest point from Earth) of 584 miles and a perigee (nearest point) of 143 miles. Visible with binoculars before sunrise or after sunset, Sputnik transmitted radio signals back to Earth strong enough to be picked up by amateur radio operators. In January 1958, Sputnik’s orbit deteriorated, as expected, and the spacecraft burned up in the atmosphere.
— *www.history.com*

Word of the Week **recalcitrant**
(rih-KAL-sih-truhnt) *adj.*

Stubbornly resistant to and defiant of authority or restraint.
— *dictionary.reference.com*

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Fall cell phone picks

Sony Ericsson and Motorola make changing phones easy

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As the year begins to dwindle down, one thing is fresh on the minds of all cell phone fanatics: buying the hottest replacement for that old, last season phone! Here are this year's picks for the best phones of fall, and of course they won't be found in any regular phone store.

Motorola a732

If any phone could take the prize of “most innovative,” this shiny, candy bar slider takes the throne. As most phones of its genre on the market today, the a732 features Bluetooth wireless connectivity, an integrated VGA camera, speakerphone, and MP3 ring tone capabilities.

However, this phone sports a revolutionary new way to text by using your finger (rather than the keypad) to write messages. Conveniently dubbed “Finger Text,” the phone’s screen doubles as a piece of paper on which to write on, without incurring any damage to the screen.

In addition, the a732 sports text-to-speech functionality that allows fashion conscious (or lazy) users to just let the phone speak a text message to you, rather than having to look at the screen. There is also a built-in memory card slot capable of holding up to 512 megabytes, which is more than enough room for pictures, videos, ring tones and phone applications.

Originally available only in Chinese phone markets, the Motorola a732 has been sporadically popping up on sites like eBay.com for a paltry \$150 to \$200. The phone is made to work around the world on GSM networks like Cingular and T-mobile.

Sony Ericsson k800i

For those with deeper pockets, or who simply want the best phone and the most attention, the Sony Ericsson K800i is the perfect choice; The “Lamborghini of phones,” if you will. Equipped with

Bluetooth, FM radio, video conference calling, infrared beam light, USB port, a one-gigabyte compatible memory card slot and a beautiful, 262,000 color screen; there is something for all.

But the reason why this phone is such a prize is due to its built in 3.2-mega pixel camera. Now that old, clunky digital camera can stay at home for good. Based off of the popular Sony Cybershot camera series, the k800i sports a highly configurable camera program that includes auto-focus, image and video stabilizer and built-in Xenon flash. Also, exclusive to the phone, is BestPic: a technology that lets you capture several images in quick succession by only pressing the picture capture button once. This allows the user to pick the best frame of a picture, and lets you delete the ones you don't want. A camera stabilizer function is also present to prevent the camera from catching unwanted, accidental movements.

After taking the perfect picture, it can then be sent to anyone through standard text messaging or to your own personal online blog through the phone's built-in Internet browser. And forget about carrying that outdated thumb drive due to the k800i's ability to be utilized as an external hard drive to any computer.

The Sony Ericsson k800i, which is also formatted for GSM providers, can be purchased from SonyEricsson.com or eBay.com for around \$400 to \$500.

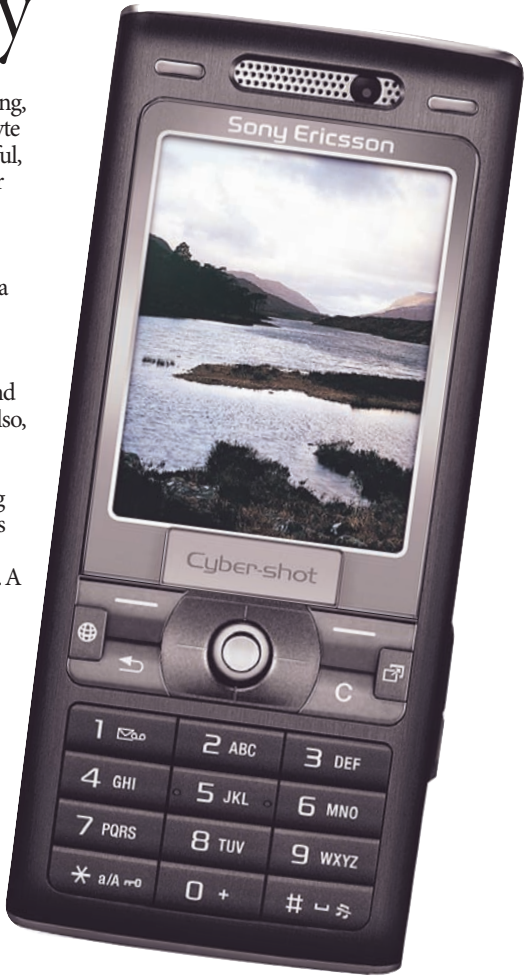
Now then, be good little techies and start spreading the gear envy.♦



Above, below, Motorola a732



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The Motorola a732's most striking feature is its ability to speak text messages to you, as well as allowing you to write messages with hand-to-screen technology. The Sony Ericsson k800i is an upscale model that sports a 3.2 mega-pixel camera.



Above, below, Sony Ericsson k800i



‘Open Season’ opens with mixed feelings



AP PHOTO

Kutcher and Lawrence star in “Open Season” which opened Fri. Sept. 29. The film grossed \$26.3 million over the weekend, topping charts as number one. (Kutcher starred in two films in the box office.)

Ashton Kutcher and Martin Lawrence team up as rag-tag wilderness duo

By A.J. DUGGER
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Ashton Kutcher and Martin Lawrence are both household names to fans of the comedy genre. Imagine how big the laughs would be if the two comedians ever worked together on a project. The new movie, “Open Season” showcases the energy of what happens when these two well known actors submit their voices to a computer animated film.

Martin Lawrence provides the voice for a huge grizzly bear named Boog. Boog is very spoiled compared to other animals. He is used to celebrity treatment and is so high maintenance that he even uses a toilet. He lives with his owner, Beth (voiced by Debra Messing) and is the main attraction at the zoo.

In the meantime, a deer named Elliott (voiced by Ashton Kutcher) is on the run from an evil hunter named Shaw (voice of Gary Sinise) who has an obsession for hunting animals. Elliott (who is missing an antler) crosses paths with Boog. After a series of misunderstandings, he gets both himself and Boog kicked out of the city and into the woods, where open season is about to begin.

The movie showcases the contrast between Boog and Elliott. Elliott is a fast talking, outgoing, and hyper showman at all times, while Boog is very laid back and spoiled beyond belief due to his success and stardom as a showbear. Being stranded in the woods is a testament to both characters, especially Boog, who is used to getting snacks, special attention, and three meals a day.

Boog, of course, does not like Elliott at first, especially due to the fact that Elliott causes so much trouble for them. However, both characters are forced to adjust to living in the wilderness. Boog learns how to socialize with the other forest animals (who are not very nice, by the way). Two days later, open season begins, and the animals must learn to work together to come up with a way to survive.

One good thing about this movie is the pure fantasy of it all. For example, the movie's main villain, Shaw, loves to sweet talk to his rifle and enjoys giving the animals a long monologue before actually attempting to shoot them. Almost everyone is guaranteed to laugh during certain parts of the movie.

Despite the comedy and the overall fantasy feel, there are a few

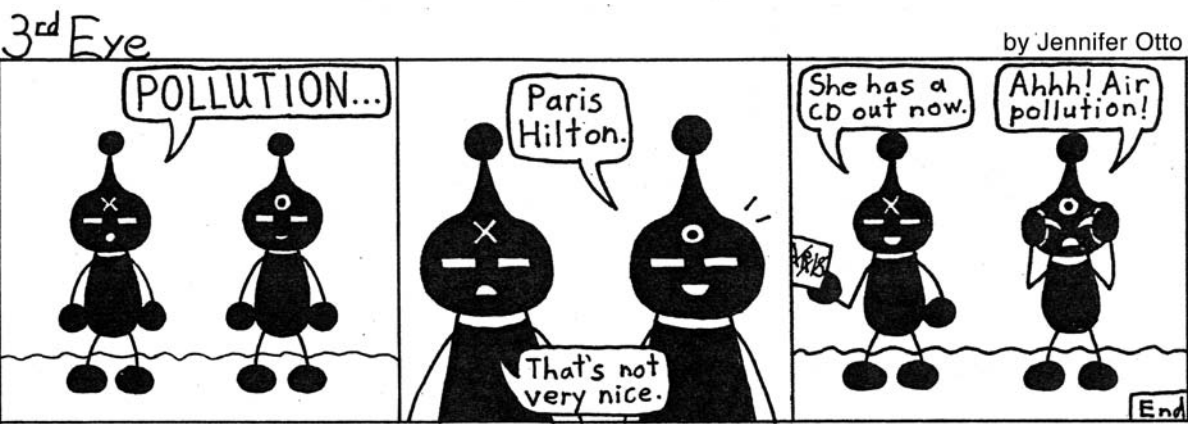
lacklusters that can be found in “Open Season.” For starters, the computer animation takes some getting used to. It is obvious that the animation here is different than from other popular animated films, especially when the human beings are present on the screen. Some people may enjoy this relatively new form of animation, while others will not. It all depends on the viewer.

With the exception of Elliott and Boog attempting to return to the city and avoid the hunters, there really isn't too much of a plot in “Open Season.”

“It was a funny movie; it just didn't have much of a plot,” observed Lacy Shows, freshman radiology major. “Also, the movie doesn't really take off until the end of the first hour. The last 45 minutes is when the laughs become more consistent, and when everything begins to come together,” she said.

In the beginning and middle of the movie, the audience can't help but wonder where the plot is going. “Open Season” is not a waste of money, but there are reasons why it will never reach the heights of other animated films of the past. It is fun for both children and adults.♦

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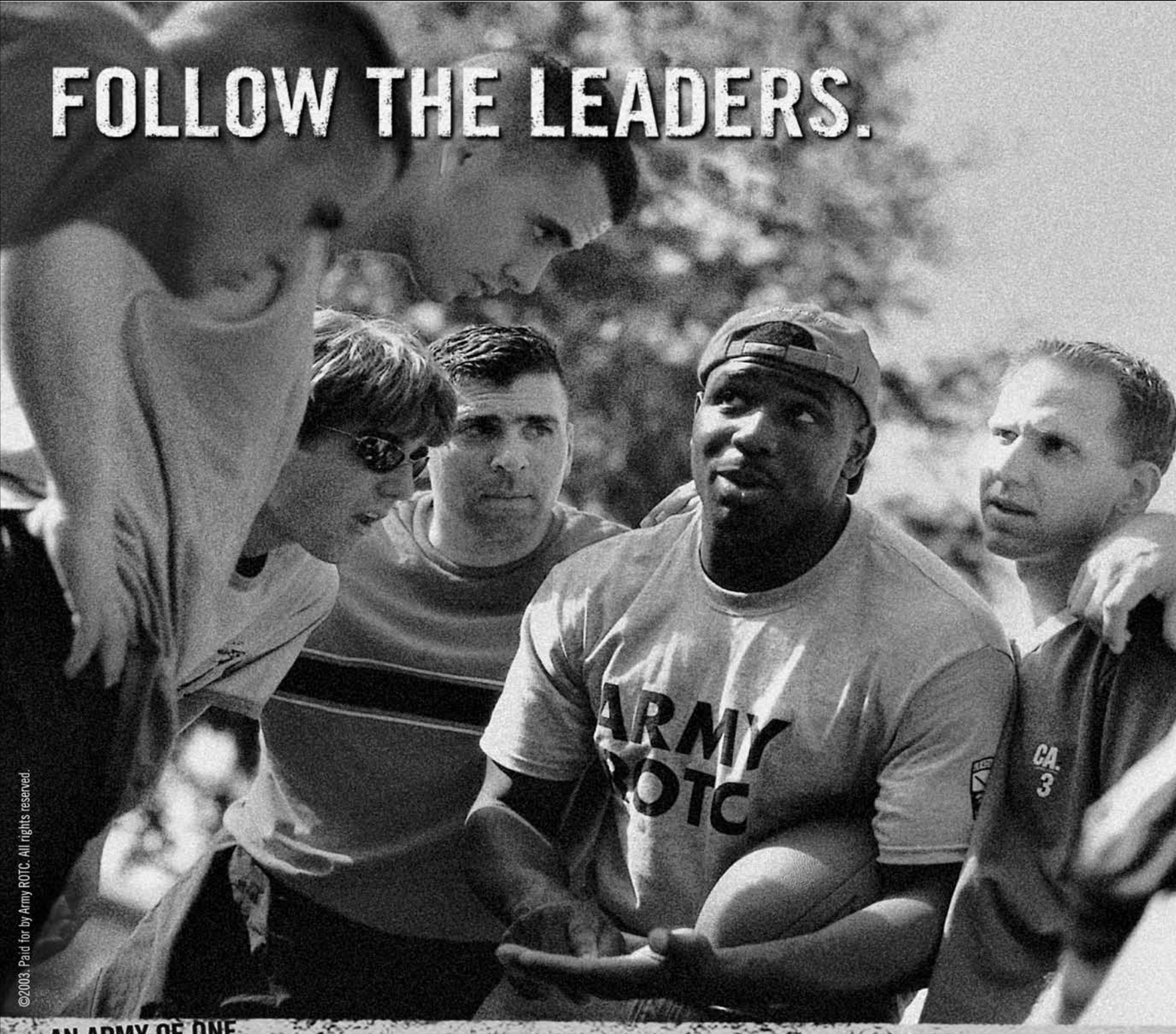
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Govs, Lady Govs golf set to make run at OVC



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ STAFF
A Lady Gov golfer hammers a shot during one of APSU's practices earlier last week. The Lady Govs will attempt to perform better than their program best fifth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Men's team primed for title run

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University men and women's golf teams are ready to tee off for the 2006-2007 season.

Both teams want to finish at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference standings – maybe even advancing to the national championship.

The key to the Govs' 2006-2007 season will be held in the hands of seniors Chris Barron, Yoshio Yamamoto and Justin Metzger, head coach Kirk Kayden said.

"We are a very experienced group, and these seniors are in their fourth season so we need for them to go out and do their absolute best to lead our team," Kayden said.

Kayden has seen improvement from all his players during the off-season.

"Barron has won two tournaments this summer, and he is very solid with his mind in the right direction," he said. "Yoshio, last year, led our team in scoring average and top-20 finishes, and Metzger qualified for two USGA events: the U.S. Amateur and the U.S. Public Link Championships this summer."

For the seniors, it will be the last time they will be able to compete as a Governor.

"I want to win a lot," Metzger said. "I am more prepared and I am coming off a good summer of golf, which got my juices flowing mentally. I feel as though I have a leadership role, so I want to do the right thing and lead the team. I think this will be my best year."

Finishing out the Govs' roster are juniors Grant Leaver, Luke Ladd, Charlie Throgmorton and Jimmy Humston; sophomores Matt Coles and Ben Glover;

and lone freshman Erik Barnes.

This year's unique team, with Barron, Yamamoto and Leaver each having won a collegiate event, are primed for an OVC title run.

APSU's Lady Govs golfers are looking to top their fifth-place finish – the highest in team history – in the OVC last season.

Leading the way will be senior Amanda Rose. Junior Lindsey Pippins, sophomore Monica Storey and freshmen Amy Rose, Staci Lynch and Beth Ann Burns round out the roster.

Lady Govs' coach Sara Burkhead has expectations of her team beating last season's improved place in the conference.

"We would like to finish in the top three in the OVC this year," Burkhead said. "We also want to improve on our stroke average, which was 19 last year."

Both teams received a good glimpse of its talents at the start of the season during opening-weekend tournaments.

The Govs finished in 10th place at the Callis Communication Invitational, well under the expectations of Kayden.

"We struggled in the tournament," Kayden said. "We have to be better prepared. No one's spot is safe on the team, so we are up for the challenge to improve as the season continues."

The Lady Govs finished in 16th place at the Cardinal Classic in Yorktown, Ind.

Although they didn't play up to expectations, Burkhead still remains confident in the team.

"I know what we have to work on now," she said. "We are going to be hitting greens and working on our short game. It's a little bit different for each girl, but they will work hard to keep on improving." ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ STAFF
Senior Justin Metzger practices his putting during an APSU practice last week. Metzger will be one of the Govs leading golfers this season after a strong 2005-06 performance.

Szymaska finds new home on APSU's volleyball team



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior transfer Dorota Szymaska prepares to strike the ball as junior setter Leanne Kreps keeps the ball alive. Szymaska joined the Lady Govs just two weeks before the 2006 season as a transfer from Poland. The junior hitter has spent much of her time adjusting to American-style volleyball and the American style of life.

Poland native adjusts to American life, different style of play

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Assistant Sports Editor

Imagine entering into a new country, not knowing anybody or anything about the culture. You're in a college environment where nobody speaks your language, and the only thing you're familiar with – the game of volleyball – has a different set of rules and new teammates.

Meet Dorota Szymaska, also known as Dora. Szymaska came to Austin Peay State University about two weeks before the Lady Govs began volleyball practice.

"In Poland we only play up to 25, and if the ball touches the ceiling it's out, but here we can keep playing," Szymaska said of her new opportunity. "Here it's a different style of play; we have more shots and a chance for more mistakes. It's a difficult adjustment, but I am trying to continue to get better."

Szymaska has been playing volleyball for the last 10 years, but adjusting to life in America has been a different experience.

"The people, school and volleyball is all different here. It was very hard in the beginning, but it's getting better and better. I've made a lot of friends here, and I think by the end of the semester I will be very happy."

Being from another country, Szymaska brings a different aspect to the team, said APSU volleyball coach Corey Carlin.

"She's a good all-around player," Carlin said. "She has high volleyball I.Q. and is



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Szymaska (10) high-fives teammates Kirstin Distler and Leanne Kreps during the Lady Govs' match with UT-Martin.

very mature. Coming from a different culture, I felt like she brought a different flavor to the team. She has worldly experience coming from Poland where they're very work- and achievement-oriented. They have to work for everything they have there, so I knew she would bring that to the team."

So far this season, Szymaska has adjusted to the different style of play well, with 149 kills and 143 digs. Besides playing volleyball, Szymaska, who is an economics

major, plans to take advantage of getting a good education while in the United States.

"I plan on moving back to Poland after I graduate from Austin Peay, but I want to get a good education while I am here," Szymaska said. "Having a second language will be very good for me. They look highly at speaking two languages over in Poland."

Although she is far away from home, Szymaska has the help of her teammates to cope with her home-sickness.

"I miss my family a lot but it has been OK," she said. "My teammates have welcomed me with open arms and have really helped me adjust to American life. I feel as though it's my job to adjust since I am the only person from another country on the team, but they have been here to support me."

Carlin knows that Szymaska's transition has been hard, but he knows the feelings are only natural.

"It's her first time in a foreign country, and English is her second language," Carlin said. "She is far away from her family and is experiencing a new culture, but because she is so mature she will be just fine."

Though Szymaska is the first foreign girl he has recruited, Carlin said he will continue to look for the best talent, whether it's in the states or in another country.

"I have contacts with international players, so if we feel like there is someone who is a good fit for the program, then we will definitely pursue them," he said ♦

Volleyball drops five-game match with Skyhawks



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
APSU volleyball team takes on Ohio Valley Conference opponent UT-Martin this past Saturday.

Loss was second consecutive five-game match with OVC opponent

Austin Peay Sports Information

For the second straight day, Austin Peay State University women's volleyball team dropped a five-game Ohio Valley Conference match, falling 3-2 (24-30, 30-25, 30-24, 25-30, 15-11) to UT-Martin, Saturday afternoon at the Dunn Center. UT-Martin improves to 13-5 overall and 2-2 in conference action while APSU falls to 3-13 overall and 1-3 in league play.

The story of the match was UT-Martin's net defense, which racked up 25 team blocks on the day. Junior Kathryn Sprague – standing 6-4 in the middle blocker position – was a part of 12 blocks, including five solo stops. Junior Sarah Jett added 10 blocks (two solo).

APSU took advantage of a slow start by the UTM block, scoring a game one victory while recording a match- best 20 kills. The Skyhawks recorded just one block and managed only 12 kills.

The UTM front row got warmed up in time for game two, stopping five APSU attacks at the net. Combined with 17 kills from the offense – a match-high – the Skyhawks battled to a 30-25 victory.

Game three may have been the UTM front row's finest game as it completely stymied the APSU attack. The Lady Govs recorded 14 errors in the game, including 10 errors caused by Skyhawks blocks, resulting in a -.023 attack percentage in the game. Jett recorded four blocks in the third game alone while

Sprague chipped in three blocks.

The Lady Govs recovered in game four and while the Skyhawks recorded four errors, APSU still recorded 17 kills against UTM's 12 kills on the way to a 30-25 victory.

In the decisive fifth game, UTM's block showed up again accounting for five stops. The Skyhawks first stop accounted for the game's first point while the next two each forced Lady Govs timeouts, the first at 5-2 and the second at 9-4. APSU cut the lead back to three, but could not get any closer and a UT-Martin block ended the match.

Austin Peay's offense pounded out 73 kills, led by junior Dorota Szymaska and senior Ashley Genslak who each had 21 kills to lead all hitters. Szymaska committed just three attack errors on the day on her way to a .486 attack percentage.

Junior Kristie Kidman and sophomore Caroline Frens each had 11 kills, which was a career high for Frens.

UT-Martin needed just 59 kills in the victory, junior Jamie Hollins and Jett leading the team with 12 kills each. Junior Dimphy Sasse (11 kills) and sophomore Taylor Noland (10) also reached double-digit kill territory.

Austin Peay returns to action when it travels to Jacksonville State for a 7 p.m., Friday contest. ♦

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Lady Govs take historical win over Lady Skyhawks



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Sophomore Ashley Beck makes a move on a defender during one of the Lady Govs' matches earlier this year. Beck recently broke the APSU scoring record by posting her 13th career goal.

Beck breaks scoring record on Lady Govs' final goal

By MARLON SCOTT
Staff Writer

With her 13th career goal, sophomore forward Ashley Beck broke the Austin Peay State University's career goals record in the Lady Govs' 3-1 victory over the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks.

Still recovering from a tough 2-1 loss to Murray State on Friday, the Lady Govs started slowly Sunday afternoon in last weekend's second game on the road. Junior Katie Behrens scored in the 25th minute of the game for the Skyhawks, who held the lead for the duration of the game's first.

However, the Lady Govs returned for the second period revitalized and ready to score. Senior Erica Dengler began the offensive rally when she made the game-tying score in the 48th minute with an assist from freshman Monica Dunham. Later, the tide continued to turn when the Skyhawks committed a crucial foul, which led to a free kick in the 64th minute.

Senior Tara Tidwell took the free kick and connected on the game-winning score. Tidwell also was named Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

The excitement continued as Murray State attempted to regain composure in the match. The Lady Govs responded with excellent defense, led by junior goalkeeper Brooke Abrahams. Abrahams recorded six saves for the day – five in the second period – including a well-defended penalty kick late in the game. Abrahams was named by the OVC as Goalkeeper of the Week.

Fighting relentlessly to win, both teams took nine shots in the second period.

The Lady Govs ended the game with a 9-7 on-goal shot advantage. Ashley Beck led the team with three shots on goal.

In the 88th minute of the game, spectators witnessed Beck's record-breaking goal on the assist from freshman Nikki Moore.

It was the Lady Govs' first victory over the Skyhawks in team history, and they improve on the season to 5-6-2 overall (2-2-1 OVC). The improved record ties the Lady Govs with Murray State for second place in league standings.

"I am really proud of the girls," APSU soccer coach Kelly Guth said. "We started slow and ended up playing from behind, but the girls stepped up and played well."

The Lady Govs plan to continue their winning streak on Friday when they attempt to defend their home field against OVC opponent Southeast Missouri.

"It's always an advantage to play at home," Guth said, "especially in this conference with really good teams."

Friday's game will be the first of three consecutive home games for the Lady Govs, in which the team will hope to improve on their 3-0-2 record at home. ♦

Lynch leads Lady Govs golf team at Intercollegiate



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ STAFF

A Lady Govs golfer practices her game before APSU's weekend matchup at the Great Smokies Intercollegiate.

Lynch sets record, team finishes 15th

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University women's golf team teed off this weekend at the Wachovia-Great Smokies Intercollegiate and left with perhaps a glimpse of the future of APSU women's golf.

Freshman Staci Lynch stole the show, winning the individual honors and surprising coach Sara Burkhead, who didn't know Lynch would be this good this early.

"When I recruited her, I knew she had the potential to be a great player, but I cannot take credit for what she did this weekend," Burkhead said.

Lynch shot a 71 in the opening round on Saturday, which turned out to be foreshadowing of what she would do the following day.

Sunday she shot a three-under 69, giving her a total of 140, obliterating the Lady Govs' 36-hole record.

She also became the first non-Western Carolina player to win the honor in the last five years.

"I just concentrated on playing the golf course today and not who I was competing against," Lynch said. "Really, I'm stunned."

Lynch broke Amanda Phillips scoring record of 144 at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships in 2001. She also tied her 18-hole record with Sunday's play.

Burkhead said she has to remember that she is still young and has a lot to learn about the game of golf.

"She is becoming a leader on this team, but she has to take it one day at a time," Burkhead said. "Our mental game wasn't where it needed to be on Saturday, but Sunday we played better as a team."

Senior Amanda Rose set her single-round low on Sunday, posting a 76 as part of a 165 two-round total.

Sophomore Monica Storey followed Lynch's stellar performance with a 157, and freshman Beth Ann Burns and junior Lindsey Pippins rounded out APSU's scoring with 162 and 167 tournament totals, respectively.

The Lady Govs will travel to Jonesboro, Ark., on Monday to compete in the Lady Indian Classic. ♦

Govs falter in second half again



SHANNA MOSS/ STAFF

Senior linebacker Josh Hackett (14) tries to pump up the home crowd during APSU's 20-10 loss to the UT-Martin Skyhawks. Hackett posted eight tackles in the game as his defense gave up over 260 rushing yards to a big, talented Skyhawks offense.

APSU still unable to find rhythm in second half

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

The Governors' football team suffered their fifth loss of the 2006 season at the hands of the University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks.

The Skyhawks (4-1), who were ranked in the top-five in Division I-AA in defense, gave the Austin Peay State University football team plenty of trouble on the offensive side of the ball.

After scoring 10 points in the first half to take a four-point lead into halftime, the Govs were held scoreless in the second half by the Skyhawks, giving up 14 points to fall, 20-10.

"It's a hard loss because this is the second week in a row that we feel like we could have been in the game and possibly win it," junior running back Chris Fletcher said. "We have shot ourselves in the foot two weeks in a row."

The turning point in the game occurred late in the fourth quarter when APSU quarterback Mark Cunningham nailed sophomore receiver Lanis Frederick for a 44-yard pass that landed the Govs at the UT-Martin one yard line.

However, a penalty would move the Govs back to the five yard line two plays before Cunningham would be intercepted by David Gilmore at the goal line.

"The play was supposed to be a curl on the outside but it wasn't there," Cunningham said. "He came back inside and I didn't see the linebacker drifted to the ball and he came up and got it."

Cunningham would complete 21 of his 35 pass attempts for a career-high 297 yards with one

touchdown and two interceptions.

"Their secondary was athletic but our receivers run good routes tonight," Cunningham said. "Our offensive line gave me plenty of time so we were able to complete some good passes."

The Govs' running game, however, was held in check by the stocky Skyhawks defense. Led by junior running back Chris Fletcher's 57 yards, the Govs netted just 44 yards in the contest.

The performance was Fletcher's first game of the 2006 season to not reach 100 yards rushing.

However, the junior did haul in four receptions for 98 yards during the contest, including a 60-yard touchdown pass from Cunningham midway through the first quarter.

"(Fletcher) came out here and did a great job on both sides of the ball," Frederick said. "He came out catching and running. He's just a big-time player."

Fletcher's receiving performance accounted for the Governors' absence of Frederick, who served a suspension for the first quarter of the game for arriving late to a team meeting.

The Govs defense showed much discomfort with their matchup with the Skyhawks offensive line. The stout, talented line pushed the Govs' defense around for most of the game, allowing their backs to post 263 yards on the ground.

"They had a really big offensive line," sophomore defensive end Patrick Horton said. "They weren't as mobile as the other offensive lines that we have faced but they were probably the most talented." ♦

Record Tracker

Chris Fletcher
APSU junior running back

Game: Week 5 vs. UT-Martin
Yardage: 57 yards on 18 carries
Career Yardage: 2,384 yards
Record: 2,992 yards
Yards left: 608 yards

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Side notes: Fletcher will be able to rest this week after a tough match-up with the Skyhawks last week where the junior finished with less than 100 yards rushing for the first time in the 2006 season. The junior, however, is still well on pace to break the record.



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/ STAFF

A group of Lady Govs runners leads the pack at the Screaming Eagle Invitational.

By DUSTIN GANT
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University men's and women's cross country teams went toe-to-toe with some of the most talented teams in the country last Saturday at the Auburn Invitational.

Both of APSU's teams ended up holding their ground.

The Lady Govs finished 14th out of 24 teams, with Anna-Claire Raines leading the way, running an 18:54 for the five-kilometer race. She was followed by Melissa Nobbs (19:00) and Jamie Babb (19:20).

Head coach Doug Molnar was pleased with the strides that the young Lady Govs team continues to make from week to week.

"The women again were very competitive," Molnar said. "We thought we

could compete with Jacksonville State, and we beat them. We beat a good team like Miami, and we were just behind Ole Miss."

Nobbs performance last and caught her coach's attention.

"She has been running really good practices, and the results are starting to show," Molnar said.

The women's meet was dominated overall by Iowa, with five runners in the top six, just narrowly missing a perfect score, posting a 16. Diane Nukrui was the individual winner for the Hawkeyes, posting an impressive time of 16:10.

The Govs also finished with decent times, but Molnar expected much more from his talented men's team.

"I was disappointed," Molnar said. "We had an opportunity to beat a lot of good teams, and we let it slip through our fingers."

We have to learn how to run in big meets."

Molnar had a goal of scoring 200 points for the men and a top-five finish, but the Govs fell short of those expectations.

"The boys just ran a very average race," he said. "The men's team just didn't run what they were capable of. Sam Nelson ran well – he was the only one closest to where he should have been."

Nelson, a freshman, ran a 26:09 for the eight-kilometer race and finished third on the team. Ryne Sexton finished first for the men, running a 25:17 and placing 37th overall. Tim Hall followed in 54th overall with a time of 25:32.

"The girls must run the entire race, not just go the pace of the person in front of them," Molnar said. "The boys just need to have confidence when running against big competition." ♦