

Regents online development now on hold

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Assistant News Editor

A state lawmaker is calling for a moratorium on the development of online college classes until the state's two higher education systems can show they are able to prevent unnecessary duplication, according to Associated Press.

"In a meeting last spring, I asked Dr. Manning what was in place to prevent individual campus from duplicating a class that was already offered through Regents Online Degree Programs," said Sen. David Fowler, R-Chattanooga. "This means there could be an American History class on Regents Online Degree Programs that all students could access and then having every campus in the system make an American History Class. I was told that there was nothing to prevent duplication."

"The issue came to my attention because in Chattanooga, I had numerous faculty members complain that over \$57,000 was spent making a religion class and it was rejected by Regents Online Degree Programs, after the money was spent."

"Those professors felt that the money could have been spent on other, more pressing needs."

"While priorities on a campus don't need to be set by the legislature, the avoidance of duplication involving state money is an issue," Fowler said. The moratorium, enforced by the bill, will not cost the state or Tennessee Board of Regents.

Dean of Austin Peay State University's Extended and Distance Education, Stanley Groppe said, "The cost to APSU for the freeze would be hard to determine. However, if the freeze were to last very long it could have a significant

impact on online program development."

In naming benefits to the moratorium process, Sen. Fowler said, "We will be able to find out if we are spending money on multiple classes on the same material that could otherwise be directed to classes that are not yet on-line or to other needs on our campuses."

"All I've heard for the last four years or so is how higher education does not have enough money, and if it has money for each campus to duplicate the work that has already been done in Regents Online Degree Programs, then perhaps there is not as much a problem as we've been led to think," he said.

The freeze is across all TBR schools, which includes those in the University of Tennessee System. By avoiding duplication of courses online, monies going to the one course could go to the other course that is not available.

Both Groppe and Fowler do not believe the cost per credit hour will increase.

"Not unless tuition increases across the board," said Groppe.

"After all, all the bill does is establish a moratorium - a time out - to find out if we are using our money wisely. A wise use of money could allow tuition to not go up as fast. I would think it in the students' best interest for us to ask these tough questions so that, if money is being used for things that are otherwise already available, then money can go to the other things that become the reason for having to have a tuition increase," said Fowler.

The average tuition for one class is \$206 per credit hour. A course with 3 credit hours is \$618.

If you have any questions about RODP, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/regentsdegree/> or call 221-1373.

String of break-ins reported



By ERIC MILLER
Managing Editor

Campus police are investigating a string of car break-ins that occurred last Friday at Killebrew Hall, Sevier Hall and the Armory.

Campus Police Chief Lantz Biles said they have at least two suspects but had not released any names as of press time.

One suspect was arrested Friday on campus for outstanding warrants not related to the break-ins.

The unidentified man was arrested after a witness called campus police because the witness had seen him looking into car windows and trying handles, police said.

In most of the incidents, police said the car windows had been shattered in an attempt to steal the radio and CD player. Most attempts were unsuccessful, police said.

Many of the vehicles had blood on door handles, seats and around the consoles.

Lt. Ron Szlosek, operations supervisor of campus police, handled the scene of each incident.

"They had one mindset: smash the window, grab the radio and get out of there," Szlosek said. He believes the suspect used his or her forearm to break in the windows, resulting in a cut that left

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- Lt. Ron Szlosek, campus police

blood in and on several vehicles. "It's probably a minor cut, something they could use a Band-Aid on," Szlosek said.

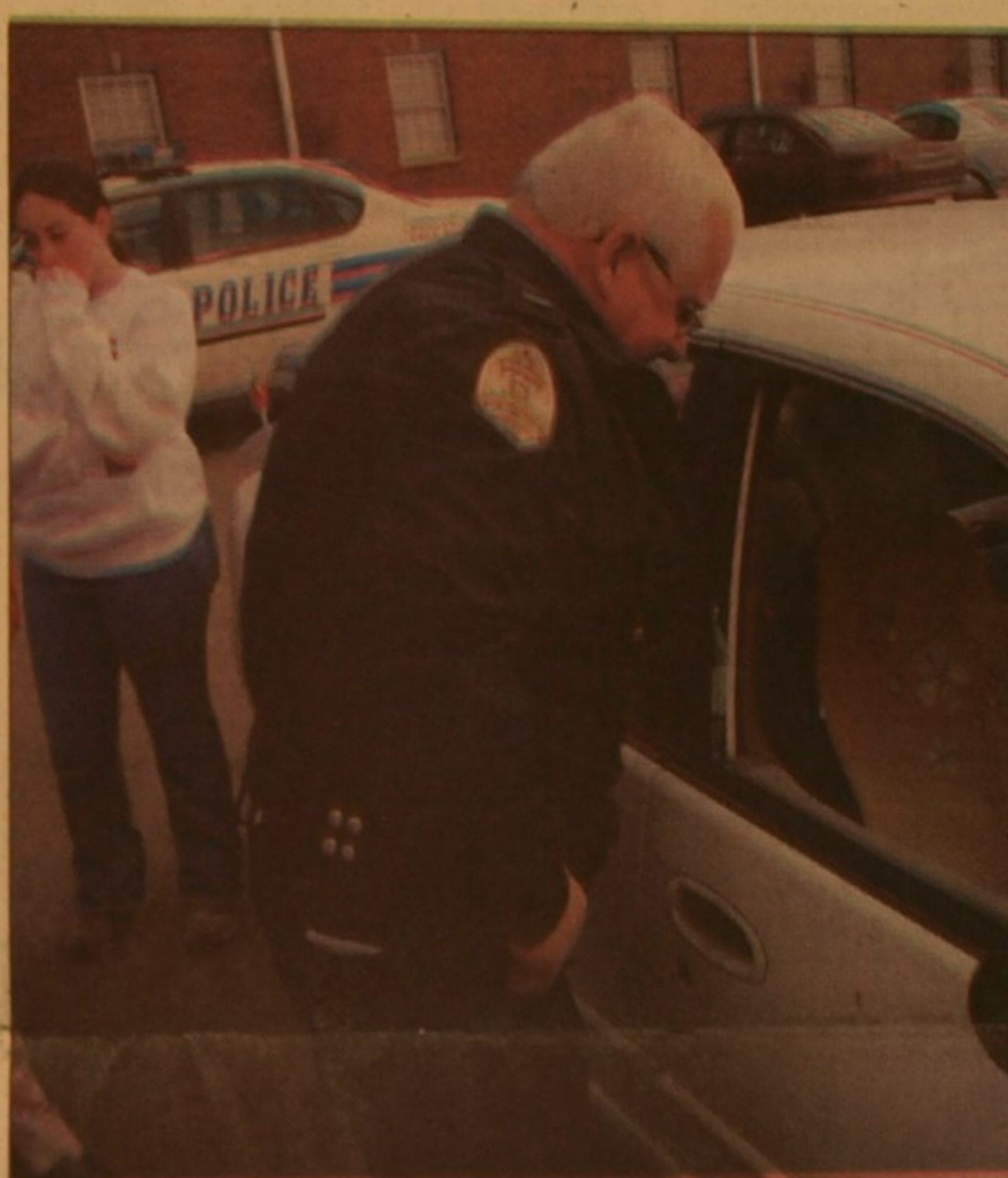
The window of freshman Steven Butler's car, however, was not broken. The rear window was pushed down enough for the suspect to unlock the door of the car.

After ripping off the dash in a failed attempt to steal the CD player, the suspect chose to steal a case of CDs from his car instead.

Butler expressed concern regarding campus life. "It makes me feel insecure to live here," Butler said.

While campus police believe most of the incidents occurred between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m., none of the break-ins were reported until nearly 8 a.m.

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JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

(Top left): Shenese Williams and Jennifer Box wait for campus police's arrival beside Kelly Hampton's burglarized car. (Top right): Lt. Szlosek inspects the scene of the incident. (Above): Broken glass and bloody interiors were a common sight in many of the break-ins.

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APSU joins Academic Consortium for security

PRESS RELEASE

APSU's newly established Institute for Global Security Studies (IGSS) has been registered as part of the National Academic Consortium for Homeland Security (NACHS).

APSU is the only Tennessee Board of Regents university to become part of this nationwide consortium.

The consortium is made up of public and private institutions engaged in scientific research, technology development and transition, education and training, as well as service programs concerned with national security challenges, issues, problems and solutions—both at home and around the world. The objectives of NACHS are to:

- Improve understanding of national security issues, especially terrorism and strategies for counterterrorism.
- Promote development of better-informed public policy, strategy, plans and programs regarding national security issues.
- Develop new technologies and transition those technologies into effective, practical and affordable solutions to international and homeland security problems.
- Educate and train the people required by governmental and non-governmental organizations to effectively accomplish international and homeland security roles and responsibilities.

For more information about the NACHS or APSU's Institute for Global Security Studies, contact APSU President Sherry Hoppe at (931) 221-7566.

Attendance numbers stay stable despite flu

By ROBERT BUTLER
Staff Writer

Although some counties in both the east and the south parts of the state have canceled class last week because of influenza and the sudden changes of weather, Austin Peay State University has had below average cases of the flu on campus.

Eight counties in Tennessee and Kentucky closed their school systems at the end of last week, and possibly this week, due to flu cases. However, the flu on campus has not been bad.

"We see up to about 45 students a day, but most of those students do not actually have the flu," said Jill Degrauw, a nurse at APSU health department.

Degrauw says that the department performs a flu test, and says that the percentages are down from last year, but also says that she has more cases come up lately compared to the end of last semester (and in the earlier part of this semester).

"We subscribe medicines for the particular symptoms not just a particular vaccine for the flu," said Degrauw.

Degrauw says that more students may have had the flu that checked in, but were in the later stages and it did show up in the test.

Professors say that attendance is good this semester considering that it is flu season. Patrick Perdue, who teaches developmental math, says that attendance in his classes are about average.

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On-campus diner in need of entertainment

By JENNIFER TYSON
Staff Writer

Austin's dining area at Austin Peay State University currently has no jukebox, and will soon no longer carry bottled soft drinks.

In December 2004, the jukebox located inside Austin's was removed. "It was removed by its owner," said Jeff Richardson, director of dining services at APSU. "He said he wasn't making enough money." Richardson said the dining services are currently looking for a jukebox to replace the one that was removed.

Crissy Grooms, assistant director of APSU dining services, said the former jukebox was leased and they are looking into getting their own machine that they take care of and maintain themselves. "It (the jukebox) never worked half of the time. It was keeping people's quarters and not allowing songs to play," said Grooms.

Quinton Jefferson, senior business administration major, said he has heard students playing their guitars on campus and that they were talented. "I would like to hear a few live bands as well as a jukebox. There are a lot of talented students on campus that could perform."

"If students want a jukebox, they should get it," Jefferson said. Davinda McNatte, senior nursing major, said the campus needs a "hang out" area. "I think Austin's needs a jukebox," she said.

Richauna Okojie, a sophomore mass communication major, said she misses the jukebox that Austin's had when it first opened. "I wish they'd put another one in Austin's because it's boring. There needs to be a variety of music to please everybody," said Stephanie Butts, sophomore psychology and pre-medicine major.

"It didn't make a difference for me," said Sarah Parker, sophomore nursing major.

Another change will soon take place at Austin's. APSU dining services has plans to remove all bottled drinks except water from Austin's. It is not certain when this will take place. "We're getting a fountain put in," said Grooms, stating that fountain drinks are more efficient.

"The main reason we are going to install a fountain machine is for space," said Richardson. He said there are electrical issues. APSU dining wants to add more items; however, there is not enough electricity for everything they want to add.



THOMAS VANHOOSER/STAFF

(Top right): Ashley Prather waits in line at Austin's as Candice places orders from Harriet Kearney.

Briefs...

**February 23
African
American
Luncheon**

Student Minority Affairs Club is sponsoring at 11am, in the African American Cultural Center. For more information, contact Stacy Francis at Sfrancis14@apsu.edu.

**February 23
Keynote
Speaker:
Bakari
Kitwana &
Dinner**

Former Executive Editor of "The Source," the magazine of hip hop music, culture and politics. An active lecturer, he's given keynote presentations at Harvard University, Columbia University, Cornell University, among others. Additionally, Kitwana has been referenced as an expert on hip-hop youth culture by the Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, USA Today, The O'Reilly Factor, CNN, ABC News, CNBC and Newsweek International. Kitwana will be speaking at the African American Cultural Center at 6:00 p.m.

**February 24
Langston
Hughes
Poetry Circle**

In recognition of the legacy of Langston Hughes, Dwanne Naomi Goldstone and the AACC will sponsor a poetry circle in cooperation with

the Langston Hughes National Poetry Project at the University of Kansas-Lawrence and the Academy of American Poets. This event celebrates the life, art and legacy of America's premier public poet. This event will be held at 12 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center.

**February 24
How to Start
Your Own
Business**

This fun and interactive workshop will introduce students to the real world of business. Instructor: Ms. Angelique "Sobande" Greer owner & CEO of Natural Choices Botanica of Traditional Healing. This event will be held at 4 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center.

**"A Woman
Called Truth:
The Life of
Sojourner
Truth"**

The Roxy Regional Theatre presents an intimate evening presenting Sandra Fenichel Asher as Sojourner Truth, an incredible African American woman sold into slavery. Truth struggled to free herself from slavery and emerged as a popular and respected advocate of abolition and women's rights. The dates for this event are Feb. 20, 24, 25, 26 From 7pm - 9pm. at The Roxy Regional Theatre Franklin Street, Clarksville. Contact: Tom Thayer (931) 645-7699.

First Lady advocates higher education



(AP PHOTO/J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE)
First lady Laura Bush addresses the 2005 Community College National Legislative Summit at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - First Lady Laura Bush united a longtime cause and a new one on Tuesday, urging community college leaders to help ensure better futures for at-risk young people.

"Encouraging young people to see beyond a world of hopelessness is part of a national effort to help all children reach their full potential," Bush told a national meeting of the Association of Community College Trustees and American Association of Community Colleges.

Bush, a former teacher and public school librarian, has made education and reading her signature issues as First Lady.

"When young people get to high school, you can help them see that higher education doesn't have to be just a dream, but it can be a reality," she said, promoting President Bush's plans to boost funding for community colleges. "Many young people who struggle in school believe that dropping out is their only option."

For his 2006 budget, Bush proposed continuing a \$250 million program that gives grants to community colleges that train workers for the jobs needed by industries in their area.

He also proposed another \$125 million to expand community college programs, including dual-enrollment courses that allow high-school

students to earn college credit.

In his State of the Union address, Bush also announced that his wife would lead a three-year, \$150 million nationwide effort to reduce gang violence by encouraging young people to remain in crime-free.

Bush has said she wants to focus more on young boys, particularly those in poor urban neighborhoods like those she taught in the beginning of her teaching career, who don't get enough attention. Her aim: encouraging programs that keep them out of gangs and a criminal life, and give them a brighter future. "Children want us in their lives they need us in their lives," she said. "Each of us has the power to make a difference in the life of a child." ♦

State Republicans tout bill against bias in class

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A group of Republican state lawmakers is pushing a bill of rights for college students to protect them from political or religious "indoctrination" by faculty members.

Bills filed in the state House and Senate are similar to legislation proposed in at least 20 states and based on ideals backed by Students for Academic Freedom, a Washington, D.C.-based student network founded by conservative activist David Horowitz.

The American Association of University Professors has said it opposes Horowitz's bill of rights, and University of Tennessee President John Petersen said he doesn't believe the legislation is

necessary.

It has become a hot topic among faculty across the UT system. The bill is intended to "uphold the presence of multi-sided academic debate on our campuses," said Rep. Stacey Campfield, R-Knoxville, a sponsor of the House bill.

"Most campuses are very liberal, and professors are ashamedly not very open-minded toward our point of view," he said. "When somebody speaks up, a lot of times it ends up costing the student their grade."

The bill reads that students should have the right "to expect that their academic freedom will not be infringed upon by instructors who create a hostile environment toward their political or religious beliefs or

who introduce controversial matter into the classroom or course work that is substantially unrelated to the subject of study."

It also calls for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to adopt a grievance procedure to enforce the rights and says academic institutions should remain neutral on political or religious issues. The American Civil Liberties Union in Tennessee said it opposes the legislation. "This so-called academic bill of rights is truly a misnomer, as it really is an academic bill of restrictions," said Hedy Weinberg, director of the state ACLU. "There would be a chilling effect on freedom of inquiry on Tennessee's public university campuses."

Petersen said he has not seen the legislation but is not aware of any discrimination based on opinions on campus. "I don't care what side of the fence you are on in an issue, having the ability to be exposed to diverse opinions so you can formulate arguments and understand really helps you in your life," Petersen said.

"One of the things we should stand by at all universities is the opportunity to express your viewpoints and (for) nobody to be persecuted for their viewpoints," he said. Campfield said Horowitz would likely visit Tennessee soon to help drum up support for the legislation. No action has been taken on either bill yet. ♦

College students rally at capitol for attention

Hundreds rally to appeal 14.5 increase in tuition

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Hundreds of college students attended a giant pep rally, complete with school mascots, at the Capitol on Wednesday to decry tuition rate increases.

The students urged state legislators and Gov. Ernie Fletcher to put enough money into higher education to head off another round of tuition hikes.

Jessica Martin, 21, a Western Kentucky University senior, said the state has invested in roads and other projects, including the thoroughbred industry. "So now to Gov. Fletcher and to all of the elected representatives, we say invest in us," Martin said to cheers.

Public universities in Kentucky have resorted to raising tuition to make up for state funding that has remained essentially flat in recent years. The University of Kentucky recently announced plans to raise tuition by 14.5 percent for the 2005-06 school year.

UK officials said the extra money is needed to raise faculty and staff salaries and to

maintain a commitment to scholarship funding. It would be the third straight year that UK students were handed a double-digit tuition increase.

As part of his tax plan, Fletcher has proposed a tax credit of up to \$500 for tuition payments.

Christina Bolton, 18, a freshman at Morehead State University, said she wouldn't be able to afford another tuition increase and would have to drop out of school.

Bolton said she has taken out a \$1,000 loan for her schooling; the rest is paid by grants and a scholarship. Bolton said she's the first member of her family to attend a four-year college. "There's a lot riding on me," she said. "If I don't finish college, I'm going to be stuck in the same rut we've always been in."

Martin said that putting more state money into higher education is a sound investment.

"I believe that if the quality of the people goes up, if they are well rounded and prepared for the future, jobs will follow," she said. "It cannot be the other way around." ♦



AP PHOTO
Front view of the nations capitol. University of Kentucky students assembled on Wednesday, Feb. 16

Good Morning APSU Campus Community

APSU Alumni Association Hosts Paula Wall

If you enjoyed her syndicated humor column, "Off the Wall," you won't want to miss a chance to get a signed copy of Paula Wall's debut novel, "The Rock Orchard," during a reception from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, at APSU's Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill. Prior to release, "The Rock Orchard" was named by *Entertainment* & *Noble* as its Discover Great New Writers pick. Free. For more information please contact Sheila Boone at BooneS@apsu.edu or by phone at 7979.

Study Abroad and Exchange Programs Forum

APSU Faculty Coordinators of eight different study abroad and exchange programs, and their students, invite you to a special presentation on APSU credited study abroad programs around the world. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m., UC #312. Refreshments. For more information please contact Daniel Kadeba, ISO President and Inga A. Filippo, faculty advisor at dkadeba14@apmailapsu.edu or by phone at 7381.

Del Suggs Leadership Conference

Looking to do something exciting, warm, funny, without getting too deep - see the man voted by Campus Activities as "The Very Best of 2004." Del Suggs will charm your socks off and get you to think. Come to Del Suggs' Leadership Series Feb. 23 & 24 3-4:30/ Concert Feb. 23 5-6pm. For more information please contact Jennifer James at jamesj@apsu.edu or by phone at 7837.

Enter the Rivers & Spires Rising Star Talent Contest

The Rivers & Spires Festival and WKCV-TV are sponsoring the Rising Star Talent Contest. To enter, complete the entry form at <http://www.riversandspires.com> and mail it with a copy of your videotaped performance to Rising Star Talent Contest c/o WKCV-TV, 2053 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., Ste. C, Clarksville, TN 37040. The entry deadline is Feb. 28, 2005.

For more information please contact Doug Barber at dbarber@clarksville.tn.us or by phone at 648-0001, ext. 233.

Nuttiest Fan Vote: Help APSU Win \$10,000 for Athletics!

Planters Peanuts is donating \$10,000 to the athletics department of the NCAA Division I school with the most online votes in its "Nuttiest Fans" contest. Simply visit <http://www.planters.com/promotion/s/nuttifyfan/> and vote for APSU. For more information please contact Rip Watts at watts@apsu.edu or by phone at 6373.

Important Date Change: Dr. David Snyder Scholarship Reception

The Dr. David Snyder Scholarship Reception will be held Monday, April 25 at 4:45 p.m. in the Sundquist Science Complex. All members of the public and the university community are invited to attend. For more information please contact Margaret Bentley at bentley@apsu.edu or by phone at 6458.

Diversity is ...

The Office of SLL is sponsoring an essay "Diversity is ..." A select amount of essays will be published in the All State. Stop by our office in UC-211 to sign up and receive a free T-Shirt. Essay should be 250 words or less. For more information please contact Tony Richardson at richardson@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-7043.

Candlelight Ball Scholarship essay deadline 3/1

Essays are being accepted for the Candlelight Ball Scholarship. For more information please contact Sharon Silva at silvas@apsu.edu or by phone at 7199.

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<http://www.apsu.edu/sga/>
Or come by the SGA office for more details

Theft: Break-ins

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No one called campus police," Szlosek said.

Biles said that campus police is instituting directed patrols, intended to place officers on foot and on the lookout for crimes being committed in housing parking lots and across campus.

He also said that understaffing is an issue and that campus police are currently looking at several prospective new officers.

In fact, campus police frequently employs the services of APSU

students. According to the campus police website, students have been tapped for part-time security service and internships have been extended to students studying criminal justice.

Also, there is an established Student Patrol that provides a security escort service every night between 6 and 11 p.m.

At the time of the incidents, Biles said there were no more than two officers patrolling the campus and said the campus needs student involvement in reporting crime on campus.

"It is difficult to be everywhere at every time," Biles said. "We really need more sets of eyes helping us." ♦

Flu: Absences

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"I have not had any students this semester actually tell me that they were out because of the flu," said Perdue. Moniquea Gold, an associate professor, says that she also has good attendance this semester.

"So far so good, I have not seen any major decline in attendance this semester."

I think it is because that maybe people actually like my class and go to it when they are sick," said Gold in a joking manner, referring to the good attendance this semester.

Nominations are being accepted for student members for TBR and TSAC

Applications are now available for the Tennessee Board of Regents Student Regent and Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation Student Member in the office of Student Development, UC room 208. Selected applicants will undergo an interview process in order to be the University's official nominees. The deadline for all applications and materials is March 1, 2005.

For more information contact the office of Student Development at ext. 6844.

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OUR TAKE

Students raising voices dissolves campus apathy

How can you make on campus apathy disappear? Maybe you don't care about apathy and are just indifferent to the fact that it exists, but some people are seeking a way to expand their social horizons and become a part of the campus community without any inclination of how to go about changing their role as active participants. The fact is, there are several ways in which you can involve yourself in campus affairs. However, what if you seek is more than just those activities provided by groups like the Student Government Association and Student Life and Leadership, one possible answer to this question may have just arrived. Our take is that students should consider becoming more involved with what is going on here at Austin Peay State University, and this new organization could be a way to fulfill their need.

Many may not know about it yet, but the American Civil Liberties Union has a campus chapter up and running. Ever since last semester, they have been building their numbers and contacting those who might be interested. There are no dues to become actively involved at the campus level, though the national chapter does ask that you give five dollars a year. That's pocket change, right? This organization, committed to standing up for those whose basic rights are threatened in a number of ways, is interested in hearing what you have to say about certain relevant issues on campus.

This may be that opportunity you've been waiting for to get involved in campus life. The spoken purpose of the ACLU, its mission statement, is to "maintain and advance civil liberties, including the freedom of association, assembly, press, privacy, religion, and speech, and the rights to franchise, to due process of law, and to equal protection of law, for all persons in affiliation of the University, through all legitimate and appropriate means." The organization also intends to promote dialogue about campus issues without bias toward political partisanship. The open forums will seek to involve anyone that is intent on addressing concerns regarding the appropriate issues. The issues that the ACLU covers may specifically be discussed in a politically based

context, but the dialogue is there for anyone who wants to engage themselves in debate or who seek protection from unlawful treatment or acts of discrimination toward individuals or groups. For example, the recent battle over why former professor, Nancy Dawson, departed is being considered for a relevant topic of discussion. Another topic that could be investigated (for the sake of discussion) is the noose that was found on campus last semester. These are both issues of concern for some students and the ACLU handles such topics with consideration for all parties concerned. While there are certainly many avenues for making your voice heard, and for participating in extracurricular activities, not all apply to issues outside of campus.

The ACLU strives to align their goals not only individuals' rights, but those at the state and national levels as well. They have made a work plan for 2005 that sets ambitious objectives to be accomplished before year ends.

For example, this is another year of decision for the PATRIOT Act; the sunset provisions will force congress to make decisions on either leaving the legislation as permanent, or to have them expire. The PATRIOT Act is one bulk of legislation that greatly hinders the aims of the ACLU, and the Bush administration is for keeping it in effect. Another group that will, no doubt, work in cooperation with the ACLU is the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), which supports the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community (GLBT).

Both groups work for equal rights in the regards of those concerned. These are just a few issues that will be addressed. Meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. John G. Chiambliss is the ACLU campus chapter president, and we will be helping you find out more information as we receive it. If you've been looking for a chance like this, take a chance and jump on this opportunity.

The ACLU and many other organizations like it are actively seeking your help in making your voice heard as a vitally functioning element of the student community. Those who desire an outlet for ideas or actions now have more opportunities than before for student participation and it's time to utilize them. ♦

WHEN CRIME TAKES HOLD OF A UNIVERSITY...

A HERO IS NEEDED...

THE GOV.



By MARTIN FOX

YOUR TAKE

PRIVATES NOT SECURE

In last week's edition of *The All State*, readers were once again exposed to the obviously biased and thoroughly un-researched commentary of one Daniel Plunkett in his article entitled, "Social Security solution is up to you". Based upon his previous drivel that I've read, I was pretty sure which side of the Social Security issue he was going to come down on, and oh boy, he didn't disappoint. The article read like a transcript of the Rush Limbaugh show!

Plunkett praised President Bush's plan to privatize, and thus save, Social Security all the while admonishing democrats for not accepting such an obvious solution to the impending "crisis", purely for political purposes. "If the problem is solved what would the democrats complain about in their campaigns?" asked Plunkett. Well, I don't speak for all democrats, but I think I could find a few things. For instance, healthcare, gun control, education, the de-funding of police and fire departments, rising college costs and the ever increasing national debt just to name a few. Evidently influenced by the Fox News Network and the rhetoric of the current administration, I would be interested to find which, if any, impartial sources of information the author used to form this insightful opinion. Yes, President Bush did lay out his strategy to save us from the looming crisis of Social Security, however, there is a lot of information about his plan that the president did not bother to discuss and that Plunkett, apparently, did not bother to research. To go into the entire plan would take several pages, and a lot of time that I don't have, so I'll just go over the basics.

Myth 1 - Left unchanged Social Security will be bankrupt by 2042. Diverting payroll taxes to finance new accounts will make Social Security's long-term stability worse, not better. Social Security's trustees forecast that if nothing is done, the system will be able to pay promised benefits in full until 2042; after that, payroll taxes would cover about 70 percent of promised benefits. That's a shortfall, but not a "bankrupt" system. Regardless of whether you think the prospect of a 30 percent reduction in benefits 37 years from now constitutes a crisis, diverting up to four percentage points (nearly a third) of payroll taxes to private accounts will make that shortfall far more severe and immediate. Here's why: today, about four out of five dollars of payroll taxes go immediately to current Social Security beneficiaries; the remaining dollar is used to purchase U.S. Treasury securities held in the system's trust funds to guarantee the payment of future benefits. That arrangement is a result of reforms signed into law by Ronald Reagan in

1983, acting on the recommendations of a bipartisan commission chaired by Alan Greenspan. The deal that Reagan and Greenspan made with American workers was this: We'll raise your payroll taxes in exchange for a guarantee to pay your future Social Security benefits, backed by the trust funds. That system has worked exactly as planned, but Bush's proposal would break Reagan and Greenspan's promise by draining the trust funds much more rapidly. The trust funds would likely be depleted entirely by 2031, rather than 2042.

Myth 2 - I get to keep all the money in my private account and I can pass it on to my children. Retirees won't be entitled to all of their accounts' earnings. One critical detail of the president's plan that reporters learned about in a background briefing is that workers who open accounts would get to keep only investment returns that exceed the returns that the money would have accrued in the traditional system. That means that upon retirement, workers would be given only money above a three percent inflation-adjusted return. In return for the opportunity to get the benefits from the personal account, the person forgoes a certain amount of benefits from the traditional system. Basically, the net effect on an individual's benefits would be zero if his personal account earned a 3 percent real rate of return. To the extent that his personal account gets a higher rate of return, his net benefit would increase.

Myth 3 - I can pass the money from my private accounts to my spouse or children. One of the strongest sales pitches for the president's proposal is that the new accounts could be passed along to the children and grandchildren of beneficiaries after they die. But the plan's details, unmentioned in the speech, reveal that people with little inheritable wealth now won't gain any with private accounts. That's because they would be required to convert their nest egg into an annuity, which makes monthly payments over the duration of a beneficiary's life (annuities would prevent retirees from outliving their entire savings). Because annuities expire when beneficiaries die, no asset would be available to bequeath to their heirs. Mandatory annuitization would apply to anyone at risk of falling below the poverty line; today, about 40 percent of Americans would be living in poverty without Social Security. As President Bush said in his State of the Union, the issue of Social Security should be of paramount importance to the youth of today. The flaws of the system are evident and definitely need to be addressed, however, to characterize this situation as a crisis is a blatant overstatement by an administration that has repeatedly employed the use of scare

tactics to elicit favorable responses to their policies. I hope that more people take the time to research this and other very important issues facing our country today instead of following Plunkett's lead and just repeating everything they hear Bill O'Reilly say.

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BUMPER STICKER WISDOM WINS

Many people have named the act of abortion "pro-choice," yet something about that phrase just doesn't sit well with me. The term "pro-choice" is too broad to be termed as abortion.

I am for "pro-choice" when it comes to making everyday decisions out of my freedom, but when it comes life refers to bumper sticker wisdom, "It's a child, not a choice!" Call it for what it is. Call it abortion. Call it fetus elimination.

Please do not buffer the term abortion with fluffy misnomers (i.e. "pro-choice" or women's rights) to make it seem less than what it truly stands for, genocide. Seeing the rebuttals to Plunkett's opinions sparked a great concern in me. Especially in regards to the opinion of a student here on campus in which they stated that cancer cells and fetuses are genetically similar to the host. Therefore by making that statement they went on to say cancerous tumors might have souls just as fetuses do.

Granted, there are some out there who believe there is no such thing as a soul. But when was the last time you saw cancer fly to the moon or conduct a massive symphony. I personally have not and neither do I believe that anyone has or ever will see that, but what I do know is that one day a fetus might one day help to advance mankind as a whole. On the other hand, if one states, I'm "pro-life," that means exactly what it means. It means they are reserving the sanctity of life for all, regardless if you are a death-row inmate or an unborn fetus. There are some out there who claim to be "pro-life" but would gladly pull the switch to an electric chair to any prisoner. I personally cannot vouch to be either for or against the death penalty.

I am speaking up for the ones who have not had the chance to learn and experience life because they were an inconvenience to their parents. Keep up the good work Plunkett, even though you will receive most of the flak for the stance that you have. Let's keep free speech free by opening up our ears to the many facets of a particular subject, and then make an intelligent decision based upon the larger picture.

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Repent America needs to heed its own advice to quell the hostility and hate

Last October, Christians were protesting at a gay festival being held in the streets of Philadelphia. The protesters refused to leave the festival when asked, a few arguments started and the religious group, Repent America, was charged with inciting a riot. They were also charged with breaking a 1982 Pennsylvania law that banned hate crimes.

The Philadelphia Gay Pride organization claimed that Michael Marcavage, leader of Repent America, suggested that homosexuals should be killed. Marcavage denies the accusation, but he did read scripture from the Bible (probably Leviticus 20:13) that said men who sleep together should be killed. Last Thursday, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Pamela Dembe dismissed the charges, stating, "You cannot violate free speech because you don't want to hear it."

Marcavage was thrilled by the news, telling the press that Repent America is planning to present another gay rally in Philadelphia on May 1.

It seems like this reminds me of an article I read in "Rolling Stone" a few years ago about homosexuality in the boy scouts. A pastor was protesting the allowance of homosexuals in the mainstream male rite of passage, holding up a sign that said "God hates fags."

I pictured a teenager reading the sign, crying because he was attracted to his own sex. They must have felt evil after hearing how the leader of that church felt about them.

I want to tell every homophobic Christian that our Lord is waiting to embrace all of His creations. I am tired of churches using God as

an excuse to persecute something that repulses them personally. As I've said before, I believe homosexuality is a sin, but it's no different that stealing a pack of gum in God's eyes. Unless you plan to protest outside the local gas station with signs that say "God Hates Gum Thieves," stop lashing out against only one sin.

This issue frustrates me, but I know that the Bill of Rights grants everyone free speech. However, some Christians don't care about free speech unless it lets them share what they learned in Sunday school.

On the other side, some Atheists believe in free speech unless it lets Christians say "under God" when they pledge allegiance to the flag every morning in high school. If two words threaten your beliefs, then you won't survive long in the real world.

I suspect that there is more to this Philadelphia incident than meets the eye. Assistant District Attorney Charles Ehrlich claims that free speech wasn't the prominent issue in the case. He said that the main point was how Repent America conducted themselves while interrupting Outfest.

It is doubtful that the Christians were civil during the whole protest; some of the more zealous members might have yelled homophobic slurs and threatened the lives of homosexuals. When someone is passionate about something, and they're surrounded by those who share their beliefs, all of that excitement can lead to terrible actions.

Through instances such as the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition and Jerry Falwell, history has proved the danger of Christian fanaticism.

Regardless of the issue, free speech means that we can all say something that the person to our left (no pun intended) doesn't like. Christians can march at gay pride events and homosexuals are free to come protest during worship services (the BCM has theirs every Thursday at 7 p.m.; I'm usually there myself). Whatever you wish to express, Dembe's quote rings loud and true: "You cannot stifle free speech because you don't want to hear it."

"You cannot stifle free speech because you don't want to hear it." ♦

According to WSMV, Nashville's Channel 4 News, Lawanda Goodner, a 22-year-old Nashville resident and mother of five children (ages 5 to 7 months), was arrested last week for locking her 19-month-old twins in a closet while she was out of the house. The Department of Children's Services was called, and Goodner was charged with two counts of felony child neglect. Goodner lost custody of her children in July of 2003 when she tested positive for

cocaine (while pregnant with the twins). DCS spokesperson, K. Danielle Edwards, stated the agency had developed a "plan" for Goodner after the birth of the twins. The twins' father, Kevin Luchetz, received custody of them and moved in with Goodner to "promote bonding between her and the twins." Goodner also went through a rehabilitation program. What outrages me is that DCS is defending this woman and her partner. What a ridiculous idea to grant custody to the father—a man who has also very recently been in a drug rehabilitation program.

Neither "parent" (if you can call them that) is fit to raise these children. The thinking of DCS was "to be as minimally disruptive for the children who are already in the home and to help promote a bond between the newborns and the mother." Let's see if I understand this: DCS thinks it is "minimally

disruptive" to leave children in a home of drug abusers and child neglecters? Yeah. That makes perfect sense. What I want to know is how this is healthy for the children.

Oh, that's right, they're with their parents and that's all that matters. Not that they are in a safe and secure environment without the possibility of being abandoned, neglected or abused (yes, leaving your 19-month-old children in a locked closet is abuse), but that they are with those that share their DNA. Come on, people! I have a two-year-old son whose father (I call him "donor") is not around anymore, because he is a crack-head who refused to give up his lifestyle for the sake of his child.

I'd be crazy to let that sorry piece of dirt around my son. Why? Because I'm looking out for his well being. In my opinion, shared DNA shouldn't constitute parental rights. One must prove they can

be a good parent by loving, teaching and caring for your child. Being a good parent means sometimes having to give up things you enjoy doing and do what it takes to make a good life for your child. The child must come first! So what will it take for DCS to wake up and think about the welfare of the children they are supposed to be protecting? Considering that this is not Goodner's first time to put herself before her children, I suppose she'll have to make the ultimate mistake and take one of their lives, be it through neglect or making a critical decision while in a drug-induced state of mind.

Maybe after one of them is dead, DCS will see that they should have acted in the best interest of the children by placing them in a home where they didn't have to worry about whether or not someone would be there to take care of them—regardless of their caregivers' DNA. ♦

OPINION
Amanda Wadley

Uncertain future for Dems

The new chairman for the Democratic Party, Howard Dean, has a lot of changes in mind to make the party more effective.

Is he really heading in the right direction? He wants the party to become more active on all levels, Federal, state and local. This seems like the best thing they can do right now to ensure they don't lose any supporters to the Republican Party.

The last two presidential elections have weakened their power and representation in all areas of the Federal Government. Howard Dean may be exactly what the Democratic Party needs right now.

The Democrats need to build their numbers in all states by actively recruiting supporters (this will help them on the federal level as well).

After all, someone who is a democrat on the state level is still going to be a democrat when the presidential election comes around.

Becoming an active presence in all states will bring awareness to those that aren't sure what the parties stand for. Many people choose not to vote because they have no clue what each party supports.

Already people are flocking to the Democratic National Committee's website to see what the new and improved party is planning.

They have had a 120% increase in the daily number of people to visit their website since Dean became Democratic Party chairman. It seems that he is already boosting interest in the party. The Democratic Party needs Dean's enthusiasm and ideas to ensure they don't lose any more of their representatives in the Federal Government. They have lost the majority in both houses of Congress and are even having trouble with state and local elections.

People are not supporting the democrats as much because the republicans won the last two presidential elections.

The party needs someone who is pushing for change. Dean wants the democrats to support leadership institutes and encourage candidates to run for office on all levels.

Without political and leadership, institutions the average person is unaware of what each party values. Many republicans and democrats alike think that Dean is too radical.

By looking at his past record as Governor of Vermont, it becomes obvious that he is not. He supports the right to own guns, but is against gay marriage. He has done a lot of good for Vermont. He managed to keep the budget balanced while in office and set up subsidized health care plan for those that have no health insurance. Does this sound like he is too radical or not a good choice for chairman of the Democratic Party?

While I don't agree with him on all his policies, I still think he is exactly what the Democratic Party needs right now and he will do them a lot of good in redirecting the interests of the Democratic party.

The Democratic Party has been doing a lot of soul-searching since losing big in November's election, and the decision to place Howard Dean in control of the Democratic National Committee shows that the party learned absolutely nothing during that time of introspection. As a conservative,

I'm quite happy with the direction of the Democratic Party; did I say direction? Make that indirection. I mean, I thought Howard Dean was finished after his primal scream helped end his bid for the democratic presidential nomination, but apparently not. Rather than moderating their positions to conform to mainstream American ideals, the democrats seem intent on giving control of their party to fanatic leftists like Dean who are sure to lead the party to more losses.

Part of the democrats' problem is that they simply don't have any ideas of their own—their only message to Americans is, "We hate Bush!" Whether the issue is Social Security or judicial nominees, the democrats are more intent on opposing Bush than proposing positive ideas of their own.

The other problem democrats face is that the messages they do have are simply too liberal for the American people to stomach. Democrats seem to have a hard time understanding that most Americans do not agree with their elitist, liberal ideas, whether they deal with foreign policy, economics or social issues. Even after losing the presidential election, as well as losing more seats in the House and Senate, democrats still think that the problem is just that the American people don't understand them. On the contrary, Americans do understand them, and that is why the democrats lost. So why did John Kerry (remember him?) recently say, "On every issue that speaks to the qualities of people's lives, we won and will continue to win."

Somebody should remind Kerry that he lost in November. As if things weren't looking bad enough for the democrats, Kerry is actually talking about running for the presidency again in 2008. He recently told "U.S. News & World Report," "I want to continue the fight. Lots have said go run again." That's got to be enough to make any democrat depressed. As long as the democrats continue to be themselves and stick to their liberal values (wait, "liberal values" is an oxymoron!), I'm confident that they will continue to lose. In fact, the only democrat who worries me is Hillary Clinton, precisely because she is moderating her position on nearly every issue while other democrats appeal to the base of the party by leaning further left.

The next election is a long way off, however, and there is plenty of time for Howard Dean (who believes that democrats must define their position by becoming more radical) to derail any presidential ambitions Hillary may have. One thing about Dean that I admire is that he doesn't pretend to be something he is not; he always speaks (or screams, as the case may be) his mind. Happily, this is usually a bad thing for the democrats.



OPINION
Erin Gruys



OPINION
Daniel Plunkett



By MARTIN FOX

The nuts and bolts of a college newspaper

It's an exciting time here at Austin Peay State University. We have scandal, crime, sports stars (check the sports page), inconsistent weather and I read that even Spider-Man made the front page a while back.

These are the things newspapers are made of (and a cartoon, of course).

However, newspapers are not made of rumors, lies and cover-ups. To further ensure a fair and accurate newspaper, *The All State* is structured so that we are free of staff or faculty influence (note the disclaimer in the Opinions Section).

Better yet, let me save you the trouble. "The All State is not an official publication of Austin Peay State University."

This means nobody, (nadie' in Spanish) that's zero for you math majors, from some carpeted 4,000 sq. ft. office in the Browning Building, from Academic Affairs or even from

Milwaukee can tell us what we can or can't print.

Booyah! Rumors and conspiracy theories are fun to listen to, but that doesn't change the late Monday night when I go over the paper and format it before I take it down for printing Tuesday morning (that makes me the last one to look at it, and therefore, the final say in what goes in).

I doubt anyone would want to stay up that late to get his/her/its stamp of approval on the paper.

Along with being free of influence, a newspaper must be accurate. Not just accurate, but informative and entertaining.

So there you have it, a quick lesson in newspaper infrastructure; do with this information what you please. If you have a beef, write a letter as per the weekly submission guidelines on the Opinions Section.

We enjoy getting letters and feedback from you, the faithful *All State* readers.

I especially get a kick out of the letters criticizing our copyediting skills written with the grammatical prowess of a seven-year-old.

Keep them coming, and until next time: all students, all semester, *All State*.



EDITOR IN CHIEF
Martin Fox

Blockbuster's "No more late fees" hoax irks officials and customers

What ever happened to the "good-ol'-days" when a decent amount of snow accompanied each winter? We had a little bit of an ice storm, but the key word there is "ice."

Yes, some counties did have an accumulation of snow, and perhaps we received a minor dusting of snow ourselves, but any snow that accumulated in Clarksville or Nashville (where I live) was not nearly enough to play in.

Remember about three winters ago when we had an abundant and surprising eight inches of snow? My fiancé and I do. Unfortunately, we haven't had even one good snow since then.

Some people don't like snow, but there are people out there other than school children (no, college is different, we're not school children) that love snow; myself included.

For those of you who tend to cringe at the forecast when snow is predicted, rest assured they're always wrong. When they say it's going to snow, it reliably does not; but by golly, those salt trucks are "up and at 'em!" But, when they say it's going to be bright, clear and 70 degrees on a February day, it always seems to snow just enough to create hazardous road conditions—and there isn't one drop of salt on the ground other than someone's half-used cafeteria salt packet lying in front of the Morgan University Center.

Coming from Los Angeles (where the closet you can get to "snow" is considered a class B felony), I enjoy every moment of frosty bliss I can get. Do you know what's even more depressing than not receiving any snow? When it seems as if it's going to snow nicely, but the precipitation ends up melting on contact; it turns into rain or ends up being merely a short-lived flurry.

My fiancé and I have a little (albeit "dorky") tradition: on cold nights one of us asks the other, "What would you do if you woke up and there was two feet of snow on the ground?" Sadly, we have never had the chance to find out what we actually would do.

Regrettably, spring is officially nearing and spring break is only two weeks away. The temperatures are rising and the birds seem to never have left for the winter.

The squirrels are already standing their ground during class changes, while giving a look as if to say, "What's it to ya buddy?" with a high-pitched, gurgle of a chirp.

It won't be long before people will end up wiping the sweat off of their foreheads after that short walk between classes.

I can only hope, as I vehemently have for the past couple of years, that next year "will be the year" for a good snow. When I first moved to Tennessee, I didn't understand the native phrase, "Don't like the weather in Tennessee—wait a minute," but after living here for several years, the phrase has taken on significance for me as well.

I've never before encountered such a "roller coaster" climate in which it's 70 degrees one day and 20 the next. However, I've waited "a whole minute" but still have yet to see my snow.



OPINION
Jose Toro

Where is our winter snow?

If "Webster's Dictionary" were to redefine deception, one of the meanings would be in bold-faced, italic letters reading: BLOCKBUSTER. Put into effect since the beginning of this year,

Blockbuster has promised a "No More Late Fees". This was intended to help Blockbuster in the heavy competition against Netflix, the number one online DVD rental service with over two million members.

However, as there seems to be a catch with everything that seems to be a marvelous opportunity, Blockbuster failed to "bust" out the consequences of the policy.

As much as I love to watch movies, I actually bought into this plan thinking I could keep films for over a week, due to my busy work and school schedules.

Then, I discovered that a charge of one dollar (and some change) on my account as a restocking fee. When I went to do some research on this laughable policy, I discovered that holding a movie for more than 30 days results in charging customers the retail value of the item.

Personally, if you keep a movie for that long, stop being cheap and just purchase it. Unfortunately, I am not the

only unhappy customer. New Jersey Attorney General Peter Harvey is apparently ticked off about it since he issued a lawsuit against Blockbuster.

He accused the movie rental chain of deceptive advertising and violating the state's consumer fraud laws. Though his accusations may be right, Blockbuster defended their policy as being a terrific program with great feedback from their previous customers. Blockbuster may have already hinted about the future of late fees. Take for example the slogan, "The end of late fees, the start of more."

I mean really, what in the mother of Satan's name is that supposed to mean?

Is it the start of more popcorn, candy, soda or devious policies?

I guess the people in the Blockbuster commercial, the one with everybody celebrating once the huge banner dropped from the top of the store, did not know about Netflix.

There is one other problem. As I dug up information from the Blockbuster's website, I read into the policy. Their pitch sounded like heaven—until the very end of their offer. The last sentence read, "At participating stores."

Are you telling me that with about 9,000 outlets in the U.S., it is given at only participating stores? That is like saying quadruplets came from one mother, with the exception of one.

It is all the same, so why can't they carry the same policy? Then again, the stores that are not contributing to the "No Late Fees" guidelines may agree that the policy is just to make more money out of customers in the long run.



OPINION
Kurt Niesner

By Paul K. Mc Masters
First Amendment Center

"The first casualty when war comes is truth," thundered Hiram Johnson, senator from California, on the floor of the Senate in 1917.

But the essential component of truth, information, is so heavily guarded these days that truth, if not a casualty in the war on terrorism, certainly goes missing in action all too often.

In a war setting, of course, the right information in the wrong hands can be lethal. The same is true for homeland security. But there's also this: The right information in the public's hands can prove embarrassing, inconvenient or worse for our elected and appointed leaders.

It is no wonder, then, that information is heavy on the minds of government officials.

First and foremost, it is a kind of currency, used for bartering, brokering, managing, safeguarding, hoarding. It is used to purchase influence.

It even comes in various denominations: "raw data," described in a recent government report as having no assessment of its accuracy or implications; "knowledge," having "a high degree of reliability or validity"; and "intelligence," which has been "carefully evaluated concerning its accuracy and significance, and may sometimes be credited in terms of its source."

However it's categorized or utilized within the government, only a pathetic amount of the total makes its way to the public. Just a few days' worth of news illustrates how quickly new and improved barriers to public access to government information are springing up all over the nation's capital.

Perhaps the most troubling recent development was the decision of the Justice Department to require a public interest group to pay almost \$400,000 upfront if it wanted to take a peek at records that might reveal how many secret legal proceedings the department had initiated against immigrant detainees rounded up after 9/11.

Department officials initially denied the Freedom of Information request by People for the American Way filed in November 2003, saying that it would violate the detainees' privacy.

Now, it has decided that it could comply with the request if PFAW would pay the \$400,000 for the cost of searching its files. "To say it would take hundreds of thousands of dollars to look for something that should be obvious in any U.S. attorney's office — cases that are filed under seal — is very difficult to credit," said Elliot Mincberg, the organization's general counsel.

Elsewhere in the Justice Department, the Office of Justice Programs denied the request of a reporting team from Cox Newspapers for access to records about illegal aliens convicted of serious crimes and who had been released without being deported.

The office explained that the database couldn't be made available because the privacy interest of the criminals trumped the public interest in information about who and where they were.

The Department of Energy, in a dramatic reversal of intent, announced that it would not release to the public an unclassified history of highly enriched uranium. DOE officials had promised in 1997 that they would publish the history. Now, they've decided the history has become an "internal" document.

"This is a bizarre redefinition of the FOIA exemption for 'internal' agency records," said secrecy expert Steven Aftergood, noting that this interpretation of "internal" would probably exempt massive amounts of government records from public disclosure. Aftergood also pointed out that as late as Feb. 2, the history was available on DOE's Web site.

The CIA, meanwhile, refuses to release to a government working group hundreds of thousands of pages of documents about the United States' dealings with former Nazis after World War II, despite a 1998 law requiring release of the documents.

(After two years of refusing to budge on this issue and under the threat of CIA director Porter Goss's being summoned to testify in public about the matter, the CIA agreed over the weekend of Feb. 5-6 to broaden its interpretation of the law and release some of the records to the working group, according to *The New York Times*.)

This is just a sampling of the barriers federal officials are putting in the way of ordinary citizens, public-interest groups and the press seeking to know more about what the government is doing or not doing.

These barriers come in many forms: delay, denial, prohibitive fees, new categories of withholding and new ways of interpreting old categories.

Certainly a lot of this activity comes from a heightened sensitivity about security. But some of it also is about reflexive action on the part of some officials. They want to appear to be taking action.

They want to appear to be in control. And they often use control of information as a way to buy time to solve a problem, a self-defeating mechanism that shuts out the public, a necessary source of experience, wisdom and support.

Without scanting the needs of security, Americans must reassert their right to examine policy and scrutinize actions taken in their name and paid for with their taxes.

They must insist that government leaders get past the reflexive and on to the thoughtful, to share with one another in government agencies rather than compartmentalize without deliberation, to manage serious information without trying to control public opinion or participation.

Government policies and action draw allegiance from public awareness and participation. Democracy draws its strength and vitality from the multiplicity of viewpoints and experience embedded in the citizenry.

What we can't know can hurt us. It can hurt good decisions and policy.

It can hurt government accountability. And it can hurt our ability to identify and address our vulnerabilities in the war on terrorism.

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Border to Border X embodies students' work



Students at the opening observe works submitted to the "Border to Border X" competition.

By MELISSA TYNDALL
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The 10th biennial "Border to Border X" national drawing competition and exhibition opened Monday, Feb. 21 in the Trahern Building, room 401, at Austin Peay State University. Though "Border to Border X" started in 1985, it was not until 1987 that the competition began to broaden with the support of art patron, Mabel Larson. The exhibit, which emerged from APSU's designation as a Tennessee Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, was open to artists 18 years of age and older across the country-though international entries have been submitted in past years. Though 300 submissions arrived at APSU this year, only 40 made it to the walls of the Trahern Gallery.

The media submitted had to follow certain guidelines; all art had to be drawn on paper, framed under plexiglas and be no larger than 54 by 54 inches.

This year's competition donned the walls of APSU's art building with works ranging from pastels to charcoal drawings to mixed media (no wet works were permitted).

The juror for the 2005 competition was Dale Leys, a professor of art at Murray State University, who has taught drawing for more than 25 years.

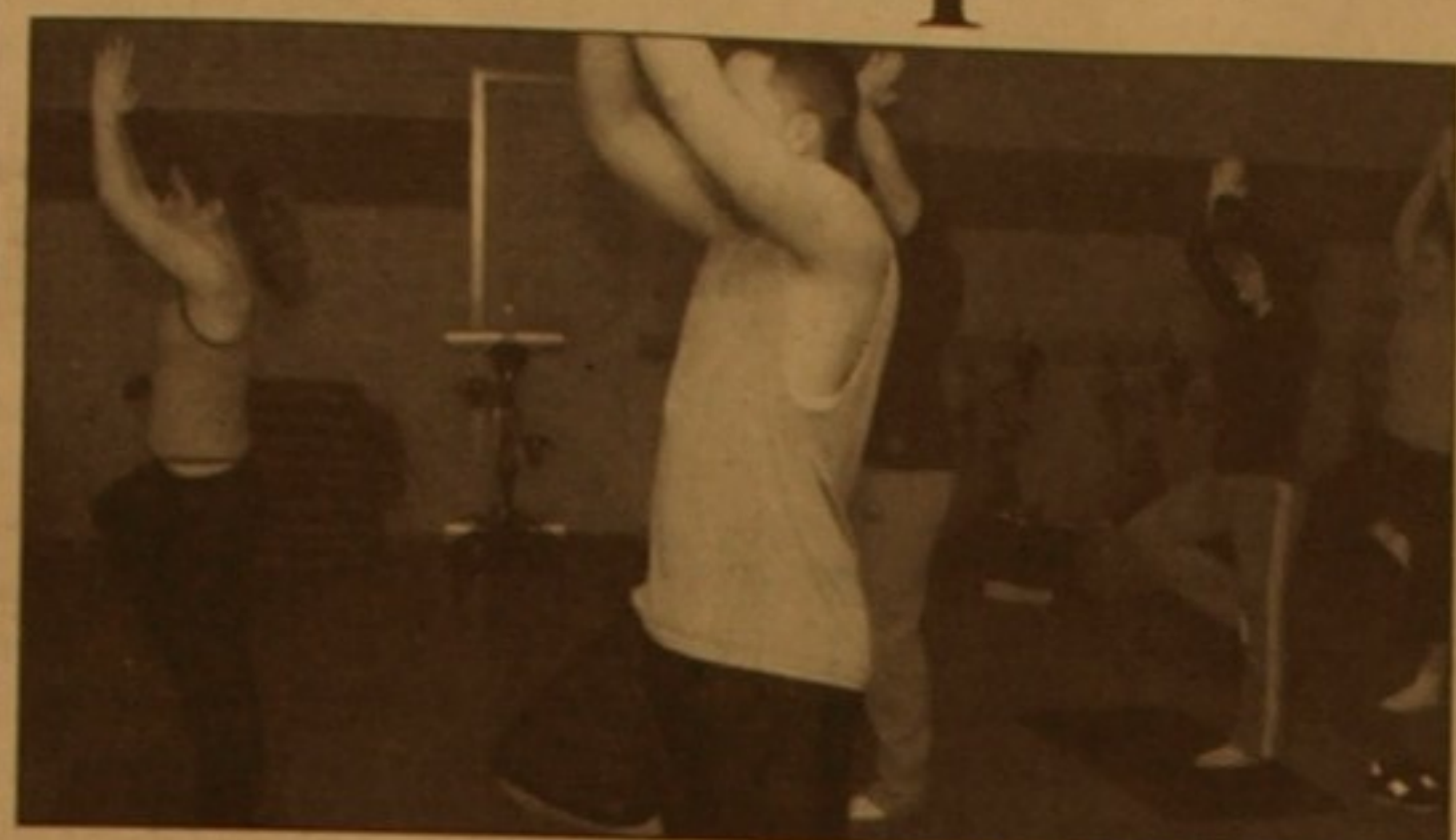
Leys presented a slide lecture prior to the show, decided whom to award the \$500 for Best in Show as well as the \$5,000 awarded to artists that received purchase awards.

Works selected for purchase awards will become a part of APSU's teaching archives as well as The Larson Drawing Collection displayed in Larson Gallery.

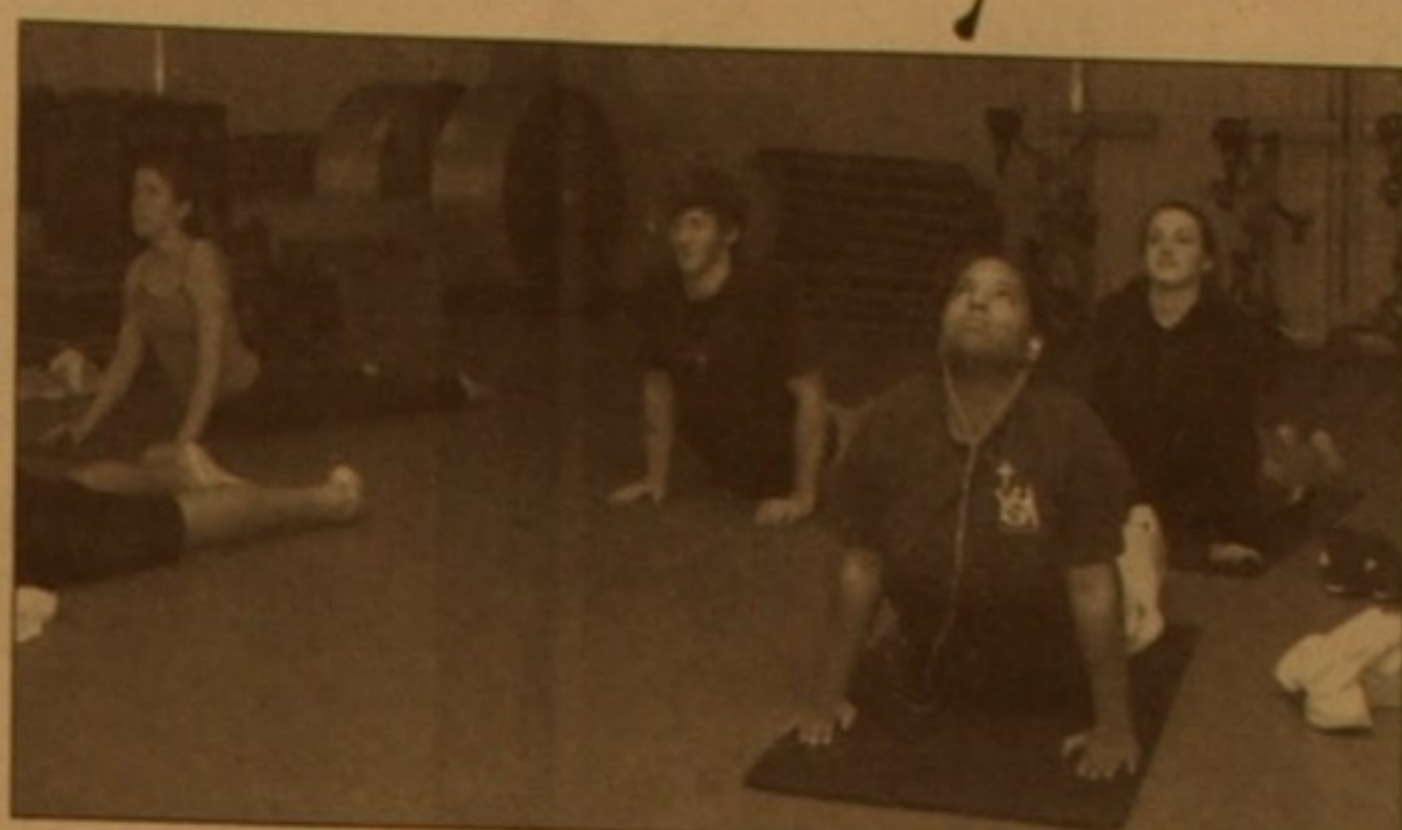
"Border to Border X" will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The works can be viewed through Thursday, March 24 in the Trahern Art Gallery. ♦

Get in shape with exercise hybrid



Lacy Taylor instructs students in the PIYO Class.



L-R: Lacy Taylor leads Clint Johnson, Sheena Balthazar and Sarah Walker in a stretching exercise.

By JESSICA HAWK
Staff Writer

The on-going strains of living as a college student today can be not only stressful, but overwhelming as well.

From tests to relationships to sports, college students are constantly seeking an outlet for their built-up pressure without splurging on a wallet-busting vacation.

Exercise has proven to be an extremely successful method of relieving stress, but sometimes you just want your exercise routine to be a little less stressful. Students need a workout that combines flexibility and strength while toning their entire bodies.

There would be no need to step foot on a treadmill to in order to both get great work out and alleviate everyday stress because, although it seems like some unbelievable miracle cure or the next workout craze soon to fizzle, PIYO is spreading fast and making a huge impact.

PIYO is a combination of traditional yoga and pilates.

The basis of PIYO is core strength, stabilization and flexibility.

The class itself is composed of a series of controlled movements that engage the mind and body to promote harmony and balance. Incorporating the mind is a key aspect of PIYO. Exercise is primarily connected with only the body, while stress derives mainly from the mind.

PIYO helps to create that desired balance not only between muscles and stabilization, but also between body and mind. Simplified, PIYO can be broken down into the ABCs of Pilates. The "A" stands for activating key muscles.

PIYO focuses on the stabilization of the core muscles during each movement and stresses the concentration of each individual muscle being worked throughout the workout. Breathing is the "B" aspect and possibly the most important.

During PIYO it is crucial to concentrate on breathing patterns while performing each

movement. Deep and slow inhalation occurs during the beginning of the movement, and a similar exhalation follows.

The "C" in the ABCs of Pilates and PIYO stands for connect. It sounds simple to connect aspect "A" of PIYO, activating key muscles, with aspect "B". Simply breathe while you focus on each muscle, right? Until actually taking part in a PIYO class, one can hardly comprehend the concentration, balance and flexibility that make up this workout. Although the connection aspect of PIYO is probably the most difficult, it is also what makes this routine such a fun and challenging experience. Not only will PIYO work rarely used muscles, but it will also challenge the mind and find a balance that had been skewed by constant daily stressors.

Certified Stott Pilates and Yoga instructor, Andy Loreda, has been teaching PIYO in the Novi, Mich. area for two years to a variety of people enthused

about the new workout.

Loreda said, "PIYO classes are very effective because of how the best of Pilates and Yoga are overlapped."

The primary goal of his classes is to target specific muscle groups, base each workout on the needs of the individual as well as the group and create a sense of relaxation and balance through the workout. Loreda feels he has conducted a successful class when his clients feel elongated, have better posture and feel sore the following day.

Austin Peay State University conducts its own PIYO classes, taught by Lacy Taylor, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the Drew Simmons Fitness Center. Although PIYO classes may vary from place to place, the foundations and results of the class remain the same: achieve workout goals, alleviate stresses that plague the mind and improve mental and physical well-being. ♦

Hughes elaborates on the Niagara Movement

By CANDISE MCCAIG
Staff Writer

Many have never heard of The Niagara Movement; however, at noon on Feb. 21 Alvin Hughes, an Austin Peay State University history professor, will be speaking about this very movement.

The event will be held in the African American Culture Center here on campus and promises to be a very informative and eye opening event.



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Hughes said he hopes this speech will not only help young people to gain an appreciation for the sacrifices that have been made, but also help motivate the younger generation.

Hughes also hopes to inspire students with his enlightening lecture.

The Niagara movement began in 1905 and lasted until 1910.

The organization was led by W.E.B. Du Bois and other African American intellectuals.

Du Bois was fighting for full political, civil and social rights for African Americans.

The movement was also the forerunner of the NAACP and greatly contrasted the philosophy of Booker T. Washington's Atlanta Compromise of 1895.

In the summer of 1905, Du Bois and 29 other prominent African Americans gathered at Niagara Falls to draw up a manifesto calling for full civil liberties, abolition of racial discrimination and recognition of

human brotherhood.

The organization also held annual meetings at places such as Harper's Ferry and Faneuil Hall.

Even though the organization consisted of 30 branches and did celebrate a few civil rights victories on the local level, it suffered from organizational weaknesses and lack of funds.

They were never able to attract mass support, and the organization eventually dissolved.

The Springfield Race Riot in 1908 inspired white liberals to join with the core members of the Niagara Movement. The following year the NAACP was founded.

The Niagara Movement is the theme for Black History Month this year, according to Hughes, and created the inspiration for his speech. Students learn from the past and by becoming more knowledgeable about what events took place in order for us to enjoy the freedoms we do today we help to secure a better future for all.

The duty of students is to ensure that mistakes made in the past are not repeated in their futures. Students must also learn to appreciate not only how far society has come. And also realize that society has a long way to go.

Also, Hughes believes that if teachers "do their jobs correctly" students can become more informed about such topics.

This and other topics of its kind are sensitive areas of the past; however, and society cannot be afraid to talk about them.

Some wounds never heal but the scars do fade through tolerance, education and hard work. ♦

Dance Marathon 2005 benefits Vanderbilt Children's Hospital

By BRIDGETT BUCKLES
Staff Writer

The first Annual Austin Peay State University Dance Marathon was a grand success according to the sponsors and participants. The 12 hour event, which took place from Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on Feb. 19 in the Memorial Health Building, took a lot of energy and cooperation from everyone.

"Many organizations pitched in and strived to raise money for the children's hospital. It was a great turn out of devoted individuals who gave up something they could

have been doing for twelve hours," said participant and member of S.I.S.T.E.R.S. United, Vanna Guy.

Funds raised benefited the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt Hospital.

Advisors responsible for putting the event to work were Jennifer James of Student Life and Leadership, Jennifer Puhl of University Recreation and Lisa Zanger of Vanderbilt University. Organizations were to raise \$150. Organizations that participated in the dance marathon were Kappa Alpha

Psi, the Austin Peay State University dance team, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Chi, the Student Government Association, NAACP, S.I.S.T.E.R.S. United, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Sig Ep, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Alpha Iota. Gamma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Chi, S.I.S.T.E.R.S. United and the NAACP were among some of the organizations that help plan the event. Contributions towards the cause were made by the Health and Human Performance Club, Phi Beta Sigma and the Gay-Straight Alliance.

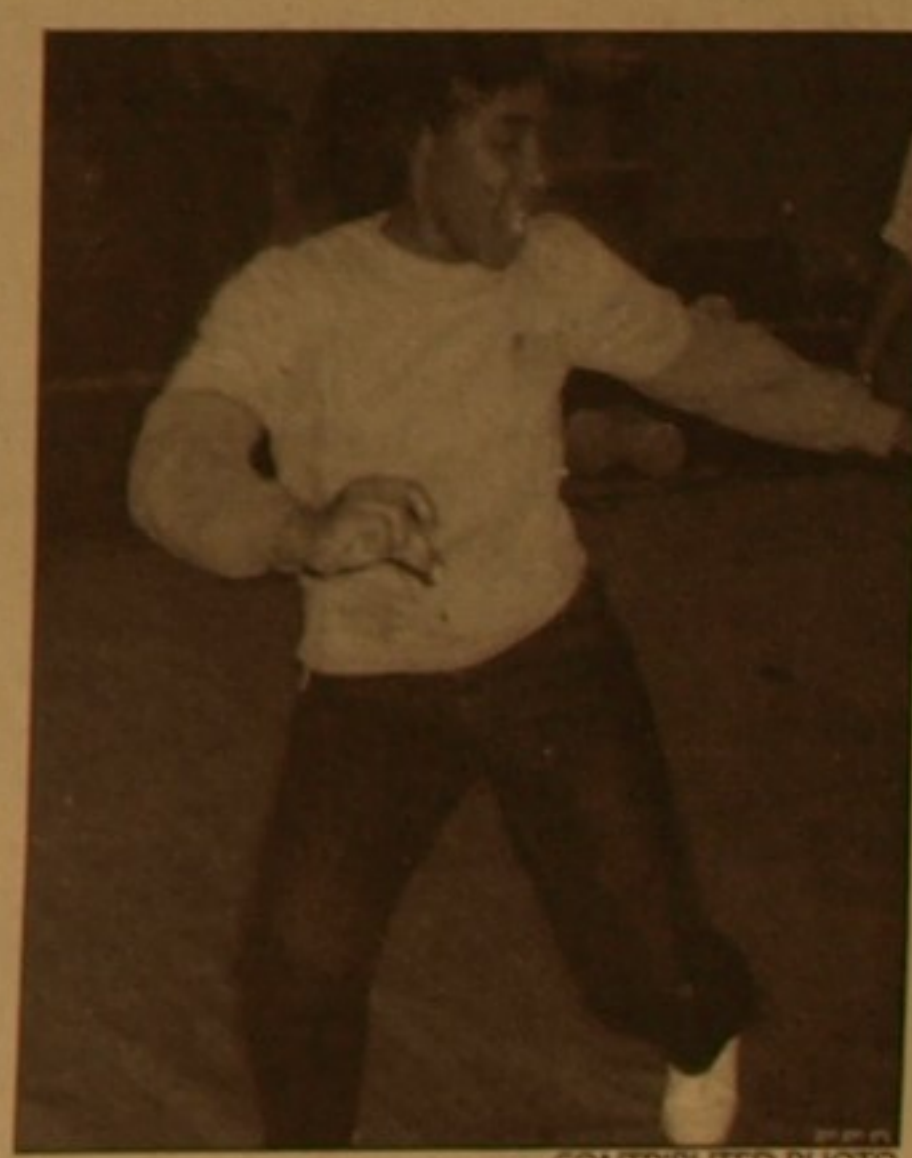
Project Jones, August Christopher and Drew were some of the bands who provided entertainment. All of the performers donated their time for this important cause.

Cici's Pizza, Cancun Restaurant, Moss Café and Chick-fil-A provided food. "We could have gotten support from more organizations, but I feel like the ones who did participate put their heart into it and I am proud of them, and hopefully the second Annual Dance Marathon will be an even greater success," said Jennifer James. "And I hope all

of the organizations realize how big of a deal it is and take part in the events to come."

Total funds collected for the Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital was more than \$1,500. "We have more charitable and fundraising events that will be coming up, moving into next fall, and we will be posting those events soon," said James.

The Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital will continue to collect money and donations up until March 5. If you are interested in donating, contact the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital at (615) 936-1000. ♦



Kametrina Cathron, junior, dances in the marathon.

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Govs go for "3-Peayt"

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Governors basketball team is gearing up for this Friday's road game against the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels in a must-win situation for both teams. Both teams are currently 9-5 in the OVC and are part of a four-way second place tie with Murray State and Samford, with Tennessee Tech leading the conference at 10-4.

The Govs, depending on their final OVC games, could finish as low as sixth in the conference or as high as first. A first place finish would give the Govs their third straight regular-season OVC championship.

The standings are so bunched up right now that it is hard to tell which teams will go very far," head coach Dave Loos said. "There are six teams that are contenders right now to be in the OVC tournament. I think to get a home game in the tournament, we would have to win at least one OVC game, and to claim the championship we would have to win the final two.

"We've got guys on the team that really deserve a ring," junior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton said. "We've got seniors on the team who have been here and been through it all. We just need to take one game at a time and come out and play hard, do what it takes to win and come out successful."

This Friday's game will be the 91st meeting between the two OVC foes, with the Govs leading the series 49-41. The Govs had won 17 straight contests against the Colonels until the Govs' 67-63 overtime loss to ECU earlier this season.

The Govs (11-16, 9-5 OVC) are 2-4 in road OVC games this season while ECU is 6-1 against OVC teams at home. Combined with their road-game woes, the Govs will be facing a stern crowd at McBrayer Arena as the Colonels attendance averages over 3,500 fans in the last four games.

The Colonels (17-8, 9-5 OVC) are led by junior guard Matt Witt and senior forward Michael Haney. Witt acts as the leading scorer, averaging 14.6 points per game, and Haney follows close with 13.3 points per game and also leads the team with 42 steals.

"Murray State and Tennessee Tech are both good teams for the tournament," senior guard Anthony Davis said. "Every team is always good in the tournament. We just need to take our practices as seriously as games to prepare ourselves for different situations. Rebounding, stopping ball pressure inside and just playing defense are the keys for our success. Our defense will make our offense. That's the Austin Peay way."



Senior Anthony Davis slams a reverse dunk during the second half of play against Samford, Thursday, in the 76-60 Coming Home win. Davis scored a game-high 27 points in his last game in the Governors' uniform.

JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Lady Govs prepare for OVC final

By LANDON WALKER
Guest Writer

The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs basketball team will bring their 2004-2005 campaign to a close this weekend as they travel to Eastern Kentucky University to take on Lady Colonels.

The Lady Colonels enter into the contest sporting an impressive 18-7 overall record, along with a 13-1 conference mark, which places them atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

The Lady Govs, on the other hand hope to bring a disappointing season to a close on a high note.

Claiming an 8-17 overall record, and a 4-10 conference mark, the Lady Govs will try to turn things around for their final battle of the season.

The Lady Govs and the Lady

Colonels met once earlier this season in Richmond, Ky. The Lady Colonels took the first meeting, 54-50.

ECU's Pam Garrett and Miranda Eckerle led the Lady Colonels in the first contest. Garrett scored a team-high 13 points, while Eckerle added 12 to the Lady Colonels' cause.

Leading the way for APSU were Kera Bergeron, Ashley Hardaway and Kellea Reeves. Bergeron led the attack with 14, while Hardaway scored 12 and Reeves added 10.

The two teams enter Saturday's contest at opposite ends of the spectrum. The Lady Colonels are riding a 10-game win streak with ECU outscoring their opponents by an average of 14 points per game.

As for the Lady Govs, they came in to the game winning only one out of their previous six contests. Hoping to

lead a final game turnaround will be standouts Bergeron, Haynes and Carden Cobb. Bergeron enters the ECU game averaging a team-best 12.8 points per game, while Haynes is averaging 10.8 points and Cobb a steady 8.2.

The Lady Govs have had plenty of factors contributing to their outstanding play of late, with the biggest key being the triple threat of Eckerle, Garrett and Ashley Cazee. Eckerle, averaging a team-high 14 points per game, will be the key for ECU to continue its fantastic play. Garrett and Cazee, both averaging just under 11 points per game, will each be counted on to supplement the team's star.

The action takes place this Saturday, with tip-off at 4:30 p.m. in Richmond.

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Softball team rallies to win one in classic

By ASHLEY SCHILLING
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Austin Peay State University softball team competed in the Eagle Classic in Auburn, Ala. The three-day tournament brought some of the top ranked schools all across the country in competition.

Although it was a rough start for the Lady Govs, they did pull out a 4-3 win against Birmingham-Southern on Saturday pushing them into the Semifinals that took place on Sunday. Unfortunately, the Lady Govs fell to Boston College, for the third time during the tournament, 10-3. The Auburn Tigers pulled ahead of Boston College and won the tournament championship on Sunday with a 6-1 record for the weekend, while the Lady Govs returned home with a 1-6 record.

The Lady Govs started the weekend off on Friday by playing Birmingham-Southern. Though the final score was 7-0 Birmingham, the Lady Govs had several hits, but just weren't able to get the runners around into scoring position. With 23 at-bats against the Panthers, 18 ended in pop-outs, which gave the Panthers an upper hand throughout the remainder of the game. APSU had three runners stranded on base throughout the match up leaving junior Lindsey Porter to chalk up the loss.

Directly following the loss to the Panthers, the Lady Govs faced off with Boston College for the first time during the series. Boston won the game by a score of 10-1. The only run for APSU belonged to sophomore shortstop Michelle Edmunds. This time the Lady Govs had seven girls stranded on base against rival pitcher Daly. Although Ashley Porter had two strikeouts and a few good innings, it was not enough for the win.

"It was a good experience for us to go down," head coach Jim Perrin said. "We were a little out-matched, I guess you could say, by playing schools that had a lot of money to bring in a lot of players from all over. Boston College wound up beating us twice while we were down there. They had a really nice ball club."

On Saturday, the Lady Govs lost to host Auburn, 6-0. On the mound for the Lady Govs again was Lindsey Porter, freshman Natasha Anderson, and sophomore Ashley Porter, who closed out the last three innings, holding the tigers at 6.

After a short break, the Lady Govs picked up their bats for yet another game against Gardner-Webb, which resulted in a 5-0 loss for the Lady Govs.

The only win for the Lady Govs this past weekend was on Saturday against Birmingham-Southern, as they pulled out a 4-3 final score. As a highlight-ending for the day, the Lady Govs had one home run in the third inning by junior shortstop Brianna Venable, who also had another run later in the game. Also scoring for APSU were freshman first baseman Taylor Newberry and senior third baseman Jessica Warden.

"It feels good (to be back on the field)," Michelle Edmunds said. "It makes me feel awesome, and it shows that hard work pays off."

Although the Lady Govs advanced to the semifinals against Boston College on the last day of competition, it ended in a 10-3 loss for APSU. As their final match of the tournament, the Eagles' pitcher saw all seven innings and only gave up three runs.

The Lady Govs rotated three pitchers on the mound, but once again could not hold off the bats of the Eagles.

"Hitting really improved in our last game, and it is one part of our program that is improving," Perrin said. "I expect us to get better. We are going to work on bunting and hitting."

The Lady Govs return to action Feb. 23 when they travel to play Evansville.

Governors baseball team opens season with 1-2 split

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University baseball team opened their 2005 campaign this past weekend with a three game series at Birmingham-Southern in which the Bat Govs were victorious in only one of the three contests.

The Govs (1-2) struck first in their season-opener on Friday with a four-run fifth inning sparked by second baseman Jake Peterson's solo home run.

Designated hitter Chris Poynter followed Peterson with a double down the right field line and later advanced to third on catcher Tommy Smith's bunt single. Shortstop Bo Baker followed suit with a double to right center that scored Poynter, and a pair of singles from outfielder Jacob Crass and first baseman Chris Hyde concluded the inning, giving the Govs a 4-0 lead.

However, the Panthers fought back in the eighth, scoring three runs on three hits off Govs' starting pitcher Rowdy Hardy. Govs' reliever Brad Daniel came in for Hardy to finish the eighth as Governors closer Corey Gunter came in to close out the game. Hardy (1-0) was awarded the win after allowing three runs (one earned)

on four hits and four walks while striking out eight.

On Saturday, the Govs played the Panthers in a double-header, which the Panthers won both contests by two runs. The Govs began the first game by scoring one run in the first inning off a pair of singles by center fielder Ryan Kane and first baseman Chris Hyde.

The Panthers answered back in the bottom of the first by scoring two runs off Govs' starting pitcher Shawn Kelley on three walks and one hit by first baseman Adam Tucker to give the Panthers a 2-1 lead. The Panthers kept mounting attacks as they scored three runs in both the fifth and seventh innings to extend the lead to seven runs.

Chris Poynter's single sparked a five-run eighth inning to bring the Govs within two. In the top of the ninth, with the bases loaded and one out, Govs third baseman Jared Walker grounded into a double-play to end the game and give the Govs their first loss of the season as they fell to the Panthers 8-6.

In game two of the double-header, the Govs went out to a 3-0 lead as they scored three runs on three hits in the second inning.

The Panthers continued their

"It was definitely the little things that went wrong. Like scoring runners...basically just getting the clutch-hit,"

- Jake Peterson, second baseman

success at bat from the first game as catcher Brandon Romans hammered a solo home run in his first collegiate at bat to score the first of four runs in the bottom of the second, allowing the Panthers to go ahead with a score of 4-3.

The Govs' last surge came in the seventh as they scored two runs off one hit, two hit-by-pitches and two wild pitches by Panthers reliever Ronny Woods. However, the effort was too late as the Govs fell in the second game 7-5. Govs' pitchers Shawn Kelley and Devin Thomas both picked up losses for Saturday's games.

"I told the team we did a lot of

good things and we out-played them in plenty of areas," Govs head coach Gary McClure said.

"But this is a game of little things and we didn't do the little things," he said. "You know you can outplay another team and still get beat. It was frustrating because we were a better team than they were and we just didn't execute."

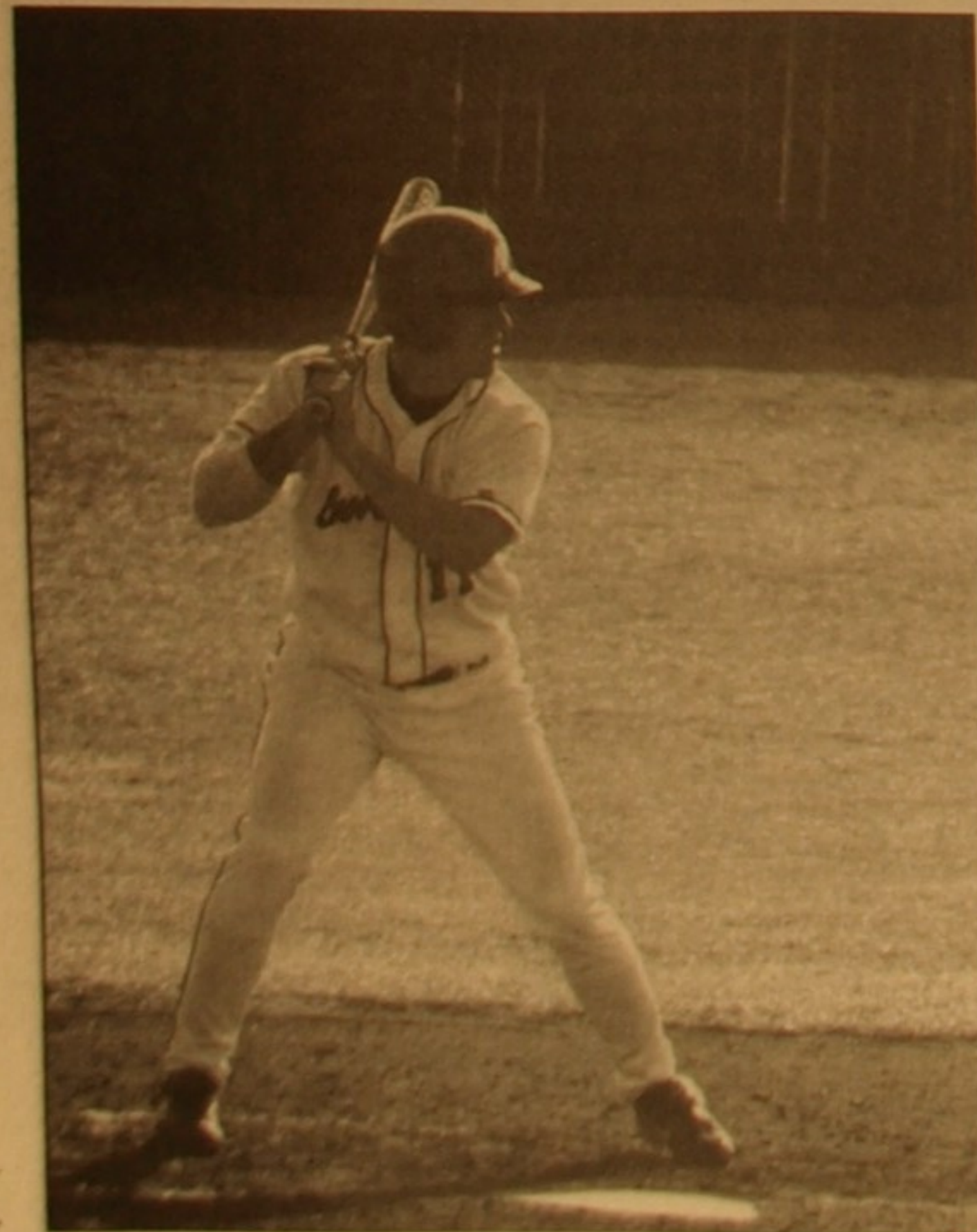
"It was definitely executing the little things that went wrong," Govs second baseman Jake Peterson said. "Like scoring runners in scoring position with less than two outs. Basically just getting the clutch-hit."

"We need to improve in every area," senior designated hitter Chris Poynter said. Poynter led the Govs batting attack going 5-11 (.454) and scoring four runs for the weekend.

"Once you become stagnant you don't continue to grow," he said.

"This weekend really showed us how good we are and how good we can be so as long as we keep improving we will have a successful season."

The Govs go back into action this Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a three-game homestand, as they host the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Valparaiso and Akron. The games will mark each at 2 p.m. The games will mark the first home games of the season.



FILE PHOTO

Sports teams need support from student body

Commentary from
the sidelines

By **ASHLEY SCHILLING**
Staff Writer

If you have ever attended an Austin Peay State University basketball game during the past season, you would notice two things. One being the candy from the blimp always in place on your head when you expect it, and secondly, that there



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are not that many actual students in attendance. While looking at the crowd, there are mostly children, alumni, faculty and personnel. These percentages outrank the students by a significant amount. I do admit that APSU had a wonderful turnout at the Coming Home game against Samford, but where was everyone at the Murray State game on

the previous Saturday? Although Murray is only an hour and a half away and was broadcast on ESPN2, there was a small turnout of APSU fans. I will give credit to the "Redmen" who were there in spite of the drive. While at Murray, one could only help but notice the deafening roar of their 4,508 fans on all sides. It was so loud you could not speak to the person next to you without yelling at the top of your lungs. It makes one wonder, why isn't APSU like that? When thinking about this column,

I considered all the different reasons why students could not attend an on-campus game. I found reasons like work, studying, staying busy, intramural games and the worst of all "I just don't want to go."

These excuses could probably be overlooked if our basketball team was not good, but the Gavs are ranked in the top five teams in the OVC. That is pretty impressive, especially since that they beat the number one ranked team (Samford) last Thursday night. Attendance for Coming Home

reached only 2,927, which was a substantial drop from the 3,923 students who came for the Tennessee State game.

APSU is ranked sixth among all OVC members in attendance. School spirit might not run through all of our blood, but it is a fun experience, even if you are not into basketball. There are always free giveaways, contests, a giant blimp that drop goodies from the sky (even cash) and a chance to be waving on the jumbo screen.

In all, it is a good experience no matter what sport you attend. APSU baseball begins this weekend with a three-game series starting on Friday at 2 p.m.

As the first home game of the season, I challenge everyone to attend and show your support for the Gavs. And let us not forget about the upcoming OVC basketball tournament in Nashville. School spirit runs all year around in every sport on this campus, so let's show our Peay Pride! ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile

By **MICHAEL KELLUM**
Staff Writer

What does Austin Peay State University and Los Angeles have in common? The answer is two Los Angeles locals on the men's basketball team, senior Anthony Davis (A.D.) and freshmen Derek Wright (D.J.). Any APSU student who has attended a basketball game probably knows about Davis, but might not have heard about Wright. In Wright's senior year of high school, he helped lead his team to a state title and was a McDonald's All-American nominee. He said he chose APSU because it was a good environment. "I knew I could concentrate on school work and would also have a chance to play a lot as a freshman," Wright said.

Wright was named Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week in December for his performance against the Vanderbilt Commodores. He scored 15 points off the bench on six-of-nine shooting from the field. He also was three-of-four from behind the arc in only 21 minutes of play.

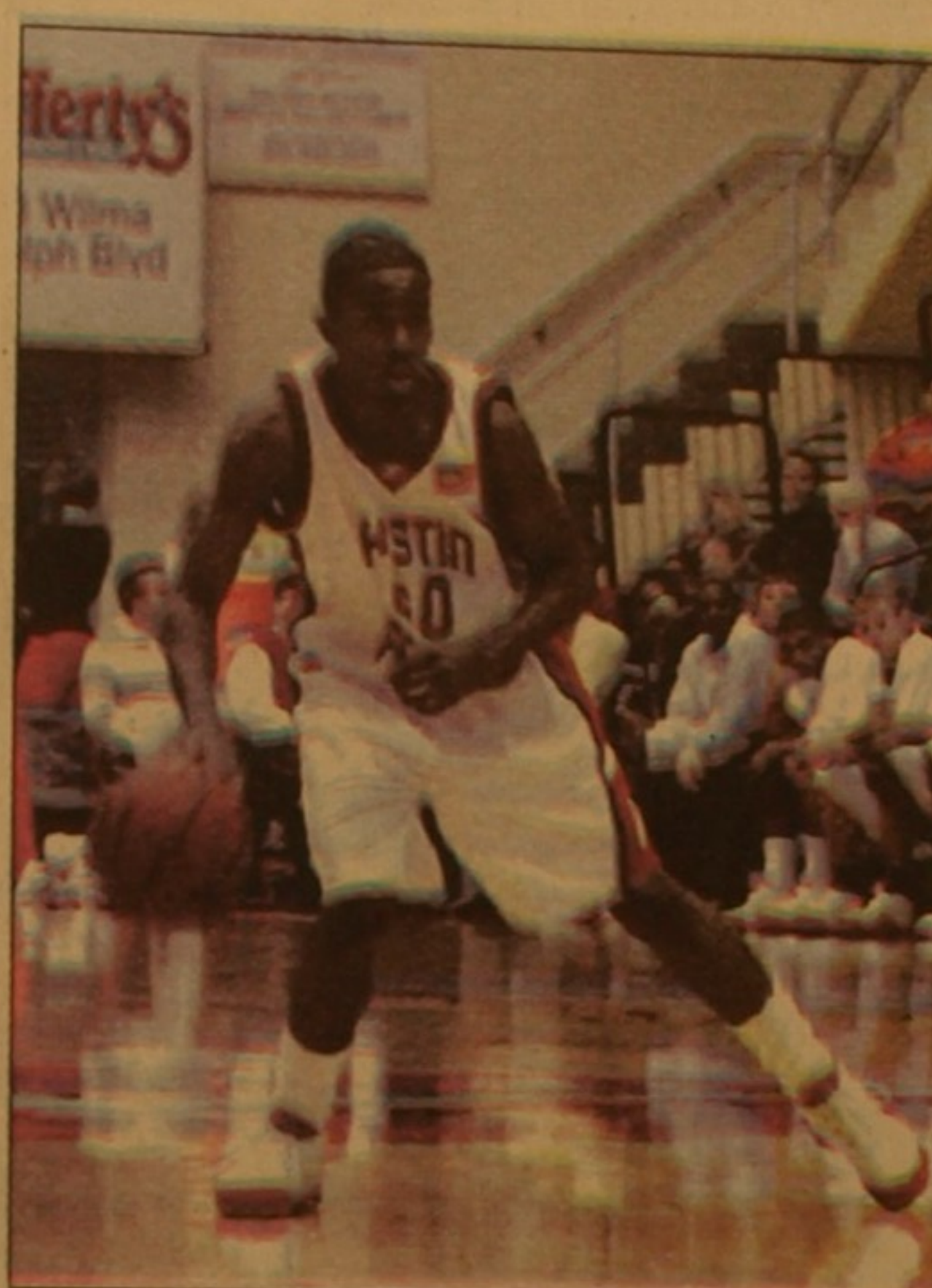
He has taken advantage of his time by placing fifth on the team in three pointers attempted, three pointers made and fifth in three point percentage. He has also started 11 games this season. Even with those impressive stats as a freshman, Wright says he can do better.

"I think I can play better than I have been, and I hope to do so," he said. "I want to help my team succeed by winning the OVC tournament and by getting into the NCAA tournament."

Some might think that coming from a big city like Los Angeles to Clarksville would be tough, but Wright said it hasn't been too bad.

"At first it was a culture shock, and I had to get used to the weather," he said. "And there isn't as much to do, but it's fine."

Having another teammate from the same area has definitely helped, he said. "The school A.D. went to and my high school are rivals. I saw him play when I was a freshman, so we had a common bond and an automatic friendship when I got to APSU." ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Freshman Derek Wright was named OVC Freshman of the Week after scoring 15 points in the contest against Vanderbilt this season.

Question and Answer

Name: Derek Wright
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.
Sport: Gavs Basketball
Major: Undecided

After College: Play in NBA and go into real estate
Favorite Place to Eat: Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles
Role Model: Dad
Biggest surprise this season: Starting a few games
Favorite part about being an APSU student-athlete: Being around teammates

Bears visit Gavs' football turf



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Chicago Bears players and staff were on hand last Thursday to test the newly installed turf in Governor's Stadium. Players visiting included cornerback Jerry Azumah and offensive lineman John Tait.

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Gavs and Lady Gavs tennis teams struggle for wins early in season

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University men's and women's tennis teams began OVC play with losses to the Jacksonville State Gamecocks. The men lost 6-1, while the women fell 7-0.

The Lady Gavs began their match by losing the doubles point to the Gamecocks in three decisive matches. The Gamecocks went on to a 6-0 clean sweep of Lady Gavs in singles play, with the closest match ending in Michelle Dushner's defeat of Lady Gov Isabel Rzezniczek 6-1, 6-4.

The Gavs kicked off their match with the Gavs' number one doubles team, Ankur Single/Andrew Naidu, defeating Vedron Sirola/Rodney Rapson 8-4. However, the Gavs lost the remaining two doubles matches as the Gamecocks claimed the doubles point.

The Gavs advanced to singles play

"We get to play three times this week, and we need to work on not beating ourselves, as well as fighting hard for every point"

- Ed Dickson, head tennis coach

where freshman Patrick Puertolas defeated the Gamecock's Matthew Davis 6-4, 6-0 in number six singles to give the Gavs their only win in singles play.

Gavs senior Jonathon Brown lost a key match to the Gamecock's Arturo Nieto, as Brown won the first set 7-6, but lost the second set, 6-1, and an

incredible 10-6 tiebreaker. "It was a tough day," APSU tennis coach Ed Dickson said. "Jacksonville State was better than we were. We pretty much beat ourselves."

"I am going to switch up the doubles players because we were clearly the better doubles team, but we struggled and lost some very close matches," he added.

Dickson also pointed out that both the men's and women's teams have plenty to work on for upcoming games.

"We need to eliminate the mistakes and try to keep the ball inside the court," Dickson emphasized. "We get to play three times this week, and we need to work on not beating ourselves, as well as fighting hard for every point."

The Gavs and Lady Gavs will again defend their home courts this Friday, as they play host to Eastern Illinois at 2 p.m. ♦

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