

Think pink this month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, reminding women that early detection and treatment is the key to prevention.

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Football could see scholarships

President Sherry Hoppe is looking to reinstate football scholarships at APSU. The move would add the Gobs into OVC competition.

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A majority of APSU students choose Kerry for president

By EDDIE BARNES
Guest Writer

Sen. John Kerry will be the next President of the United States, according to an informal poll of Austin Peay State University students conducted on Oct. 5 in and around the Morgan University Center.

The poll, taken just four weeks before Election Day, showed Sen. Kerry leading the incumbent President George W. Bush by a margin of 44 percent to 37 percent of students registered to vote. Undecided voters made up 19 percent of registered voters polled, and 37 percent of independent candidate Ralph Nader comprised the last four percent.

This trend doesn't surprise political science department Chairman David Kanervo one bit, he said on most college campuses Sen. Kerry's lead would be greater. "The fact that you find a slight lead as opposed to a major lead for Kerry is due to a couple of factors," he said.

According to Kanervo, southerners tend to

be more conservative in general, and military personnel tend to see the Republican party as more supportive of the military. APSU has a high proportion of both southerners and military personnel.

In addition, Kanervo said that today's traditional-age college students are beginning to exhibit a more Republican trend, having grown up in the Reagan years.

This lead for Sen. Kerry on the APSU campus is slightly out of sync with national polls, where the Republican president and his Democratic challenger are exactly tied.

At press time, the most recent Gallup polls show 51-46 Bush lead in popular support.

However, these polls do not include "institutionalized" voters such as college students and military personnel, nor do they include voters whose cellular phones are their primary contact sources. Analysts are waiting to see how this will affect the results of the election.

The main issue influencing students' voting preferences is, predictably, the war in Iraq. Freshman undecided major, Josh Cramer, whose father is a civilian contractor in Iraq, believes that President Bush, "did the right thing, invading Iraq." He is also critical of Kerry's position on the war.

"[Kerry] keeps saying, 'I've got a plan, I've got a plan, I've got a plan,' but he never says the plan," said Cramer, echoing Republican assertions that Kerry is a "flip-flopper" with no concrete positions.

Other students feel differently. Freshman art education major, Mike Covington said Kerry's position on the war is more intelligent, and that staying the course, as Bush likes to say, is dangerous.

Primarily, though, Covington, who is a member of APSU's Gay-Straight Alliance, supports Kerry because "[he] supports civil unions for gay couples, and that's a step in the right direction."

The recent focus on gay rights is another issue APSU students find important. Bush supporters have rallied behind the religious overtones of the Republican stance, while Kerry supporters see this as a smokescreen tactic to divert attention from the Bush administration's economic and foreign policy failings.

They also say the Republican Party hopes to galvanize the support of the religious right.

"I think it's an important issue," said Covington, "but it's been blown out of proportion, especially with the federal marriage amendment."

If Bush is re-elected, he will become the first president in United States history to do so after failing to win the popular vote for his initial term.

Bush is only the fourth president to lose the popular vote but win the election, and it has not happened at all since 1888, when Benjamin Harrison lost the popular vote to Grover

Cleveland but won the majority of Electoral College votes. Harrison was defeated in 1892.

Kanervo said it would not surprise him to see that single-term trend continue.

He said that a president who does not enter office with the support of the people will typically struggle with popular support during his entire term, and to be re-elected, he needs that support.

Kanervo said that among some people, "there's a sense that maybe he shouldn't have been president," and that can severely damage a president's chances of re-election.

Still, with the popular vote so polarized, and even traditional conservative and liberal bastions leaning far less sharply than in years past, it is impossible to make any but the most tentative predictions regarding who will be the next president of the United States of America. The overwhelming feeling among students polled is that this year, the stakes are high and on Nov. 2, every vote really will count. ♦

Bredesen visits Clarksville

The Governor voices his support of democratic candidates at a political rally in Clarksville Oct. 23.

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff Writer

While the majority of political media is focusing on the Presidential race, the candidates vying for the oval office are not the only names on the ballot in November. Tennesseans have several decisions to make.

U.S. Rep. Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn is running unopposed for the 7th congressional district.

According to Christine Schaub, Blackburn campaign Communications Director, Congresswoman Blackburn serves on the Education & Workforce Committee at both the state and federal levels, addressing the needs of higher education. Through the No Child Left Behind program, she looks for opportunities where the local school system can partner with educational institutions to increase learning opportunities for all citizens.

"We work directly with Austin Peay, looking at programs that will expand opportunities for AP graduates. We also work hand-in-hand as part of the team of local state and federal officials to be certain the needs of the community are addressed," Blackburn said.

The Tennessee State Senate race in the 22nd senatorial district is between incumbent Democratic Sen. Rosalind Kurita and Republican Commissioner Brenda Radford.

Sen. Kurita, according to her website, is placing a great emphasis upon education and points out that this year's budget adds \$190 million in new money to improve teacher income.

Montgomery County Commissioner Brenda Radford, the Republican opponent of Kurita, also expresses the importance of education, focusing on institutional improvement and teacher retention.

The 67th district of the Tennessee House of Representatives is electing a new official in November as well. On the issue of education, Rep. Kim McMillan, a democrat, is an advocate of education, supporting reduced disparity in teachers' pay while her opponent her opponent, Cecil Stout, a republican, is focusing on providing parents a choice in how their children are educated, including public, home and alternative forms of schooling.

The 68th district of the State Representatives has incumbent Democrat Tommy Head being challenged by Republican Curtis Johnson. Tommy Head has been a major supporter for Austin Peay State University in acquiring over \$60 million in grants in the last 10 years, the preservation of Archwood, the



Kim McMillan speaks to supporters as Gov. Phil Bredesen, Senator Rosalind Kurita, Tony Campbell, Randy Button and Tommy Head look on. McMillan, Campbell and Head will be candidates on the Montgomery County ballot.

new Science building and renovations to the McCord Building. He voted to create pay equity for women so that workers get the same money for the same work.

Republican Curtis Johnson supports community schools and wants to aggressively recruit new industry with his small business owner experience.

In the 78th district, which made up of Cheatham and parts of Montgomery and Williamson counties, has Republican Phillip Johnson running against Democrat Tony Campbell.

Incumbent Republican Phillip Johnson record in the House of Representatives shows that he has sponsored the creation of an incentive pay program for teachers in K-12 classrooms. He also supported the lottery bill to further higher education.

According to Matt Maxey, representative for the Democrat Tony Campbell campaign, three things they hope to see done are that the hope scholarships are fulfilled properly, capital funds are allotted for improvement projects and to prevent the rapid tuition increase. It is not an understatement that the outcome of elections will affect government policies for the next few years. The voting public has much to consider. ♦



Gov. Bredesen greets Donny Greene as he campaigns for Tommy Head, Kim McMillan, Tony Campbell and Rosalind Kurita Oct. 23. Supporters participated in a door-to-door promotion of the candidates.

AP Students petition over Veterans' Day

By ROBERT BUTLER
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University President, Sherry Hoppe gives specific reasons why students don't get veterans' day off and proposes to close APSU for both students and faculty next year.

Karen Godwin and Shawn McNatt, both APSU juniors and history majors, have written a petition with about 500 signatures to request that the holiday be officially recognized not just for APSU but for all of Tennessee Board of Regents schools.

"We started the petition because of the war in Iraq and since we personally have friends and family that are in Iraq and have recently died there," she said. McNatt also says she thinks it is improper not to have the holiday recognized state-wide.

Hoppe said that there are a certain number of days that the state allows the universities to have where students and faculty are not required to be on campus and the institution is officially closed. "About three years ago, the state added an extra holiday. When they did, universities were given the option to have Good Friday off or any other day of a holiday of our choice," said Hoppe. Last year, students had Veterans' Day off, though faculty did not.

It was considered a no-class day and not a holiday perse. APSU employees had to work. The shorter schedule has also played a role in Hoppe's decision to give students and faculty Good Friday off instead of Veterans' Day.

"I am proposing the change because we are a military town," Hoppe emphasized that many students and their spouses are in the military.

This would be the reason for her consideration in 2005 to take Veterans' Day as opposed to Good Friday. The decision will be made before the holidays and has to be submitted to the Board of Education sometime in November or early December for 2005. Opinions on campus are mixed. Troya Hall, a junior majoring in political science, thinks that students should go to class even though her father is a veteran. "I'd rather go to school on Veterans' Day instead of Good Friday."

"I think Good Friday is religious holiday and students want to go home and be with their family," she said.

Hoppe, however, did say that at noon this Veterans' Day there will be a celebration honoring the veterans.

She also indicated that professors will be asked to excuse students to attend the celebration.

Godwin thinks the celebration here on campus is not enough. "On post they are planning to have all types of festivities, and APSU main campus students are forced to go to class most of the day," said Godwin. ♦

Local NAACP hosts Freedom Fund banquet at APSU to raise money for scholarships

By DANI ORTIZ
Staff Writer

The newly reactivated National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will introduce themselves to the community by hosting their first ever annual Freedom Fund banquet on Sat. Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Morgan University Center Ballroom.

It will be a night of formal dining, live entertainment and a lively speaker Alethea Johnson, the director in the youth and college division of the NAACP, Atlanta.

The proceeds of this event will benefit the NAACP college chapter Textbook Fund scholarship. This fundraising event is throughout the United States to recognize the accomplishments of the past year and to generate money to support programs and initiatives.

The Scholarship Fund was developed to help address the need to improve retention among students of color on campus. The chapter's advisor Kathleen Evans believes the importance of this event.

Although this initiative alone may not have a

huge impact on student retention, we believe that if we all work together that our combined efforts, no matter how seemingly small individually, will make a significant difference and will improve the quality of campus life for all students at Austin Peay.

The Scholarship Fund will help full-time Austin Peay State University students in purchasing textbooks and supplies; membership is open to all eligible students regardless of race, preference though will be given to minority students and NAACP chapter members. The scholarship will be awarded in spring, 2005. The number of scholarships given will be determined by the amount of money generated from the banquet and scholarship proceeds as well as the number of applicants that apply.

This chapter has been very active around the university and there are a number of things they have done and plan on doing. They co-hosted the "Back on the Yard" block party during welcome week. For the past two years they have held a voter registration drive in which they registered people to vote. They

have been a part in voter mobilization efforts in which bus transportation was provided for students to participate in early registration. They also hope to provide bus transportation to the Nov. 2 general election.

They are hoping to stay active in educating the university about the election process by posting information on early voting dates and times, poll operational hours during the general election and well as other information. Voter empowerment has been a primary focus of the chapter this semester. "The chapter works tirelessly to educate the campus about the political process, encourages participation in the political process and seeks to cultivate a sense of social responsibility on our campus," says Kathleen Evans.

Upcoming events include a tailgate party Nov. 5, a Health Awareness Forum on diet and diabetes on Nov. 17 and Students Helping Students will be launched in early Nov. with a Nov. 22 distribution. For a third straight year, the chapter has done the Students Helping Students program in which they put food baskets together and donate them to students

with families who will not have the opportunity of having a Thanksgiving meal.

The legacy of the NAACP has been built and grown for more than 95 years, because of the hope and courage of thousands of diverse people coming together standing by what was once in the past a controversial statement – that all men and women are created equal. It is the nation's oldest civil rights organization that has had an impact on American history, fighting to ensure that the voices of African-Americans and other minorities would be heard.

The university's NAACP chapter was originally established some 10 to 15 years ago under the advisement of Mary-Elaine Horn. The exact date of the original charter is not known, because it is believed to have been lost during the 1999 tornado aftermath.

The chapter was reactivated June 2003 and new charter received Nov. 2003.

The NAACP mission is to ensure political, educational, social and economic equality of minority groups and citizens.

Using the democratic process, the

association seeks to eliminate prejudice, discrimination and racial barriers among all the citizens of the United States.

While the University's NAACP chapter embraces this mission, their primary purpose is to increase campus awareness of the unpleasant effects of discrimination. "We seek to help mold students into productive citizens who will easily transition into an ever-changing global society," says Kathleen Evans.

This organization is open to anybody believing in the ideals of this association. General Membership meetings are held on the third Monday each month and are held in one of the University Center meeting rooms.

If you cannot attend the banquet and would like to contribute to the "NAACP college chapter Textbook Scholarship Fund" send a check payable to APSU and mail it to APSU-University Advancement, P.O. Box 4516, Clarksville TN 37044. Note "NAACP Textbook Fund" on the memo line. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 for adults, \$35 for APSU-affiliated adults, \$30 for APSU student couples, and \$20 for APSU students. ♦

Project personalizes domestic violence

By DANI ORTIZ
Staff Writer

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and the Women's Studies group are sponsoring the Clothesline Project Oct. 28 outside the University Center in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The Clothesline Project at Austin Peay State University is a tribute to the many women in the community who have experienced some form of violence against them, by creating a T-shirt bearing witness to their own personal experience, whether it be a poem or some kind of design it is to show that they have survived. The main focus of this project is to celebrate women's strength and courage and their willingness to break the silence of violence against them.

Associate professor of English and women's studies Jill Eichhorn said, "I think this project raises our awareness about the impact of violence on our lives, on the lives of our neighbors, our fellow classmates and the people we eat lunch with."

All the stories on the shirts are true accounts from women in our community affected by violence.

There are shirts hanging in honor of the two women who worked at Baskin Robbins who were raped and murdered. There is also a shirt

for Matthew Sheppard, the boy who was brutally beaten to death because of his sexual preference.

Students are invited to make T-shirts while they are hanging on Oct. 28 or stop by the women's studies office, Harned 139.

There will also be another showing of the clothesline in February when the women's studies program produces Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues."

The first Clothesline project at APSU was launched in 1996 when students in Professor Eichhorn's women's studies class planned and organized the project to raise the awareness on the impact of violence on women and the people surrounding them.

Since 1996 the project has been held annually and 250 shirts have been made from people of the community.

Since the Clothesline Project is about personal violence against women, each shirt hung is color-coded for the different types of violence.

They are as follows: white, women who have been murdered; yellow or beige, battered or assaulted women; red, pink and orange, women who have been raped or sexually assaulted; blue or green; survivors of incest and sexual abuse; purple or lavender, women attacked because of their sexual orientation



PHOTO BY THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Barbara Gambrell, a freshman social work major, examines the Clothesline Project displayed in the University Center Plaza. The Clothesline Project is a tribute to the many women in the community who have experienced some form of violence in their lives.

and black, for women attacked for political reasons.

The Clothesline project originally began in 1990 when members of the Cape Cod Women's Agenda put up a clothesline in Hyannis, Mass. with a total of 31 shirts created by people who have been raped, assaulted or had any other form of violence upon them.

The concept of using the clothesline was

simple. By having women hang their shirts on the clothesline it helps them to share and cope with their experience. It also helps the women who are still suffering in silence realize that they are not alone. "I believe that this project makes us pay attention to violence, and making the T-shirts helps people who have survived, heal from the trauma by bringing the story in to public," said Eichhorn.

Sororities fundraise and volunteer for a variety of causes

By KRYSTAL RUTTER
Staff Writer

Along with fraternities, sororities at Austin Peay State University also spend a lot of time volunteering and holding fundraisers for charities and organizations all over the country.

The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha recently completed their philanthropy week earlier this month. During this week, the Inner Fraternity Council fraternities competed against each other to raise money for ASA's nationally recognized charity, the S. June Smith Center. The week raised more than \$3,000 for the chapter.

ASA is also involved in a number of other philanthropic activities. "We participate in the AIDS Walk in Nashville, a Cystic Fibrosis Walk, Rely for Life and we also stuff envelopes for the Lupus Foundation," said Krista Bristol, the ASA Philanthropy Chair.

They also volunteer for campus events. "Alpha Sigma Alpha participates in Plant the Campus Red, G.H.O.S.T., and we volunteer at the Children's Learning Center on campus," said Bristol.

Special Olympics is held APSU, and the ASA

girls are very involved with it. They help coach the events during the Olympics, as well as raise money for the organization. ASA also donates food to local food pantries and participates in Bowl for Kids Sake, where they raise money for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

They also have adopted Franklin Street through Adopt-A-Highway, where they hold trash pick-ups during the year.

The members of Alpha Delta Pi are getting very involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters this year. This semester they are also doing a Breast Cancer walk, in honor of member Sarah Bradley's grandmother and great-grandmother.

ADPi member Kelly Jaunet said, "Our philanthropy week is called Dream Week, and it's held in the spring. We raise money for the Dream Factory, which is similar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, except it is locally based. We help terminally-ill children fulfill one dream. It's a lot of fun."

Every member of ADPi participates in helping the national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House. Each sister must help with at least one Ronald McDonald house visit.

During these visits, the sisters complete a list of

cleaning duties and also bring food with them to prepare the people at the House lunch while the girls are visiting.

Along with one required visit to RMH, each member is also required to do one trash pick up on Warfield Blvd., the street ADPi has through Adopt-A-Highway.

The members of ADPi are also involved with Camp Rainbow, a fun camp for terminally ill children. The girls are counselors at the camp and enjoy spending time with the children.

Another charity that ADPi is passionate about helping is Bikers Who Care. "Bikers Who Care is an organization that raises money for terminally ill children. About a month ago, the bikers had a ride from the fairgrounds to Governor's Square Mall," said ADPi member Annaliese Imholz. "Two of our members, Suzie Lugo and Diana Lugo, an alumni, are very enthusiastic about this cause," said Imholz. ADPi also collects toys for Bikers Who Care.

Chi O's national philanthropy is the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Their philanthropy week is called Chi O Cares Week, held in early spring semester, which raises money for this

foundation. "Last year we raised \$4,300, and our goal is \$5,000 for this coming February. Also this year they had a walk in Clarksville where we raised over \$800 to turn in by asking for donations from businesses in Clarksville and holding a car wash. At the walk we had the largest team of members participating," said Chi-O member Beth Stein.

It is very important to the ladies of Chi-O to reach their goal of \$5,000, because that is the amount of money it takes to grant a wish for a child.

"We are also involved in Project Horizon. This is a project we do in conjunction with the Clarksville Police Department in which we go into Lincoln Homes and hold an after-school program where we read to the children, help with homework or just play games," said Stein.

Chi O also participates in Bowl for Kids Sake, raising money that is donated to Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

The members also volunteer for a number of

local charities and campus events, such as participating in G.H.O.S.T., providing cans for the APSU "Can Provide," providing ushers for the Miss Tennessee Pageant held on campus and walking in many charitable walks in the area such as the Kidney Walk and Multiple Sclerosis Walk.

These three sororities are part of the Panhellenic Council. Panhellenic Council has its own philanthropic activity that combines the efforts of all three sororities. It is called Books for Africa, and is held at the end of every semester. They package up textbooks and other books from the school that students cannot sell back and send them over to Africa to people who can use them.

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority conducts their community service in a different way than the other sororities on campus. They have what is called the Five Point Programmatic Thrust. "There are five categories, Economical Awareness and Involvement, Education Awareness and Involvement, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health Awareness and Involvement and Political Awareness and Involvement," said Delta Sigma Theta President, Jerresa Lewis. In the economic category, they hold financial workshops that focus on keeping good credit and what the need for knowledge is at that time.

In the education category, Delta Sigma Theta has a mentoring program called ADAPT, Active Deltas Aiding Positive Transitions. This program has been in effect since Fall 2002, and it helps new freshmen or new transfer students with adjusting to the collegiate experience.

In the international category, they target AIDS awareness and participate in the Unite Our Cities Campaign.

In the Physical and Mental Health category, Delta Sigma Theta concentrates on spreading knowledge about the needs at the time, such as diabetes, AIDS, STDs and low blood pressure.

Last year, they held a successful program that focused on living a natural, herbalistic lifestyle, without using any over-the-counter drugs.

Delta Sigma Theta has also adopted a road through Adopt-A-Highway on Madison St. and they hold two trash pick-ups a semester. "We also hold a Scholarship Ball, where we award a Clarksville graduating senior a scholarship to the school of their choice. This year we gave a little over \$800 away, and the student chose to attend Austin Peay State University," said Lewis.

Delta Sigma Theta also gives Thanksgiving baskets to families in Lincoln Homes and is active in the Angel Tree Program by collecting gifts for needy children.

The sororities Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta and Alpha Kappa of the NPHC were unavailable to comment about their philanthropy work.

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Michael Blumenthal Poetry Reading

Austin Peay State University welcomes renowned writer Michael C. Blumenthal as the occupant of the Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts for fall. Blumenthal's upcoming reading is on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium of the Kimbrough Building. A reception and book signing will follow the event. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Barry Kinnaman at 7878.

The Oxymorons

The Oxymorons, an APSU all-faculty rock-and-roll band, includes Stanley Yates on lead guitar; John Moseley on bass; Tim Winters on drums; and Mickey Wadia on keyboard. The Oxymorons will be performing at Java City Thursday, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. For more information, please contact Tim Winters at winterst@apsu.edu or 7118.

Interlibrary Loan Alert

The Library's Interlibrary Loan system was disrupted by the e-mail outage on Monday and Tuesday. If you sent a request on Oct. 19 or Oct. 20, please resubmit your request. For more information, please contact Deborah Fetch at fetchd@apsu.edu or 7617.

Child Learning Center

The Child Learning Center will be back and treating on campus Friday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. To request a visit from the children to certain departments or offices, please contact Kim Santulli in the Child Learning Center at santullik@apsu.edu or 6234.

Homecoming Chili Cook-off Update

Due to the e-mail server failure on Monday and Tuesday, please resubmit entries for the contest if submitted on either of those days. Online entries are now being accepted. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate. For more information, please contact Heather Legg or Steve Wilson at leggh@apsu.edu or wilson@apsu.edu or 6357 or 1294.

International Night

International Night will be Nov. 2 in the U.C. Ballroom. It is a very special evening of fun and festivities, and it's free. We will continue our tradition of showcasing artifacts and entertainment from groups around the world. Expect good food and enjoyable conversation. For more information, please contact D. Kadeba and I. Filippoi at filippoi@apsu.edu or 7381.

Homecoming Event Pack

Attention Students and Student Organizations - go to Student Life and Leadership homepage on the AP Web Site and click on Homecoming 2004 "Go to Hollywood" to see each event and entry form. For more information, please contact Trish Halstead at halsteadt@apsu.edu or 7431. For complete details: <http://www.apsu.edu/activities/HomecomingPacket04.html>.

SGA Student Tribunal Applications

Applications are now available for Associate Justices on the Student Tribunal. Students must have a 2.5 GPA, have sophomore standing, no disciplinary records, and be able to be interviewed within the next couple of weeks. For an application, please go to Student Affairs UC 206. Applications are due on Nov. 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Student Affairs. For more information, please contact Tamara Cole at sgapres@apsu.edu or 7262.

Corrections

Homecoming 2004 AP Apollo Show will take place in the UC Ballroom. For more information, please contact Meda Rollins in Student Life and Leadership. Please contact The All State at 7376 or theallstate@apsu.edu with any other corrections found in the newspaper.

Alpha Sigma Alpha would like to congratulate our newest little sisters!

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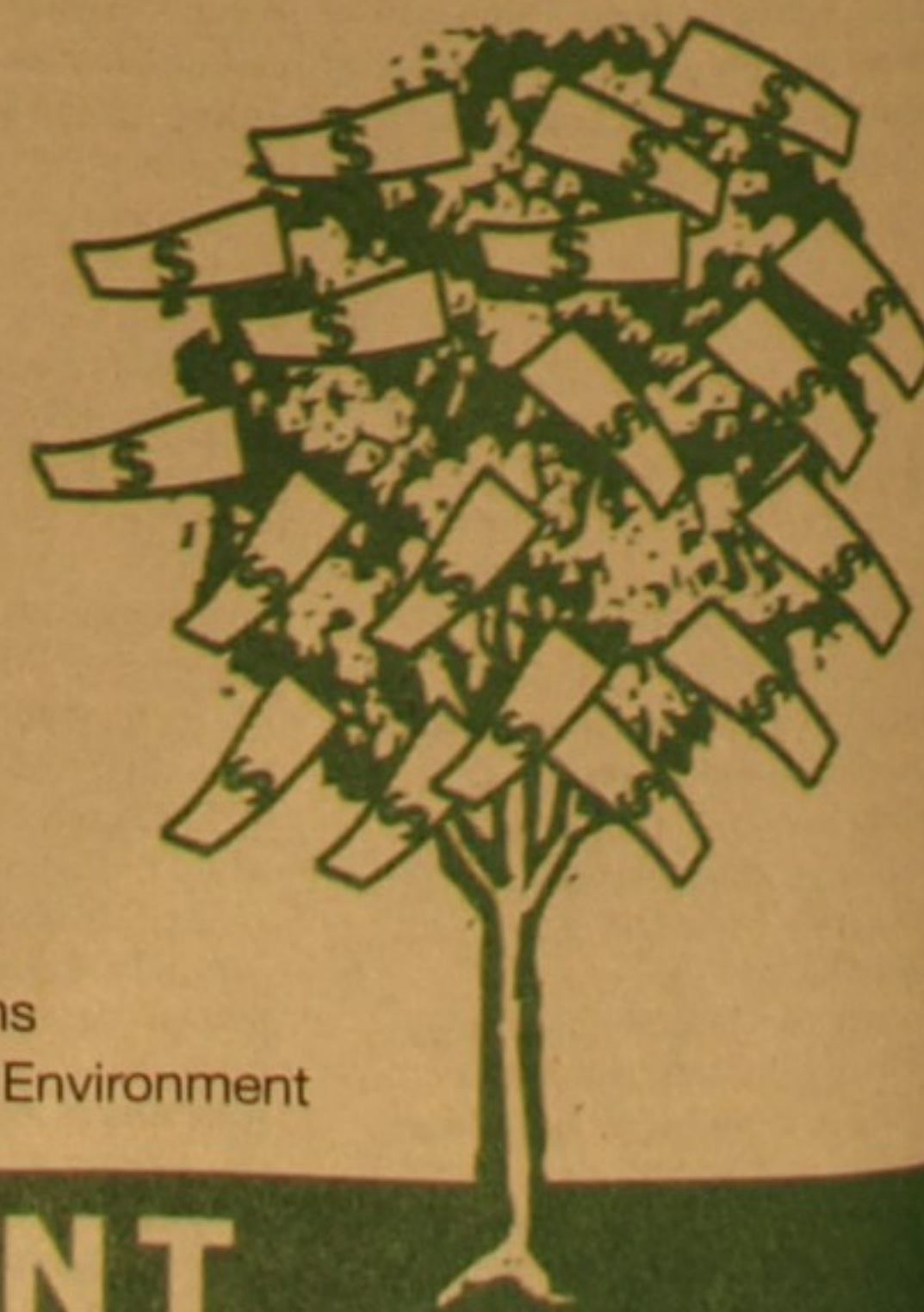
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OUR TAKE

Free information being tied down

To first state the obvious, our society is dominated by the demand for information and the use of it. There are a variety of media for sending and receiving its various forms. Whether we use the Internet, or more specifically, police reports and obituaries, media outlets should be able to access and utilize the resources that are needed, within reason. Unfortunately, the access granted by the Freedom of Information Act is not being acknowledged, even on college campuses. You might be wondering what kind of information would generate such controversy. Consider the many possibilities for police reports. While we are independent of the university's jurisdiction, we stand alone as the source that keeps you informed on matters of all sorts. In Colorado, a campus newspaper, the *Daily Camera* was sued although it was only "affiliated" with the University of Colorado. The suit was filed for the potential release of public records concerning a football recruitment program scandal involving alcohol and sexual assault. Though the *Camera* filed for three freedom of information requests, all of them were denied. The school was allowed to continue hiding this scandal because the FOIA was ignored. The newspaper was simply trying to adhere to open record laws. The abuse is unsettling considering the

stated purpose of FOIA. Essentially its intent is to keep public officials in public view so that we can be aware of and if necessary, scrutinize their activities. It can also be the reporter's tool for obtaining records and other, similar endeavors. Recently, this purpose was ignored on our campus due to being refused comment by several Greek organizations. As a result, intended articles were not printed.

To specify more, organizations that are supported by public funding (i.e. you and me) should be willing to offer information that is public knowledge according to FOIA. Section 30-4-20 of the document says as much, but what is disturbing is that important information that could be crucial to the public knowledge could be withheld simply because the authorities said it should be. It happened in Virginia when a student journalist's notes were confiscated by police. The journalist in control were overstepping their bounds in this instance.

How then, do you discern whether that authority is corrupt or not? The answer is that without FOIA, we would not be allowed to expose numerous misdeeds in the public arena, which is a very large place and includes the school you attend right now. Whatever happened to checks and balances? Let's apply it to our university as well.

Candidates compared with college students in mind

ERIN CRUYS
Staff Writer

Both of the candidates have taken clearly defined sides on the issues, but which one appeals more to Austin Peay State University students? To answer this, one must look at George W. Bush's and John Kerry's opinions on some of the main topics of this election. Certain subjects appeal more to the student body of APSU.

Education is important to all students for several reasons. The most obvious one is that almost all students have to worry about how they are going to pay for college. Many students take out loans and some have scholarships. Kerry plans to help college students by giving them up to \$4,000 each year specifically to pay for school.

He also has a program where college students can help children with their education. The college students will be paid for. His final plan is to allow students the opportunity to work for the government for two years and have four years of college paid for. Bush plans to reform early education to give students a brighter future and a better chance of going to college.

Many APSU students have children who will be starting school soon or already in school. Both candidates have plans for early education. Both men plan to support early development programs like Head Start. Kerry and Bush are also both in favor of having highly-qualified teachers in every classroom.

Bush plans to help minorities to make certain their children know about early development opportunities. Kerry plans to improve after-school programs and offer benefits to schools that have activities until 6 p.m. This would be especially beneficial to

APSU students who have classes or work in the afternoon.

The war in Iraq has affected Clarksville more than many other areas because of Fort Campbell. Many APSU students are either stationed at Fort Campbell or have relatives that are stationed there. Kerry's plan for the war is to deploy all of America's forces, not just the military. Bush will continue to send troops to fight terrorism in other countries in order to keep it out of the United States. It looks like neither candidate has a really good solution to get our troops back home safely. How many more American lives do we have to lose to give other countries their freedom? We fought for our independence; now let them fight for theirs if they want it so bad.

Healthcare is a concern not just for college students, but for all American citizens. The cost of healthcare is becoming outrageous. Kerry plans to cut healthcare costs for all Americans. He will make sure that people with disabilities get the coverage they need as well. He wants to decrease the costs of prescription drugs as well and allow for importation of prescription drugs from Canada. Bush will improve the Medicare program and extend the eligibility for Medicaid. He is working on a program to make sure that the children of low-income families will have health insurance. Hey Bush, what about the adults? Are children the only ones who can get sick? I guess diseases only strike children.

John Kerry seems to be a better choice for college students. His programs are oriented more towards college students than Bush's plans. He also has more to offer college students to help with the high costs of schooling these days than Bush does. Ding ding ding! We have a winner! ♦

Low attendance considered to reflect APSU school spirit

By JOSE TORO
Staff Writer

The time is ticking and the coach is pushing the team to retreat with a victory. Sweat is dripping from the ground from fatigued players fighting with their last breath.

However, zooming out from the action, there are big spaces of empty seats and rows. What ever happened to the attendance? If there happens to be no attendance, is there such a thing called school spirit, which can hold a possibility to affect a team's morale towards achievement?

Sure, the men's basketball team was picked fifth in the OVC preseason poll and the women were placed third, but will that be reflected by the student's attendance even though enrollment increased by almost 13 percent?

With the dismal play performed by the men's football team thus far, which recently moved up to seven losses and not one victory yet, it is no wonder why students prefer to watch the intramural games than sit on the bench watching another school plummeting the ball down our throats.

I know some students that would go watch a high school football game instead. So, does that mean the morale of the team lowers the school spirit rather than the other way around? Besides, there can be other reasons why the problematic attendance is low.

For one, Austin Peay State University had only about 7,623 students last fall. It is of course one of the smaller universities in Tennessee.

Even though The Hope Scholarship made its debut this semester, there are plenty of students without scholarships and lack of financial aid. Therefore, a job occupation is more important than watching a sports game

in order to fulfill the rising tuition. If a job occupation is not the case, then what is another excuse?

Well, there are two groups of students, those who live on campus and those that do not. The ones that live off-campus would most certainly have a job, or have a family to take care of. So there is little possibility to return in order to attend a game. Now, we have the commuters.

Among them, there is a division of groups. We have the fraternities, sororities, church groups, students far away from home and other associated crowds too many to name. Each group has their own agenda and errands to run by. With no offense, there are bigger sports events being televised that people would rather attend.

For example, October is the month of MLB playoffs. It is also the preseason of the NBA. The NFL season is heating up slowly, determining the teams that will make it to the playoff stretch.

If this is not the case, then it may be academic reasons. Research papers, out of class assignments, exams and projects are some examples of coursework that would interfere with lack of participation at sports games. To speak hypothetically, will a football victory help a student pass the English test the next day?

To make a valid analysis, high schools may carry the school spirit, but with a university, there may be none existent. If there were to be a huge crowd, then it is either favor of team or enjoyment of the game.

If a team's morale is affected by attendance, then the student should try to make time in their schedules to provide support for the sport if he/she would like to see their school's team (for example, football) reach a yard farther than what was accomplished last semester. ♦



By MARTY FOX

Library has little selection

By ATREYU GREGORY
Guest Writer

When you think of a library, do you not think of a vast compendium anthology among the endless volumes of arcane knowledge in conjunction with the neverending coding of words, thoughts and ideas?

I know I do, yet when I enter the Woodward Library here at our university I feel it is somewhat diminished. I look at the dates and see that we are further behind in our library materials than some of the older community colleges such as Motlow State Community College; however, I believe there is a glimmer of hope.

Recently I asked my colleagues here in my social group about the issue at hand and I was not surprised to the least about their unequivocal reactions. Dustin White said, "We are so far behind. How does Austin Peay State University expect us to excel as academicians when we don't even have access to the most recent materials about topics and such."

In addition, I asked another friend of mine who shall remain anonymous about the subject and he stated, "I don't see the point in using the resources there. I mean, if I used the materials Woodward Library provides I would be afraid my instructors would say 'this information is out of date and inaccurate.'"

After hearing these same opinions from not one, but two individuals I thought I would investigate the matter myself. I went to the periodicals and looked around and realized its vastness was really novice at best and the student workers were quite sedate and bovine. Then after being bored and near sedation myself I returned to the main floor.

I looked around and noticed the nice displays but when I looked at the non-fiction section I was saddened to say that

as a whole it was hard to find books with the publication date succeeding 2002.

So then, eyes welling up with tears and rapturous sarcasm near to be vocalized to the workers, I thought I would venture to the third floor. The floor was as quiet as the psychiatric ward at 4 a.m. and had the same amount of people visible, I was already in a state of porosity, but thought I would give it a whirl. I searched through poem anthologies, unlimited genealogy, autobiographies and such and yet I felt hollow and saddened to be honest due to the lack of recent publishing dates yet once again.

I went downstairs and I thought what could be the cause of this and I asked Jessica Tenpenny why everything was out of date and she replied, "Yeah. Sadly it is and it's due to the lack of funding I would be willing to say."

But heck, with how much they charge us with tuitions, student access fees and such I would think Woodward Library would be better up to date, but I guess the athletic department, really is in dire need of the money. Woe unto the literalists I guess." So after I did this research I think maybe it is a time for change.

First, we need to rally together as student body and urge social organizations, fraternities/sororities, and most importantly the Student Government Association to make changes. Second, we need to ask these organizations to have fundraisers for such causes.

We also need to write to other such communities, users and administrators about this issue and hope that we aren't blown off yet once again. There has been a personal effort to make myself seem radical when it is quite the opposite. Furthermore the program is now going wonderfully and they still discourage me." ♦

Many hack Halloween origin

By PHIL GREY
Staff Writer

In any given year, Halloween is an occasion for handing out candy. It's also an occasion for handing out religious tracts, particularly near places where Halloween is celebrated publicly, such as your local Jaycees "Haunted House." When Halloween falls on a Sunday as it does this year (the last Halloween Sunday was in 1999), the intensity of anti-Halloween proselytizing tends to get ratcheted up a few notches and in some places, particularly in the Bible Belt, relations between Halloween advocates and Halloween detractors can get downright contentious.

Much of the debate regarding Halloween (particularly among the anti-Halloween faction) is, as it has been for years, a simple matter of arguing from misconceptions and distortions that have been given the aura of legitimacy through constant and uncritical repetition.

A good example of this is the oft-repeated assertion that Halloween is somehow inextricably linked with child abductions, poisoned candy, razor-blades in apples and the like. One popular religious tract put out by Jack Chick Publications (a prime source of anti-Catholic, anti-Mormon and anti-Semitic literature) leaves no doubt as to the fact that thousands of these incidents happen across the country every year.

The fact is that Federal Bureau of Investigation crime statistics show no such thing. In fact the Bureau's statistics reveal that abductions happen no more frequently on Halloween than on any other day, while the other two charges are strictly of the "urban legend" variety. Yet every year these tales are trotted out as though they are established and incontrovertible fact, along with the stories of ritual satanic murders, another occurrence which FBI statistics fail to substantiate.

In truth, most mainstream Christians find little to object to in the usual celebrations associated with Halloween. Still the linking of Halloween with Satanism, "Druid" rites and demonology does cause some trepidation among average Christians who assume that what they have been told regarding the origins of the holiday is historical fact. What is fact and what is fiction is rather hard to separate at times, especially when the origins of something go back several thousand years.

Halloween's very earliest beginnings can be traced back at least that far, although the modern version that we celebrate certainly goes back no more than about the middle of the 19th century and even that seems to have undergone nearly constant mutation since the 1940's. Among the biggest misconceptions regarding the history of Halloween:

Halloween began in Ireland as a celebration honoring Samhain, the Celtic Lord of the Dead. Sorry, Samhain is a holiday, not the name of a Celtic God. Not according to the serious (i.e. unprejudiced) literature. As a matter of fact, an Irish God of the Dead does not appear in scholarly histories, although the Celts of Wales and Britain each had something of the sort.

It is possible that these were the result of contact with the Romans and their mythology, which is why a Lord of the

Underworld/Dead doesn't show up in Irish lore. The Romans never conquered Ireland or for that matter, Scotland.

According to some religious tracts, The Celts chose the 31st of October as their New Year and used it to celebrate death and evil. The problem with this is that no culture that we know of has reached the stage of identifying good and evil and then made a culture-wide decision to purposely celebrate evil. Besides, if the Celts worshipped evil, how does one explain their rapid conversion to Christianity?

Wiccans, Druids and other pagans are merely Satanists going by different names. No, repeat, no credible unbiased authority working in this area of study would or could make this assertion. It is the equivalent of saying mainstream Protestants are akin to snake-handlers or cults like the Branch-Davidians.

The most important of the witch's Sabbaths was Halloween, when Satan himself would be called forth during "Black Masses." All of these tales in all of their various incarnations come down to us from such impeccable sources as Cotton Mather. To take this as Gospel is akin to quoting as fact the The Protocols of the Elders of Zion as a source document for a history of the Jews.

The fact is that a good deal of the truly negative aspects of Halloween are the products of the last half-century and the influences of commercialization, not having anything to do with pagan practices but rather with the practices of corporate America and Hollywood.

Believe it or not, at the beginning of the last century Halloween was a rather mellow and romantic fall holiday that focused much more on parties and hayrides than on ghouls and mayhem.

While witches, ghosts, black cats, and Jack O' Lanterns were well established as icons; werewolves, vampires, mummies and other horror movie staples of the 1930's and 1940's were integrated gradually, to be followed by Zombies in the late 60's and finally, sadly, murderous psychopaths in the 70's and 80's. If there is an objectionable component to Halloween, it lies in this commercial celebration of anti-social behavior, which somehow comes in for less criticism than do pagan nature worshippers.

If you are still uncomfortable with celebrating Halloween, turn off your porch-light or make plans not to be at home. But before you attempt to remove Halloween from the community calendar by organizing protests or haranguing the next City Council meeting, at least try to look at a few alternate sources for further information.

Or at least consider the fact that nearly every important Christian festival has its origins in an earlier pagan festival, to include Halloween, All-Saint's Day, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day and Easter.

Lastly, if you have no problem with Halloween and want to have a comeback handy for those who insist on pressing tracts in your hand, St. Paul addresses the matter in his Letter to the Colossians (Colossians 2:16-17): "Let no one, then, pass judgment on you in matters of food and drink or with regard to a festival or new moon or sabbath. These are shadows of things to come; the reality belongs to Christ." ♦

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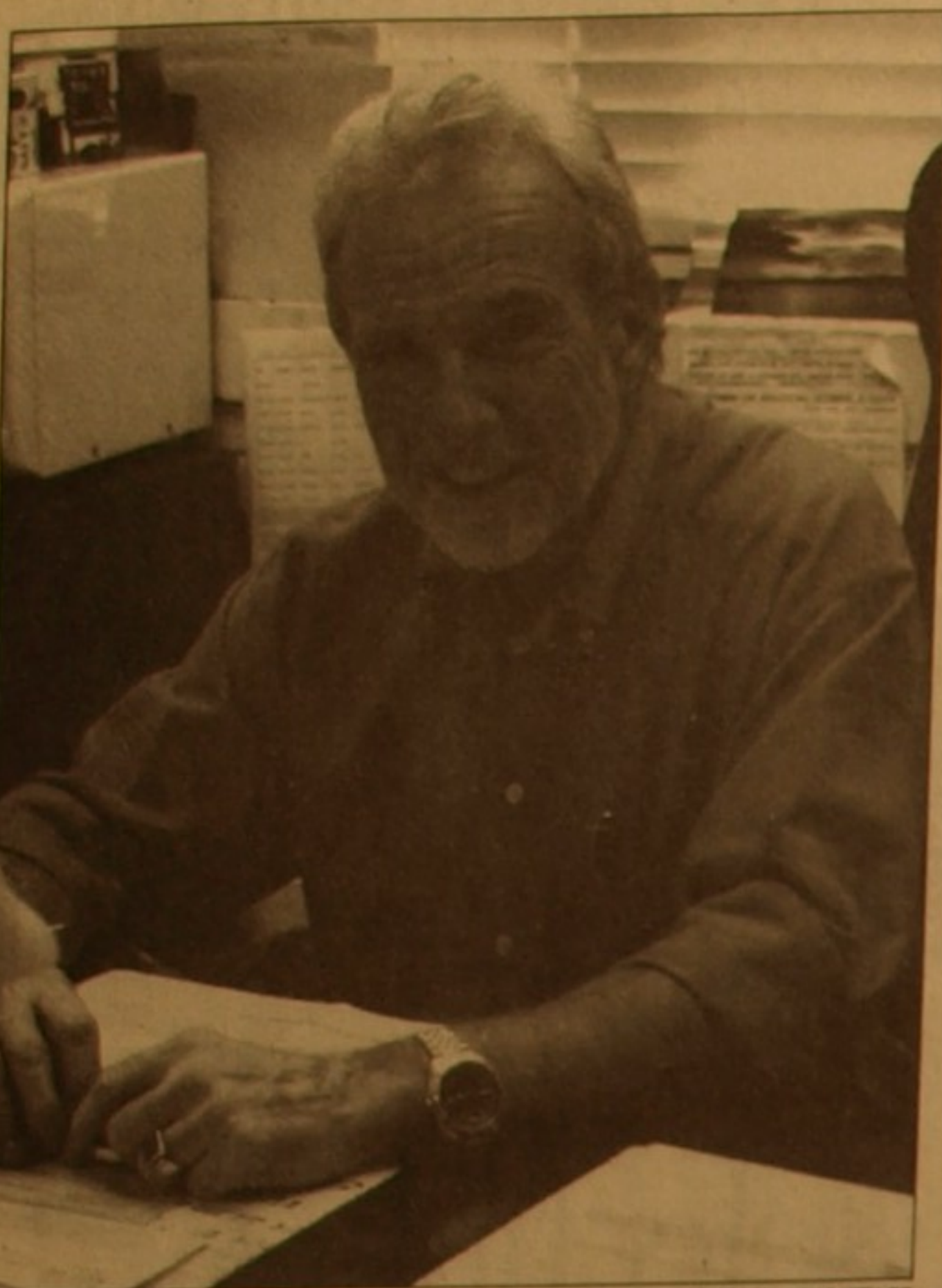
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Glenn Carter endorses sexual diversity



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Glenn Carter, social work program director, has worked to establish sexual diversity on campus despite obstacles.

"If a client wants to hang from a chandelier and get beaten with a flyswatter, [students] won't be shocked." - Glenn Carter, social work program director

By KALEN MCELHENY
Guest Writer

When you first meet Glenn Carter, be prepared for his bubbly personality and enthusiastic attitude toward life.

As the Social Work Program Director, Carter has made a name for himself in the human sexuality field - with no lack of controversy.

Perhaps more interesting than the man himself is the story about how his 28-year career took off in a direction he hadn't anticipated.

He said the story begins in 1979 at a time when the entire country was changing, especially on college campuses.

Two gay students approached Carter about starting a gay and lesbian organization on campus and he said he would be happy to be the faculty advisor. There were no organizations like that at the time, so he thought it would be a great addition to the campus.

After all of the formal paperwork was submitted, the president of Austin Peay State University rejected their request. The group appealed the decision to the Tennessee Board of Regents, but the request was denied once again. Carter and the students decided to fight the issue and the case ended up going to trial.

A lawsuit ended up being filed against the Governor, the school and TBR. The case was ruled in favor of the students and TBR even paid the attorney fees and allowed the students to have their organization on campus. Since then, every university in Tennessee has acquired a gay and lesbian organization.

Since the organization began at APSU, every other university in Tennessee has developed some type of program similar to it.

Carter said he learned a lot from the process. "I realized how ignorant people were about sex in general."

After considering the situation he felt needed some attention, Carter began creating a sex education class and offered the now popular human sexuality course.

More controversy erupted when Carter began teaching the class regularly. A special council was put together to vote on whether or not the course should be taught, and if the material being taught should be reviewed.

The council ruled that unless someone complained about the class content, there should be no reason to interfere with the curriculum. The course has been a success ever since.

"There are explicit videos in the class," said Carter. The class offers a variety of speakers that range from a heterosexual white woman living with the AIDS virus, to couples that enjoy sadism and masochism in the privacy of their own home.

"If it's between consenting adults in the privacy of their home it's their business," said Carter. "We celebrate diversity and that includes sexuality, too."

Helping organizations like nursing and social work, according to Carter, can benefit from the class because there may be a time when they must deal with clients who have sexual problems or habits that are not widely understood.

"If a client wants to hang from a chandelier and get beaten with a flyswatter, [students] won't be shocked," he said.

"I have all my grade sheets from everyone that's taken the class. I a lot of strange things in the class."

Students do not only learn about varying behaviors or social stereotypes about sex, they also learn about the history of sex and laws like Lawrence vs. Texas. This case overturned a law in which two consenting adults could not have oral sex because it was illegal.

Many people in today's society think that it is best to preach abstinence only, said Carter.

He said he feels that critical information about sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy should be a major focus because many young people will do it and they should be educated about what is out there.

"Government and public attitude is 'don't do it,'" he said. "If they're going to do it, they should be protected."

The class is taught three times a year and has been a rather successful class, according to Carter.

In addition, he teaches a course in which students perform the Vagina Monologues and learn more about the experience of being a woman.

The human sexuality course credits count toward a sociology major or minor in the upper division, as well as in the women's studies minor. The Vagina Monologues course is an upper division elective offered at APSU.

For additional information on the course or organization, contact Glenn Carter at Carterg@apsu.edu ♦

Fresh 80's fads and fashions return retro-style

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Today's elements of visual style may seem to be "fresh" or "new," but these particular viewpoints are fairly off-base. For the past couple of years, current trends in popular culture have had their appeal heavily rooted in the former fads of the 80's.

Amongst all of the areas of everyday living, the way Americans dress and decorate themselves has been the most affected by the resurgence of the 80's. Teenagers now opt to spend their cash in second-hand stores like Goodwill for their attire, rather than commercial stores like Gap and Hot Topic. However, stores such as Wet Seal and Gadzooks have jumped on the 80's train with their paper-thin vintage tees and stone-washed jeans.

The latest athletic shoe is no longer a top choice as their "classic" counterparts are more desired, and follicle presentation has reverted back to the coifs in which many colorful celebrities sported during the decade.

Even things such as gaming have been affected by this sudden blast from the past. Titles such as Snake, Asteroids, Donkey Kong and Tetris are just some of the vast array of games on a typical cellular phone, and modern game systems are taking a back seat due to more people dusting off the good old Nintendo.

Some types of current music have also been influenced by the revitalization of the decade. Besides the ongoing sampling of 80's pop and R&B tunes such as Chaka Khan's, "Through the Fire"

(which later became the Kanye West hit, "Through the Wire"), new acts have emerged with original material fused with an 80's sound. "Glam Rock" has been prolonged through bands such as The Darkness and The Scissor Sisters, and artists like Junior Senior and Modjo cover dance and house music.

Not be left out are, in fact, original 80's offerings such as Duran Duran, The Cure, New Edition and Kylie Minogue, all of which have recent or upcoming studio efforts. Through the attitudes and preferences of today, 80's culture has made an interesting comeback. From footwear to clothing, all the way down to the shade of a lock of hair, this vibrant, daring decade brings a welcome change to the drab, monochromatic influences of yesteryear. ♦

80's comebacks

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2. Bangs
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- Mohawks and High-top fads
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- Air-pump sneakers
- Flava Flav
- Atari
- The other New Kids
- Ally Sheedy
- Unix
- Back to the Future



Political fashion grabs young voters' attention

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

When presidential election season rolls around every four years, signs of political campaigns are everywhere. Television viewers hear reports of where President George W. Bush and John Kerry are going on their political campaign trail, drivers see campaign signs along the roads that they drive on and people tune into the debates to see where the candidates stand on issues affecting the United States.

But what makes it evident that an election is going on is the political fashion that voters are wearing.

Getting people to vote hasn't gotten this much exposure since MTV's Rock the Vote campaign began in the early nineties. Celebrities like Ben Affleck and Christina Aguilera have been spotted with T-shirts encouraging people to vote. So now voting is seen as cool.

From tanks tops to T-shirts to neckties and necklaces, fashion that promotes voting is everywhere right now.

Fashion and rap mogul P. Diddy swept the nation with his launching of Vote or Die T-shirts in his campaign to inspire young voters. He has empiere a voting extravaganza.

Joey Grisham, a senior communications major said, "As a young voter I think that it's my job to express my feelings so that my peers may be inspired to vote too."

These shirts don't necessarily represent Kerry or Bush, they are just trying to send the message to people so they'll vote Nov. 2. Even though junior Amanda Roberts is a staunch supporter of Bush, she said, "I sport my George W. Bush pin so it will start a discussion, and I'll explain to my peers why I voted for Bush." Grisham and Roberts feels that voting is vital in this election and they show their support of their favorite candidates in the fashion that they can wear.

Roberts wears a charm bracelet adorned with elephants, while Grisham sports a shirt that says, "Support Kerry and Edwards." When asked why she made the T-shirt she simply said, "I wanted to show my support for John Kerry."

Roberts said, "I've been impressed that everyone on campus is in tune with what's going on during this campaign. It's cool to see the different signs and shirts of certain candidates."

Regardless of current voting fashions, the main focus of these trends is promoting people to make a decision on Election Day. ♦

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The first thing you need to do with him is get on the same page. I've written a few times previously about communication in a relationship and the importance of it. This is a prime example of when communication is vital. You need to be on the same page with each other. Talk to him and find out where he stands.

This is where you can't let him feed you any lines. If he gives you a bunch of bologna, read through it. Don't let him sweet talk his way through this. If he respects you then he will be more than willing to sit and talk with you about this issue.

If for some reason you two are not on the same page about it, then get that way. It is very important that the two of you agree on this, because if one of you wants it and the other one doesn't then that will cause bigger problems further down the road. If you're not careful, you'll be writing back to me asking me what to do when a guy tries to pressure you into sex.

I guarantee it will happen. If at the end of your conversation he still wants to have sex and you don't, get out of the relationship, because no matter what is said, if there is a disagreement in this issue then there will be problems.

If this is something that is important to you, which it should be, then "stick to your guns." Be firm in your beliefs and have a backing behind what you believe. If you are doing something and you don't fully know why you are doing it, then all it takes is a smooth talker to convince you to do otherwise.

Sometimes it doesn't even take that. If we don't have a good foundation for what we believe, all it could take is ourselves. Sometimes we can even talk ourselves out of it.

If this is something that you feel strongly about, then he should feel strongly about it as well. He should respect you enough to make that change for you, because if he knows that you don't want to have sex, but he pushes it anyway, then all he's doing is bringing you down, because premarital sex leads to all sorts of problems. (That is something that I won't get into now, but if you want me to I will, just let me know).

Just remember, you're in control. If every time the two of you start messing around, he goes a little further and further, then be wary of that. Have your limits set in stone in your head before hand.

Tell him the limits, and if he tries to push them, then put him in line. Don't let him convince you into compromising your beliefs. Have them set in stone beforehand, because if you don't, it is really easy to just go with the flow.

Love,
Hunter

P.S. If anyone has any questions for me, just drop me a line at theapsulovehunter@yahoo.com. ♦



Unmentionables

by

Marty Fox

Think pink this month

By KRISTEN DUNCAN
Staff Writer

Pink is the color of October. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is here and pink seems to be everywhere you look. For many of us, breast cancer isn't an issue that we think about daily. However, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. Millions of women are not aware of the harsh statistics that breast cancer brings.

According to the National Cancer Institute more than 210,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004. Eighty percent of women who develop breast cancer have no family history of it.

October marks the 20th annual breast cancer awareness month, a campaign that has boosted mammograms, pushed for better treatments and saved lives. With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, some feel that not enough is being done to educate women about the realities of this disease.

Jill DeGrauw, nurse practitioner at Austin Peay State University's Boyd Student Health Services said, "I feel like a lot of the other diseases are more publicized. It's a women's issue, more of a private issue. It should be more in the forefront."

The goal of the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to raise awareness about the early

detection of breast cancer. Early detection and treatment is the key. If breast cancer is caught before it has a chance to spread, the survival rate is greater than 95 percent. Women of today are more educated on breast cancer than 10 years ago due to the research and discoveries made every day.

"I think overall, women are more aware of it; I think it still could be more increased," said DeGrauw.

Self breast exams have proven to be very successful in finding the early stages of breast cancer. "I feel that self breast exams are very, very effective if done on a regular basis. You can catch changes much more quickly," said DeGrauw.

Every woman should take the time to learn and understand breast cancer. Women of all ages and races are susceptible to breast cancer; no one is exempt. To help fight this life-taking disease, we should all wear a pink ribbon to support this cause. Millions of women have lost the battle to breast cancer, and many will follow.

The more time and effort we take to fight this disease will help many overcome breast cancer. So while you are out and about, sport a pink ribbon on your shirt and let's pull together to make the fight of breast cancer a group thing. ♦

Creepy film sparks horror

Sleep with your light on. *The Grudge* is the perfect flick for fright-night.

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Director Shimizu and scriptwriter Stephen Susco did an excellent job converting the Japanese horror flick *Ju-on* into a film for American audiences.

The opening scene is what keeps you hooked throughout the movie. Bill Pullman wakes up next to his wife, walks out onto the balcony, leans over the edge for some reason and crashes to his death on a street in Tokyo.

Now this scene is random, but you eventually learn that there is a haunted house, and everybody who enters it will have unspeakable things happen to him or her. An opening title informs viewers that when an event causes violent rage, a curse is born that inhabits that place, and is visited by others who come there.

You are eventually given a murky, black and white, flashback glimpse of the original violent rage, during which you can indistinctly spot some of the presences that haunt the house, including a small child with a big mouth and a catlike scream. Sarah Michelle Gellar plays Karen, a young American student sent to care for a woman who suffers from a severe case of dementia.

A close encounter with one of the "beings" leads Karen on a path to reconstruct the history of the house, aided by a torn photograph and the story of a professor's (Bill Pullman) suicide.

This horrific film is definitely a must-see. It follows the usual formula of a horror movie, but the Japanese influence in the movie makes it much more thrilling. *The Grudge* is now open at theatres. ♦

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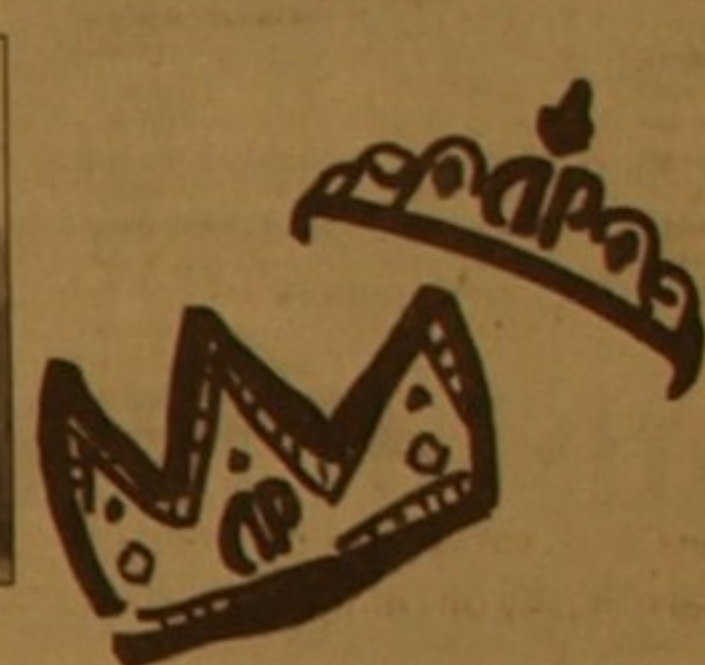
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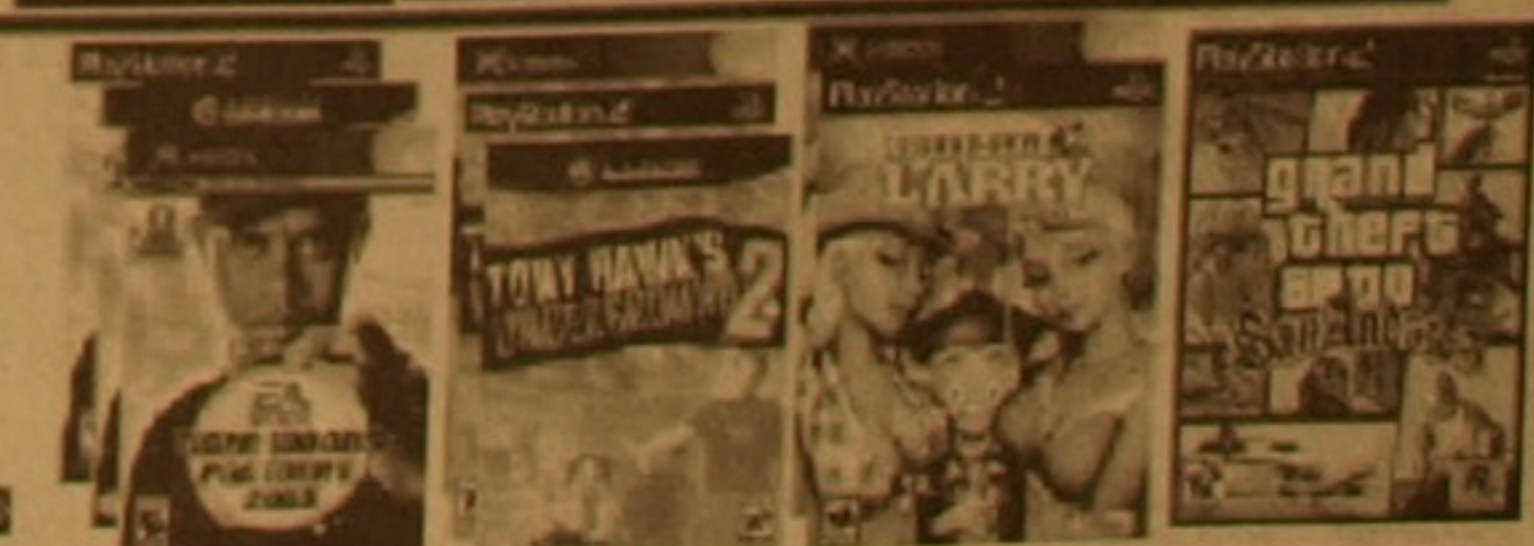
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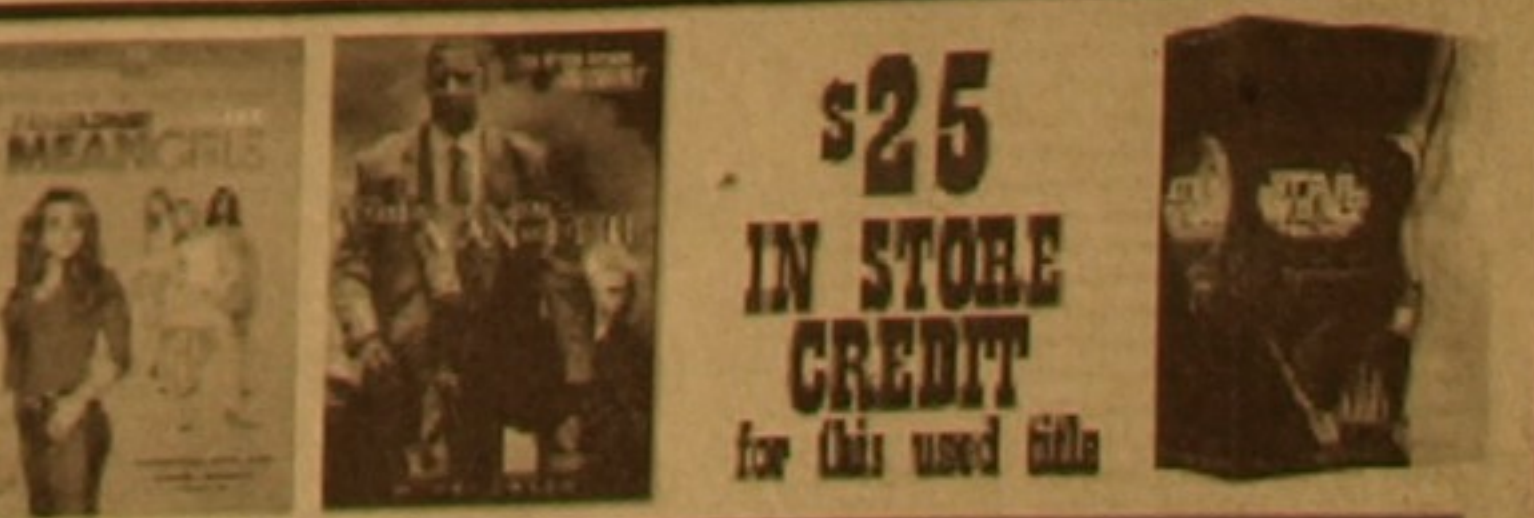
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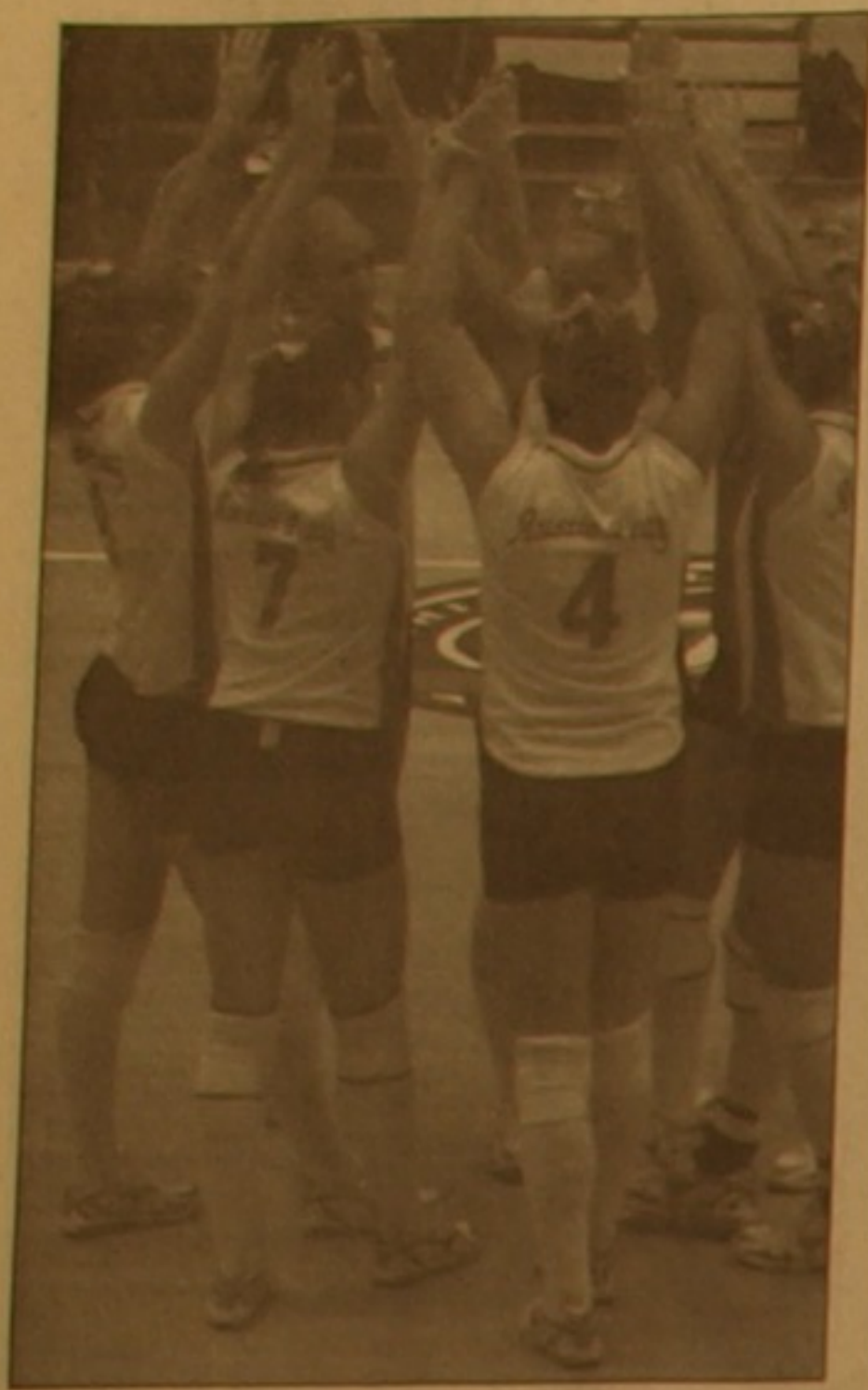
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Lady Govs volleyball splits OVC weekend



SHELLY PATE/STAFF
Austin Peay's volleyball team will look to improve its OVC record (5-5) this weekend.

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs won their game Friday night against Jacksonville State 3-2, but saw their winning streak come to an end Saturday against Samford, 3-2.

Friday's win against Jacksonville State was beneficial to the Lady Govs because JSU was ahead of them in the conference.

"It was a good win, and the kids played well," head coach Cheryl Holt said.

The JSU win marked the Lady Govs' season-best win streak, with four and improved their record to 9-12, and 5-4 in the OVC.

The Lady Govs' offense recorded 62 kills and a .313 attack percentage, while the Gamecocks had 69 kills and a .280 attack percentage.

"Both teams played very sluggish," said Holt. "It's tough to win on the road, but we got the job done."

Julie Burkhalter had 19 kills, and a team-best five service aces. Jaimie Thill and Ashley Genslak each supplied 10 kills.

Unfortunately the Lady Govs could not do the same, Saturday, against Samford. They lost the match, 3-2.

"On paper it looks like we won," Holt said.

"We were extremely disappointed, and we played hard, but Samford could do no wrong. It was the best performance of the year."

The Lady Govs won the offensive battle, 80-73 in kills, and .220-.151 in attack percentage. The only thing Samford led APSU in was blocks, 11-9.

With the win, Samford ended their seven-game losing streak.

Thill and Sarah Schramka led the team with 17 kills each. Genslak, Burkhalter and Laura Wussow also recorded double-digits in kills. Burkhalter and Schramka both had double-doubles.

"It wasn't meant to be, but that's volleyball," Holt said. "We are going to put it behind us and just dig a little deeper."

In the loss against Samford, the Lady Govs dropped back down to .500 in the conference, but would love to try and get another winning streak going.

"We learned our lesson from Samford," Holt said. "Every team is getting better as the season goes on. It's going to be a dog race and a very interesting finish. We are just going to play to the best of our ability."

The Lady Govs return to action this weekend against OVC foes UT-Martin, 7 p.m., Friday, and Murray State, 2 p.m., Saturday.



SHELLY PATE/STAFF
The Lady Govs will get a chance to redeem themselves against Samford, as they return to the Dunn Center, Nov. 5. APSU will turn around to host Jacksonville State, Nov. 6.

Austin Peay shoots season-lows

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Guest Writer

The Austin Peay State University men's golf team shot a season-low 288 late in the final round, but it wasn't enough to move up in the 2004 Coca-Cola Tournament Champions, as they shot a team total for 874 resulting in a ninth-place finish.

While the women's team also shot a season low of 318, they were not able to ride the momentum, because of cancellation due to rain, putting the team in a 14th-place tie at the Great Smokies Championship Tournament, in Waynesville, N.C.

"We beat some good, quality teams and came close to beating several nationally-ranked teams," head men's golf coach Kirk Kayden said.

The nationally-ranked ninth-place team, University of Tennessee, won their home event with a score of 853. The University of Alabama trailed slightly with a score of 858. Other top

finishers included East Tennessee (862), Virginia (864), Louisville tied with Pepperdine (866), Georgia Southern (867) and Vanderbilt (868), all of whom finished in front of the Governors.

Leading the pack for the men's team was sophomore Justin Metzger, who shot a 216 for the tournament. In the final round, Metzger shot two under par for a 69 which tied him for 19th place. Following close behind was freshman Grant Lever who shot 215 (72, 72, 74) and tied for 25th.

Sophomore Yoshio Yamamoto shot 219 (71, 76, 72) for a 29th-place tie, while freshman Luke Ladd added a score of 222 (74, 75, 73) to put him in a tie for 42nd place and sophomore Chris Barron shot 228 (73, 79, 76) resulting in a 59th place tie.

"It was a great team effort overall, and I'm proud of the guys," Kayden said.

On the women's side, the team

shot 318 for a season low. Individually, the Lady Govs were on top of their game. Junior Erin Wise (78), sophomore Amanda Rose (79), and freshman Cristina Lignarolo (86) all shot for career lows.

"Before the match we set goals for ourselves and we went out there and played really well," Lignarolo said.

Junior Pier-Anne LaChance played with an injured back, but still shot a 78 to tie with Wise, leading the Lady Govs. Junior Christine Idoux shot an 83.

The top three teams for the day were Western Carolina University (291), Murray State (297) and Xavier University (299).

"It was a shame that we played so well and it rained. We didn't get to finish playing," Lignarolo said. "But hopefully we will be able to carry that same momentum into next week and do really well in our home tournament." ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

First impressions are important, at least according to senior cross country member John Beamer, whose decision to come to Austin Peay was greatly influenced by his first impression of the APSU cross country coaching staff. However, the scholarship opportunity and the feeling of the campus on a personal level also had their own amount of influence.

"Out of all the other schools I looked at," said Beamer, "the Austin Peay coaching staff was the most impressive. They were also offering me the most money. I liked the campus because it is small enough that you are treated as a person instead of a number."

Beamer, a native of Johnson City, Tenn., has been a member of the cross country team for the past four years. During that time, he has established himself as a team leader and a hard worker.

"John Beamer has a lot of heart for the team and is a very hard worker," said cross-country head coach Doug Molnar. "He and (fellow senior) Matt Duncan both have worked hard for four years now and has had a lot of success. They have been an inspiration to the whole team."

Along with being a member of the cross country team, Beamer is sometimes overwhelmed by extra-curricular activities around campus. Beamer is a member of the President's Emerging Leaders Program, a resident assistant in Hand Village, a prominent member of the National Honor Society and a leading member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"Sometimes it gets really hard to balance community activities," said Beamer, "but some things have to take a back seat to more important activities. Every day for me is planned out hour by hour with things to do either with school, SigEp, or other activities I am involved in." ♦

Name: John Beamer
Class: Senior
Hometown: Johnson City, Tenn.
Sport: Cross Country
Major: Political Science
After College: Law School
Favorite place to eat: Taco Bell
Role Model: Father, Dennis Beamer
What gets you focused before a meet?
"I like to listen to music before I run. Usually Newfound Glory."
What is a meet you are looking forward to?
"OVC because it is my last cross country meet."
What is the best part about being an APSU student?
"It is a small enough campus where you are a person rather than a number."



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Beamer runs during practice, preparing for the OVC championship meet.

Mills, Rowe lead cross country teams

By ASHLEY SCHILLING
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's cross country teams traveled to the University of Evansville and competed in the third annual UE Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 16. As the last meet before the OVC Championship, both the men's and women's teams finished with their personal best times.

The Lady Govs finished in eighth place while the Goves finished in seventh. Fellow competitors included Belmont, Tennessee-Martin, Evansville, Vincennes, Southern Indiana, Creighton, Lincoln Memorial, Lipscomb, St. Louis and Oakland City.

Senior Jessie Mills led the Lady Govs with a 48th-place finish at her personal best time of 19:57.94. As a former APSU tennis player, Mills has only run in two meets. In both of which, she has led the Lady Govs' effort.

"All of the women ran their season's best," head coach Doug Molnar said. "She (Mills) broke 20 minutes in only her second race ever, which is really good on a tough course."

With 91 competing women in the

5-kilometer race, freshman Cherice Allison finished in 58th with a time of 20:33.11.

Along behind Allison, sophomores Denise Honea (21:32.14) and Danja Yates (21:32.56) finished 74th and 75th, respectively, while freshman Deanna Hensley finished the Lady Govs' effort in 84th place with a personal best time of 24:05.26.

"On the women's side we ran a really good race," Molnar said. "Whenever you can have your entire team improve, then it's a very successful meet."

On the men's side, freshman Matt Rowe topped the Goves' effort by placing 43rd in a season-best time of 27:50.93.

"Matt really stepped up when our first man took a nose dive in the first mile and picked up some points for our team," senior John Beamer said.

Fellow teammate Josh Yeckering fell behind after tripping over an unknown stump in the middle of the course during the first mile of the race. Both Matt Duncan and Rowe helped Yeckering get back on his feet to finish the race.

"When Josh fell he dropped back a little bit, but we helped him back up," senior Matt Duncan said.

Yeckering finished in 51st place, with a time of 28:06.82. Junior Matt Duncan finished 66th place in the eight-kilometer race at 28:39.35, sophomore Jimmy Clark finished 76th at 28:59.56 and senior John Beamer finished 91st at 30:02.63.

"On the men's side, Matt Rowe ran an excellent race," Molnar said. "It was his best race of the year. He gave a solid effort, as did all the men."

Next on the schedule, the Goves' cross-country teams will travel back to Martin, Tenn., where they will compete in the 2004 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championship, Oct. 30.

"As a team at the OVC, I feel that we are going to run our best (in the championship meet)," Yeckering said.

"The goal for Saturday is for everyone to run their own personal best," Molnar said.

"Cross country is a little bit different than other sports. You have to go out, do your best for that day and hope that is good enough." ♦

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Austin Peay revisits scholarship football

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University President Sherry Hoppe announced Thursday the university is looking to reinstate the football scholarship program.

"We are in the preliminary stages of exploring whether or not it is feasible to return to scholarship football in the OVC (Ohio Valley Conference) at some identifiable point in the future," Hoppe said.

The scholarships for APSU's football team were dropped following the 1996



HOPPE

and compete in a different NCAA division.

Rinella's declaration, although bold, was not unexpected. Rinella said in December, 1996, that the football

program was at a disadvantage because of the university's size and funding.

"To be honest, football is an expensive sport," he said. We simply cannot afford to ratchet up the program to a higher level that would make it a truly competitive team with our current competition."

Hoppe did not disclose under what circumstances it would be feasible to reinstate the football scholarships, citing that APSU is unprepared to make any further commitment.

"The primary focus is to make sure that financial resources are available,"

Hoppe said. "Part of our exploratory effort will be to determine if we can raise private dollars from former football players (as well as others) to help support scholarships and other expenses."

In 1997, the Gobs became an independent, non-scholarship program, before joining the Pioneer Football League in 2001. The Gobs have accumulated a better win percentage in their eight seasons of non-scholarship play than in the previous eight seasons. Since embarking in its non-scholarship era, the Governors have compiled a 23-60

record, including a 0-8 mark this season. In the previous eight years during scholarship play (1989-1996), the Gobs recorded an 18-70 record.

Athletics Director Dave Loos was unable to be reached for comment. Hoppe said that all questions regarding the return of scholarship football be directed to her office and has prohibited anyone from commenting on the issue.

"I want to wait and discuss this privately with some different individuals before there is any real public dialogue," Hoppe said. ♦

Wheelchair basketball comes to APSU



PHOTOS BY SHELLY PATE/STAFF

Austin Peay student fills in, has fun

The second annual wheelchair basketball game between The Nashville Wheel Cats and the Nashville Music City Lightning was held in the Memorial Health Building, Monday. The game was hosted by the Office of Disability Services and University Recreation in observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Above: Eric Purvis (second from left) is an APSU student who is not disabled, but volunteered to play in the game. "This really tests your skill," Purvis said.

Right: Rocky LaBlanc (left) guards the ball from defending James Whitlock.



Gobs football hands 52-12 victory to St. Joseph's

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

After Mother Nature dumped bucket after bucket of rain onto St. Joseph's Alumni Stadium, turning it into an oversized slip-n-slide, it seems plausible to wonder if she is now working against Coach McCray and his Gobs.

It was a long, wet ride home from Rensselaer, Ind., for the Gobs as they let another win slip by them.

St. Joseph did not seem to have a problem with the rain, as they gave the Gobs their second-biggest loss of the year, 50-12, dropping the Gobs to 0-8 on the season.

"We played like the conditions," said McCray. "We played like we were stuck in the mud. It rained buckets all morning, and looking at the field, it looked like a pig pen."

The slippery, rainy conditions showed its effect on the Gobs early in the game, after only 90 seconds ticked

off the clock.

The Gobs were forced to give up a safety rather than a touchdown when punter Brad Wilson let the ball slip through his hands. Wilson then threw the ball out of the back of the end zone to give up two points, rather than seven.

But the Gobs would give up seven later in the game after the Pumas came out firing and scored on their first offensive play of the game.

Starting on their own 40-yard line the Pumas Greg Ford went 60 yards, adding to their lead, which would only continue to grow.

The Gobs were able to put one in the end zone after a Quea Williams six-yard touchdown run.

Three minutes later the Pumas added another touchdown to their score and from there, they never turned back.

A second Gobs' touchdown would come early in the second quarter after quarterback Jesse Kellogg hit Pat Curran for a 50-yard touchdown. That would be the last time the Gobs would score in the game.

In the second half the Pumas did not let up as they ran the score up, ending the game, 50-12.

Gobs freshman Chris Fletcher was held to only 39 yards on 14 carries, and Quea Williams was held to 36 yard on 11 carries.

Freshman quarterback Mark Cunningham saw some playing time, as he completed four of 11 passes for 45 yards.

Next week the Gobs will look to get their first win of the 2004 season on their new home turf, which has yet to see a Gobs' win. They will take on Charleston (W. Va.) in a 1 p.m. kickoff, Saturday, Oct. 30, at Governors Stadium. ♦

Lady Gobs soccer wins final OVC match, Mitchell's performance earns APSU Athlete of the Week honors

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Guest Writer

On Sunday, the Lady Gobs soccer team got their first Ohio Valley Conference win this season against Murray State (2-1), after falling to UT-Martin in overtime (1-2) on Friday.

"This is an exciting finish for us and it has been coming for a long time now," head soccer coach Kelley Poole said.

Murray's top scorer, Theresa Reedy, scored the first goal of the match within only two minutes. Lady Gobs' sophomore Tara

Tidwell then began to guard her, holding Reedy scoreless for the remainder of the game.

"I had to find someone to stop her and Tara did," Poole added.

Senior Erin Mitchell and freshman Jessica Hosse each scored a goal for the Lady Gobs. Mitchell's goal, along with two assists on the week, made her APSU's Athlete of the Week.

Junior goalkeeper Sarah Broadbent had five saves, and only allowed one to get through.

"Sarah has been playing well these last games. She really held her

ground at the goal for us," Poole said.

After losing to UT-Martin, the Lady Gobs were knocked from eighth to ninth place in the OVC, and the win against Murray returned them to the eighth place ranking.

The Lady Gobs will play their last game this season against Trevecca at Heritage Park, 7 p.m. Friday.

"We are thrilled that our final game will be at home, and we are expecting good things," Poole said. ♦

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