



Mold uncovered in Harned Hall

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Following last year's discovery of mold in the student dormitories Blount and Harvill, additional mold was recently discovered in Harned Hall near two of the exits.

The areas of mold covered only one ceiling tile each at both locations and were confirmed as mold by both assistant director of the Physical Plant, Manny Ballen, and physical plant Safety inspector and chemist, Phil Petrie.

Ballen and Petrie were presented with pictures to confirm or deny the presence of mold. They promptly went to check the situation to determine the nature and degree of the problem. Ballen said anywhere (that water damage is consistent), has a potential for becoming a problem.

"Mold is not a regular fungus," Petrie said. "It is not toxic." Petrie also said that it could cause problems if you are allergic to it. For example, people affected by asthma could have some reactions to mold if it is in a large enough quantity.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, some molds are "toxigenic" (meaning they can produce toxins) but are not in themselves toxic. If the quantity of mold covers more than 10 square feet, then it becomes an issue, according to Ballen. "If half the wall is full (of mold) then it is an issue," Ballen said.

As both Petrie and the CDC say, there is always a little mold

everywhere. "Every time you open the door, mold spores come in," Petrie said.

Technical Services Manger for the Tennessee Division of Air Pollution Control, Jackie Waynick disagrees with the 10 square feet analysis. He explained that any presence of mold "indicates a problem somewhere." According to Waynick, it doesn't matter if the area covers 10 square feet or only one tile.

Vice president of Student Affairs Bruce Speck said if there were a problem, Ballen or Petrie would know. Speck referred further inquiries on the matter to Mitch Robinson, vice president of Finance and Administration. Robinson was unavailable for comment.

What was found in Harned is no cause for alarm, according to Ballen and Petrie. Petrie said that some students have called, expressing concern about spots of mold. These incidents have always been able to be resolved by simple cleaning with soap and water, according to Ballen.

Although some are allergic to bleach, Petrie said that bleach is also a possible option for eliminating any presence of mold. ♦

For more information:
visit: <http://www.epa.gov/mold>



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
As of Jan. 18 the mold shown here was located on the ceiling tiles in Harned Hall next to the elevators.

Students shown how to shake it salsa style



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Intstructors Alexandra Alvarez and Joseph Vasquez show their students the basics of salsa.



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Students pick a different dance partner after each song change.



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Alexandra Alvarez teaches the ladies in the class how to dance with the men.

Hispanic Cultural Center sees vast growth for interest in dance classes since its start-up last semester

By TANGELIA CANNON
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The Hispanic Culture Center is now offering salsa classes on Tuesday from 6-6:45 and Wednesday from 3-3:45, open to any Austin Peay State University students and faculty interested in receiving lessons.

Although this class has been officially offered since the beginning of the school year, the turnout this semester has blossomed.

"We were surprised, because last semester we were lucky to have five students show up, total. Now we're having 35 people show up, which has helped the pairing tremendously," said Joseph Vasquez, junior pre-med major.

Vasquez is instructing the class, along with senior philosophy major, Alexandra Alvarez. Although the two have only been dancing together since the beginning of last semester, they share a passion for both the salsa and their culture that shines through into their instructing.

"You can take off the tie and put on the dancing shoes. For me, I could have the worst day ever. After finals and homework, all I have to do is crank up the music and dance for a couple of minutes. It is like meditation," he said.

"It's part of our culture, but it has become something that really helps us get through the day, and our lives. It reminds us that even in Clarksville, we can get a little taste of Puerto Rico," said Alvarez.

The class teaches both the salsa and the merengue, two of the most popular types of dances in the Hispanic culture. However, the class will briefly hit on other dances, such as the mambo.

Many of the people who have shown up to the salsa classes, have no previous knowledge of the dances, such as Eric Bolin, junior economics major. However,

there is no prerequisite for the class. "You do not have to know how to dance the salsa. We will teach you that. All that we ask is that you enjoy dancing, meeting new people and have some sort of beat," said Vasquez.

"I think it will be a really cool experience. It is my first time taking salsa. However, I have been swing dancing quite a while," Bolin said.

Newcomer Katherine Garrett, junior business major, said "I'm excited about the class being offered. It's good to have other options to working out than just an aerobics class." After the class is done, most participants in the class will probably agree that they participated in a full workout. This is because participants are not actually focusing on the workout, but on having fun and meeting new people.

Renéangel Gonzalez, junior health and human performance major, said, "The dance class was very awesome, and I look forward to coming back."

At the end of the semester, to commemorate all the hard work that students have been putting into the dance class, the Hispanic Culture Center is going to have a salsa night. Although the night isn't completely planned, it will be toward the last week of April and will feature a live band.

However, the Salsa class is not the only event that the Hispanic Culture Center offers. Located downstairs in the University Center, they offer games and movie nights are offered.

It is not just for students taking Spanish; everyone is invited to come down.

"We are here and we want to get involved with not only the university, but also one-on-one with the students," said Alvarez. ♦

Chattanooga chairman shares more than his name with APSU

Vice president of financial company returns to alma mater as donor

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
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Students at Austin Peay State University have noticed a new name around campus: Foy.

It was the name given to the new fitness and recreation center at its unveiling on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The center was named for an APSU alumnus who donated \$1.3 million to the project.

John Foy currently lives in Chattanooga, Tenn. with his wife, Patricia.

He graduated from APSU in 1965 before going on to study at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Although his degree was in law, Foy found himself taking the business route when he and four colleagues started their own real estate company in 1978.

CBL & Associates steadily grew in size and power and entered the New York Stock Exchange in 1993.

Foy is vice president and chief financial officer for the company that is mainly responsible for building various malls and shopping centers.

The company is popular throughout the country and has built

in various locations nationwide. His position in the company keeps Foy traveling.

He is responsible for seeing to it that all projects the company undertakes are adequately financed from groundbreaking to opening.

Foy also takes care of the company's investors, investments and loans.

In addition to company responsibilities, Foy is also the chairman for the Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise, Inc. board of directors.

CNE is an organization designed to eliminate substandard housing in the city.

They help finance home loans and build affordable housing within Chattanooga. Since the project began 20 years ago, they have put \$300 million of housing projects into the city.

Their goal is "to build healthy, socio-economically diverse neighborhoods."

John Foy is a hard-working alumnus of APSU and glad to contribute to the new recreation center.

His name will now be etched in APSU history. Foy was unavailable for comment. ♦



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John Foy and wife, Patricia, stand outside the new Fitness Center after its grand opening.

Students network with alumni

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community
Calendar**Presidential search committee**

The first meeting to decide on the process to replace President Sherry Hoppe will be held Feb. 28 from noon to 2:30 p.m. The meeting's agenda will be to decide on a schedule for the remainder of the search.

Black History Month

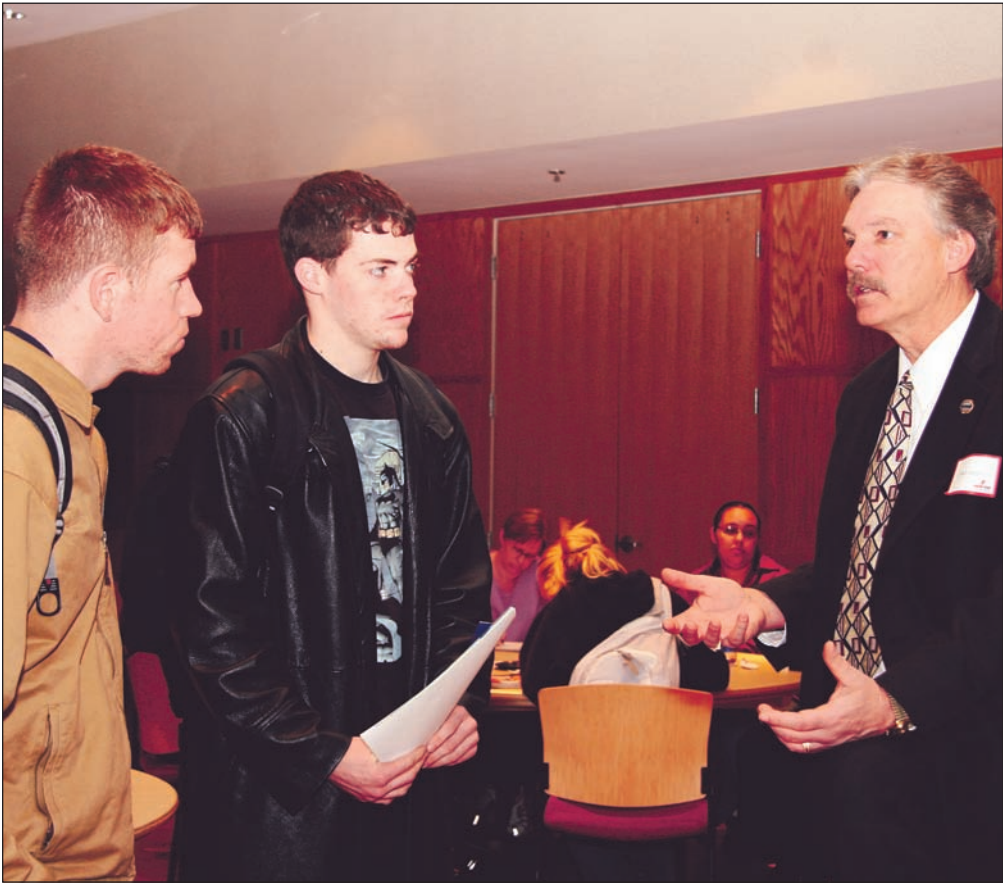
The African American Cultural Center is sponsoring a video series called "I'll Make Me a World." It will be showing from Feb. 19 thru Feb. 23 each day at noon. The video series chronicles the experiences of African Americans in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Scholarship raffle

The APSU Foundation is sponsoring a raffle drawing at the Feb. 24 basketball game against Morehead State. The game will take place in the Dunn Center. Tickets are \$10 each and the winner will receive a 2007 MX-5 Miata. For more information or to purchase tickets call 221-7127 or go to www.apsu.edu. Some rules apply.

Chemistry Club seminar

XEM is sponsoring a green seminar on the use of batteries and lightbulbs today at 6 p.m. in Sundquist Science Complex, Room E106B. Food will be provided.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tommy Heflin from TBI speaks with Jeffrey Terry, freshman psychology major, and Richard Yost, sophomore homeland security major last Wednesday regarding future employment with TBI.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Business and marketing alumni gather with students to discuss options for possible careers at last week's Career Networking event.

Sororities help high school dreams



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Amy McPeak, junior nursing major, and Christina Lewis, junior elementary education major, look through dresses donated to Operation Fairy Godmother for high school girls who could not afford a formal dress.

Harvard catches up to APSU

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Drew Gilpin Faust recalls her mother lecturing her that “this is a man’s world, sweetie, and the sooner you learn that, the better off you’ll be.”

It was a lesson, she wrote in a memoir, that she refused to accept.

On Sunday, Harvard University named Faust the first female president in the school’s 371-year history. “I hope that my own appointment can be one symbol of an opening of opportunities that would have been inconceivable even a generation ago,” Faust told a news conference Sunday. But she also added, “I’m not the woman president of Harvard, I’m the president of Harvard.”

A U.S. Civil War scholar and respected university insider, Faust, 59, emerged as a candidate considered by the school’s governing body to be best suited to cool tensions within the faculty after the tumultuous five-year presidency of Lawrence Summers.

Two years ago, Summers created an uproar when he said that genetic gender differences may explain why few women rise to top science jobs.

At the height of the controversy, Faust oversaw two panels that examined gender diversity on campus. She has been dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study since 2001, two years after the former women’s college merged into Harvard as a research center with a mission to study gender issues.

Faust was elected by the seven-member Harvard Corporation, the school’s governing body, and ratified by the 30-member Board of Overseers.

With Faust’s appointment, half of the eight Ivy League schools have woman presidents.

The other three are Amy Gutmann of the University of Pennsylvania, Shirley M. Tilghman of Princeton University, and Ruth J. Simmons of Brown University.

The Harvard presidency is perhaps the most prestigious job in higher education, offering an academic pulpit and unparalleled resources — a university endowment valued at nearly \$30 billion.

Faust pivots from managing Radcliffe, a think-tank with 87 employees and a \$17 million budget, to presiding over Harvard’s 11 schools and colleges, 24,000 employees and a budget of \$3 billion.

“She will need to scale up and she’s shown all the qualities that suggest she’ll do that superbly,” Gutmann said.

Lydia Barlow, a 26-year-old graduate student of Middle Eastern studies, said Faust is “going to have to be outstanding” because “people see it as a knee-jerk reaction to the comments made by President Summers.”

But Robert Reischauer, a Corporation member, disagreed.

“All the reports have been ‘gender, gender, gender,’

Local angle

Austin Peay State University President, Sherry Hoppe, is the first female president in the school’s history.

From 1927 when it was the normal school to present-day APSU, all males were in charge until 2001 when Hoppe took the helm.

According to Carol Clark, executive assistant to the president, there is only one other female president in the Tennessee Board of Regents system — Shirley Raines took the position at the University of Memphis right around the time of Hoppe’s appointment.



HOPPE

and I’m thinking to myself ‘isn’t that funny?

That has not been something we’ve talked about at all,” he said.

In Faust, Harvard not only has its first woman leader, but a president who has candidly discussed her feminist ideals in a memoir, “Shapers of Southern History: Autobiographical Reflections.”

In it, she recalled her mother’s advice about a “man’s world.”

Born Catherine Gilpin to a privileged family in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley, Faust recalls a conversation with the family’s black handyman and driver that inspired her to send a letter — written in block letters on school notebook paper — to President Dwight D. Eisenhower pleading for desegregation.

Faust joins an exclusive roster of Harvard presidents that has included colonial clergymen, Massachusetts patricians and a cabinet secretary. Interim President Derek Bok will serve until July 1 when Faust takes over.

Faust becomes the first president without a Harvard degree since Charles Chauncy, an alumnus of Cambridge University, who died in office in 1672.

She attended Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania, where she was also a professor of Southern history.

As Harvard president, Faust faces sharp scrutiny from a distinguished faculty and relentless pressure to meet fundraising benchmarks.

Summers often stumbled in maintaining a diplomatic balance with the school’s disparate factions.

Displeasure with what many professors called a brusque management style ultimately led to a no confidence vote from faculty last February.

“I believe Faust will bring dignity and honor back to Harvard,” said Harry R. Lewis, a former Harvard dean who wrote a book that criticized the school for coddling students. ♦

World Briefs**Countries reach cautious consensus on North Korea**

BEIJING (AP) — Six countries reached a tentative agreement Tuesday on initial steps toward North Korea’s nuclear disarmament that could usher in the first concrete progress after more than three years of talks marked by delays, deadlock and the communist country’s first nuclear test explosion.

The U.S. envoy to the talks, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, emerged in the early morning hours of Tuesday looking weary after a marathon 16-hour negotiating session and announced that a tentative deal had been struck at the latest round of six-party talks on the North’s nuclear program.

The draft agreement contained commitments on disarmament and energy assistance along with “initial actions” to be taken by certain deadlines, Hill said.

Working groups will be set up, hopefully in a month, laying out a framework for dealing with regional tensions, he added.

He declined to give further details of the draft.

The agreement could herald the first step toward disarmament since the talks began in 2003.

The process reached its lowest point in October when North Korea conducted its first nuclear test explosion, alarming the world and triggering U.N. sanctions.

In the last few days, the talks had appeared to be on the verge of foundering and envoys made clear that their frustration was increasing and their patience growing thin.

The current round was to conclude on Monday but as they progressed toward a deal, negotiators extended it late into the night and then into the early hours of Tuesday.

Hill said the draft agreement still must be reviewed by the home governments of the six countries at the talks, but he was upbeat about it.

He said he was in “constant communication” with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

“We feel it’s an excellent draft, I don’t think we’re the problem,” he said.

North Korea did not immediately make any public

comment, but South Korea’s envoy Chun Yung-woo said he believed the proposal would be acceptable to Pyongyang.

Chun said the five other countries agreed to evenly share the energy aid outlined under the deal.

However, Japan and Russia were more noncommittal. The Japanese envoy, Kenichiro Sasae, said it was “too early to tell” whether Tokyo was satisfied. And Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov said there were “many questions regarding details,” Russia’s Itar-Tass news agency reported.

Hill said the parties to the talks will meet again later Tuesday.

In September 2005, North Korea was promised energy aid and security guarantees in exchange for a pledge to abandon its nuclear programs. But talks on implementing that agreement snarled on other issues and that plan went nowhere. Hill has repeatedly said he hoped a resolution would help improve stability in a region filled with bitter historical disputes.

The two Koreas remain technically at war since their 1950-53 conflict ended in a cease-fire that has never been replaced by a peace treaty. “We’re trying to do more than just do denuclearization for energy,” Hill said. “We’re trying to address some of the underlying problems.”

Though he did not provide specifics, North Korea has demanded improved relations with the United States. Japan and North Korea remain fiercely antagonistic in part because of North Korea’s acknowledged but unresolved abductions of Japanese citizens.

John Bolton, the former U.S. ambassador to the U.N., harshly criticized the deal and urged President Bush to reject it, saying it made the U.S. look weak.

“I am very disturbed by this deal,” he told CNN. “It sends exactly the wrong signal to would-be proliferators around the world: ‘If we hold out long enough, wear down the State Department negotiators, eventually you get rewarded,’ in this case with massive shipments of heavy fuel oil for doing only partially what needs to be done” to dismantle the nuclear program. ♦



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OUR TAKE

V-Day: bah-humbug

Yes. It's the time of year when procrastinators scramble for last-minute gifts, couples double-check dinner reservations and we all send cards to that special "someone." Red and pink items stock the shelves, flower delivery people hurry about their days and many people dispense brightly colored envelopes. The retail industry has anticipated this day since mid-January and now it's here.

This year's Valentine's Day, like every year before it, is marked in the semblance of love. Underneath the outward appearance, however, resides the consumerism that feeds our society. Valentine's Day used to be about sending a desired other a card in an attempt to draw the other out. The holiday was also about honoring St. Valentine. Sadly, this isn't the case anymore.

The holiday has been capitalized, sterilized and reconstructed into the second-highest grossing holiday — Christmas being the first — for card companies like Hallmark and American Greetings. In stores everywhere, cheap and abundant gifts line the shelves. Over-sized teddy bears, generic yet nicely-packaged chocolates and other merchandise sit and wait in cheap boxes and cellophane wrappers.

People now buy Valentine gifts out of habit more than out of genuine impulse. That is, the consumer ideology of Valentine's Day has been drilled into the public so deep that it's become second nature. On Valentine's Day, we buy a card

for someone we love, like families come together and eat turkey on Thanksgiving. That's just how it is.

Thanksgiving was about coming together and giving thanks to God at the end of the harvest. Occasionally, we give thanks to the Indians as well for letting the Pilgrims bum their food. But now Thanksgiving merely represents family reunions centered around a turkey. Similarly, Valentine's Day was about honoring St. Valentine and receiving a card from a secret admirer. Now, Valentine's Day basically represents candy. Like the November holiday, Valentine's Day has lost its original purpose and now serves only to fuel a starving economy greedy for more stuff.

We at *The All State* are all about love, but we're not at all about Valentine's Day — at least with the way it is now. Why pick one day out of the year to show your significant other that you actually care for him or her? A gift provoked by love will mean more than a gift provoked by a holiday.

So take back this holiday and free yourselves from the too easily accepted notions about having to buy cards and candy for loved ones. Most importantly, don't confine your special gifts to this day. The consumerism that contaminates most holidays shouldn't subjugate or subdue people's real feelings and redefine what and when we celebrate. Break away from this controlling routine, and show your love all year round. ♦

Show us the money

Long before Tom Cruise went a bit "cruisy" on Oprah Winfrey's couch, professing, apparently, his undying love for Katie Holmes, he made a sports flick about money. In it, his pro football client, played enthusiastically by Cuba Gooding Jr., demands agent Cruise to show him



Politically Speaking
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(Gooding) the money. Love. Honor. Respect. Trust. All wonderful items we are told. The money, the bling, sometimes life really is all about the Benjamins. Why do I have money on my mind? Even more than usual? Well, for the answer I'll take you to the

hallowed halls of our U.S. Congress. We'll skip right over the part where the U.S. Senate recently spent hours debating whether or not to "officially" debate the war in Iraq and the recent call by the President for a surge of troops and \$250 billion more in our tax money (P.S. — They decided to not debate for now but suggested the world awaits their next "real" debate). No, we'll skip by that little nugget of congressional courage and move right to the 3.8 tons of Benjamins (\$100 bills) that were loaded on a military cargo transport plane and flown to Baghdad. All told, some \$22 billion in cold, apparently hard and rather weighty cash was flown non-stop to our friends in Iraq to help "grease" the wheels of a burgeoning democracy.

This "motherload" of a winning lottery flight took more than two days to load up, and by the time this "expensive eagle" was ready to squeal with delight, over 350 pallets with stacks of \$100 bills had to be unloaded. And boy did this billion dollar baby unload in a hurry. In fact, as former Ambassador Bremer recently testified to the U.S. House of Representatives, after he was through handing out our money and (hopefully) making lots of new friends, over \$20 billion in cash had successfully changed hands. From ours to theirs.

As Shakespeare might have said when dealing with such large sums of money, here's the Baghdad Rub: we apparently (and by "we" I mean Ambassador Bremer) don't know where \$12.5 billion of this "friendship offering" went. Like a run of Las Vegas luck that turns out to be a

mirage, the money apparently just vanished into the Iraqi desert night.

Admittedly, that's a lot of cash to just disappear without a trace. Usually that fate is reserved solely for made-for-TV movies with *Tori Spelling*. So, where did the money really go? Well, to borrow from another Cruise infected movie, maybe we just can't handle the truth. Because the truth is very likely a rather Byzantine story of lies, deceit, tribal war lords, hush money and bribery. Maybe even some of it was wasted.

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The bottom-line is that you and I wouldn't be able to run our financial affairs like our U.S. government, and while \$12 billion is not a trillion dollars, it's still a lot of money. Our money. And it seems that if we want to instill confidence both at home and abroad in our competence in managing nation-building, we could have at least brought along one or two CPAs that were tired of auditing tax returns to occasionally keep an eye on the 350 or so pallets of three tons or so of money sitting on some military plane in Baghdad. For the right fee I'd have been happy (well, at least willing) to have traveled to Iraq with my solar powered calculator to help keep track of the money for my fellow tax payers.

But fear not my fellow concerned tax-paying citizen. Our Congress has assured us that over the next two years it will do its best to get some sense of where all of those Benjamins went. Though they have made it clear that any tips you or I have about this and other mishaps in government would be welcome at their Web site.

Thanks for asking Congress, here's my tip. Next time you want to spread democracy around the globe, at least demand a receipt. You know just for the record in case the IRS asks later. And one more thing, it should now be clear to all of us that we really didn't have the Iraqis at "Hello." ♦



MATT FRAZIER / GUEST ARTIST

Conflict persists in Darfur

Over 3.3 million people have been displaced in the region of Sudan known as Darfur. Estimates state that the government in the last three years has murdered 300,000 people. This is a well-coordinated attack and systematically designed to annihilate an entire ethnic group. In fact, some reports, found in the Jan 29, 2007



Perspectives
Jack W. Butler

issue of *Newsweek*, suggest as much as 40 percent of the ethnically African people cannot be protected and even the relief workers are targeted for intimidation, rape and murder. This is genocide in its purest form.

For 200 years, both British and Egyptian imperialism victimized Sudan. The Sudan Political Service — the branch of the British government ruling Sudan — for many years treated Darfur as its own little piece of Africa where it could do anything it wanted. Afterward, the government of Sudan ignored the needs of the people of Darfur. This attitude of condescension disintegrated into an attitude of indifference. The post-independent governments then developed the ideology of mass-murder by an Arab-supremacist template of the ruling elite of post-colonial Sudan. The world viewed a sample of this indifference by the government of Sudan to the people of Darfur during the famine of 1984-85 and Sudan's civil war that resulted in further isolating the people of this region. Although a Comprehensive Peace Agreement was signed in January of 2005, it did nothing to address the suffering of the people of Darfur.

Genocide, where a dominant state engages in the extermination of an ethnic group for no other reason than who they are, is extremely rare. Arguably, the Nazis did so against the Jews, the Hutu of Rwanda against the Tutsis and in Bosnia. The difference between genocide and an ordinary civil war, is that the killing involves civilians because of their identities or stereotypes against them. And because of these labels, the killing of civilians becomes the central focus. Land and resources no longer matter. This violence breeds its own form of retribution in which the surviving victims then kill others for no apparent reason.

Just who is responsible for the killing in Darfur? The government of Sudan has employed the use of Arab rebels known as Janjaweed. These rebels have an

Arab-supremacy ideology. They express this in Janjaweed chants of, "Kill the blacks, kill the slaves." And there is evidence of written orders of the government "to change the demography of Darfur and empty it of African tribes."

Some of the rebels, who are fighting the government, have even started attacking the refugee camps. Government-controlled rebels ride into villages on horseback or camel. They burn huts, steal livestock and food, murder the men and gang rape the women. In many instances, bullets are reserved for fighting attacking rival rebel gangs, so the victims are either hacked to death with machetes or bludgeoned with clubs or horse hoofs. Some are even burned alive and children are not excluded from these heinous crimes.

Rape is a weapon of warfare according to these rebels. In the article "Nowhere to Hide" by Simon Robinson in *TIME Magazine*, a 15-year-old girl recounts how some of the rebels held her by the throat and sat on her while other rebels raped her. Even the women in the refugee camps are not safe from being victimized for their sex. Since women are usually the ones who gather firewood and water, they are the ones who are attacked as the resources of the already strained areas like Chad are depleted. In some areas, what few relief workers are left take the women out in a truck to gather water and firewood 30 miles away in the relative safety of a group.

Restricting regulations on relief workers has left them vulnerable to attack as well. On Dec. 9, rebel gunmen attacked a truck, which carried medicine and aid. Thirty civilian aid workers were slaughtered, some burned alive. According to an aid official as reported by Lydia Polgreen of *The New York Times*, "The situation for humanitarian workers and the United Nations has never been as bad as it is now."

The European nations have been so alienated by our unjustified attack on the nation of Iraq they have ignored our pleas to get involved. Also, one of Sudan's largest oil buyers is China, which is one of the leading resisters of U.N. response in Darfur. Russia also resists U.N. involvement since it helped develop Sudan's oil industry.

And Qatar, the Council's Arab representative, is also against U.N. action because of the Muslim on Muslim carnage. While the United States is occupied in the futile effort of trying to stop a civil war in what was once known as Iraq and the reality of a regional war looming over the entire Middle East, there is little hope of our troops ever being deployed to save even one innocent life in one of the worst humanitarian disasters of our time: the Darfur genocide. ♦

Technology makes us less human

By ASHLEY BROWN
Guest Writer

I recently walked into a room where the light is motion activated. I had entered this room many times throughout the semester with no problems. I walk in and by the time I reach my computer, the light is on. On this particular day, however, this was not the case. I walked in as I normally do and the room remained dark. My first instinct of course was to try again. So like a fool, I ran out of the room and entered again, the same as before. Of course nothing happened. Did I really expect it to? I waved my hand in front of the sensor, tapped on the plastic casing and even jumped up and down in the room. Again, nothing happened. At a loss, I summoned assistance. Imagine how smart I felt when the assistance that I had summoned changed the switch to the "on" position. I had become so accustomed to the technology available to me that I had forgotten to simply turn the light on by means of the switch.

This is one small example of how people have become dependent upon technology in modern times and certainly is not the only circumstance in which this is true. In school, a common excuse for lack of a paper is that a student's printer or computer is not working. It is uncommon, when hearing this excuse, that a teacher asks if the student brought a handwritten copy to class because the answer would of course be "no." Why would a student handwrite a paper when the paper could so easily be typed and then forgotten? The thought would never have occurred.

The technology of today has become mind numbing. People do not have to think about daily tasks anymore and in many cases do not even have to do them. Customers now check themselves out at the local supermarket, coffee pots can be set to automatically begin brewing at a given time and household pets are fed automatically. It is no longer even required to vacuum a floor. There is a robot that will do the job for you. Simple thought, a crucial daily exercise of the mind, is no longer required. Situations like these bring to light the growing

laziness of society. For many who live today, particularly the younger generations, a home without electricity, a television, a phone or running water would be considered unlivable. Such a thing used to be done without a second thought. People would haul water from the nearest source in order to bathe and cook.

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They would use candles to see and read instead of watching television. Many in today's modern world, including myself, cannot dream of understanding a life like this and how different it would be.

Even harder to understand is the way in which life will be lived 100 years from now. Perhaps cars will drive themselves, homes will clean themselves and schools will be taught on a computer. While there is no way to know for sure what the future holds, it is urgent that we are careful with this modern technology. It is important that people not forget how to think for themselves. As the world becomes more and more dependent upon technological advances, it is vital that we not forget how to live without them. ♦

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It's funny, but not surprising, to see what facts are selected when the topic of Israel comes up. Many choose a narrow historical view and forget the real situation. Israel is surrounded by countries that have publicly said that they want to wipe the country from the face of the earth. How can they be peaceful in that situation?

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Men lack emotive

By MELINA PEAVY
Guest Writer

No one can ignore or avoid the fascination that the population has with pornography. Billions of dollars were spent last year (and every year) on pornographic Web site subscriptions alone. Seemingly, it's a man's world when one thinks of the porn industry's intended audience. According to Family Safe Media, (http://www.familysafemedia.com/pornography_statistics.html), almost 80 percent of online adult site visitors are male.

It is no secret that the average porno is aimed at a male audience. But what is it about average porn that turns women off so much? It could be the faceless men in these flicks who seem to do nothing but "money shots" that offend us. Maybe the fact that the focus of such films and magazines are of female genitalia will give you a clue. Somehow I do not think the absence of a storyline and horrible soundtracks have much to do with women's dislike. It's not even the fact that females are less "visually stimulated" than males are. Something is horribly lacking, something that appears essential to female enjoyment: passion.

Clearly passion is what sets apart "porn for women" from your boyfriend's porn. Yes, there is adult content that claims to cater to the female variety. Most feature the familiar Fabio type men that make some ladies "I can't believe it's not butter" themselves. There is soft lighting, sweeping music and sometimes even a plot. No gang bangs here. A popular focus on these sites includes "real life" couples that have sex for the camera. There are also informative essays and naughty reads.

Men's pornography is plainly sex for the sake of sex. Women's pornography on the other hand relies on the implication of emotional involvement. One word makes all the difference: Erotica. This includes literature or art dealing with sexual love. You won't find anything for the girls without words such as "erotica," "romance" and "fantasy" following suit. The majority of women do not seem to like the idea of sex without ecstasy and affection. That's why steamy stories and videos of X-rated acts commonly found on female-targeted adult sites have the word "erotica" attached to them, no matter the quality of the content. Erotic tales for women have been

around for ages in the form of romance novels. I know I'm not the only one whose mom had a few of those lying around the house. Yet, same as male pornography, the whole thing comes across as fake and trying too hard. They are actors, after all.

It is okay if you do not like your boyfriend's porn. Not many of us do. Let's face it — women are not going to look at Playboy or watch the newest typical smut and get turned on like a man will. As long as he is not watching unhealthy amounts and turning you down in favor of it, let him have a watch. Just as he does not

“There are times, however, that certain things are missed and a common reader feels extremely intelligent.”

exactly want to get molested by his nurse because he enjoyed a porn about it, you don't necessarily want Fabio to rescue you from an emotional prison. In the meantime, is there any hope out there for women seeking decent entertainment of the adult variety?

I guess it just depends on who you are. Some women may enjoy the novels or the specialty films. For those who don't? Luckily for us, we have a backup, something that most men don't have: Imaginations. ♦

A feminist speaks out

The problem with porn is that it mutates us into something we're not. Taking the capacity of thought out of the equation eliminates the value behind the act. When sex is treated with lack of thought we dehumanize ourselves.

What sets us apart from other forms of life is the capacity of thought. This metaphysical process is what gives meaning to the act of sex. Or else our actions are reduced to those awesomely bad lyrics written by the Bloodhound Gang — "You and me baby ain't nothin' but mammals / So lets do it like they do on the discovery



Perspectives Editor
Kasey Henricks

channel." It's a catchy song, but very shallow. And being shallow is what describes our actions when sex is treated lightly. Opposable thumbs are nice, but I'd like to think a little more separates us from animals than just that.

With sex comes emotional attachment. When disconnected from this aspect, our actions become thoughtless and self-destructive. We become objects rather than subjects. Porn reduces sensual human interaction to an activity that takes place between things ... that other things enjoy watching. Feelings, thoughts and meaning are dismissed when viewing porn. Passion, lust and instinct excuse the mind.

Porn is a fantasy world acted out in reality. Watching it makes us more prone to emotional laziness. Having sex displayed right in front of us makes it easier to take a journey without all the attachments associated with the act. Watching porn is much more convenient than having to be honest, intimate and vulnerable with a partner. With porn you serve yourself. It changes the definition of sex.

Sex is no longer associated with relationships. Porn has birthed a new era where there is no need for a partner. Sex is self-therapeutic. No longer is it required to be in communion to partake in sex. You can now isolate yourself to achieve that substitution for intimacy.

Furthermore, porn markets people; bodies are bought and sold. Human anatomy is reduced to merely goods and services. Porn is thing-driven, not person-driven. It's an insult to humanity to reduce ourselves to commodities rather than individuals. After all, we are all connected in this human family so we all are deserving of significance, respect and dignity.

Porn transforms us. Because of the normalization and acceptance of it, many have been numbed to the injustices it perpetuates. It dehumanizes. ♦

Porn fiends unite

Now I have your undivided attention. Pornography, the eye-catching, money-making, jaw-dropping and lawsuit-prone act of filming erotic acts is becoming the fastest-growing market of private parties. I don't care how child-restricted and price-laden it is now.

Even if porn Web site prices are raised and taxes lain heavily on these entrepreneurs of erotica, pornography will still sizzle as it is continually purchased faster than a Cadillac consumes a full tank of gas. The porn industry thrives. Therefore I send my condolences to the anti-porn and feminist groups who attempt to tear it down; their efforts are a hopeless cause to men and women alike.

What's wrong with that? They cannot possibly be mad that many Americans have this addiction to seeing nudity. We live in a country which does not appreciate a little skin showing, thus we immediately cover it up. A teenage girl wears shorts above her knee to school and she is suspended. If teachers and school officials think that this is "distracting" society, no wonder the smallest bit of skin gets us excited.

To the feminist groups: It makes me wonder why "feminists" anger themselves over pornography. I have countless girl friends who claim that adult films exploit women. Who are you to say that these acts "exploit" women. I don't feel that my gender is exploited watching my personal mini collection of adult films. I'm pretty sure "the act" is performed between both the male and the female party and I'm pretty sure that's all we have on earth, right?

That could give porn some educational background. Since when has a high school sex education class actually shown two people bumping uglies? In my sex-ed course, the teacher only showed the male member and the female member and said, "They have intercourse." You could



Perspectives
Tinea Payne

imagine how baffled I was when the teacher wouldn't explain what intercourse was.

The heat seems to be on women all the time. Where are the male support groups fighting against male exploitation? Many of the films I've come across had nothing but women. So where is the proof that women are exploited when it seems like all adult films, webcams and magazines feature women rub their rear ends at the camera by their own will? I know I wouldn't be caught dead, naked in front of a camera against my own will. I'm sure that if these films make mega bucks, these porn beauties would give their consent, just for the money.

But don't worry. Porn stars aren't the only women who get the heat. Models, pageant winners and young actresses are always "exploited" once they get captured on camera and show anything "female" about themselves. So, can we women do anything without exploiting ourselves? I guess women can be equivalent to children and don't know when they're being exploited. And then the adult aspect of filming an adult film loses meaning completely. Why bother with calling these "adult" films then if the stars don't know what is best for them?

Just for kicks, pornography does have its benefits. In fact, according to a study in at the University of Western Australia, watching a sexy scene before having sex helps women conceive and men produce more sperm.

An article on the iVillage love and sex site (<http://www.ivillage.com>) even claimed that couples "watching porn together can be a form of sexual education, boosting your couple repertoire."

My take is if feminist groups want to end the "exploitation" of women, porn would just be a bunch of nude guys standing around. And how does that help homosexual couples? I thought the idea of pornography was to enjoy the beauty and sensation of sex, without doing it. Porn gives tips and ideas. It also helps when that significant other can't be around. What porn doesn't give its viewers is HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis C, herpes or unwanted pregnancies. Besides, I'd much rather find my boyfriend's massive porn collection than find him with a hooker. ♦



Embrace porn, it can help

Pornograph. Just seeing the word causes the collective gasp across the globe.

Yet not even the United States Supreme Court can give porn a definition. In a crowd of 10 people you could get 10 definitions of what porn is. The person on your right may consider Michelangelo's David to be obscene, while the person to your left may see it as a work of art.

Widely renowned books such as, "Anne Frank: Dairy of a Young Girl," "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald and "Ulysses" by James Joyce have all been considered pornographic at one time or another. But remember, these are some of the books we considers classics today.

"I even get e-mail from fans at Harvard," said Jenna Haze, Best New Starlett of 2003 at the Adult Video News (AVN) awards in Las Vegas.

Playboy is one of the hottest selling magazines on the planet, with a circulation of 3.2 million in 22 countries including the U.S., Japan, France and Germany just to name a few. "Playboy was founded on the notion that nice girls like sex too," said Hugh Hefner, owner of the Playboy corporation. Celebrities such as Jenny McCarthy, Carmen Electra, Drew Barrymore, Shannon Doherty and Charisma Carpenter (of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") have graced the cover of Playboy.

There are 12,000 people employed in the U.S. porn industry, mostly in and around San Fernando Valley, Calif. These people and the consumers who buy their products generate \$30 million in sales tax for California each year. Twelve thousand people are making a conscience decision to participate in consensual sex acts and let someone else record it.

"I guess you can say I'm just actively living out all the fantasies I had in high school," Roxy West told Testosterone Nation. She also went on to say, "Porn

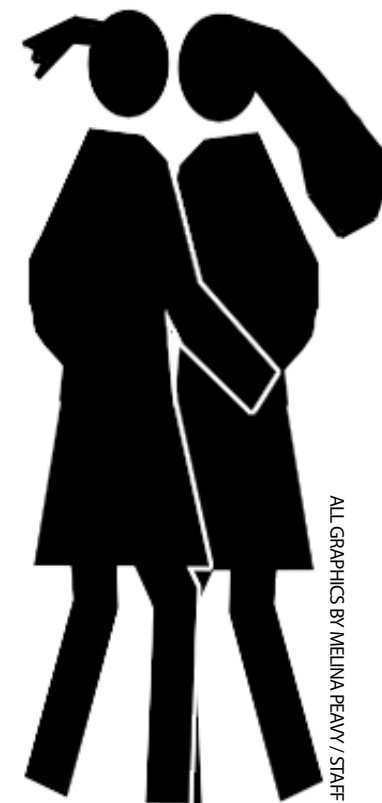
enables me to do just that. While getting paid for it, of course."

Watching porn doesn't hurt the people who watch it and does not hurt the people who participate in it, so why should one be denied the right. Think of the couples who need to spice up their love life. Perhaps they could pop the pornographic DVD into the player and discover new ideas or finally discuss those high school fantasies.

Then you have the pure entertainment value of watching the movie. How many porn watchers can say they have not sat back and laughed at the obviously fake breasts or wondered which doctor helped that young man grow in his "nether" region?

Who is getting hurt from watching a pornographic movie, or looking at a "dirty" magazine? Is the human body not a work of art itself?

"If the human body's obscene, complain to the manufacturer, not to me," said Larry Flynt, founder of Hustler. ♦

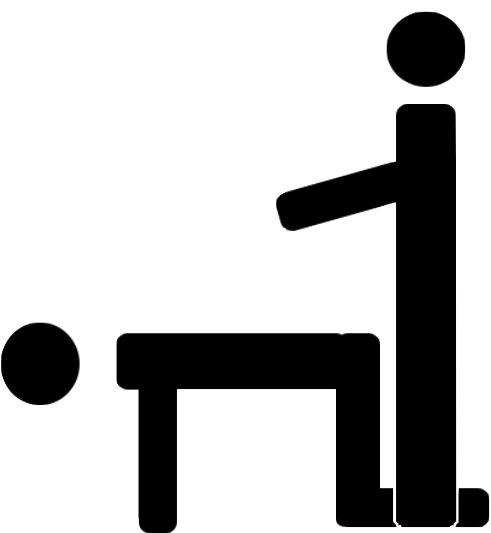


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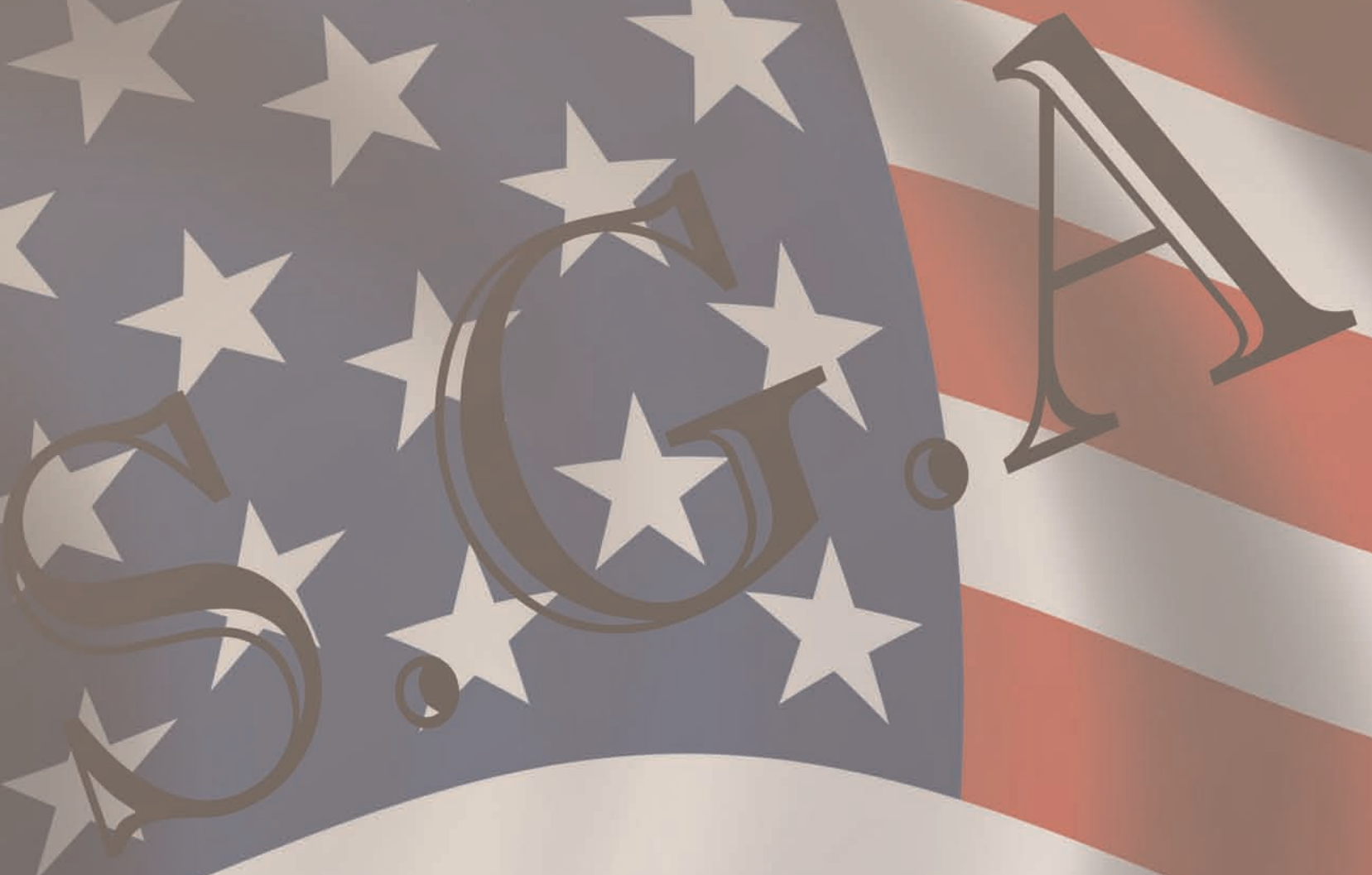
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Student Government Association

Elections for Student Government Officers are coming up!

**Applications will be made available Feb. 28 in UC 214
and www.apsu.edu/sga. Applications are due to Student
Affairs on March 19 by 4:00 p.m.**



**Mandatory Candidate Orientations
March 19, 5:00 p.m. and March 20, 12:20 p.m.**

**Candidate Debate (in University Center)
Friday, March 30
12:20 p.m.**

**SGA Open House
Wednesday, March 28
12:20 p.m.**

**Elections will take place between April 2 and April 4, 2007
The results will be ratified April 9, at 12:20 p.m. by the SGA Election Board**

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This day in history: 1929

Feb. 14, 1929: In Chicago, gunmen with suspected ties to organized-crime boss Al Capone murder seven members of North Siders gang headed by George "Bugs" Moran. The so-called St. Valentine's Day Massacre unleashed a media storm centered on Capone's illegal Prohibition-era activities.

Word of the Day

balneology, n: The science of the therapeutic use of baths.

Dori studied balneology in Europe and now applies her knowledge at a spa in California.

Quote of the Week

"The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them."

-Thomas Merton

Did you know?

~There are 92 known cases of nuclear bombs lost at sea.

~Budweiser beer is named after a Czech town.

~The tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant.

~Fingernails grow nearly four times faster than toenails.

~Your mouth produces 1 liter (1.8 pints) of saliva a day.

~Mel Blanc, who voices the cartoon charater Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.

~An onion, apple and potato all have the same taste; the differences in flavor are caused by their smell.

~More movies are produced in India than in Hollywood.

~There is a bird that barks instead of sings.

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Grammy winners enjoy multiples

Dixie Chicks 'make nice,' Red Hot Chili Peppers 'snow' ball competition

By JESSICA BAIRD
Staff Writer

"We are The Police, and we are back." The reunion of the 1980s super trio kicked off the 49th Annual Grammy Awards last Sunday. After performing together for the first time in decades, Sting and company received a standing ovation, and music's biggest night was officially underway.

Apart from The Police, the highlights of the evening came courtesy of multiple winners Dixie Chicks, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Mary J. Blige and Justin Timberlake. (The "Sexyback" crooner received a few trophies during the unaired pre-show.)

Adding five more Grammys to their overflowing trophy cases, outspoken country trio Dixie Chicks were the biggest winners of the night.

The group collected the most coveted awards including Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

"For the first time in my life, I'm speechless," said Natalie Maines, frontwoman for the Chicks. Although the group has declined in popularity after Maines spoke out against President Bush several years ago, they still have support from the music elite.

After being introduced as "the best band in the world" by comedian Chris Rock, the California-bred Red Hot Chili Peppers performed "Snow (Hey Oh)" the latest single off their double album "Stadium Arcadium."

The Peppers took home four Grammys including Best Rock Album, and solidified their spot within the pantheon of rock 'n' roll survivors. While accepting their Best Rock Album nod, drummer Chad Smith said, "We need more rock bands." An appropriate statement considering the majority of the awards show focused on R&B and country.

Mary J. Blige gave a tearful acceptance speech when she collected her first-ever Grammy for Best R&B album, "The Breakthrough."

She graced the stage several times throughout the show thanks to three wins and two performances (including one solo and another with Ludacris). Backed by a full band and donned in a white gown, soul queen Blige looked reminiscent of Billie Holiday while belting out her hit single "Be Without You."



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The Dixie Chicks, from left to right, Emily Robinson, Natalie Maines and Martie Maguire arrive at the Sony BMG Post Grammy Party, Feb. 11, 2007, in Beverly Hills, Calif. The Chicks recieved five awards including Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

Justin Timberlake also performed twice. "What Goes Around Comes Around," a ballad and Timberlake's latest single, was his first appearance of the evening. The second was "My Love" featuring T.I. and contest winner Robin Troupe.

Other highlights included a performance by phenomenon, Christina Aguilera. She paid homage to the late godfather of soul, James Brown, by belting out his tune, "It's a Man's Man's Man's World."

Ludacris provided one of the biggest laughs of the night when he thanked Oprah and right-wing talk show host, Bill O'Reilly, during his acceptance speech.

The two television personalities had been critical of the Atlanta rapper's lyrics, but their distaste didn't stop him from garnering Best Rap Album for "Release Therapy."

A complete list of winners and performers is available at <http://grammy.com>. ♦



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Red Hot Chiili Pepper's lead singer Anthony Kiedis performs the group's hit "Snow (Hey Oh)."

Downtown shopping climbs to new heights

By LORI PERKINS
Staff Writer

Many children dream big early in life, but some forget these childhood fantasies upon entering adulthood. Many have, finding that once grown up, such ideas are silly.

Maybe Melanie Dennis of Clarksville, however, can motivate those dreamers to realize that juvenile imaginations can come alive.

Melanie Dennis and Jolyn Swanson are business partners who own The Red Pepper Squirrel in downtown Clarksville, located across the street from the Clarksville Custom's House Museum. The Red Pepper Squirrel is a unique name for a retail store and was birthed from the imagination Melanie Dennis had as a little girl. She pretended that she had a store called "The Red Pepper Squirrel."

Today, the imaginative play store is a modish boutique that welcomes shoppers with a warm friendly atmosphere, filled with vibrant colors throughout. The Red Pepper Squirrel is a well-rounded store offering products for men, women, expectant mothers, babies and even dogs.

Comical T-shirts, stylish watches, hats, pajamas, sunglasses and hair products are some of the products offered for men.

For women, the store carries robes, makeup, pajamas, designer jeans, parfum (which is alcohol-free) and jewelry made by Jessica Elliot (worn by celebrity stars like Paris Hilton and Ashley Simpson). For expecting mothers, shirts with cute phrases like "now showing" on the front, baby outfits and booties are sure to please.



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The Red Pepper Squirrel is located at 215 South Second Street in downtown Clarksville.

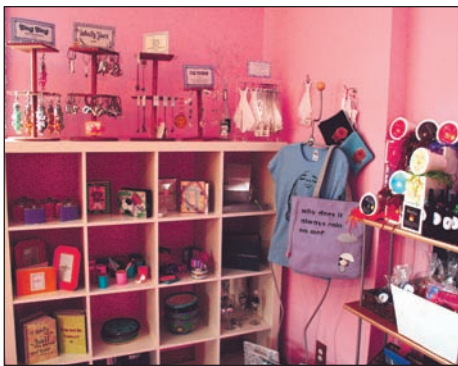
The Red Pepper Squirrel also has great gift items to treat someone special.

A wide array of gift ideas like contemporary pottery. For hot beverages lovers there are tropical fruit teas and toasted southern pecan coffee. The store also assures that anyone can find a suitable home decor gift by offering fragrance oils and scented candles.

The products offered are items unavailable anywhere else because The Red Pepper Squirrel's merchandise is just as unique as the name is.

Make sure to check out this downtown shopping experience which could be one of Clarksville's best kept secrets.

The Red Pepper Squirrel is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. ♦



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The store offers a wide variety of gifts for everyone in a funky setting.



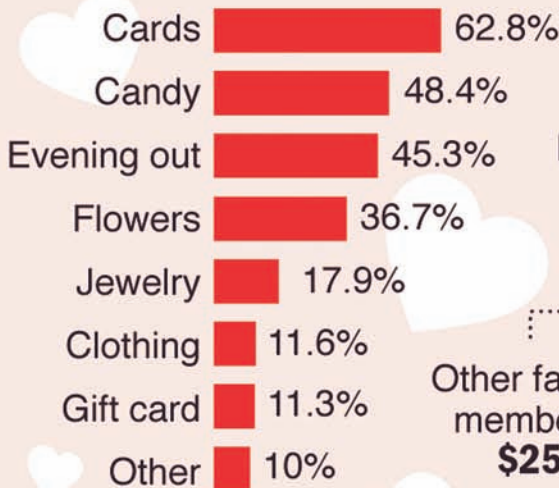
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The Red Pepper Squirrel doesn't forget to stock products for their four-legged customers.

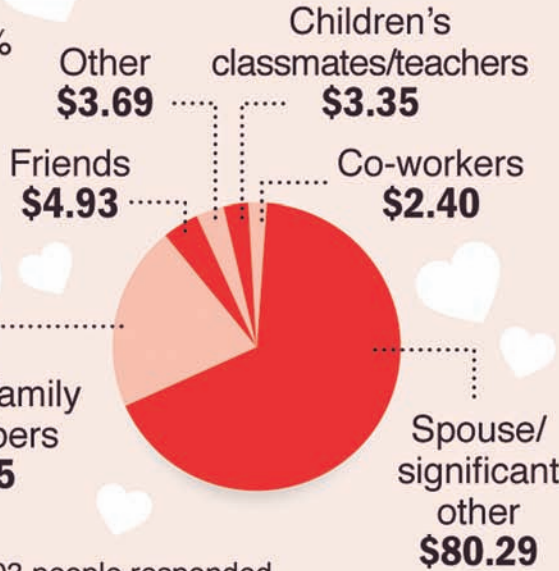
Loving gifts

Cards and candy top the list of Valentine's Day gifts, with many consumers spending the most on spouses and significant others.

What types of gifts do you plan to give this Valentine's Day?



How much do you plan to spend on gifts for:



NOTE: Survey conducted Jan. 2-10; 7,703 people responded.

SOURCE: National Retail Federation

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Valentine's Day: What should candy hearts really say?

"Fast Facts" about Valentine's Day statistics.

By HEATHER CLARK
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day: People love it or they hate it. Some see it as a day where people express their love through touching gifts like flowers and candy. Others see it as a corporate scam to get people to spend their money on unnecessary trinkets like flowers and candy. Like it or not, it's deeply embedded into our culture, which is the only explanation for why those chalky, unappetizing candy hearts have transcended the decades. Some feel that if the candy hearts must remain, then their messages should at least reflect the times. Here are some suggestions offered by Austin Peay State University students:

• "I Heart Your Mom." — Travis Sumruld, junior, public relations major

• "You Weren't My First Choice." — Johnnie Nurdy, junior, political science major

• "Cupid is Stupid!" — Kayyos Brown, senior, broadcast media major

• "What's Your Name Again?" — Amber Hosford

• "What, No Diamonds?" — Jennifer Lujan, junior, psychology major

• "Thanks 4 the Add." — Jack Whittaker, freshman, theater major

• "Sorry, Not Tonight." — Rachel Winchester, junior, art major

By the Numbers: 119

Number of single men (i.e., never married, widowed or divorced) who are in their 20s for every 100 single women of the same ages.

904

The number of dating service establishments nationwide as of 2002. These establishments which include Internet dating services, employed nearly 4,300 people.

25.7 lbs

Per capita consumption of candy by Americans in 2005.

\$397 M

The combined wholesale value of domestically produced cut flowers in 2005. California was the leading producer, accounting for \$289 million.

21,667

The number of florists nationwide in 2004. These businesses employed 109,915 people.

21

The number of places named "rose." Rose Hill, VA is the most populous with more than 15,000 people.

Information compiled by Jenny Wallace, Features Editor.
-<http://www.census.gov>

Man finally gets his Valentine wish after a 60 year wait

Associated Press

It took more than 60 years to remember her name. When it came to him, “it was like someone pounded a mallet over my head,” says Ralph Dial. He was driving back from visiting his daughters in Atlanta and Montgomery, Ala., during Christmastime 2002. He could remember her Mona Lisa smile. He could remember the bountiful black hair she had the first day she walked through Fulton Sylphon Co. looking to report to Dial, her supervisor. He stood in the World War II defense plant’s stairwell and took a deep breath. Now, after all those years and on this drive home, he suddenly remembered her name was Vinita Anderson. She was “the prettiest woman I had ever seen,” he remembers. But she was married and her husband was serving in the war. That was in the early 1940s, so there was no telling in 2002 if she was even still living, widowed or in another part of the world with her husband. But just remembering her name would do: “It gave me a burst of energy, I continued driving on home from my Christmas trip and I didn’t get sleepy.”

“She’s still the prettiest girl I have ever seen. And her name is now on my heart.”

— Ralph Dial, on his long lost sweetheart

He was wide-awake as he walked through the door of his Farragut home, so Dial decided to go through the recent days’ issues of the Knoxville News Sentinel. He read a story and then flipped the page to continue and there, by a remarkable coincidence, was her name with a letter to the editor. Dial took a deep breath. The nervousness of being that 19-year-old man working in the defense plant and seeing Anderson for the first time came back to him. After searching phone books to no avail, he called the News Sentinel. The editorial department contacted Anderson on Dial’s behalf. “She called me within two or three minutes,” he said. They caught up on those 60-plus years of living in two hours:

He lived in Farragut. She lived 30 miles away in East Knox County. He had become a widower in early 2002. Her husband had died in 1991. He had served in the Army. She had moved to California and then to Elizabethton, where she opened a cosmetology school. After losing her husband, she moved back to Knoxville to be near her older sister. They both had lost their first-born children. Their conversation continued over dinner at Regas Restaurant. Four years later, Dial asked for Anderson’s hand in marriage. A coral-colored suit adorned with beaded flowers on the collar will be Anderson’s “wedding gown” on March 17 - the same day they became engaged last year - for a small ceremony at Concord United Methodist Church. “And I am having two suits made at John H. Daniel,” Dial said. “So I’ll see which one goes better with her dress for our wedding day and that’s the one I will wear.” “As old as I am, I can start this thing over again,” he said. “When people ask, ‘What do you want to get married for at this age?’, my response is like that saying goes: ‘Nobody does it like Sara Lee,’” Dial, 83, said.

“Nobody does it like Vinita for me.” Anderson, 84, chuckles like a schoolgirl. “I haven’t wavered,” he said. “She’s still the prettiest girl I have ever seen. And her name is now on my heart.” ♦



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Ralph Dial is ready to say “I Do” to Vinita Anderson, a woman he met over 60 years ago.

Local chapter of Omega Psi Phi honors brother who founded Black History Month

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Guest Writer

Despite America’s birth in freedom and liberty, the stains of injustice and inequality are still evident on the pages of her history. These stains happened during a time when men and women were locked up in chains, forced to work and denied the simplest of freedoms simply because of the color of their flesh. In spite of the many obstacles blacks have had to face, they have succeeded in rising to the top in areas such as politics, academics and science. Black triumphs in these areas are brought to life in February in recognition of Black History Month, which is significant not only to blacks, but to other races as well, for it serves to unite them under a banner of knowledge and understanding. This is the story of one man, one fraternity and the subsequent creation of a month-long celebration of the vibrant spirit of black culture. Though slavery was abolished in 1865 with the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, ignorance and intolerance continued to stifle public knowledge of black accomplishments. In 1926, Carter G. Woodson, one of America’s most influential black historians, sought to enlighten the public by developing Negro History Week, a celebration which would occur during the second week of February in honor of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln’s birthdays. To promote the event, Woodson sent out letters to schools, clubs and newspapers asking for different ways to celebrate. The response Woodson received was monumental, and the event succeeded in sparking national curiosity about black history. However, it was Omega Psi Phi, one of the nation’s oldest black fraternities, which gave Woodson the inspiration for developing Negro History Week. The Omegas were the first to set aside a day to celebrate black achievements, and as an honorary member, Woodson saw that by using their annual observance he could launch his idea into the public’s view. According to their official Web site, Omega Psi Phi was established in 1911 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Their name stems from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning “friendship is essential to the soul,” and they are governed by the principles of manhood, scholarship and perseverance. They place a heavy emphasis on intellect and pride of heritage which is evident today in the many community programs they participate in. “We (Omegas) have always had a deep connection with the community,” said Antoine Pierce, a senior at Austin Peay State University, who has been a member of Omega Psi Phi for two years. “People look up to us

“In our so-called democracy we are accustomed to give the majority what they want rather than educate them to understand whats best for them.”

— Carter Woodson

and admire us for our leadership abilities,” he said. “If you could sum us up with one word, it would be aggressive. We want to get things done, have fun and take care of business.” As the years went on, Negro History Week continued to grow in popularity. Lectures and rallies were held all over the country during that week in February, and museums and libraries presented various exhibits celebrating the history of blacks. By the 1940’s Negro History Week had become so widespread that whites and blacks as far away as Latin America, and even Africa, participated in it. When Woodson died in 1950, the celebrations were continued by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History which Woodson formed in 1915. During the 70’s, Negro History Week was expanded to the entire month of February and was renamed Black History Month. Since then, a general outcry has arisen for year-round studies of black history. “It’s the only time people pay attention to scientists and intellectuals in African society,” said Carol Bennett, the director of the African American Cultural Center at APSU. “A year-round program is needed instead of condensing everything into one month.” Pierce also expressed similar views. “We should study year round what went on, what kinds of achievements we’ve made and how far we’ve come,” he said. “It’s our country’s history, not just black history.” Danterius Hunt, a sophomore at APSU, believes that everyone should take part in Black History Month. “Everyone can appreciate freedom,” he said. “[Black History Month] helps people get along and develop friendships and understanding of others.” Carter G. Woodson dedicated his entire life to educating people about the impact blacks have had on American history. The help he received from Omega Psi Phi served to make his vision of cultivating an appreciation for the accomplishments of blacks a reality. Judging by the widespread success of Black History Month, it is safe to say his goal has been reached. ♦

Grammy fashion mostly award-worthy

Associated Press

If it weren’t for the diamond earrings, it would have been hard to tell it was the Grammys red carpet because so many of music’s top male stars opted for subdued suits instead of outrageous outfits. And the sexy songstresses? Sure, The Pussycat Dolls showed off their legs in flirty, colorful dresses Sunday night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, and Hilary Duff wore a sparkly lingerie-style dress by Dolce & Gabbana, but there was nothing that came close to the scandalous looks of years’ past. (Jennifer Lopez’s plunging Versace V-neck in 2000 was the high point — or low point — of “look-at-me” fashion at the Grammys.) Beyonce wore a champagne-colored strapless dress by Giorgio Armani Prive with crystals on the bustline and waistline, and Christina Aguilera was dressed in an Ungaro white strapless gown with purple trim around the bust and a beige ribbon around her waist. Shakira’s famous body was covered in a delicate red strapless chiffon gown by Carolina Herrera. And Mary J. Blige looked like an elegant star in Michael Kors’ nude-colored, V-neck beaded gown with a metallic belt. “I had this plan for about three months. I walked into a Michael Kors store, and Michael Kors’ mother was there, Joan Kors, and she was having a trunk show and there were models there,” Blige told The Associated Press. “And I saw the dress and said put that dress on that model. The model was built and shaped like me. I said that’s my Grammy dress. Put it on hold.” All three Dixie Chicks wore simple dark gowns, although



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Imogen Heap’s dress didn’t grow on fashion critics. Natalie Maines had on a heavy dose of gold chains. Pink had on a sleek black sequin gown with a keyhole opening. Ludacris, Randy Jackson and all the guys from The Fray were among those in traditional suits and ties. Ludacris perfected his three-piece banker-look suit with a yellow-and-blue tie and matching pocket square. John Mayer traded his trademark blue jeans for an Armani tuxedo, though he kept on his Nikes. Justin Timberlake, who is co-designer of a menswear line, showed his fashion savvy in a Prada gray one-button tuxedo with a white shirt and army green tie with gray stars. Jamie Foxx was a little bit flashy in his silver jacket, and Akon wore white from head to toe and plenty of diamonds, which he told E! came from his own mine in Africa. William of the Black Eyed

Peas had a white earpiece as an accessory to his black suit and silver tie by Yves Saint Laurent, and bandmate Fergie wore a custom-made Badgley Mischka Couture silver metallic lace mini dress with black diamond crystal embroidery. If there was a bit of a fashion trend, it was the metallic outfits, including those worn by Carrie Underwood, Natasha Bedingfield and Petra Nemcova, who escorted jeans-wearing James Blunt. Scarlett Johansson, a Grammys presenter, wore a navy-and-black cocktail dress with a fitted corset by Monique Lhuillier. LeAnn Rimes also wore a Lhuillier design — a dark purple, deep V-neck gown with a turquoise-and-gold beaded waist. Jennifer Hudson played the part of a siren in a red, formfitting halter gown by Roberto Cavalli, while Mandy Moore went the opposite route, in sort of a folksy gown and loose, wavy hair. Brooke Hogan said she designed her own skintight green gown and that she did her own hair and makeup, too. “I figured it out with a round brush and a blow dryer,” she said on E!’s preshow. There were, though, two outrageous looks: The members of OK Go covered their faces with fabric that matched their bronze-and-burgundy paisley suits, and Imogen Heap’s garden outfit — complete with lily pads on her dress and grass seemingly growing out of her hair. Heap also carried a toy frog called Gary the Grammy frog. “A fabulous designer from Los Angeles got in touch with me asking me if she could make my Grammy dress, and this is what happened,” Heap said. ♦

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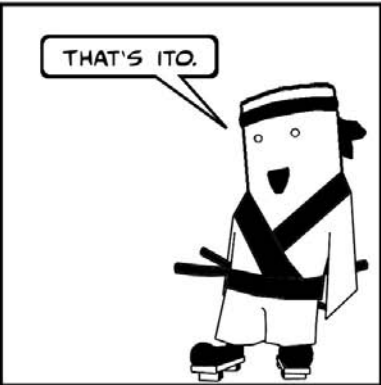
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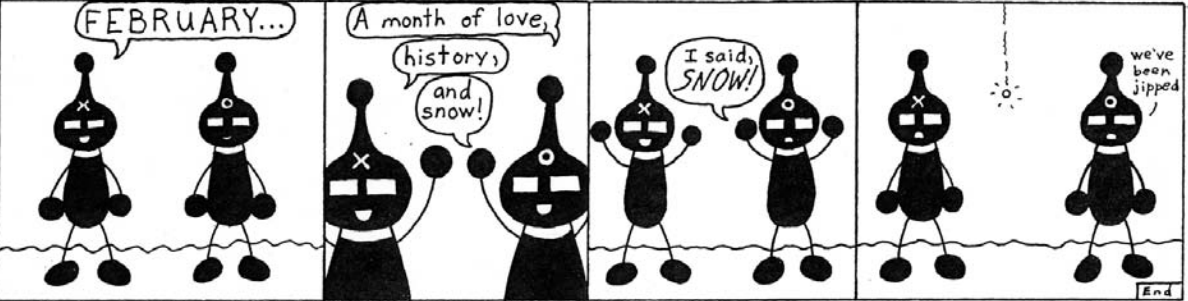


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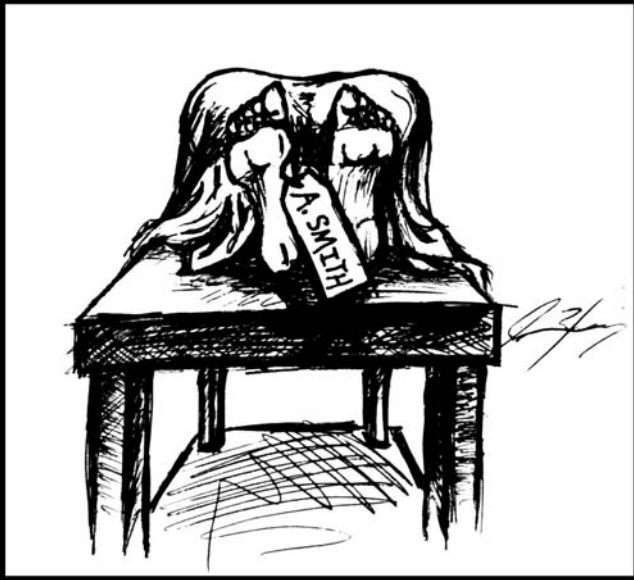
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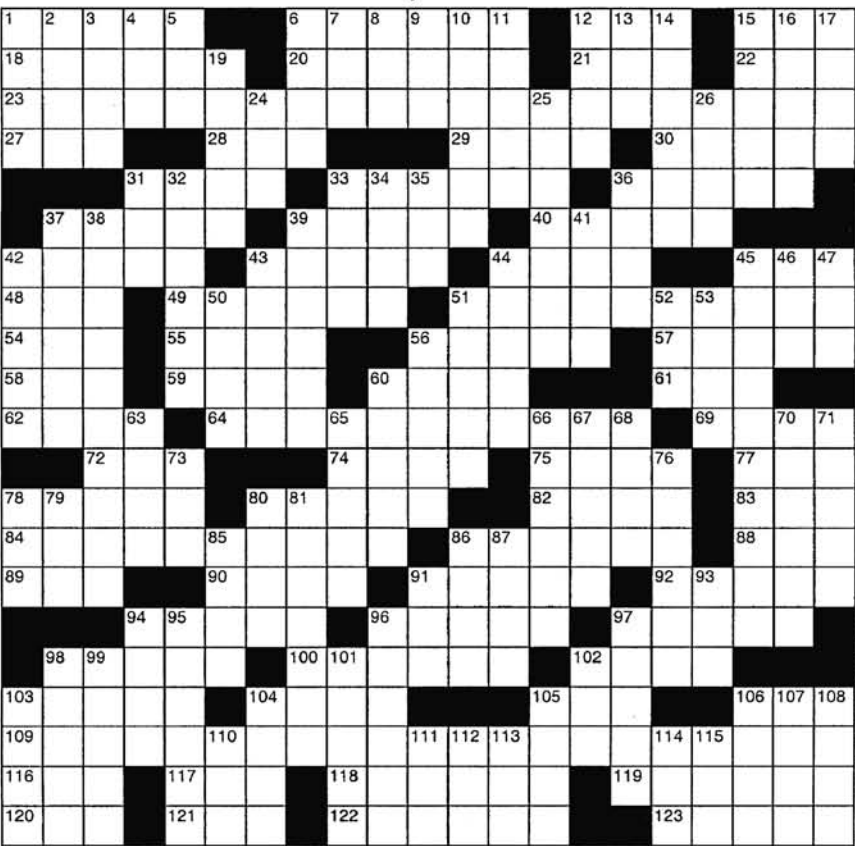
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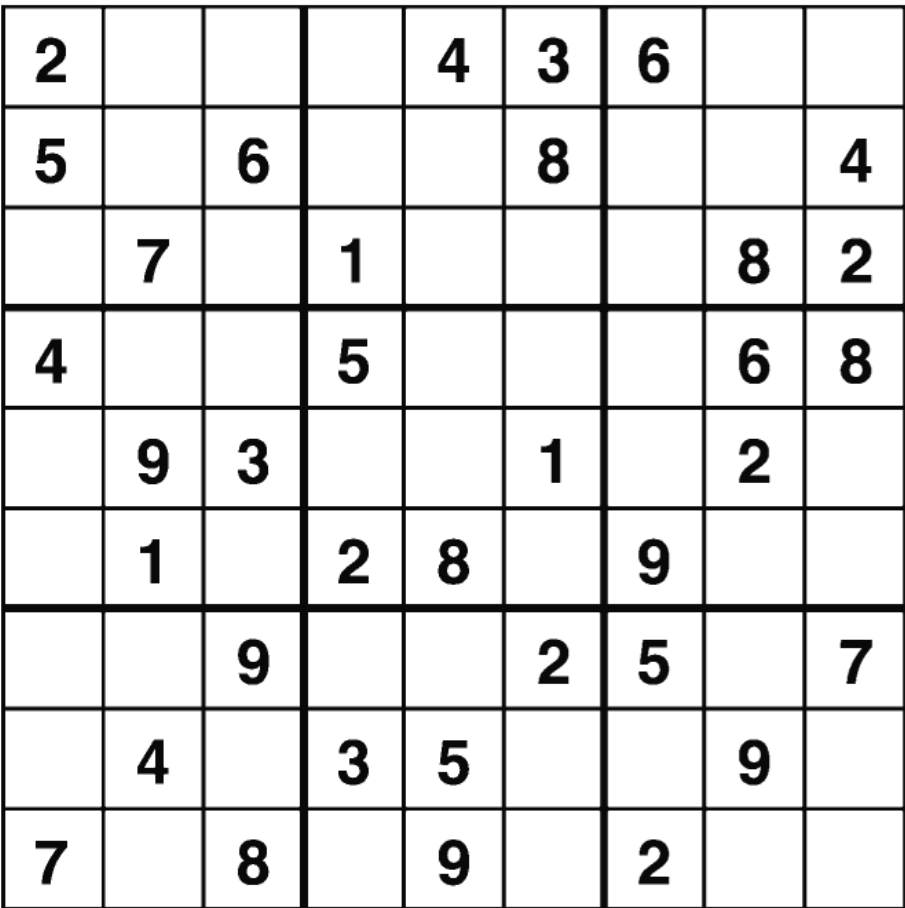
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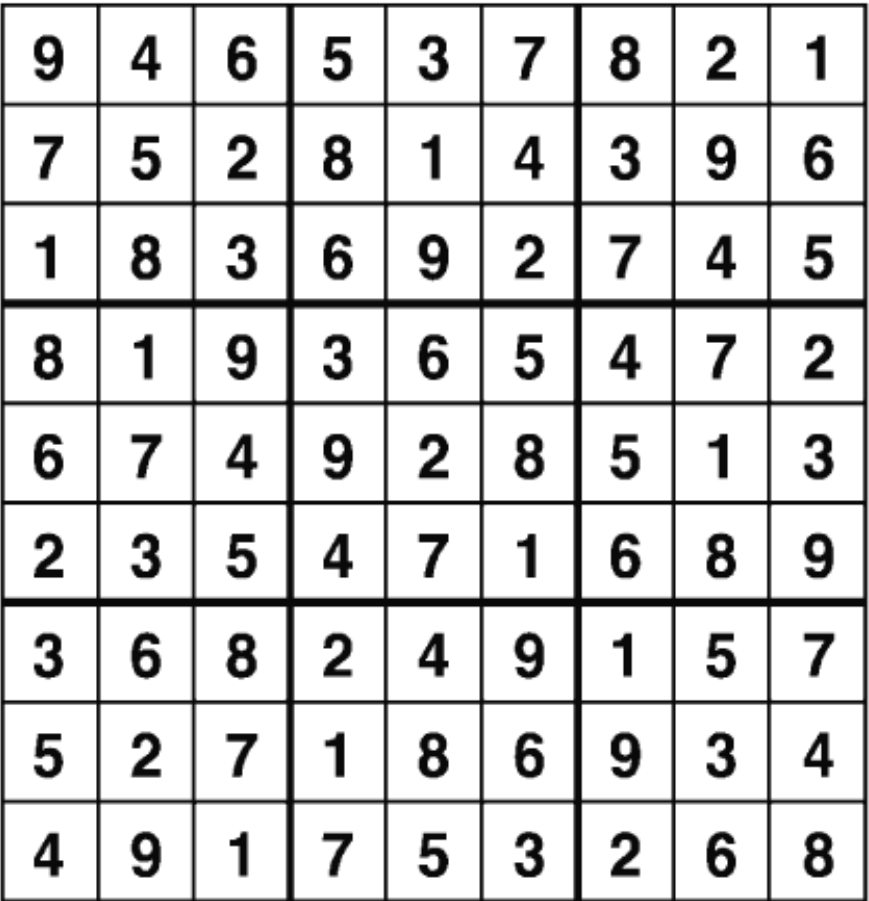
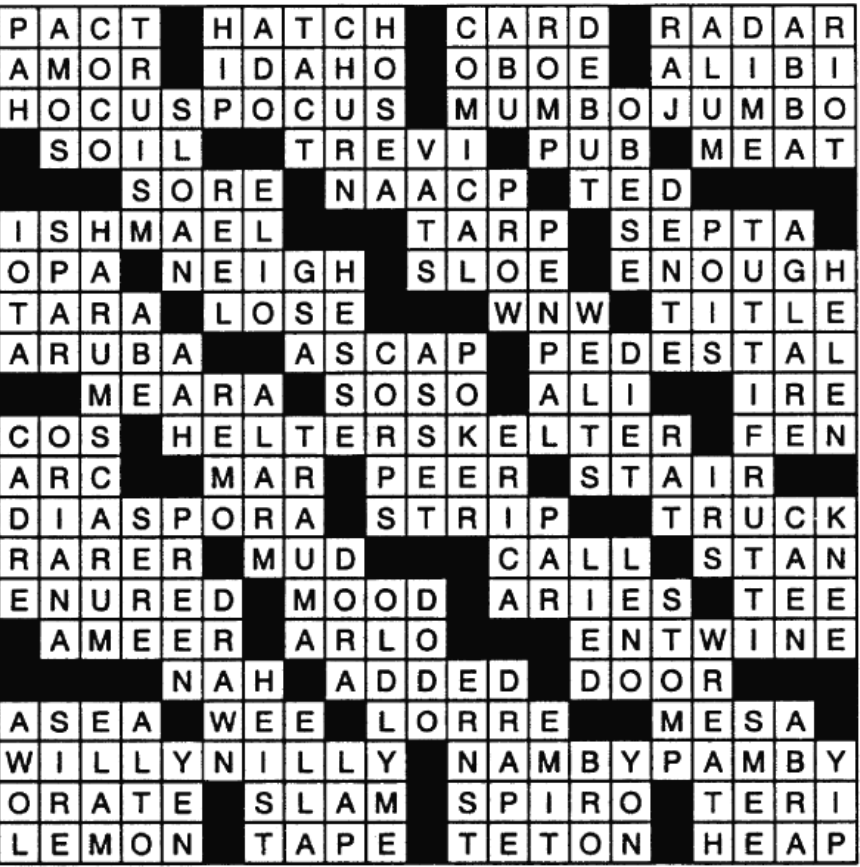
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OPINION

How to deal: Post-NFL stress syndrome

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

The first step is accepting the problem. They tried to wean us off slowly during the playoffs, but we ignored it. After the Super Bowl we still denied the inevitable because we had one more game. When San Diego kicker Nate Kaeding kicked the winning field goal for the AFC as time expired on Saturday, it was officially over. It is time to stop the denial. Football season is over. Did you spend Sunday afternoon channel surfing because of an empty feeling that no show seemed able to fill? Did you suddenly find tears in your eyes on Monday night? Then you, like fans all over the world, are suffering from Post NFL Stress Syndrome (PNSS).

There is really no cure for this dreadful disorder until September, but there are treatments to help deal with the discomfort. Initially you are going to dive into a Madden Marathon that will leave you curled up in the fetal position with your wireless game controller at 3 a.m. If — or when — when you emerge from that stage you are going to need some group therapy. That does not mean another Madden marathon with friends. Remember that you are a sports fan. Go to live events. Sit in the stands, eat, drink and cheer. If not in a stadium or court, than find a “Hooter-ish” type spot with other PNSS sufferers and watch something.

What is there to watch without football? March Madness is coming. Get your winnings from the Super Bowl, fill out the brackets and trash talk until your favorite team loses by one point in the last second to this year's Cinderella team.

We are only 50 games into the NBA season, but dunks do lift the spirit and there is a small chance someone is going to get tackled.

Baseball is in the “I can't believe they get paid that much” stage. By the time all 100 and something games are done in the regular season and the playoff series start, it will be football season again.

If you have never seen a UFC mixed martial arts fight, then you are missing out on some great knockouts. Just envision Rex Grossman as the guy getting his lights turned out and — instant fun.

Wrestlemania is an event as big as the Super Bowl. Even if you don't watch wrestling, there are fireworks, cheerleaders and violence by freakishly huge men.

Only the best participate in the matches and this year's headliner is the immortal phenom: The Undertaker. Relive your childhood and watch him walk to the ring in smoke with only the whites of his eyes visible.

Keep in mind that these are merely aids to alleviate the symptoms of PNSS. Sufferers of this disorder can not get better without help. Be on the lookout for symptoms among your friends and family.

If you receive a Valentine that reads “I love you more than Peyton Manning” Or “I will love you as long as Brett Favre plays football.” Then your loved one may need help.

Reach out and together we will all survive until draft day. Better yet, find a friend who gets the NFL network.♦

Govs beat TSU in blowout

“We haven't reached our potential yet. We want to win the whole conference and some more games beyond that.”

— Drake Reed, on the potential of the Govs



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Kyle Duncan looks to score against Tennessee State in the blowout 89-44 win. Duncan along with all of his teammates scored in the victory. The Govs will now travel to Akron Saturday in a ESPN bracket buster game. The Govs who were picked sixth in the preseason poll will at least finish in tie for first place.



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Derek Wright scored a team-high 16 points in the win. He also dished out four assists and got two steals. Wright was one of four players to score in double figures against TSU.

With victory, APSU gets at least tie of regular season title, number one seed in conference tournament

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

Ran out of the gym would be an understatement of what Austin Peay State University did to Tennessee State University in the 89-44 dominant win. All 12 of the Govs scored with junior Derek Wright leading the way with 16 points, and four assists.

“It's a great feeling to see our team getting together and starting to reach our potential,” said Wright. “To see all my teammates smiling and competing, it feels good.” Along with Wright, Drake Reed, Wes Channels and J.P. Felder all scored in double figures. The Govs took the lead early against the Tigers and never looked back. At the end of the half, APSU was up by 18, which included 13 by Reed. The Tigers would look to try and come back in the second half but only got the lead down to 16 before the Govs put the game on cruise control and took over for good.

“We wanted to come out in the second half and wrap things up,” said Reed. “We got hot a little bit and were able to put the game away.” Tennessee State couldn't get their shots to fall as they shot 23 percent for the whole game including 18 percent in the second half. The Govs shot 63 percent for the game and dished out more assists, 17 to 5. With the win the Govs get at least a tie of the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship and a

number one seed in the OVC tournament.

“We shot the ball well and ran our offense well,” said Loos. “We played together and were unselfish.” The Govs used early season motivation to prove their critics wrong as they were picked sixth in the preseason poll.

“I wasn't surprised we were picked sixth” said Loos. “I felt we were better and we certainly hoped we were, and I think we proved that.” The Govs now travel to Akron Saturday to play a team that has two players who played with LeBron James in high school.

“This win gives a lot of momentum and confidence going into this game,” said Loos. “Akron is a very good team so it gives us a great opportunity to represent Austin Peay and the OVC.

“Anytime you're going to be on ESPN, you don't need a lot to get amped up,” said Reed. “We haven't reached our potential yet. We want to win the whole conference and some more games beyond that.” After playing Akron on Saturday the Govs have three OVC games left with their first being against Tennessee Tech Feb. 20.

“Finding out who we were going to play and everybody's role and positions they were going to play has been the biggest difference between earlier this season and now,” said Loos. “We are rolling pretty good right now.”♦

OPINION

Walker a god among some APSU students

Deragatory statements will get you banned from APSU fans Web site

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Senior Staff Writer

After a long night of high school basketball games, I found myself wondering how the Govs basketball team was doing. Like any Austin Peay State University basketball fan would probably do, I flipped on the Govs radio station where they were battling it out with Tennessee State in Nashville.

I couldn't listen long.

The announcer leading me through the radio broadcast was none other than the infamous Greg Walker, whose voice sounded more like a sick bulldog trying to communicate with the basketball community.

His broadcast only lasted five minutes on my radio before I couldn't take it any longer. In that amount of time, not once was the score of the ballgame announced or even the time on the clock. Walker also had fun spouting off ridiculous phrases such as “the ball tickles the net” while also referring to the Govs as “we” at times, implying that fans shouldn't let the grandfather-like, non-athletic figure sitting on press row with the headphones fool you. He just might hop up from his spot and show those young whippersnappers on the court a thing or to about basketball.

I think there's a better chance of ESPN making the phone call to call Walker up to the big leagues — practically none in any lifetime.

In just five minutes, Walker had broken practically every rule in the book about being an objective journalist. As a journalist myself, I am offended that Walker is allowed to call himself a journalist or even have a title for that matter.

The only positive aspect of having Walker at APSU is to give the current broadcasting students a strong example of what not to do if they ever pursue a respective spot in the field.

What is so pathetic is, that's not all. To help further Walker's career, a group of Govs' fans have a Web site, which will not be named here to keep from giving an already disturbing career any more credit, that is dedicated to APSU basketball as well as, you guessed it, Walker.

Before entering the site, one must read through a form which states that anyone posting anything defamatory can be banned from the Web site.

Or, in simplistic, Walker terms, if you criticize anything or anybody the creators don't like, they'll be the 8-year-old kid who brought the kickball to play with.

They'll take their ball and go home and won't let you play anymore.

I have three words for the fans who think they have to have a discussion board on an exclusive Web site to discuss APSU men's basketball — get a life.

A group of guys on a discussion board are not going to bring up any remarkable revelations about the Govs that have not already been covered by the respected media in the area such as *The Leaf-Chronicle* or APSU Sports Information — both of which have been banned from the Web site since they think objectivity is a real world.

If it does take that much, these guys must really be Greg Walker fans.♦



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Returning Govs look to homer up wins

Gilboy, Lane hope to bat away OVC competition

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

When baseball season begins and the Austin Peay State University Governors take the field, fans expect to see many different things.

It can range from a well-executed double play to a leaping, home run stealing, out-field catch.

However, what brings fans to the games and makes them stand up and cheer is the echoing sound of a baseball being smacked and the sight of it disappearing over an outfield wall.

Two returning baseball players are hoping to inspire some cheers for APSU by swinging for the fences: Sophomore Ryan Gilboy and junior Jake Lane.

Gilboy was APSU's only first-team All-OVC selection last season.

He led the team with a .366 batting average and 54 RBIs. He tied one other player with five home runs and was one of the top three doubles and triples hitters on the team.

He has been working hard to improve his already impressive hitting this season.

"The biggest thing I am improving now is my pitch selection," said Gilboy. "I am trying to get more selective on my pitches and stuff like that because the people I am going to see a lot are probably going to use more off speed than last year because they know who I am."

"When you come off a good year, you always have some kind of pressure to perform," continues Gilboy. "I'm trying to take it in stride, just stay relaxed and work hard. If I do that, I'm pretty sure the results will follow."

Sharing some of that pressure is Jake Lane.

At a sturdy height of 6-3, big is the best way to describe Lane and how he struck the ball with 36 hits last year, including 34 RBIs and four home runs.

He also is working to improve his consistency and improve his last season batting average of .265.

"I am going to try and turn this year around and not let if fall off like last year," said Lane. "Keep hitting solid throughout the year. Just keep hitting nice without a slump. Keep my head up and keep everybody up."

The two players are not only confident in their ability to generate offense for the team but have faith that some of the 14 new members of their team will lend some offensive support.

"We just go out there and play the game like we know how to play it," said Lane. "Just go and get the W." ♦

Upcoming Govs baseball schedule

Feb. 16 versus Cincinatti

Feb. 18 versus Central Arkansas

Feb. 18 versus Cincinatti

Feb. 24 versus Western Michigan

Feb. 25 versus Western Michigan

Feb. 27 versus Vanderbilt



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Junior Jake Lane and sophomore Ryan Gilboy look to improve the Govs, who finished fifth in the OVC last year. Lane and Gilboy are two of the Govs top hitters. Lane had four home runs last season. Gilboy tied with one other player with five home runs and was one of the top three in doubles and triples last season.



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Jake Lane had 36 hits last season with 34 RBIs. He looks to improve his batting average from .265 a year ago.



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Gilboy looks to have another outstanding season after leading the team in RBIs and home runs last year as a freshman. Gilboy said he hopes to get more selective on his pitching and become an even better hitter.

Govs baseball ready to show its improvement



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The Govs have been practicing ready for the season to start. They play their first game Friday against Cinnccinatti. They were picked to finish fourth in the OVC after finishing fifth last year.

After losing six starters — including four of six hitters — APSU picked fourth in preseason poll

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

On Friday, Feb. 16 the baseball season opens for the Austin Peay State University Governors. After weeks of squeezing in practices around bad weather and playing each other in inner-squad, mini-games, the Govs are ready to face real opponents and start taking the steps necessary to win an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

"I am really looking forward to getting out there and start to beat up on other teams instead of each other all the time," said sophomore pitcher David Vicini. "It is going to be good to get out and see how our team meshes together in the beginning of the season and try to start off with a good start."

APSU was picked fourth in the OVC preseason poll behind Samford, Jacksonville State and Eastern Kentucky.

The Govs lost six starters from last year's team, including four of their top six hitters and two-time All-OVC catcher Tommy Smith.

Gary McClure is starting his 20th season as APSU's baseball head coach, and he has confidence in his five returning seniors and nine junior college transfers to fill the gaps this season.

"We have a really good group of seniors,"

McClure said. "We only have five, but they are all five good players."

"They are good kids, they are good students, and they are good leaders."

One of the returning seniors is pitcher Shawn Kelley.

After two strong seasons, Kelley is ready to step up and lead a deep and talented pitching staff that also includes senior reliever Matt Reynolds.

"I threw a lot last year, and I am looking forward to doing it again," said Kelley.

"We definitely lost some experience. But we have a lot of good new guys coming in. We should be in good shape."

In addition to pitching, the Govs agree that one of their strengths this season is defense.

They are confident in their ability to back up their pitchers and not allow a lot of runs this season.

"Our defense is outstanding," said second baseman J.B. Gilbert. "I think that if we hit a little bit, we will be really good."

McClure agrees: "We are playing really well defensively on the infield. I think we are going to have a good defensive club."

The Govs seem ready to improve on their

"We are going to get the work done. We are gonna go out there and show everybody what we got."

— David Vicini, on status of team

fifth-place OVC finish last year.

The players feel like they were underrated and are using the fourth-place prediction in the preseason poll as motivation to achieve success.

"It's good motivation because I think last year we should have done a lot better than we did and everybody knows it here," explains Vicini.

"We are going to get the work done. We are going to go out there and show everyone what we've got."

The team's optimism was as clear and sunny as the weather when they practiced last weekend. Making smart plays, sharp throws and communicating well on the field, it was obvious they have spring fever and are ready to play baseball against anyone.

When asked why people should come and watch the Govs play baseball, senior pitcher Andrew Bradley gave the best answer:

"It's going to be exciting. It's going to be high-energy baseball. The action isn't going to stop." ♦

Bacon scores 23 in Lady Govs' 81-72 win over Tennessee State

By MARLON SCOTT
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Last Monday night at the Dunn Center, the Austin Peay State University Lady Govs faced the Tennessee State University Lady Tigers after losing their last three games before the match-up. In addition, starters Alicia Watson and Keri Reese were not going to play.

Everyone was worried except the Lady Govs. Junior guard Amber Bacon led APSU with 23 points in their 81-72 victory over the Lady Tigers.

Bacon hit a pretty jumper to score the first two points. The Lady Govs moved the ball around well, allowing four of the five starters to score early and take the lead 10-6 in the first three minutes of the game.

"Everybody had to step up tonight," said senior forward Breana Link. "We had Alicia sick and other people not feeling well, so everybody had to step up and do what we needed to do."

Link had a double-double with 12 rebounds and 11 points. Turnovers and poor rebounding kept Tennessee State behind the whole first half.

Senior guard Sandra Hale made the first three point shot of the game with 14:21 left in the first half, putting the Lady Govs ahead 16-9. When Bacon made her first of three shots from behind the arc in the game with 18 seconds left in the half, the Lady Govs had increased their lead to 16 points, 45-29.

Despite shooting 45.8 percent (11-of-24) in the first half, the Lady Tigers only pulled down eight rebounds, compared to the Lady Govs' 23.

Tennessee State turned it around in the second half. APSU established its biggest lead of the game, 58-40, with 14:16 left in the game. That's when the Lady Tigers started closing the gap.

Freshman guard Nikki Rumph started a 16-2 run that brought the Lady Tigers within six points, 60-54.

Sophomore forward Obiageli Okafor led the Lady Tigers with a double-double, including 21 points and 12 rebounds. Okafor made two free throws to put the Lady Tigers within five points of the Lady Govs, 65-60, with 6:24 left in the game.

The Lady Govs lost their focus, but did not let

Tennessee State get any closer.

"I think the second half was pretty ugly," said head coach Carrie Daniels. "But an ugly win is better — I don't know that there is any pretty loss, so we will take the ugly win."

Bacon made a three-point shot to reestablish a 10-point lead after junior guard Ashlee Mcgee made two free throws.

Afterwards, Hale made five of six free throws in the last two minutes of the game to secure the APSU victory.

Junior center Kellea Reeves had 16 points and three rebounds including a key rebound after a missed free throw that she turned into a lay-up in the second half.

After the win, Reeves was already looking forward to the Lady Govs' last road game of the season against Tennessee Tech.

"We have got to go in there, ready to play hard, fight, box out and play defense," said Reeves.

"Because Tennessee Tech is a great team at home and we have to go in and give everything we've got." ♦



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Junior guard Amber Bacon led with 23 points in APSU's win against Tennessee State Monday night in the Dunn Center.