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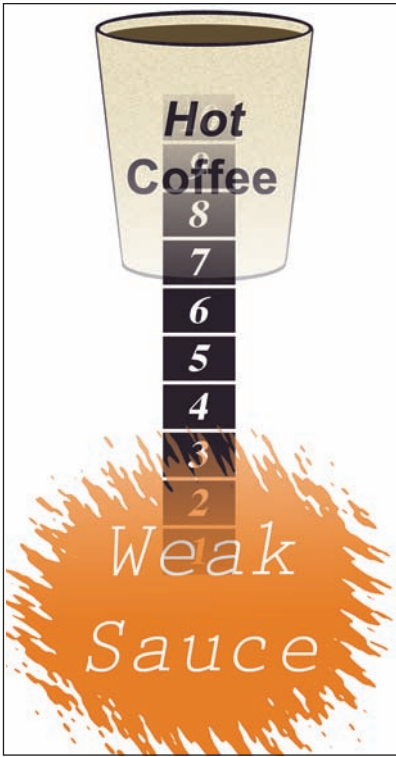
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APSU's ROTC battalion gears up for land navigation training at Fort Campbell in this file photo from October, 2005.

Recognition of the senior class gives APSU's program a chance to set the example

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Online Editor
Austin Peay State University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps received national recognition for its performance at the Leadership Development Assessment Course during the summer of 2005. Maj. Gen. W. Montague Winfield, commanding general of the United States Army Cadet Command, Department of the Army, sent a letter to APSU president Sherry Hoppe, commending the ROTC cadets.

The ROTC unit received a ranking in the top 15 percent for the 2004-2005 school year. Cadet Command has 272 ROTC units throughout the nation. "This accomplishment demonstrates excellence in the overall Army ROTC program and the hard work and competence of Austin Peay State University Cadets," Winfield said in his letter. The ROTC unit traveled to Fort Lewis, Wash., to participate in the course, which is held annually. The 30-day course tests the cadets

on what they have learned through the ROTC program. They participate in a garrison environment for the first 20 days and spend the last 10 days in the field conducting training exercises. Justin Roman, 24, a senior public management major, is a member of the cadet unit that received recognition. "I feel that our class did well during our warrior forge experience, and we hope we've set the example and enhanced the experience for their (junior ROTC class) training this summer," Roman said. More information can be found about the university's ROTC program on its Web site, www.apsu.edu/rotc. ♦



APSU offers new agents for change



Deanna Hensley
For SGA President
Junior, Chemistry

"I want to motivate SGA senators to get more active in legislation and getting out, finding what students have issues with. Also I plan to be more active on campus and in legislation before it happens."



Bryan Huffman
For SGA Vice President
Sophomore, Corporate Communication

"I would like to see SGA continue to progress. The main thing is for students to get involved and for their voices to be heard. The students are the driving force; without them, we wouldn't have an SGA."



Richard Longstreth
For SGA Vice President
Freshman, Political Science/History

"As SGA vice president, I would like to head up the Senate, and there's a lot more legislation coming in. So I would like to keep this trend going. Also I would like to work with the senators and have them get more involved with their constituents so that the student body is more represented."

Nick Pitts
For SGA President
Junior, Corporate Communications

"My plan is to be a voice that accurately reflects students' voices but that actively seeks out students' voices and the opinions of students."



SGA elections will be held
April 6-9 online at
apsu.edu

Jeremy Smith
For SGA Secretary
Sophomore, Political Science

"I hope to fulfill the responsibilities that are required of me if I am elected."



PHOTOS BY LOIS JONES/STAFF

Students make teachers pass the test

Web site allows students to view teachers' ratings before enrolling in class

By APRIL MCDONALD
Staff Writer
Austin Peay State University students can search among ratings of 418 APSU full time and adjunct professors, forcing them to "make the grade" at www.ratemyprofessors.com. "It's great to be able to look at what others thought of a professor before I chose my classes. This way I know how hard the class may be and can decide if I should wait until I have a lighter class load to take it," said Ashlee Parks a senior health and human performance major. Ratings are categorized by ease, helpfulness, clarity, overall quality and rater interest. Students can also insert their own comments on instructors and their classes. The "easiness" category is not included in the overall quality rating because it's the most controversial of the ratings. The helpfulness category rates the professor's helpfulness and approachability. Clarity is the most important classification, according to the site, and is based on how clear the professor is in presentation, organization and effectively using class time. The overall quality designation takes the average of helpfulness and clarity ratings and determines the type of "smiley face" that the professor receives. Rater interest is based on how interested the student was in the subject before taking the class. "There's a lot of comments on there about how they teach," said Jeisha Brown, a junior public management major. "I just read everyone's comments and go by that. That's how I picked my professors." There is also a "hotness" category added just for fun, where students can rate how good-looking they think the professor is. Someone from every school volunteers as a moderator for the school's site, checking ratings and professor additions daily, while also removing anything that is deemed inappropriate. Moderators are kept anonymous, and according to Jennifer Sinclair of ratemyprofessor.com, the company will not release their identity, saying, "They volunteer to be moderators, and we don't want to put any of our moderators in any kind of stressful situation by giving out their identity." Moderators also keep in contact with the company, and once they graduate then a link is placed on the schools homepage on the site for someone new to volunteer to be moderator. Comments or ratings may be removed by the moderator if certain guidelines are violated. Some of the "do's" include being honest, limiting your comments to the professor's professional abilities and trying to be objective. "Do not's" include talking about your professor's sex life, making any racist comments, posting ratings for people who do not teach at your school, using the comment area to talk about irrelevant subjects, signing your comment with any sort of identifying mark or e-mail address and threatening harm to a professor. According to www.ratemyprofessor.com, threatening harm will cause a student's

Physical plant calls on community for beautification project

By HOLLY MARTIN
Staff Writer
The physical plant is recruiting teams for the Sixth Annual Plant the Campus Red, which will take place on Saturday, April 22. Beginning at 9 a.m. in the McCord parking lot, volunteers from the Austin Peay State University faculty/staff, students and the local community will help plant over 5,000 plants and spread 150 cubic yards of mulch across campus. We have around 150 to 200 volunteers each year, said Lindsay Jackson, landscape manager and event coordinator. The participants will be divided into groups of five to 10, and spread throughout

"Plant a Campus Red is a beautification project that connects the APSU campus with the community and makes them feel like they are a part of it,"

– Lindsay Jackson, landscape manger and event coordinator

campus. Expert gardeners from the Master Gardener's Association of Montgomery County will lead the teams. "Come in shorts if it's hot, and plan on getting dirty," said Jackson. When the job is done, the volunteers will gather in the UC

plaza for lunch. "We normally grow all our own plants," said Jackson. "This year we bought them and saved \$400. We will continue to buy the plants only if it becomes economically feasible. I enjoy being able to grow the plants myself"

Geraniums in red and white were the majority of the plants purchased. However, marigolds, begonias, sweet potato vines, wave petunias and caladium were also in the mix. "Plant the Campus Red is a beautification project that connects the APSU campus with the community and makes them feel like they are a part of it," said Jackson. "As long as they show up with a good attitude, we're happy." Students and faculty/staff who are interested in volunteering should contact Brenda Harrison at harrisonb@apsu.edu or 221-7024. Volunteers who pre-register will receive a free T-shirt. ♦



Two smashed cars, above left, are barely distinguishable at a home destroyed by a tornado in Dyer County Sunday night. Several people died as the cyclone swept a 25-mile path through Western Tennessee.

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Rate my professor: Some teachers use the Web site for feedback as well

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rating to be deleted. The site will notify authorities and provide them with the user's IP address and the time the rating was posted.

In addition Sinclair says, "if someone posts like 10 [inappropriate] comments and makes it look like a different person each time, we can track the IP address, and we will delete the comments and block the IP address."

Federal law allows the site some

level of legal protection from libel and defamation suits because it hosts third-party comments. Sinclair adds, "Students have free speech rights, so if they feel that they want to give a teacher a comment, then it's their right to do that."

The site was created in 1999. Today more than 7.5 million students use the site each year to view the approximate 5,500 colleges and universities listed. More than 709,000 professors are rated.

Anyone can look at a few of the ratings, and make ratings without registering for the site. However once registered, students can freely view and track any ratings they have made.

If a student or professor finds something they believe is wrong, the site offers a link that can be used to report this information.

"I use the site, the same way as evaluations. I look at them as a whole in order to improve my teaching style," said Ramon Magrans, APSU Spanish professor. ♦

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03/06/06, 7:00p.m. Hand Village, criminal trespass, arrested: Andre F. Wildy, of 19D Lincoln Dr., Clarksville

03/14/06, 10:40p.m. Harvill Hall, minor possession of alcohol, arrested: Andrew J. Wilson, of 235 Elwood Dr., McKenzie

03/15/06, 6:32p.m. Meacham, theft of property

03/15/06, 5:10p.m. Meacham, theft of property

03/17/06, 9:00a.m. Sevier Hall, Harassment

03/17/06, 5:58p.m. Meacham, theft of property

03/19/06, 9:20p.m. Meacham Lot, motor vehide theft

03/20/06, 6:17p.m. Trahern, theft of property

03/20/06, 7:27p.m. Killibrew Hall, theft of property

Editor's Note: As per the Clery Act, federal law mandates campus crime logs be updated and open to public inspection within two business days of the initial report being made to the campus police.

For more details go to www.securityoncampus.org/schools/cleryact.



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Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Operation Fairy Godmother

Austin Peay State University's social sororities will host Operation Fairy Godmother on Saturday, April 8. The program was designed to help local high school girls attend spring prom by providing donated formal wear. Students will also have access to hair and makeup consultants. Donations are being accepted through Friday, April 7, in Morgan University Center 211 or at the Memorial Health Building Recreation office on Drane Street. All donations should be clean and in good condition. For more information contact Lindsay Mazer, at 221-7431 or email mazerl@apsu.edu.

Dance of Color

The African American Cultural Center is sponsoring the play Dance of Color which was produced, written and directed by students. The play will be in Clement Auditorium at 6 p.m., Wednesday April 5. The center can be reached at 221-6276 for information.

Financial aid for Fall 2006 & Spring 2007

All students who wish to apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year 2006-2007 will need to complete the 2006-2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information please contact your financial aid counselor at sfao@apsu.edu or 931-221-7907.

Weight Watchers at APSU

If you are looking for a way to lose weight and keep it off then Weight Watchers is for you. The meetings at Austin Peay are held in ten-week series and are open to anyone. Each meeting is approximately 45 minutes, including a private weigh-in. Please visit the website listed below for complete information (see special rate for APSU students). For more information please contact Lynne Yarbrough at yarbroughl@apsu.edu or 931-221-6844.

Tutors needed

High School Upward Bound needs tutors in math, English, science, social studies and Spanish. Please contact 221-6226 or come by Dunn 259 if interested. For more information contact John Howard at barfields@apsu.org or 221-6226.

Spring break soccer school

APSU soccer is offering a soccer clinic during the Montgomery County spring break. The clinic is for boys and girls ages 5-14 and will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. No experience is needed. The fee is \$90 for the week. Early dropoff and late supervision will be available for an additional fee. Call 221-7972 for information, or visit www.sureshotsoccer.com.

Latin dance classes

Free dance lessons with Juan Vazquez at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the fitness studio of the Drew Simmons Fitness Center. Classes end on Thursday, April 20. Sponsored by the Hispanic Culture Center and University Recreation. For more information please contact Tina Tarpey at 221-6645.

ASTAR coordinators

Applications are now being accepted for 2006 ASTAR Coordinators. For more information please contact Toya Richardson at 221-6100.

Teach in Spain

The Education Office of the Embassy of Spain is pleased to announce that the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science will be sponsoring a North American Language and Culture Assistant Program for elementary and secondary schools in Spain. This program enables US citizens to work as English Language Assistants in Spain for the school year 2006-2007. For more information please contact José Francisco Olivares Ruiz at norteamericanos@mec.es 202-728-2335.

Summer job opportunity

Tri-County Upward Bound is interested in hiring APSU students as resident advisors to supervise high schools students on campus from June 4 to July 15. Student must be at least 21 and have auto insurance. Stop by 223 Castle Heights or call 221-6410 for details.

Consider taking a Maymester geology course.

Physical and Historical Geology will be offered during the short semester before regular summer classes. Maymester session is only three weeks long (May 15 to June 2). Physical Geology lecture and lab classes (GEOL 1040, 1041) will be taught by Dr. Phyllis Camilleri and the Historical Geology lecture and lab classes (GEOL 1050, 1051) will be taught by Dr. Jack Deibert. For class times see http://www.apsu.edu/schedule/068_GEOL.HTM.

OUR TAKE

Reasons for Mexico study abroad suspension kept secret by administration

Last week, our staff writers covered a story about the audit of the Mexico study abroad program that was put on hold because of “irregularities in the program” and President Sherry Hoppé’s “concern for student safety.” The problem is that no one is talking about the events that led to this audit. The only information given concerned an “incident” involving students from another university who thought they would receive transferable credits by participating in Austin Peay State University’s program.

This doesn’t sound like the need for safety concerns. What is the real reason behind the audit and suspension of the study abroad program in Mexico? Why is the university being so secretive? What are they trying to hide? It’s impossible to get a straight answer out of the administration.

Even professor Ramon Magrans, who has been overseeing the program for the past 23 years, is in the dark as to the reasons behind this audit and the reasons for the hold on the course. If Magrans, the man who is practically in charge of the program, is unaware of what is going on, then it is worth looking into if there is something deeper behind this than just expectations of transferable credits. The Spain study abroad program is now being pushed, but that culture is not the same as the one in Mexico.

Hispanic/Latino is the fastest growing culture in the United States and it is pertinent that students educate themselves in order to avoid stereotypical assumptions about these citizens. The Mexico course gives students the opportunity to learn firsthand about the Mexican culture and is still bringing in money for APSU.

Also, Spain only offers three hours of classroom time, while Mexico offers eight. Mexico sounds like the better deal for educating students and they get more for

their money.

Focusing on the motives behind this audit is important. Magrans posted a letter on his door from Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Bruce Speck telling him to “not engage in giving students advice about study abroad programs.” All questions are to be addressed to Susan Calovini, head of languages and literature. “In other words, I am re-emphasizing that you have no communication with students about study abroad programs,” the letter concluded.

If the administration will be this secretive over a course for students, what else will they or are they hiding from us? Once again, the administration forgets that students have a right to know any information regarding their education.

The point has been brought up in *The All State* many times that if not for the students, APSU would not be in business. Considering that we are its backbone, we have every right to be informed on the behind-the-scenes aspect of our school. Wouldn’t this information better serve us in deciding for ourselves what is in our best interests?

The administration apparently doesn’t think so. They treat us all like children. We are educated adults.

Traditional and non-traditional students alike deserve to know everything that affects us. What will it take for Hoppe and her followers to understand this? Maybe they think that we don’t know what we’re talking about and should mind our own business.

Well, this audit of the Mexico program is our business; the motives behind it are our business. And if they really do think we don’t know what we’re talking about, maybe they should shed some light on the subject, especially considering the alleged involvement of student safety issues. ♦

America’s procedures seen as hypocritical, egotistical

A friend recently asked me, “Kasey, are you proud to be an American?” to which I said, “No.” He said, “Well, would you want to live anywhere else?” and once again I said “No.” I far too much enjoy all the

luxuries that come with being an American but still feel remorseful for the paths taken to accomplish these high standards of living.

The indulgences that we have so come to expect have come through the oppression and physical infliction of other races and cultures. No pride

should be taken for raising one’s standard of living through the decreasing of another’s. What does it really mean to be an American? When addressing this question, we must look outside the source. For many Americans, this question is black and white; it is an isolated query, thus independent of the concern and influence of other cultures. Are we even asking the crucial question? Do we acknowledge outside opinions of ourselves and use them to help mold our own? I would say that we are not. Yet, what defines an American is not just an American; everyone else had a part in defining us, just as we have a part in defining them.

To not acknowledge this point is to employ the blatantly ignorant attitude which has caused my discontent. This independent perspective we have of ourselves becomes oppressive to others. When there is a lack of consideration for other viewpoints, we Americans, are implying that others’ views are not valid and are therefore subordinate.

What it means to be an American is too often approached at a microscopic level pertaining to the individualistic concerns of one person. People think that being American guarantees God-given civil liberties to which all human beings should be entitled. While this is true in theory, we are contradicting ourselves through our practice of American actions that do not support American idealism from a global perspective. We do not succeed in helping other cultures enjoy these same liberties.

Example 1: Our lavish lifestyles are consumer-driven and even our daily purchases make a statement to the rest of the world. These statements have led to imposing non-progressive lifestyle to weaker and tyrannical-led nations.

Take Indonesia for example. With the American demand on the shoe industry, we have indirectly forced upon Indonesia workers a serf class. Americans oppose inhumane labor wages when it comes to our lifestyles, but we sacrifice this standard when it is necessary for the luxuries to which we have become accustomed at another country’s expense. This is twenty-first century slavery.

It would be an injustice to this question if we were not to ask this question at a macroscopic level. How we interact with

other countries should be the determining factor in how we define ourselves as Americans. Without acknowledging outside views of ourselves, we are exemplifying a form of oppression deeply rooted in a prejudice to which we think we are immune. We are saying to outsiders is that they are inferior by not acknowledging their perspective, but we think they should acknowledge ours.

When we define what it means to be American, opinions from within ourselves are necessary. These opinions though, can only be seen holistically through our international encounters. The questions we Americans need to ask ourselves are, “How does our American self-image hold up to others’ aspects? Are they the same?” The answer to that is “No.” We have much higher regard for ourselves than any other culture does.

Example 2: The Guatemala Crisis gives evidence to our arrogance and hypocrisy. This poverty-stricken country has suffered directly from American action. Maybe we should ask Guatemalan citizens their opinions of America. Guatemala has a reputation for having one of the worst developmental environments in world.

This is due to extreme poverty, high illiteracy rates, and an unbalanced system of wealth with approximately 10 percent of the elite controlling more than half of the wealth. When a chance for reform came around (early 1950s), the United States turned its back on civil duties and Guatemalans by supporting a dictatorship. This dictatorship protected the views of the elite minority and, of course, U.S. interests (political pull and cheaply produce imports). Little American action has been made since supporting the cruel dictatorship that would help the struggling country, and their unbalanced system of wealth and poor economy continue to be a crippling factor for the vast majority of its citizens. What do you think Guatemalans think about being an American? Our actions don’t stand up to our beliefs.

Don’t take me as un-American for thinking critically about our country. My intent is not to be un-American, but I’m not the only one with these same frustrations. Recently, in a Gallup/Harris Interactive poll released on March 13, 86 percent of the (American) responses favored not having a country anymore.

The majority cited their reasoning being that there is a “lack of significant result from the current democratic process.” I’m not ready to take that stance. Although our carrying out our American ideology has its flaws, I still believe it can be improved. Improvement is the key. To improve is to remain dynamic and accept change.

These issues must urgently be addressed in order for any kind of justice to prevail. What I seek is the fundamental essence of being American. What I seek is liberation. In order to achieve liberation, we must understand and acknowledge other ways of seeing. We must realize what we are supporting with our actions and how that affects the rest of the world.

Or we can always shout “Amen!” of what Chris Rock once said, “God bless America, and no one else!” ♦



YOUR TAKE

Mr. Campbell:

The article “Public information free however difficult to obtain” (March 22) attributes a statement concerning the (lack of) applicability of Tennessee law governing public documents that to me is quoted out of context.

During your recent interview with me, we talked extensively about Tennessee laws regarding public documents and access to “public meetings.”

We even discussed specific examples of requests for information contained in routinely maintained records or files of the university and how they differ from requests to create a special report requiring staff research and analysis.

The quote contained in the portion of the article about requests for documents was actually made in response to your question about whether meetings of university officials were public meetings thereby permitting any interested person to attend. My response was that laws dealing with “public meetings” were generally directed to elected officials, legislative bodies and decision making boards/committee/commissions and that they did not apply to meetings typically conducted by university administrators.

You then asked the follow-up question, “How could students learn how to operate in an environment where openness was the expectation?” To which I responded that the meetings and activities of the Student Government Association provide an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the concept. I should also point out that students are also provided with opportunities for participation and input in university decisionmaking by being routinely and widely included on university committees, including but not limited to the President’s Cabinet, faculty search committees, hearing panels, etc. I hope I have refreshed your

recollection of our discussion and that you will take the necessary steps to clarify the erroneous impression given by your article. For the record, Austin Peay State University is subject to and complies with requests for information pursuant to Tennessee public records law.

Richard E. Jackson, J.D.
Vice President
Legal Affairs & Strategic Planning

Austin Peay State University:

The men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. of the Theta Beta Chapter would like to extend an apology for the actions and or behaviors unbecoming of our organization. It has come to our attention that certain behaviors during the Fall semester 2005 may have been misconstrued or demeaning and/or insulting toward women.

This was not our intent; we see women as vital components of our society and we would especially like to extend a sincere apology to any women who may have been offended during the fall 2005 academic school term.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is an organization based on an achievement.

As a premier Greek letter organization on Austin Peay State University campus, we strive to assist in the aims and purpose of this great institution.

Mareco Thomas
President
Kappa Alpha Psi

Scientific theories, just theories

I recently wrote an article about evolution vs. religion, and I have just read a reader’s response to it. There are a few questions that come to my mind when people think about the evolution religion. First off, what is the origin of the universe?

Students are taught today that 20 billion years ago, “nothing” exploded into everything. Somehow all of these fragments of this nothing somehow pulled

themselves together in a frictionless environment and formed the planets as we know it. Heavy storms on Earth created a primordial soup which came form rain on rocks. Then the soup came alive and thus the creation of man.

Another thing that I find interesting is which reproductive organ evolved first. Scientific theory states that we probably evolved from a sort of bacteria which is a much better reproducer than us humans.

So why did we stop reproducing asexually and just decided to have sex to reproduce? If either of the sexual organs evolved first, wouldn’t it be impossible to reproduce without the other? Strange how we “evolve.”

Another question that I come up with is how we even get around to evolving. I was taught that it was through mutations which made creatures better so their offspring would survive.

Well, I have never seen an example of a good mutation. Even the textbooks only have examples of bad mutations. When have we ever seen an example of a good mutation?

I love it when people try to use fossils as evidence for evolution. The only thing fossils prove is something died.

They don’t know if it even had offspring, or different offspring at that. Any fossil record is not proof for evolution.

Lots of bones in the dirt are evidence for a great flood a few thousand years back. That’s about it.

Well, I hope to receive some answers to my questions. I am not saying to teach Creation, but schools shouldn’t teach either. Scientists have faith in their evolutionary theory much like we Christians have faith in God. If there are any questions just please ask me and I would be glad to find an answer for you.

Chris Whitson
Freshman
Psychology

Hurricane Katrina victims hurt as America encumbered by premature cooperation

Does America suffer from premature cooperation? When Hurricane Katrina hit there were countless numbers of people around the country offering help, money and support for the victims. Thousands flocked to the mangled cities to help rebuild lives and



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Micheal
Weakley

shape the future for these distraught people. There was a homemaker show completely dedicated to helping the victims. On this campus several

organizations, fraternities, sororities and staff were all coming together in an effort to help. Now it has all come to a dead stop. It is as though we feel we do enough to show an effort then the problem will go away. Wrong answer!

Countless numbers of homeless and helpless people spread throughout lower parts of Mississippi and Louisiana still need help. I feel that the negative media

“About 100,000 people lost their homes, families, jobs and belongings; some even lost their lives. Is it really too much for volunteers to have to rough it for the weekend?”

has shown mishandling of money, support and the reckless way that the (cough) Bush (cough) administration has handled this has made some weary of offering additional help. However, the problem still exists. If you cannot donate money, donate your time.

There is an organization called Common Ground that still needs volunteers. What they ask is two days of service offering to help rebuild or build homes, and help with distribution of materials and supplies or whatever else is needed. Now do not expect to go to New Orleans as some have (and later complained) and expect four or even three star accommodations.

Most organizations recommend that you bring a tent or utilize “creative sleeping options,” in other words, sleep in your car. You might be thinking, “Well that sucks. They should at least offer the volunteers a place to stay.” About 100,000 people lost their homes, families, jobs and belongings; some even lost their lives. Is it really too much for volunteers to have to rough it for the weekend? There are limited numbers of dorm situations, but I respectfully say, let those in need use them.

My best friend and I are going on Easter weekend. We both feel that of all weekends to go, Easter makes the most sense. We are all out of school for Good Friday. You can drive down Thursday evening, wake up Friday morning and help build a house for some family. You will end the day extremely tired but hopefully a little more content with your existence, knowing that you helped out people in need. Your family will understand if you are not there on Easter Sunday or you might even ask them to go and make it a family adventure. Make a change. Rebuild lives. It should be a part of your human experience. The website for one of the organizations that is approved by the government is. Check it out! ♦

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Creation of 9/11 movies come sooner than should

If you've not already heard, Universal Studios will be releasing a movie on April 28 called "United 93." For those of you who don't know, this was the plane that went down in a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001. The film will focus on the 40 passengers on board that fought back against the hijackers.

It has been five years since the 9/11 attacks and Hollywood is once again trying to make money off of tragedy.

Paul Greengrass ("The Bourne Supremacy") is writer-director of "United 93." He claims to have been

respectful and accurately portrayed the catastrophe.

He got unanimous support from family members of the crash and involved them in the making of the film by researching as much information as he could gather. These family members believe the stories of their departed should be told. Perhaps someday, but I think it is too soon.

These family members want everyone to remember this disaster and the heroic acts that took place.

But honestly, how can anyone forget? It's hard for me to not break down as I write this article. Horrific images flash through my mind as I recall the live footage.

I, as well as every other American citizen, was devastated as I watched these events unfold.

How could anyone forget plans crashing into the tower? How could anyone put out

Strong government is a limited government; United States's big government repeatedly falls flat

During the past year, one of the philosophical justifications for the Bush administration's approach to government has collapsed. It held that President Bush was a "big-government conservative," or in the more striking formulation of the influential, Bush-friendly journalist Fred Barnes, a "strong-government conservative."

In theory, strong-government conservatism is alluring.

If government is going to do something, it ought to do it well. In practice, however, strong-government conservatism has mostly been a rationalization for lazy and politically expedient accretions to government.

It hasn't given us a strong government, but a further-sprawling government that in many ways is contemptible.

Take the response to Hurricane Katrina. The Department of Homeland Security should be a perfect forum for strong government. Congress and the president identified a goal — preventing terrorists from attacking us on our soil — and named a new federal department after it: Homeland Security.

They threw 22 disparate government agencies together, apparently on the theory that bigger is stronger.

In the House report on Katrina, there was one target for criticism that has gone unnoticed — big government itself. The report notes how important it was to share information "within agencies" and "across departments." It didn't happen: "Unfortunately, no government does these things well, especially big governments."

Another signature Bush foray into expansive government is the Medicare prescription-drug plan. It takes one of the nation's problems — exploding

of their minds the desperate people who had to choose between jumping out of a window or burning to death?

How could anyone not remember rescue crews who helplessly tried to save the unsaveable, the terrible feeling of angst when the towers came crashing down, the Pentagon exploding or the heroes on United Airlines Flight 93 who sacrificed themselves by deterring terrorists' plans to take even more lives? You can't! It's impossible! And it's too soon to make movies about these events.

There are still open wounds, broken hearts and lots of healing to take place in our nation before Hollywood gets involved. According to Newsweek, "Universal...plans to donate 10 percent of its open weekend gross to the Flight 93 National Memorial Fund." Is that it? You've got to be kidding me.

If you want to be fair, at least 50 percent of all proceeds should go to this fund. After all, if not for these people giving their lives there would be no lives to exploit.

"United 93" is not the only film coming out during the five year anniversary of this American calamity.

Oliver Stone will be releasing "World Trade Center" on August 9. While "United 93" has unknown actors, Nicholas Cage will be starring in Stone's movie.

Maybe these directors think it's a story that needs to be told. Maybe they think the victims' last moments need to be brought to our attention. Maybe so.

But these aren't movies of fiction; they're real events with real people who died horrifically at the hands of terrorists. We all remember this.

The making of these films comes too soon to stomach. Let the wounds heal and allow America time to recover.

Don't exploit a five year anniversary for the sake of Hollywood glory and money. ♦



Focus on conquered cultures prevents unity of civilizations

During the "Gran Marcha" against immigration legislation, which took place in Los Angeles this past week, a group calling itself the "Mexica Movement" prominently displayed signs attesting to the ownership of the entire North American continent by indigenous peoples.

The group, which has become increasingly prominent during the immigration debate, advocates the removal of all people of European ancestry from the Western Hemisphere.

It claims that by 2100, the demographics will exist to make this removal a real possibility.

It is an argument that carries a great deal of emotional weight in certain circles.

However, the Mexica Movement is based on a theory of racial purity and identity that absolutely conflicts with historic and present-day reality.

In the sordid catalogue that is human history, true innocence is hard to find.

Thus, the claim of the Mexica Movement to a priority ownership of land is one that nearly every people of every race and ethnicity, past or present, could make against some other group.

Truly indigenous Spaniards could make the claim against the Romans, Visigoths and Arabs.

The vanished Harappan civilization of ancient India could make the claim against the Aryan peoples that came east from present-day Iran.

The Jews could make the claim

against Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans and others.

Indigenous Turks and any number of other central-Asian nomadic peoples could make the claim against the Mongols. Kurds have their claims against Turkey, Iraq and Iran.

Tibetans and others have a case against China, just as China has a case against a number of other nations.

Islamic civilization did not spread from Spain to China by invitation, but by force of arms. Christianity came to North and South America in the same way.

When the latter arrived, the native peoples of those two continents were engaged in their own tribal and inter-civilizational conflicts.

In the North, some indigenous tribes west of the Mississippi were destroyed or subjugated by more powerful tribes and confederacies coming from the east.

Those tribes were in turn slaughtered, dispossessed and subjugated by European settlers.

In what is now Mexico, the Aztecs had risen to prominence through wars of conquest and extermination that eliminated earlier civilizations.

In the early part of the Middle Ages, western Europeans barely survived invasions from north, east, and south— from Scandinavians, Magyars and Arabs respectively. A few hundred years before, Germanic tribes had destroyed the Roman Empire, as the Romans had destroyed the Carthaginians in North Africa before that.

The tribes that inhabited modern-day Spain, France and Belgium were conquered and some were enslaved by Rome, as were the tribes that inhabited present-day England and part of Germany.

In time, their descendants would make forays into Africa to enslave and conquer peoples who at

various times engaged in wars of conquest and enslavement against other African peoples.

In West Africa, some of the first Europeans were greeted by chieftains who owned white slaves from the Balkans, procured from the Ottomans through Arab traders using Jewish intermediaries.

The point is, the list of the dispossessed is also a list of conquerors, and the list of slaves is also a list of the enslaved, depending on what era you choose to look at.

The question as to what then should be the statute of limitations regarding history is an important one to which we should devote some thought.

It is important because our failure to address it honestly, to focus on recriminations of people mostly long dead, prevents there ever being an end to the insanity of war.

Likewise the entire "indigenous peoples" argument needs to be addressed in light of the reality that lies in its inevitable conclusion; a worldwide ethnic-cleansing massacre predicated on the unbelievably stupid premise that purity— racial, ethnic, political, religious or otherwise — is achievable and desirable.

Hundreds and even thousands of years of intermixture between all of these various groups has produced a situation in which the majority of earth's population is no longer pure anything.

If anthropologists and paleontologists are right in saying that we all have a common ancestry stemming from southern Africa then the notion has never had a basis in fact.

It is a lot easier to work the problem from that starting point than from the other way around. Indeed, acceptance of our common origins may be the only chance we have of avoiding common annihilation. ♦

Native Americans deserve equal sensitivity, not stereotypical mascots and caricatures

Nobody here is setting buildings on fire to protest a cartoon, yet the quintessentially American March Madness arrived with a quintessentially American scuffle about cartoons.

For the first time, no "mascots, nicknames or images deemed hostile or abusive in terms of race, ethnicity or national origin" will be allowed at the collegiate basketball championship tournament, ordered the NCAA.

The rule applies only to "mascots, nicknames or images deemed hostile or abusive" to Indians.

Political correctness run amok, reply conservatives. "When, in the multiplication of entitlements, did we produce an entitlement for everyone to go through life without being annoyed by anything, even a team's nickname?" wrote George Will.

Would that it were as simple as the cultural commissars of the left and right have decreed. What's more American than mom, apple pie — and painting ethnic issues in black and white?

Which brings us to the issue of skin color.

Will seems to believe it is never, ever, OK to demand an "entitlement" just because a team's nickname causes annoyance.

But imagine that someone buys the Washington football team and decides to honor the millions of African-Americans in its home market by renaming it the Blackskins. Actually, it's unimaginable. Why? Because it's also unimaginable that sane people — conservative columnists included — would claim anyone "annoyed" by Blackskins was merely a lefty looking for an "entitlement"

The nickname is unmistakably offensive, and demanding a name change is a perfectly sensible position, far from the ultra-sensitivity of mere political correctness.

Of course, the actual name of Washington's NFL franchise is the Redskins.

One is just as legitimately entitled — that word again — to feel insulted by it as by a "skin" of any other color. If the NCAA can ban offensive names, why doesn't the NFL?

It's not the only such case. The bucktooth Chief Wahoo character of the Cleveland Indians is the moral equivalent of the hooknosed

Jew. Why does the team continue to use it?

Two reasons. One, the voice of Native Americans is too easily ignored because it is not as loud as other voices. And two, Native Americans lose credibility when they claim that every single Indian sports reference is inherently insulting.

One can easily see why the Chief Wahoo caricature is insulting, but it gets more difficult to sympathize with the cause when Alcorn State "Braves" and Arkansas State "Indians" (on the NCAA's — dare I say it? — blacklist) are said to be bad too simply because of their name.

Neither seems particularly offensive.

Arkansas State's logo features a hand holding an arrow. Alcorn State is a historically black college that barely emphasizes anything Indian beyond the "Braves" nickname.

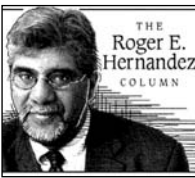
In a country where people knew to put aside ideological blinders long enough to tell the difference between an offensively bucktoothed caricature of an Indian and just the word "Indian," nobody would think these things needed regulation, and nobody would complain about overbearing regulations. ♦

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Kasey's random thoughts

• The real reason the highs and lows are offered every night on the weather report is to satisfy the large gambling industry of betting on the weather.

• If interstate means, "connecting two or more states," Hawaii has been misleading people for almost half a century.
—By Kasey Henricks, Staff Writer

Word of the Week:

xebec — (zee-BECK) *noun*. a usually 3-masted Mediterranean sailing ship with long overhanging bow and stern.

Etymology: modification of French *chebec*, from Arabic *shabbAk*.
—www.m-w.com

Today in the Past:

1965
My Fair Lady and Julie Andrews win

Movie musicals sweep the Oscars on this day in 1965. My Fair Lady won Best Picture, and its star, Rex Harrison, won Best Actor. Singer-actress Julie Andrews won Best Actress for her role in Mary Poppins.

1931
Fox drops John Wayne

Fox Film Corp. drops John Wayne from its roster of actors. Wayne had started playing bit parts at the studio in 1928 after working on the lot as a laborer. His performances evidently failed to impress the studio, and Wayne spent the next eight years playing mediocre parts in 80 films.

—www.historychannel.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"love"

"Love is everything it's cracked up to be... It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for."

Erica Jong, O Magazine, February 2004

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APSU student remains positive

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Some people are chosen by God for special missions. Some people also have amazing stories to tell. One of these people attends Austin Peay State University. He is an instant inspiration to all who get the chance to meet him and witness his persona and personality.

Lloyd Michael Harris, Jr. was born Oct. 21, 1975 in Dickson, County. He is a health and human performance major at APSU. He also is a junior and a straight-A student. As a matter of fact, he has been on the Dean's list every semester he's been here, including the summer semesters.

On Jan. 4, 1999, Harris was in an accident that resulted in his current use of hooks for hands. Despite this, he has a very positive outlook on life and his condition.

"Everybody has problems... just you can see some of mine," Harris said.

Harris is unfazed by the stares of strangers when he goes out in public. "That doesn't bother me the least bit. It's something that's not ordinary. If you see a pink elephant walk by, you would look," Harris explained.

When Harris was 23 years old, he had a job working on power lines. One day, he was struck with 2200 volts. The volts entered through his neck and came out through his arms. Harris stopped breathing when this occurred. However, his quick-thinking co-workers pulled him off the truck he was on. When his body slammed to the ground, he started breathing again.

"When I woke up two weeks later, I didn't have any skin on my arms," Harris said. The voltage burned his lower arms, as well as his right ear, which also had to be removed. The doctors had to pull muscles out of his back to repair the back of his neck. Harris also was given hair transplants. Over time, Harris had undergone 25 surgeries. Regardless of the physical changes, Harris is happy to be alive after what many considered could have been a fatal accident.

"I was glad to be alive," Harris said. "God had a reason for me to stay around. [The accident] could've and should've killed me."

None of these events changed Harris mentally. He's never seen a psychiatrist or taken anti-depressant pills. He always has had a strong mind and a positive outlook on things.

Harris wants to be a grade school football coach, a job that combines two of his goals: to be an inspiration to the younger generation and to be involved in one of his favorite hobbies, sports. Harris was an excellent athlete before his accident.

"I've always been very competitive," Harris said.

He used to play tennis, golf, football and basketball often. He's even been racing horses since he was 5 years old. Weightlifting was also a common practice for Harris, and in the long run, it helped to save his upper arms. He explained that if he hadn't worked out all those years and built up muscle mass, he would've lost his arms from



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Michael Harris is a junior majoring in health and human performance.

the shoulders down.

Harris is enjoying the atmosphere of APSU. "It's been refreshing," said Harris. He admires his professors and the friendly students on campus. He is on his way to receiving his master's degree.

David Arnett, an assistant professor at APSU, is Harris' Transitions and World Literature teacher. "He's a brilliant, remarkable person," observed Arnett. "In fact, he leads the discussions very often and very effectively."

Getting around is not very difficult for him, although he is still learning techniques that make things easier. Things began kind of rough. "It took me forever to get to where I could shave," Harris said. Harris gets around just as well as anyone else. He even drives using a stick shift.

He was raised by his grandparents until he was 12 years old. "They were a major influence on me," Harris said. "They're good people."

When he was 18, Harris began to travel around the world. He's been to Canada, Mexico and all over the United States. In fact, Harris still travels every day he has school. He drives from Pepway, drops off his 2-year-old son at daycare and then drives to Clarksville. In total, it's a three-hour trip.

"I'm as happy as the next man," Harris said. He wants to be an inspiration to other people, proving that no matter what happens to a person, he or she can still reach goals. He also strives to inspire his son, Lloyd Michael Harris III. He wants his son to see that he did not let his accident defeat him.

Harris still goes to school and takes care of responsibility like other people. "I think a person's confidence within themselves is what allows them to achieve whatever they achieve in life," Harris said. He naturally has a positive energy others could quickly learn from. "I feel like I'm doing what I was meant to do." ♦

Free Latino dance lessons taught on APSU campus

JESSICA LAVELY

Staff Writer

Time to get those dancing shoes on. There are Latino dance lessons being held at the Drew Simmons Fitness Center at Austin Peay State University.

Classes are taking place every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. Classes started March 23 and end April 20. So hurry before the fun ends.

The classes are laid back and yet professional. "Our instructor is a certified dance teacher," said Julian Juan-Vasquez. "He's taught Merengue, Salsa and will teach the Cha-Cha in our next lesson." Juan-Vasquez is from Clarksville and is part of the HOPE organization [a Hispanic organization dedicated to the progress of Hispanic heritage in society].

"We met him at the Immaculate Conception Church where he coordinated an ESL [English as a Second Language] class," says Tina Tarpy, president of Pi Nu. "By the end of the class we can do the whole passage of the dance taught in that hour," Tarpy said.

Juan-Vasquez also teaches the basic steps to ballroom dancing, which is the foundation of many dances in any culture. Want to impress someone with some "sweet" moves? Come to a session and just check it out.

Not only does it give you skills that many people can't say they have, but it is also a good workout.

Dancing stretches muscles, helps the circulatory system and helps burn calories while having fun. "It's better than just being on a treadmill alone," Tarpy says. "It's proven that if you have a partner and the activity is fun, the 'exercise' doesn't seem like work... but more of a 'play.' Grab a partner and cha cha cha!"

The program is sponsored by the fitness center, PAC (Programming Allocation Committee) and the Hispanic Culture Center. Come join the fun and participate in the Dance Lessons. And of course, men are needed to partner up with a lady, so come on guys.

For more information visit the Hispanic Culture Center or contact the Drew Simmons Fitness Center. ♦



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Latino dance lessons are held in the Memorial Health Building Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Art Show

LOIS JONES

Staff Writer

What is art? That has been the question for hundreds of years. This year Austin Peay State University's 38th Annual Student Art Show will mix what is considered "traditional" art and "controversial" art in varied mediums.

With over 100 entries, the juried show will have 48 accepted pieces. This year's juror is Gina Binkley. Binkley is an APSU alumna and a Grammy nominated illustrator and designer.

Robb Fladry has two entries in this year's show. Fladry won last year's Best of Show with his sculptural video piece titled "Exalt the new God." Fladry's pieces this year are titled, "American Dreams" and "Without a Face." Both are sculptural video pieces. Fladry said, "American Dreams" is about John F. Kennedy and my theory that everyone wants to be president at some point in their life; "Without a Face" is a look into the thought



LOIS JONES/STAFF

"President" is a silk screen by Megan Ellis depicting President Bush.



LOIS JONES/STAFF

"Golden" is a deep fried American flag created by William Gentry.

processes of human beings."

William Gentry was last year's first place winner with his piece, "napalm burned wood with aluminum teeth." Gentry's piece this year is titled "Golden," a deep-fried American flag. Gentry said, "this piece is my commentary on the obesity epidemic in America."

Megan Ellis has a piece titled "President." It is an Andy Warhol-style silkscreen with four head shots of President Bush with a subtitle under each shot; "racist," "sexist," "hypocrite," "president." Ellis said, "It started as a class project, and I like controversy rather than a silkscreen about hearts."

Five awards will be presented, including Best of Show, First, Second, Third and a new category, Best Design for graphic design. The 38th Annual Student Art Show runs from April 10-30 with the opening reception 7-9 p.m., April 10. ♦

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Ice Age heats up box office



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Manny gets troubling news from Fast Tony, voiced by Jay Leno.

JASON DRUMM
Features Editor

The weather this weekend was warm to say the least. However, those who watched “Ice Age: The Meltdown” had a different experience all together.

“Ice Age” made in excess of \$68 million last weekend alone. The movie stars the voices of Ray Romano (Manny), John Leguizamo (Sid) and Denis Leary (Diego). They are still the stars and ‘odd pack’ of animals, just like in the first “Ice Age” movie.

Along the way, a few new characters, which are just as lovable and hilarious, are introduced. One new character the odd pack meets is Ellie (Queen Latifah), a new girl mammoth. Jay Leno also talks the crazy creature, Fast Tony.

As usual, the film features that acorn-obsessed squirrel. Unlike the

first film, “The Meltdown” lets us see more of the squirrel’s battle for the ultimate acorn. The squirrel scenes lighten the mood and hold the suspense during those ‘edge of your seat’ moments.

There are a whole new group of problems the pack faces from “We’re all gonna die!” from Sid to getting along with new acquaintances. The only problem I had with the film was a song broke out of nowhere. Last time I checked this wasn’t a Disney.

All in all, “Ice Age: The Meltdown” is a great movie. Only rated PG, the film is appropriate for children but throws in plenty of humor for people of all ages.

You can go ahead and get the extra large drink with free refills; the movie isn’t drastically long. Take a friend, laugh together and enjoy the flick. ♦

‘Held ‘em’ up in tourney



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
University Recreation hosted a “Texas Hold ‘Em” tournament on Monday in UC 111 for a night of fun. No one counted cards, and everyone had a chance to practice their poker faces. The entry fee was \$10.

Jeremy Lister’s ‘Shooting Star’ lands in Nashville

BECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

Jeremy Lister, like most musicians, always wanted to be a musician. Also like most musicians, Lister began his career humbly. “I knew from a very early age that music was what I wanted to be doing,” said Lister. “I was a band and choir nerd and was the artsy kid around school.”

Lister is still the artsy kid, but on a bigger scale. He’s the artsy kid in the Nashville music scene, and he’s created quite the buzz.

Hailing from Mississippi, the singer/songwriter came to Nashville as a self-promoting machine, wisely passing out demos to anyone he met in the business, “which was most everyone, being that this is Nashville,” said Lister.

But his hard work paid off and he is now a staple in the scene. Lister is booked on nearly any given day all over Nashville. He also plays select shows in the Kentucky area.

He has released a six-song album, ‘Shooting Star’ (1999) and is in the process of working out the kinks in a major label deal. Lister is also heavily involved in Movement Nashville, a network of local artists that play together and promote one another.

But no matter who he’s playing with or where he’s playing, Lister always brings his one-of-a-kind sound with him. His music flows and creates an ambiance, one that



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Coming from Mississippi, Jeremy Lister brings with him a unique sound. is reflective of his songwriting process.

“I just let the song form itself,” said Lister. “I start singing, strumming some chords and do some free association writing until I find out what direction the song is forming.”

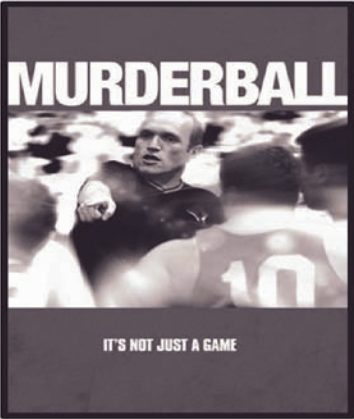
Lister has developed his music over the years, starting young with a little inspiration from the classics. “The Beatles were my first love affair in music,” Lister said. “I was doing homework on my mom’s

bed in junior high and had the radio on an oldies station where I heard ‘Hey Jude’ by the Beatles, and it totally enthralled me. That sparked my love and appreciation for writing.”

Lister’s love for music has made the artsy choir nerd from Mississippi one of Nashville’s rising stars.

For more information about Jeremy Lister, go to www.jeremylister.com or www.myspace.com/jeremylister. ♦

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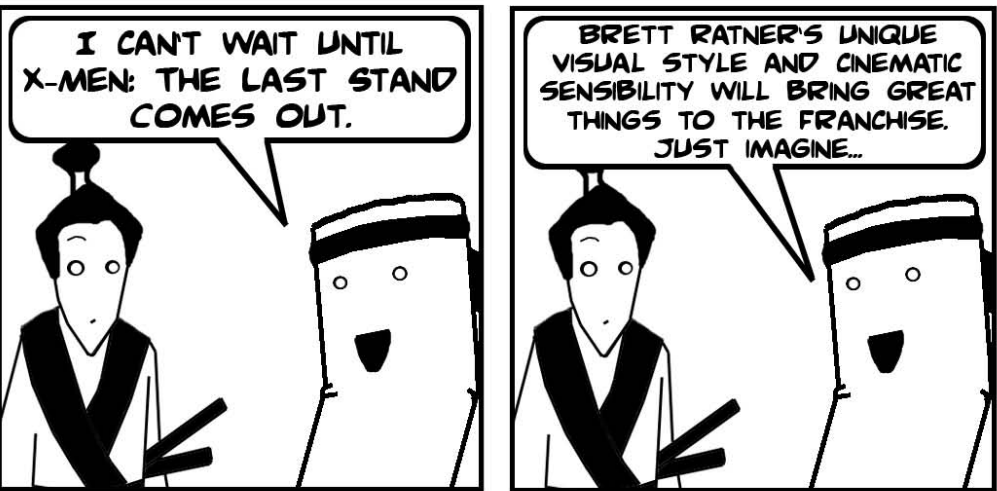


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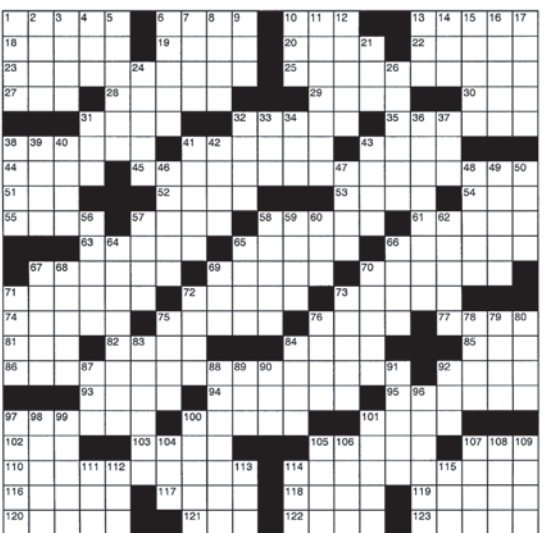


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Executive Officer Elections

Candidates for President:

- Deanna Hensley
"As a senator, I have worked hard to write legislation that makes Austin Peay a better learning environment for students, and as SGA President, I plan to use this experience to encourage and motivate senators to gather input from students and write legislation to continue improvement on campus. I can make it happen."
- Nick Pitts
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- Bryan Huffman
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- Richard Longstreth
"My name is Richard Longstreth and I am running for the position of SGA Vice-President for next year. If elected, I intend to encourage the Senate to bring forth more legislation, work closely with the students to meet their needs, and talk with the staff in order to make Austin Peay the best campus in Tennessee."

Candidate for Secretary:

- Jeremy Smith
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SGA Fee Increase

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- o Donated \$15,000 to the Miller Fund account to assist students in financial need at the beginning of academic semesters
- o Oversaw the student referendum to create a smoke free campus
- o Streamlined processes to enhance fiscal status of SGA to provide better services for all students
- o Requested the purchase of the kiosks now in the University Center through year-end funds
- o Introduced PEAYlympics to benefit students with children, providing a fun activity for the children of students
- o Proposed legislation improving safety on campus with placement of new speed bumps
- o Requested review of TBR policy to exempt library books as surplus material, preventing them from being dumped in the landfill
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- o Study Abroad Funding
- o Additional Computers on Campus
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Newly Revised SGA Constitution

SGA has worked for two years in revising and clarifying your SGA Constitution to better serve you. The newly revised Constitution is more timeless and clearly defines the role of SGA as a governing body. Please take the time to review the changes of your Constitution and vote YES! for this forward progress in SGA.

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By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University softball team dropped all three games last weekend against Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky.

The Lady Govs were shutout in the first two games, 4-0 and 5-0, respectively, before falling in the third game, 2-1.

"We played flat on Saturday and just couldn't put anything together," Lady Govs head coach Jim Perrin said. "Sunday we played better, but unfortunately still came up short."

The Lady Govs almost won Sunday afternoon, getting as close as only two outs away.

Eastern Kentucky's Keri Macinsky hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning, giving them the 2-1 victory. The game was scoreless until the seventh when Brianna Venable hit a home run over left center - her ninth home run of the year.

The Lady Govs out-hit the Lady Colonels, 5-3, in the contest as pitcher Natasha Anderson racked up seven strikeouts.

APSU had a chance to take the lead earlier in the game with back to back singles from Anderson and Venable in the top of the first but couldn't capitalize. Junior Ami Bush hit a double in the third inning but Anderson grounded out to end the inning.

Perrin said he was proud of his team during the final game.

"We beat them in all the categories except on the scoreboard," he said. "We played hard and played well during in this game. Natasha pitched well but we just couldn't get it done."

During Saturday's games, the Lady Govs couldn't put it together offensively and didn't score in either game. The Lady Colonels started off the first game of the twinbill hitting well by scoring one run in each of the first two innings to take an early 2-0 lead.

The Lady Govs best chance of scoring came in the fourth inning when they had two runners on base and only had one out. Sophomore Sarah Longmire struck out and Taylor Newberry popped up to end the inning.

The Lady Colonels scored their last two runs in the sixth inning.

EKU's Kelsey Anderson pitched a complete game striking out eight and walking one. The Lady Govs had two hits in the contest.

Game two mirrored the first as Eastern Kentucky again scored early in the first,



Senior Amy Hale bears down on a pitch during one of the Lady Govs' contests last weekend. Hale holds a .232 batting average for the 2006 season, which includes six doubles. Hale, however, was one of many Lady Govs' players who fell victim to the Lady Colonels' pitching as she went 0-6 in two of the three APSU losses.

third, and fourth innings. The Lady Colonels tacked on two more runs in the sixth inning to close out the win. APSU squandered scoring opportunities in the second and fourth innings.

Venable advanced to third base in the second inning with two outs but that was as close as she would get.

In the fourth inning, Longmire would reach second base before having Jennifer

Walker pinch-run for her.

The Lady Govs, unfortunately, couldn't advance and finished the game with four hits.

Freshman Lacey Briscoe pitched the whole game giving up 11 hits and five runs, while walking two.

Perrin said they have to regroup after the weekend. "We really didn't play with enthusiasm in

Saturday's games and we have to go back and work on a few things," Perrin said. "We aren't playing with consistency and have to work on that. Our goal is to make the conference tournament and try to get back on a winning streak."

The Lady Govs (10-21-2, 2-9 OVC) return to action this weekend as they host Morehead State in a three-game conference series. ♦

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Bat Govs extend win streak to five

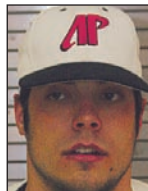


JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Sophomore transfer Jake Lane takes a swing during the Govs' weekend contests against Morehead State. After going cold in the first game of the conference weekend, Lane posted two hits and one run in the second Saturday contest before hammering a stand-up double on Saturday that opened the door for the Govs' offensive burst on Sunday.

Dominating pitching, late-hitting leads APSU to conference sweep

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

After dropping the opening conference weekend to Jacksonville State, the Austin Peay State University baseball team



KANE

followed up with a complete three-game sweep of Ohio Valley Conference member Morehead State.

"We were confident last weekend but this weekend we just put it all together and we played as a team,"

sophomore transfer Jake Lane said. "We had two good outings from our two best pitchers and it was a total team effort to bring in three W's."

The Bat Govs (18-8, 4-2 OVC) picked up wins during the Saturday doubleheader with strong pitching performances from starters Rowdy Hardy and Shawn Kelley before pounding the Eagles during Sunday's contest, 10-3.

"These are big wins," Lane said.

"Conference games are always big wins for us, and any time you can sweep a team then it is good for your momentum going into the next week. We needed the momentum with our games against Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky this week."

APSU starters Hardy (6-0) and Kelley (2-1) used the Saturday twinbill as a dominating pitching display.

Hardy picked up his season's sixth consecutive after pitching a complete game where he scattered eight hits, allowing just two runs while striking out seven.

Kelley followed up Hardy's display with a complete-game performance of his own. Kelley held the Eagles to just one run on four hits as the Bat Govs cruised to a 4-1 victory.

"It's just a positive feeling when those guys come out and compete like they did," senior centerfielder Cody Youngblood said. "They just got the job done for us and we followed it up with some runs so it was a

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— Jake Lane, sophomore first baseman

good day."

"Two complete games by two different pitchers allow us to leave the rest of our staff open," Lane added. "We get to go into the third game with our entire staff, and no matter what situation came up with lefties and righties, we were prepared. So their performances were big."

Sunday's contest continued the same pattern as the Govs found themselves down 2-1 after five innings of play.

However, in the final four innings, the Bat Govs would post nine runs en route to a 10-3 victory to cap the conference series sweep.

"We were a little cold starting off, but all good teams keep battling and eventually good things will happen, and that is what happened," Youngblood said.

Senior hurler Brad Daniel (2-1) picked up the victory after replacing starter James Ray and completing 4.1 innings of work during the Govs offensive burst.

Senior outfielder Ryan Kane also extended his hitting streak to 22 games over the weekend, picking up four hits in three games.

The Govs will return to action on Wednesday with a mid-week match-up against Southeastern Conference member Vanderbilt University.

The Commodores (19-9, 7-2 SEC) are just one game behind Eastern Division leader South Carolina for the best record in the SEC. ♦

Track and field gets third place finish

Young, new players make biggest impact in Gatorade Classic

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University's track and field team posted a third-place finish at the 25th Gatorade Classic, Saturday, hosted by Southeast Missouri.

Senior Sherlonda Johnson, battling a leg injury, won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.51 seconds, the only event victory for the Lady Govs.

However, APSU posted 10 season bests in the meet and finished with 80 points. Indiana State won the meet with 204 points followed by host Southeast Missouri's 187-point effort.

Johnson did not fare as well in her specialties, finishing third in both the long jump (18-03.75) and triple jump (35-06.50), both distances well off her personal bests.

Sophomore Leeann White, who is also battling an injury, finished fourth in the long jump (18-01.50).

"It was pretty impressive how the team came out and put up its best effort of the season," said Lady Govs head coach Doug Molnar.

"We had numerous personal records and season bests today. Any time you do that, you have a good chance of having a productive

"It's important for everyone else on the team to step up as Sherlonda and Leeann battle through their leg injuries,"

— Doug Molnar, track and field coach

meet."

Junior Jennifer Pond, who joined the team last week after playing for the Lady Govs' basketball team earlier this season, competed in three of the throwing disciplines and made an immediate impact.

She finished fifth in the javelin throw – her first time ever competing in the javelin – where her throw of 118-10 is fourth-best in the Ohio Valley Conference this season. She added a sixth-place finish in the shot put (38-08.25) and a ninth-place finish in the discus throw (103-10).

She is only the eighth female athlete to throw the discus 100 feet this season in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Sophomore Danja Yates showed marked improvement, posting season bests in both her events.

She finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.34 seconds and added a sixth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:09.06.

"Jen's performance in the throws is exactly what we need to take this team to another level," said Molnar. "Her addition will be a huge plus for us as we get ready for the conference meet. Danja also had an impressive meet posting career marks in both her events. It's important for everyone else on the team to step up as Sherlonda and Leeann battle through their injuries."

The Lady Govs now prepare to host a pair of meets during the upcoming weekend. First up, the track and field program will host the Governors High School Classic, Friday.

The teams will then take part in the Austin Peay Governors Invitational, Saturday, with other collegiate squads. ♦

Football Govs hire new coach

Austin Peay Sports Information

Brendan Gregory, a former defensive lineman on two Ohio Valley Conference championship teams at Eastern Kentucky, has been named defensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator for Austin Peay State University's football team.

Gregory comes to APSU from Taylor County High School in Perry, Fla., where he has served the past year as defensive line coach, head strength and conditioning coach and physical education instructor.

"We are certainly excited about having a full-time position to our staff," APSU coach Carroll McCray said. "We had a good candidate pool and we were looking for something very specific. We were looking for someone who could handle our defensive front plus also could work with our football team in the weight room. We were fortunate to bring in a person of the caliber of Coach Gregory.

"Character-wise he is a very good fit for our program. I think his background of playing in the OVC, playing for two championship teams for Coach (Roy) Kidd at Eastern Kentucky, serve as a big benefit for us. I think he will be that way with the players both on the field and in the weight room. He is a really good fit for us as we are making our transition back to the OVC in football."

The Barbourville, Ky., native received both his bachelor's and master's degree from Eastern Kentucky. He played four seasons, from 1989-93, as a Colonels defensive lineman. In addition to being part of two OVC title teams, he also was a member of two ECU football teams that played in the I-AA playoffs.

Initially after graduating from ECU, Gregory worked as a fitness specialist and personal trainer. He also coached high school in his native Barbourville. In

August 1999, he served as a volunteer in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers strength and conditioning program. A year later he spent a month as football operations intern with the Cleveland Browns.

Gregory returned to Eastern Kentucky from August 1999 to January 2001, completing his master's while serving as the program's assistant strength and conditioning coach. From there he served a seven-month internship with the University of Louisville before being hired by the University of Richmond as its assistant strength and conditioning coach from 2001-02.

He moved to the high school level at Christian County High School in August 2002 as its strength and conditioning coach while also coaching running backs. From there, Gregory spent more than a year working with Velocity Sports Performance before returning to high school at Taylor County last August.

Gregory is a certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and has certification as a USAW Weightlifting Club Coach.

"From the weight room perspective, we are going to finish the program we are in. His first assignment is to draw up and implement the summer program and help us with the testing of our current players."

Gregory's hiring will allow McCray to move away from position coaching. Last year, he served as the defensive line coach.

"This gives me a chance to move around in practice," McCray said. "When you are on one side of the ball, you don't have a chance to be around the other players as much. I will get to visit with the kids more and see them live instead of on tape.

"It also will allow me to spend time more with our kicking game." ♦



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