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Autism Awareness Month

Autistic child charges own path in life

By APRIL MCDONALD
Assistant News Editor

Bailey Dotson cannot handle routine changes to his daily life, but the autistic 9-year-old memorized the Beatles album “1” in just two weeks. After watching a TV program, Bailey can repeat it back verbatim.

Bailey enjoys being at home running around in his underwear while watching TV. His mom, Windy Dotson, spends her time making sure that his routine is not interrupted any more than necessary and that he doesn't hurt his 5-year-old sister, Tatum.

When he was 4, Bailey was diagnosed with mild to moderate autism, a developmental disability characterized by impaired social interaction, problems with verbal and nonverbal communication and unusual, repetitive or severely limited activities and interests.

Shortly after Bailey was born April 1, 1998, his family noticed he was reaching normal milestones much later than his cousin, who was two weeks younger. He would not eat any baby food except chicken, turkey and peaches; they now know that it was because those were the only textures he liked.

“He’s a very picky eater,” Dotson said. “It’s easier to tell you what he will eat. He just doesn’t like some textures and will not eat them. Though the older he gets the more he is willing to try.”

Bailey did not begin walking until he was nearly two. His first words, “Corporation for Public Broadcasting,” came next. He was finally potty trained Shortly after being diagnosed, the was finally potty trained thanks in part to the efforts of his teacher Harriet King at Charlotte Elementary in Charlotte, Tenn.

If Bailey’s routine is altered too much, he will get very upset, screaming and crying; yet he is a very smart young man who excels in reading and music, his mom said. Despite his reading ability, he still must take any school tests orally in order to understand what is being asked. If he does not understand the question, he will repeat it back until he does.

Bailey also has bouts of insomnia, does not understand that he can hurt someone and often shows emotion inappropriately, such as when someone cries he will laugh.

“One time he held Tatum underwater,” Dotson said. “All he knows is that he can swim underwater, so he thinks everyone else can. He didn’t understand that she wasn’t swimming and couldn’t breathe.”

Bailey loves to feel certain textures and to look at certain objects. He will rub a Barbie doll’s hair just to feel it or sit for hours staring at an artificial flower. This is due to Sensory Processing Disorder, which often accompanies autism. SPD relates to the hyper or hyposensitivity of the five senses.

Bailey has his other favorites also. “I like Toby Keith, Gary Allen, Jump Up,” Toy Story 2,” Cars” and “Ricky Bobby,” Bailey said with a shy grin.

Autism falls under the pervasive developmental disorders category in the American Psychiatric Association’s “Diagnostic & Statistical Manual” of mental disorders, along with four other disorders — asperger’s disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, rett’s disorder and PDD not otherwise specified.

PDD does not discriminate against race, income, gender or education. Even famous people and their children have been diagnosed with one of the five disorders, including: Darryl Hannah; Michael Marino, son of Dan Marino; and Seargeoh Stallone, son of Sylvester Stallone.

Autism appears differently in each person diagnosed; children, such as Bailey, are frequently called high-functioning autistics because they are able to communicate and socialize better than those diagnosed with severe autism.

It is estimated by the Centers for Disease Control that autism affects one out of every 150 children born; is four times more common in boys than girls and is one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the U.S.

There is no cure for autism. It is most commonly diagnosed through questionnaires of parents, family and teachers, along with observations of behaviors and social interactions.

Depending on the severity of the disorder, some children will be in special needs classrooms during their school years.

Others, like Bailey, will have the opportunity to transition into the regular



APRIL MCDONALD/ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Bailey, left, has to live with a daily routine; otherwise he becomes upset. Since he was born he has only eaten certain favorite foods. He likes feeling object textures and has a problem that is sometimes associated with autism called sensory process disorder.



ASSOCIATED PRESS
Officers are assembled outside Norris Hall during a lock down on the Virginia Tech campus in Virginia last Monday.

Va. Tech suffers history’s deadliest shooting rampage

Associated Press

A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dorm Monday and then, two hours later, shot up a classroom building across campus Monday, killing 32 people in the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history.

The gunman committed suicide, bringing the death toll to 33.

Students bitterly complained that there were no public-address announcements on campus after the first burst of gunfire.

Many said the first word they received from the university was an e-mail more than two hours into the rampage around the time the gunman struck again.

Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said authorities believed that the shooting at the dorm was a domestic dispute and mistakenly thought the gunman had fled the campus.

“We had no reason to suspect any other incident was going to occur,” he said.

He defended the university’s handling of the tragedy, saying: “We can only make decisions based on the information you had on the time. You don’t have hours to reflect on it.”

Investigators offered no motive for the attack. The gunman’s name was not immediately released, and it was not known if he was a student. The shootings spread panic and confusion on campus.

Witnesses reporting students jumping out the windows of a classroom building to escape the gunfire.

SWAT team members with helmets, flak jackets and assault rifles swarmed over the campus.

Students and faculty members carried out some of the wounded themselves, without waiting for ambulances to arrive.

A student used his cell-phone camera to record the sound of shots echoing through the stone classroom building.

The massacre took place at opposite sides of the 2,600-acre campus, beginning at about 7:15 a.m. at West Ambler Johnston, a coed dormitory that houses 895 people, and continuing at least two hours later at Norris Hall, an engineering building about a half-mile away, authorities said. ♦

Editor’s note: As of press time, this was the most up-to-date story available on the wire.

Clarksville holds fifth annual celebration

By ELIZABETH BRUCE
Staff Writer

Every spring for the past five years, Clarksville has hosted a weekend of patriotism and fun for its citizens.

Rivers and Spires is a fun-filled weekend with games, great entertainment and national pride.

The event began four years ago when the 101st Airborne Division returned from its first Iraq deployment.

It started as a welcome home event and has continued to be a celebration of those in the service and a way for the community to gather.

This year, the list of events is larger than years before.

Beginning Thursday night, April 19, is the unveiling of a life-size statue of local photographer Nora Witzel.

The arts are a large part of the event each year and the statue commemorates one of Clarksville’s first female photographers.

This year, in public square, there will be an eternal flame ceremony honoring those who have served; specifically those local men and women who have served in Iraq.

“The entertainment is on a different level with Diamond Rio. We have 100 different perfomers from all genres.

There will be a new teen area with paintball, lazer tag that would be a fun area for college students as well”

– Doug Barber, Convention and Visitors Bureau events manger

A memorial of candles will be lit in honor of the fallen soldiers, and Lee Greenwood is scheduled to perform.

Plant the Campus Red will be held at Austin Peay State University on Saturday, April 21.

Students and community members form teams for campus beautification projects that day.

This year, according to the Rivers and Spires Web site,

<http://riversandspires.com>, registration will be in the McCord parking lot and lunch will be served behind the Dunn Center.

Also on Saturday, local car enthusiasts will be able to stroll through the streets of downtown and enjoy Corvettes on the Cumberland. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the event will last until 5 p.m. in the evening.

It will be held on the corner of Second and Main streets.

These events which also include well-known and local performers, will take place over the weekend throughout downtown. There will be various art showcases sponsored by U.S. Bank, Trane, Heritage Bank and others.

They will feature local artists of all ages. The 101st will once again be presenting Airborne Alley, a showcase of military vehicles, as well as a display by the Wings of Liberty Museum.

“There’s something for everyone and entertainers you’d pay forty-five to sixty dollars to see [in concert], and we’ll have them for free,” said Doug Barber, an employee of the Chamber of Commerce. ♦

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McMillan presents education proposals from Bredesen



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Kim McMillan came to talk to students and faculty about the cigarette tax increase initiative proposal. She explained how this would coincide with Gov. Bredesen’s improvements for higher education.

Senior adviser visits to talk about possible cigarette tax increase

By KYLE NELSON
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University recently hosted the Higher Education Summit.

The event, held in the University Center, welcomed former state representative from Clarksville, Kim McMillan as the speaker.

McMillan, the senior adviser to the governor, spoke on Gov. Bredesen’s budget and plans to improve education in Tennessee.

Bredesen’s plan — Schools First — is an initiative that seeks to utilize revenue generated from a tax hike on cigarettes from 20 cents to 60 cents per pack and funnel it into the state education system.

The summit was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

SGA President Nick Pitts said the summit was aimed at “completing the trifecta started with the Mud Bowl of connecting student to students, then students to the community and now educating the students.”

McMillan focused on three topics in Bredesen’s plan: Improvement of the lottery scholarship, full scholarships for community colleges and the raise in the tax on cigarettes.

McMillan said that three-fourths of college freshmen lose their lottery scholarship after the first year.

“We need to do something to make sure that we are not wasting our money,” McMillan said.

Thus the plan proposes to encourage learning from preschool through a student’s senior year of high

“The name cigarette tax is not too sexy.”

– Kim McMillan, senior advisor to Bredesen

school by raising standards for students and making college more affordable.

McMillan said that we should raise our standards when it comes to our children.

“If you don’t expect very much, you won’t produce very much,” McMillan said.

She also explained that Bredesen plans on increasing the award money for the lottery scholarship from \$3,800 to \$4,000 annually.

In accordance with making higher education more affordable, McMillan said that there is to be a full scholarship available for students wishing to attend a community college.

The scholarship’s requirements, according to McMillan, are a composite score of 19 on the ACT and

Kim McMillan (D)

- Elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives representing the Clarksville area in 1994.
- Was re-elected five times.
- Was the first woman in Tennessee history to serve as House Majority Leader.
- Has served on the Finance, Ways & Means Committee and the Budget Subcommittee

Source: <http://www.nashvillepost.com>

at least a 2.0 GPA upon graduation from high school.

She said this was a step toward progress because those who graduate from community colleges “provide a mechanism to keep the economy strong to bring in jobs to offer to everyone.”

The most controversial part of Gov. Bredesen’s plan is a 40-cent increase to the state’s tax on cigarettes.

“We tried to find a funding source that would not be as controversial [as an income tax],” McMillan said.

The tax would raise an estimated \$225 million, with \$219 million going to fund education.

In this amount, McMillan said that \$48 million will be funneled to higher education institutions to pay for the increasing cost of operating their campuses.

“The name ‘cigarette tax’ is not too sexy,” McMillan said. Instead of cigarette taxes, the name of the plan was changed to, the Schools First plan. ♦

Field pumped about work by top astronomer

First-year professor's work lends great contribution

By **TANGELIA CANNON**
Staff Writer

J. Allyn Smith, one of Austin Peay State University's first-year professors, is being recognized publicly for his work on "The u'g'r'i'z' Standard Star Network," which he published in 2002 in The Astronomical Journal.

A focus of the paper is standard stars, which are calibrators that continuously shine bright light.

"We observe them to determine how bright they are, and then other people observe these stars to determine how bright the particular star they are observing is," Smith said.

It takes years to study each individual star to make sure they do not vary.

There are many reasons that make it possible for a star to vary such as "intrinsically variable or they could be in a binary system — where the binary component orbits in the plane, making it visible every so often," Smith said.

Another part of the research that must be performed is spectroscopic analysis.

This allows astronomers to figure out how bright these stars are, whether or not they are expected to vary and all of the data analysis that states the color of the stars.

The color signifies the temperature of the stars.

Smith has been studying standard star work for the past 15 years and has had a passion for astronomy since he was 5 years old.

"Living on a farm in the Midwest, with a mother who was an astronomy and geology major in college, was one of my major inspirations for getting involved," Smith said.

He has studied standard stars and written articles for various journals since the mid-90s.

Since then he has been the author of five more articles and has co-written 150.

In 2004, Smith was named the fourth most cited astronomer for his "u'g'r'i'z' Standard Star Network."

Although this is an amazing honor for any scientist in any field, Smith remains humble.

He appreciates the honor

and he realizes that there are very few people who do the fundamental standard star work.

"Therefore if you, 'the guy' who set the standard star for a filter system, if that filter system is used a lot in astronomy — then everyone references your paper," Smith said.

"It gets a lot of publicity and people recognize me when I walk into meetings," Smith said.

Before teaching at APSU, Smith taught at Florida Tech and University of Wyoming.

He was also the visiting scientist at Los Alamos Labs in

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— **J. Allyn Smith, physics professor**

New Mexico for four years and worked at the Kennedy Space Center as an Orbiter Test Conductor for 15 years.

APSU's physics and astronomy department is also receiving a lot of publicity right now, due to the growth and success that it is foretelling.

There are plans for new astronomy courses, as well as the department installing a new telescope over the summer, in hopes that it will be completed by the times classes begin in the fall.

However, there is also a proposal to the National Science Foundation for an even larger telescope.

"These two telescopes will be the cornerstone of our growth, as we hope they continue to attract people into the school to focus on astronomy," Smith said. ♦

Hanging violence out to dry



The Clothesline Project made its way back on campus this semester. Many shirts were hung up around the UC to make a statement about violence against women.

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Mnemonics help make most out of memories

By **TANYA LUDLOW**
Staff Writer

ROY G BIV. Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally. My Very Earnest Mother Just Served Us Nine Pickles. HOMES.

Without context these phrases have little meaning, but almost everybody recognizes them as devices to help remember information as diverse as the order of the colors of the rainbow, the order of mathematical operations, the order of the planets from the sun and the five Great Lakes.

They are all mnemonics devices — techniques used to aid the memory and recall information. Charles Grah, professor of psychology at Austin Peay State University, presented a talk April 12 titled "Mnemonics: The Science and Art of Maximizing Memory" in the University Center.

His presentation was the sixth and final faculty research forum for the 2006–2007 academic year, sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs.

The forum provides an opportunity for faculty members to share their research with a broader audience than traditional forums.

In his presentation, Grah focused on the empirical research conducted over the past 20 years relating to the field of mnemonics.

The World Memory Championships have offered

researchers a chance to connect with some of the most mnemonically talented, or "superior memorizers" in the world. The current world record for memorizing a randomly shuffled 52 card deck is 31 seconds. The world record for memorizing multiple randomly shuffled decks of cards is 27 in one hour.

Grah said that the research reveals that superior memorizers are not any more intellectually gifted than the average person, but that they utilize mnemonic strategies that boost their information recall. Current technology also allows researchers to examine brain function in superior memorizers versus control groups.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and especially functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) reveal that although there were no cognitive or structural differences between the superior memorizers and control groups, there was a significant difference in activity in the area of the brain that controls spatial memory.

In the superior memorizers this area of the brain was markedly more active during memory tasks than in the brains of the control group. Grah said that this increase in brain activity in the spatial memory area of the brain during the recall exercises reveals that

superior memorizers do indeed utilize mnemonic strategies instead of simply relying on natural talent.

Spatial memory is the part of memory responsible for recording information about one's environment and spatial orientation.

Spatial memory is important in mnemonics as the method of loci, which is a mnemonics links system based on place. It is a popular mnemonics technique practiced since ancient times. The method of loci involves remembering an item by associating it with a specific and well-known location, most often rooms in a house.

The current World Memory Champion, Clemens Meyer, a 19-year-old student from Germany, utilized this method in memorizing 1,040 random digits in a half hour, a 300-point-long journey through his house.

Critics of mnemonics say that it encourages mechanical memorization without context, but Grah said, "Creatively employed, it can be an effective tool in education."

Although the memorization of decks of cards might have little practical application, mnemonics techniques can support higher learning because it "helps the person bring the information they need into consciousness," Grah said. ♦

Autism: Some affected function well through life

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classroom. The severity of the disorder and the abilities of the child will also determine how they will live as adults. "I worry about him being able to take care of himself as he grows up," Dotson said. "He has his good days and bad days; days when you can't tell anything is wrong and days when he won't talk or interact."

He doesn't understand the concept of money, how will he pay his bills or buy his food" ♦

Austism Fast Facts

- 1 to 1.5 million Americans affected
- \$90 billion annual cost, 90% in adu!tservices
- In 10 years annual cost estimated at \$200-400 billion
- Is not a mental illness.



Some autistics like Bailey are highly functioning and only suffer mild difficulties in their daily life.

APRIL MCDONALD/ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

'Taste of the Caribbean' unites cultural centers for first time

By **APRIL MCDONALD**
Assistant News Editor

The African American and Hispanic Cultural Centers teamed up to bring students A Taste of the Caribbean.

Nicolette Rougemont, graduate assistant in the Hispanic Culture Center thought that the event was important because it was the first time that the two centers have collaborated on an event.

"This is the first building block of the bridge that needs to be built in order to form a unity between these two cultures and should be a model to be followed by all of the rest," Rougemont said.

Building cultural awareness was a key factor of the event.

"[The event] marks the beginning of the awareness that we will all need in order to become culturally aware and appreciative," Rougemont said.

The event was held in the University Center, while food was served in the African American Cultural Center.

The band — Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band — provided music in the UC.

There were several speakers, including Tommy Vallejos of Hispanas Organized for Political Equality, Jimmy Garland of the NAACP and Herald Richards, professor of education at Austin Peay State University.

"The event is interesting," said Jennifer Kent, 22, elementary education major.

"Dr. Richards is a very interesting teacher, and [he] helps you appreciate your differences and respect other cultures."

Rougemont believes that it was beneficial to collaborate with the



The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band played in the UC for diversity awareness. They brought a taste of the Caribbean with their special blend of tropical sounds.

PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

African American Cultural Center.

"Not only was it beneficial, but necessary if we want to start bridging the cultural divide."

How can we ourselves hope to be an example to our students to be culturally aware, acceptant and appreciative, if we remain divided before their very eyes? The best way to start this is by setting the example," Rougemont said.

"It was a very successful event, we had a really good turnout," said Alexis Gheson, graduate assistant in the African American Cultural Center.

While some students came to the event on their own, others came as part of their class time.

"I came with my class: I didn't know about it," said Jocelyn Bonson, 21, elementary education major.

"If I would have known I would have come anyway. I find it really interesting."

Both cultural centers plan to make this a yearly celebration and students seem to be looking forward to more similar events.

"I hope that students would have gained a little bit of awareness of something outside of their cultural norm that they may have never had the chance to be exposed to before, such as the Caribbean cuisine and music," Rougemont said.

Rougemont hopes the event encouraged people to reach out to others that they may not have in the past.

"People tend to shy away from things they do not understand, and I hope that maybe the information we shared with this event will prompt others to seek out even more information and take part themselves in making unity a more possible dream not only on our campus but in the world," Rougemont said. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Disability Awareness Month

April 18
Wheelchair Blind Crutch Challenge
1-3 p.m. UC fr ont sidewalk area

CPR training

The Center for Extended and Distance Education is sponsoring CPR and first aid training for health care professionals, approved for APSU nursing students. For details, call Mary Alice Burkhart at 221-7816.

Upward Bound teachers needed

Summer teachers in all subject areas are needed to teach from June 4 to July 13. Pick up an application at the High School Upward Bound office at 400 Ford Street.

Adult literacy program

Students are being sought who have an interest to help adults who want to learn to read. The organization will be affiliated with The United Way. Minimum requirement would be one hour per week. Contact Karen Sorenson for more information at 221-6246.

Peay Soup poetry slam

The African American Cultural Center is hosting the first Peay Soup-Poetry Slam from 7 to 9 p.m., April 24, in the AAC. Prizes will be offered. Poets who wish to participate need to register by April 23.

Annual ROTC ball

ROTC is hosting its annual ball at 5:30 p.m., April 21, in the UC Ballroom. Contact Luke Basler for more information at lbasler14@apsu.edu or call (314) 603-7702.

Student organization and leader awards

Awards are being given to outstanding student organizations 6 p.m., April 20, in the UC Ballroom. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Weight Watchers At Work

APSU Weight Watchers At Work will meet at noon, April 25 in the Foy Fitness Center, Room 204. Cost is \$105 for all faculty, staff and students. Contact Lynne Yarbrough at 221-6844 for more information.

Student directed scenes

Public rehearsals will take place April 18 through April 22. Tickets are free and will be available from 3 to 5 p.m. through April 20 and one hour before each performance. Contact Graham Cooper at 221-6297.

Books Are Fun

University Facilities is sponsoring the Books Are Fun book fair today in the University Center lobby. Contact Andy Kean at 221-6617 for more information.

Earth Day

SOARE will be hosting a meeting at 4 p.m., April 18, in the University Center Room 312. For more information contact Joseph Schiller at 221-7249.

Anti-Bush protest

Today at noon students will meet in the free speech zone outside the cafeteria to call for the impeachment of President Bush. Contact Daniel Maurer at 731-695-7498 for more information.

World Briefs

Guantanamo detainees start hunger strike, are force-fed instead

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Several detainees at Guantanamo Bay have joined a long-running hunger strike.

Attorneys say this is a protest against harsher conditions at a new prison unit.

This brought their number to 13, a spokesman at the U.S. military base said Monday.

All were being force-fed through tubes inserted into their noses, said Navy Cmdr. Robert Durand, a Guantanamo spokesman.

The strike, which began in 2005, has had as many as a dozen participants in recent months but reached 17 in the days before the trial in March of David Hicks.

He is the Australian detainee whose case marked the first U.S. war crimes conviction since World War II.

Durand suggested the prisoners were trying to gain the attention of dozens of reporters.

These reporters covered the trial at the U.S. Naval base in southeast Cuba.

This where about 385 men are imprisoned on suspicion of links to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

China and Japan come together

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — China's premier will visit Japan this week for the first time in seven years, in a sign that ties may finally be stabilizing after years of rancor over the Japanese occupation of China in the first half of the 20th century.

Expectations for the visit are mixed, yet the mere fact that Premier Wen Jiabao is going reflects a sharp turnaround in relations that began with an icebreaking visit to Beijing by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in September.

"I feel strongly that my trip has a real mission," Wen told Japanese reporters in Beijing ahead of the three-day visit starting Wednesday.

Sino-Japanese relations are at a critical stage and both countries should make an effort to push forward ties."

Wen plans to address lawmakers and issue a joint statement with Abe expressing their "aspirations to build a strategic and mutually beneficial relationship." Military cooperation, economic dialogue, and collaboration on energy conservation, environmental protection and finance issues are also on the agenda. ♦

OUR TAKE

Tickets: No big deal

Suppose you're outside on a sunny Tuesday afternoon enjoying your daily cigarette, when all of a sudden a campus patrol officer issues you a citation. As he or she writes up the \$25 ticket, you look at him or her with an accusing stare. The officer notices your indignation and replies, "Don't look at me, pal. You're the one who broke the rules."

For those of you who have read last week's edition of *The All State*, Austin Peay State University submitted a recommendation to modify its student code of conduct. The recommendation went to the Tennessee Board of Regents, who approved it. Now it appears that (effective next year) students are going to get fined for violations to the smoking policy.

We staff members were initially turned off to this idea. Many of the students we spoke with were as well, although many others were for it or just apathetic all together. The idea of issuing citations for smoking does seem rather absurd (Hey you can't fine me money. I need it for more cigarettes!), especially to financially destitute college students. We started asking ourselves many questions about the amendment's implications. Would the money from the citations go to anything in particular? Will there be exceptions to issuing citations in cases of inclement weather? We went to Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Sherryll Byrd. She stated that plans for allocating the citation money to anything specific had not been determined and that

there would be no exceptions to this new amendment during inclement weather.

We also thought about whether or not this amendment will be an improvement to the policy or not. Let's look at how the policy has really changed. Before the amendment was made, violations of the policy resulted in the infraction going on a formal disciplinary record. With the amendment in place, the citations take the place of the record. The implications of this are seemingly insignificant but truthfully drastic. A disciplinary record can be a haunting thing, especially for anyone wishing to continue their studies after graduation. Some schools won't even consider students with disciplinary records. In most cases, it doesn't matter what it is students have done, only that they have a record. Having a record can also prevent students from participating in extracurricular activities, organizations, societies and so forth.

Most students who *The All State* has spoken with have put more focus on the citations rather than the fact that they won't have to worry about having something as trivial as a smoking violation go on their record. But we feel that the advantage of this policy will catch on. Most importantly, since the policy's original inception, there hasn't been much of a problem, and violations of this amendment, we think, won't be likely. Byrd, feeling the same way, said, "I would be surprised [if students violated the policy]. The policy has been for the most part complied with." ♦

Bankruptcy forecloses on Wolfowitz's career

I hereby decree the nonuse of money. The case has been building for a while. Consider the following: The establishment of social classes; the ruthless wielding of power by national governments; the needless vanity that destroys our everyday interactions and crumbles our relationships with one another. The list rambles on ad nauseam. The most recent wrench in the gears of the war machine occurred with World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz, when he came under fire for a major conflict of interests at work.

The controversy began when Wolfowitz started sleeping with a woman who wanted a much better position than she had and more money than Condoleezza Rice



Perspectives
Dave Campbell

makes in a year. Part of this is pure speculation but to the outside observer, it is entirely reasonable to assume that Wolfowitz is still able to sleep with women. However that is nothing we want to either think or know about. What we do indeed know for sure is that Wolfowitz and his Libyan-born lady-friend are in quite the tangle.

So here's hoping he's booted out. The staff of the World Bank have expressed their disapproval, but Wolfie is standing his ground even though he has admitted his mistake. As the players of the Bush administration have demonstrated with clone-like accuracy, they will stand their ground even when that ground is slowly catching up to their neck. Wolfie has got to go. At this point even the Irish rocker Bono, who was initially on the list of nominees for World Bank president in 2005, is looking like he would have made a much better choice for the position.

The employees of the World Bank are also calling for Wolfowitz to resign and retain his honor. However, there is no need to be so kind to one of the premier masterminds of the Iraq War. As many before him in this diseased administration, there is no reason to believe that any of them possess any honor to retain. So chalk another one up on the wall for the world and call it another celebratory loss for the Bush clan.

My tears will not fall amidst the resignation call for this manipulative man. Yours shouldn't either.

No doubt, Wolfowitz will be just fine once he loses his job. Chances are, it will take some time for him to realize that no one ever really wanted his slimy, little mongrel paws in charge. So his legacy, like an apple riddled with wormholes, will be reduced to nothing more than staging some back alley, academic speaking circuit gig within the confines of private universities that tolerate his brand of neo-conservative bull-chatter. It is his input that helped author the principles of what read like the American war hawk's manifesto, The Project for a New American Century.

“The staff of the WB have expressed their disapproval, but Wolfie is standing his ground even though he has admitted his mistake.”

The main point is: If I gave my girlfriend a job in such a position of authority; I would expect to lose my job, even if the job was at the State Department to avoid the more blatant conflict of promoting her within the World Bank (as Wolfowitz in fact did). This just cannot happen in the workplace. It is entirely possible that love or sex — depending on what you call it these days — can bloom within the confines of a professional relationship, but for one to influence the other is a clear cut conflict of interests not “potential.” The same goes for well-respected broadcast figures, like Don Imus, who cannot simply say whatever they want just because they have a long-running reputation in their position. In old Wolfie's case, reputation especially will not be able to save him. Lesson learned, Paul. One simply cannot go around throwing out money and power like candy from the parade. At least we will be able to say thank you for teaching us what not to do. ♦



Imus in the mourning

Snappy, wedded Joes. Happy, bedded woes. Oh, you get the picture. Unless you have literally been hiding under a rock without AM-FM transmission, cable hook-up, Internet access or have avoided placing your ear to the political winds that have been blowing lately, you know what former (employed) shock-jock, Don Imus called the Rutgers University women basketball players on public airwaves. Outrage ensued from our political spectrum, including the usual suspects, both left and right. This included two former presidential candidates and still the Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson and right-wing apologists George Will, E.J. Dionne and Cal Thomas. Let's see now, when not falsely accusing someone of rape, referring to New York as “Hymietown,” admitting to adulterous affairs and providing comfort to those who have admitted to adulterous affairs (Bill Clinton)



Politically Speaking
Dr. Greg Rabidoux

Sharpton and Jackson do what they do best: Provide high-profile, intense, racial focus on folks who have screwed up and probably deserve their unwelcome, high-profile, intense, racially-charged focus.

And those scoundrels on the right? The bunch that often can't shoot straight seemed to collectively sound like the little kid who gets caught doing something he knows he wasn't supposed to and his only defense is, well others have done naughty things too. In fact, Dionne, or was it Thomas (are they the same guy?) felt compelled to point a finger at hip-hop artists and producers, Global Warming, Al Gore (by implication) and bemoaned the “left's protected classes” of black Americans and homosexuals, all the while extolling “home-schoolers,” evangelical Christians and somehow defending Imus and Michael “Kramer” Richards. Wow, with such a broad brush of distortion, I know who to call next year when my house needs painting. Meanwhile, those of us who have not yet lost the ability to focus, recognize that the “Imus Incident” was never about the law but about politics. And politics always has winners and losers. The next time Rush Limbaugh or Bill O'Reilly tell a guest to shut-up, or call them names you'd only hear at WWE matches because they disagree with them, please, remember your outrage, Will, Dionne and Thomas, when free speech and diversity of opinion gets silenced. Or, when Annie Coulter calls someone something that rhymes with maggot. Whatever is spewing forth from her “Cruella DeVille” mouth that day.

How about the head honchos at CBS? Outraged, they said, yes, outraged that something like this could be going

on right under their noses. The last time I was this unconvinced of someone's outrage was when the French General in “Casablanca,” who claimed no knowledge of illicit gambling, as he was turning to his left to furtively pocket his latest winnings from, you guessed it, illicit gambling. CBS, which may stand for “Can't Be (that) Stupid” from now on, of course had laughed along with Imus' mean-spirited, offensive and racist rants for awhile. Imus has been in radio for about 30 years, and CBS even saw fit to pay him about \$10 million per year for such innocuous frivolity. Imus does have a ranch where he does nice things for underprivileged kids though, as my righteous and right-winged friends pointed out in their defense of him. Gee, maybe he is a loveable curmudgeon after all? Or maybe he's just someone who we simply don't need polluting our publicly supported, federally regulated airwaves anymore. He still has all the free speech rights I do, just not prime time airwave space to fill anymore. “Hi Sirius, it's Don, oh, you already have my microphone and desk waiting, thanks.” I don't know. Oprah was unusually silent on this whole issue so I await further orders on what to think.

About the only one who showed any class and sense in this sordid affair was the coach of Rutgers, who guided her team through a potential minefield of a press conference and showcased them for what they really are — her team, student-athletes, someone's daughters, someone's sisters, future moms, someone's neighbors and our fellow Americans, who deserved better than to be “called out” by some grouchy “punk” who probably couldn't beat any of those women in H.O.R.S.E. if they spotted him an H.O. So you weren't hiding under that rock, were you?

Before I cut to a commercial, and speaking of which, we are again reminded that advertisers truly rule the airwaves, some final thoughts: The First Amendment is not an absolute right, and it has never been. None of us can say anything we want to with absolute impunity and then hide under the Constitution for protection. There is always some repercussion to offensive, fighting words, some type of regulation, even if that is the American consumer simply choosing to tune out, turn off and look away. Our young women, be they black, brown, white or any other God-given color, deserve better. Imus doesn't. What he said wasn't so “shocking,” simply repugnant. And just days before baseball celebrated Jackie Robinson day, I guess Imus was too busy to throw out the first pitch.

By the way, are you listening for a change, hip-hop hypocrites? Stop demeaning women and passing that sister-loathing, objectification pollution off as “art.” You're almost making Imus look respectable, and that just ain't right. Now if I could just get Britney Spears to get clean and sober and play with her kids now and again my work would be done. Well, that and the Iraq war. Cue the commercial. Off air. ♦

Lacrosse players go on the offensive

Last Wednesday the defendant lacrosse players, David Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finerty, were cleared of all rape and sexual assault charges by a North Carolina Central University stripper most likely known as “Precious,” but her real name is Crystal Magnum. Though the Duke lacrosse rape case, which has been going on for longer than I can remember, has finally concluded, it just may happen that the Duke-lacrossing, state-prosecuting, strip-teasing mayhem is far from over.

The main thing to say is that these students got the shaft when it came to support during the trial. Everyone initially labeled them guilty until proven innocent. Through their unwavering stance on their complete innocence, these students persevered. Now that they're done being the defendants, it's starting to look as if they soon plan on being part of the prosecution.

Who are they considering on suing? Honestly, does it matter? All that matters now is that everyone tried to screw the lacrosse players over, and now it's high time for some restitution.



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The most prominent target (I mean person) is District Attorney Michael Nifong, who may soon come under ethics charges for his conduct during his prosecution of the students. Despite the absence of credible evidence to build a case on, he took it regardless, in attempts, as many columnists say, to help his political campaign. His handling of the trial was negligent for holding off on examining the key witness for so long. I should also mention the part where the DNA test results, which exonerated the entire lacrosse team, were not immediately given to the defense. Simply put, Nifong took this case and, in spite of all the signs, ran it into the ground worse than Trent Reznor has done with his career by releasing his new album, Year Zero (It just goes to show that sobriety and closure don't make for good music, just as a drunk stripper doesn't make for a good witness). Rest assured, Nifong will be held accountable for his actions.

We shouldn't forget about the stripper, who cried rape. If Nifong doesn't get sued, Precious would presumably be the next best option. First of all, she lied. DNA testing and the testimony of her fellow stripper Kim Roberts prove this, not to mention the fact that Precious' own testimony varied substantially during the trial, calling into question its validity. Being drunk and hopped up on Flexeril, a prescription muscle relaxant, probably didn't help her testimony to begin with.

“All that matters now is that everyone tried to screw the lacrosse players over, and now it's high time for some restitution.”

Last and not least, if the students felt like it they could probably find some way to sue the state or Duke University, if not Nifong or Precious. Really? Why not? The school was rather quick to hang them out to dry when the excrement hit the fan. The state might also be susceptible to a lawsuit, if not the officers who show pictures of lacrosse players for Precious to identify, which did not have filler photos as required by law — thus breaking local, state and federal law.

I could go on this tangent until kingdom come or until Justin Timberlake brings sexy back (still no sight of it), but I'll just close with this: I was there as the case flooded the media, so I can't withhold my anticipation of another lawsuit. I watched the “60 Minutes” special and read the editorials. I read the articles in magazines like *The Rolling Stone*, and now I just hope this doesn't end without everyone being held accountable for their actions. ♦

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Looking to the past ... improving the future

Understanding and confronting diversity

If we are to overcome the ongoing problems of division here at Austin Peay State University, we may not want to sell ourselves short with the current policies that address diversity. The university promotes diversity by highlighting the benefits that stem from a multicultural and multiracial campus. APSU is right in acknowledging advantages such as heightened cultural and racial awareness and the personal growth diversity brings. But recognizing that social justice should also be center of APSU's



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commitment to diversity is currently a focus lacking serious discussion. The university acknowledges the need to raise awareness of the global community we live in. Current diversity talk highlights benefits on an individual level — which is good and necessary — but another question equally deserving of discussion would ask: “Should a commitment to diversity solely be on an individual level, or could this also be a structural problem?” Through APSU’s current diversity policy, light is focused on bringing unity to campus. But community unity is left in the dark when barriers that create and maintain division lack being addressed. Promoting a diversity initiative highlighting individual insights and community separation merits a more honest discussion. APSU has somewhat of a diversified campus, but diversity is not unity. In promoting diversity, the discussion must address social injustice, and the evils that keep the community divided such as racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination.

Wrong implications of current policy

Talk of solely promoting diversity for the sake of raising cultural awareness and expanding personal growth implies that APSU is only focusing on the part of diversity that will benefit its own interests. After all, if APSU is solely promoting diversity for expanding the individual's viewpoint, then maybe schools of thought such as social Darwinism and Marxist economics should be given further exploration. By following the current logic of APSU's diversity policy, promoting the perspectives from fascist and communist professors would meet criteria in offering new viewpoints and expanding young minds. But would APSU want that? Are these views that APSU should promote? Should diversity have limitations? Should schools of thought that justify victimization or clash with democracy be promoted? Furthermore, APSU's current policy stance indicates that through heightened personal awareness students will be better equipped for functioning in a global setting of diversity. Considering the community APSU serves also harbors a multicultural and multiracial setting, would it not be in the school's best interest to localize its commitment to diversity? A variety of views exist on the local level, so the university should better understand and celebrate its local diversity. The university should draw focus on providing insights on how individuals living in the same area have radically different views, based on radically different experiences. Looking to reasons why such different perspectives and experiences exist would better provide insights on a personal level, while addressing divisions on a structural level. Understanding diversity globally, starts locally.

Policy suggestions for fixing diversity

APSU's current policy suggests some of diversity's importance, but it lacks certain measures. Creating a diverse environment, retaining that diversity and overcoming the barriers that keep the community divided are issues that must be brought to the forefront of the university's commitment. The following policies are suggestions recommending structural mechanisms that will better serve to meet the school's ongoing commitment. Diversity must not stop at raising awareness, but it must create the appropriate context for that commitment to become a reality.

Attaining

Considering that APSU's student body falls short of being a comparable representation of Clarksville and the state of Tennessee, public policy measures are needed to better reflect the community it serves. Stronger enforcement of Affirmative Action would be an effective measure creating this change. Many may oppose this suggestion on the basis that Affirmative Action is framed as supporting a racial preference, but remembering the words of — then governor of

California — Ronald Reagan better addresses the urgency for such a policy. “Time and experience have shown that laws and edicts of non-discrimination are not enough. Justice demands that each and every citizen consciously adopt and accentuate a real personal commitment to Affirmative Action, so as to make equal opportunity a reality.” Affirmative Action is not racial preference; Affirmative Action simply creates an opportunity where there once was none. Furthermore, because diversity pertains to a collective learning community at APSU, the scope of such a policy as Affirmative Action should not stop at solely reaching students. Using the policy to reorganize and change APSU's current representation in areas such as the homogeneous faculty and presidential cabinet profiles would set an example as to just how serious the school takes its commitment to diversity. Changing such profiles would serve as a model of being the change APSU desires to see.

Retaining

If APSU is to maintain diversity, it must retain its diversity. When APSU has approximately only 12 percent (<http://www.apsu.edu/ire/data.htm>) of faculty identified in the racial minority status, a negative message is sent about the university's ongoing commitment to diversity. This low percentage suggests that the school “needs to go back to the drawing board.” Better recruitment will be necessary for better representation, but strong focus also needs to be drawn on how APSU can retain professors once the school has attained them. Creating retention programs targeting new professors will be necessary to better assimilate them into the local and university community. This program could ease the process of building social networks, familiarize each professor with the details of Clarksville and serve as grounds to better train professors in upholding the university's mission statement. Further retention programs are also in need of being addressed. To better the representation of diversity APSU needs to improve student retention. Approximately only two out of three first-time full time students remain at APSU after attending their first year. Better developing current academic assistance programs through ways of funding and greater outreach will yield to more productive results in keeping students at APSU. Also, such a program could boast graduation rates which would also create a larger incentive for not only keeping students, but attracting more of them. Attracting students and keeping them strengthens APSU's commitment, but having diversity without a connection that binds everyone is self-defeating.

Uniting

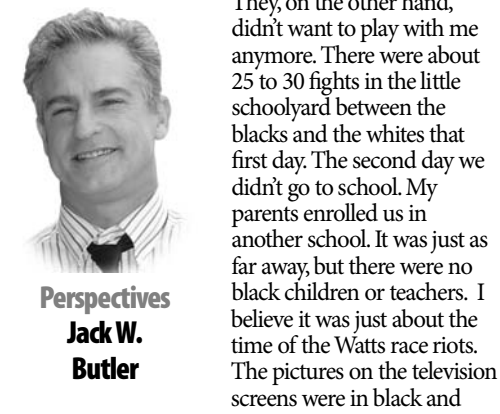
Breaking down barriers and mending wounds of isolation should be promoted by clubs and organizations that focus on unity. Currently many establishments on campus perpetuate a division that excludes, rather than includes all students. Making differences welcomed and appreciated should be at the forefront of the university's commitment to diversity. This pledge cannot coexist when these clubs and organizations — which serve as social networks — perpetuate division throughout the school's learning community. Establishing a multicultural center would better promote unity by creating a more collaborative learning community. Currently APSU's Hispanic and African American culture centers serve to promote diversity, but keeping such institutions separated means they also remain isolated. In the spirit of Maya Angelou, “We are more alike than we are unlike.” Creating a multicultural center would better rid APSU of campus seclusion. APSU must also ask, “How do clubs and organizations operate on the basis of race, gender, religion and sexual orientation affect the sense of unity on campus? And should these organizations be required to enact some form of an integration process?” Many of these organizations do volunteer work that stretches past its membership base, but requiring some form of outreach serving the general community would promote a more collective effort towards diversity.

Unity is community

It is possible to be in favor of diversity and yet perpetuate barriers, division and social injustice that diversity seeks to overcome. To better APSU's commitment, focus beyond individual growth will be necessary. These new found personal insights must be complemented by acknowledgements of separation and the resistance of social injustice. The university must also put into perspective that diversity is not solely about gaining personal insight through a global viewpoint. Seeing things globally begins by looking through a local lens. And remember: Diversity without unity is nothing. ♦

It's being human, stupid

I've heard people say some stupid things in my lifetime. I think one of the stupidest came from a journalist friend of mine just a few years ago. She said, “We live in a country that is so civilized, if somebody says something that offends you in a restaurant, you can sue them. How cool is that?” My two best friends in the first grade were Sammy and Jamie. We played kickball, chase, tag and anything else first grade boys play. The year was 1964. They moved away and came back for the third grade. I was happy to see them and ready for a game of kickball.



Perspectives
Jack W. Butler

They, on the other hand, didn't want to play with me anymore. There were about 25 to 30 fights in the little schoolyard between the blacks and the whites that first day. The second day we didn't go to school. My parents enrolled us in another school. It was just as far away, but there were no black children or teachers. I believe it was just about the time of the Watts race riots. The pictures on the television screens were in black and white, mostly of buildings burning, people running and throwing rocks. I didn't understand then. A few years later I heard Walter Cronkite talking about the Mississippi poll tax on CBS. I heard about how the black population was marching in the streets claiming the poll tax was unfair and unjust. I saw the faces of thousands of angry blacks with their hands together, marching peacefully, being attacked by white police. I heard the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's “I have a Dream” speech, and then I heard he was dead. It was not until junior high that I went to school with blacks again. There were the few blacks and whites that hated each other for the color of their skin. The rest of us played sports together, learned together and tried to stay away from the ones that hated each other. Another stupid thing this journalist friend of mine said was, “Who cares if we have to kill 50,000 or 100,000 Iraqis, it's time we clean that s--hole up. Look how many people died in our Civil War trying to clean up this country.” I don't think she knew that the American Civil War was started over the Cotton Sedition Act of 1862, which forbade Southern plantation owners from selling their cotton to their No. 1 market, Britain, thereby destroying the economy of the South. The Southern states had no choice other than to secede from the Union. The one saving grace about that war was President Lincoln's turning it into a moral war in an effort to get Northern Americans to fight in it. That's in almost all American history books, usually in one small paragraph. I must agree though, that it was long past time to abolish slavery. In the adult world I live in now, I know what I've always known, that people of all races act the same. There are racists, sexists and bigots in every race of people. The vast majority of people just want to get along. Every since the politically correct term of “African-American” has come out, I have been uncomfortable. I was the most uncomfortable about it for I no longer knew what to call my black friends. Most of them picked up on this and promptly told me they were black, not African-American. I'm glad they

See my character, not my skin

I recently had a conversation with my brother that intrigued me quite a bit. The conversation was about race. Coming from a family that is half-Korean, half-white, we never quite fit in on either side. When most people meet us they seem to always ask the question of ethnic background as if that would unlock some door to our character or give them insight to my personality. I have come to find out that neither my brother nor I identify with our race. Yes, of course we know what we are, but we don't believe it really matters as to whether we are black, green, yellow or white. There are certain stereotypes that come along with race. When people hear that I'm Asian, there is already this idea that I'm good at math (which I am pretty good), I eat a lot of rice (I do that also) and that I'm frugal (that one I am far from). As much as we would love to break stereotypes and preconceived ideas, they happen. Whether people have had a bad experience with a certain ethnic group, these thoughts pop into people's heads. I think that people have this deep longing to belong to something greater than themselves, whether a club, organization, race or gang. But why can't people just be people? Why do we always have to have associations with groups in order to define who they are? It just seems like people don't know who they are. Often times I ask people to tell me about themselves, and they proceed to tell about their job, school, race and what organizations they belong to. Whatever happened to just being you? This one girl asked me, “What culture are you going to raise your children under?” I simply told her, “mine.” She continued with, “Oh, you mean Korean and American.” And once



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did this. I think the term African-American is anything but correct. If all life did crawl out of the sea in Madagascar, then we are all African-American. If we have to call each other something, I think friends would be a better term. I like living in a country where we have the right to openly discuss our ideas. It is this right that gave many of our political leaders, like President John Kennedy, the right to demand freedom and justice for all races. It is freedom of the press, which taught me that black Americans were being persecuted by the American government and the American public in general. Freedom of speech brought these ideas to the front of our society and forced us to evaluate our principles and philosophies. Freedom of speech means freedom from censorship. We cannot be a free and open society if freedom of speech is taken away, even in the smallest form. If we outlaw one word or phrase that one chooses to be offended by, then what word or phrase is next to be outlawed. I believe that censorship through civil extortion is still censorship. Yes, I am defending the right for angry freaks to say nasty racist remarks or sexist remarks or bigoted remarks. While I don't want to hear these words, I have learned to use these words as a filter, to filter out the undeserving of being called a friend. I don't know how to solve the race problems in the U.S. or anywhere else in the world. I know that in comparing the race conditions of the mid '60s to the race conditions of the present day, American blacks (or African-Americans if you choose), live in a much better place now. For that I am grateful. I like living in a multicultural and diverse world. And no, I don't think American blacks are treated fairly in our society; but then who is, other than the extremely wealthy? I don't know a lot about Imus or his show. In fact, I think the longest clip of Imus I have ever seen is his famous “head up the butt” remarks about the Rutgers girls basketball team. I knew the moment I heard his insensitive comment that he would be fired. He had to be. This is America and perceived image is everything. Of course the remarks really weren't that offensive to the network until the advertisers started pulling the ads. I support Imus, not for his right to freedom of speech, nor for his right to freedom of the press, but for his right to be human and to say stupid things. ♦

Yes, of course we know what we are, but we don't believe it really matters as to whether we are black, green, yellow or white”

again I corrected her, “No, me, Chris, mine.” Culture can be defined as the quality in a person or society that arises from a concern for what is regarded as excellent in arts, letters, manners, scholarly pursuits, etc. It is in a person; it is in me — my culture. “Yes, of course we know what we are, but we don't believe it really matters as to whether we are black, green, yellow or white.” I'm not saying that I am embarrassed or ashamed of my heritage and ethnic background — I just don't think it's something that defines me. I think that people blow up this aspect. It's not my right or authority to judge anyone. There are lots of different aspects to who I am. I like rock, old school hip-hop, b-boying (break dancing, not so much these days), playing guitar and taking care of my family. But the factor that best defines who I am is Jesus Christ. When people see me I want them to see him shining through me. I don't want them to see a half-Korean, half-white guy. I believe that Jesus is the only aspect of me that will last forever, and that is how I want everyone to see and remember me. What do you think? ♦

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This week in history:

1865

April 14 — President Abraham Lincoln is fatally wounded by a gunshot after actor and Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth shoots him in the back of the head. Lincoln was attending a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater when Booth snuck into the president's theater box and delivered a single bullet to the back of his head. Lincoln died early the next morning due to the injury.

Word of the Day:

overweening - \oh-ver-WEEN-ing\ 1 : arrogant, presumptuous 2 : immoderate, exaggerated

Example Phrase: The overweening ambition of the novels principal character eventually leads to his downfall.

Quote of the Week

"Eighty percent of success is showing up."

— Woody Allen

"Live so that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip."
— Will Rogers

Did you know?

— The following is a list of phobias:

aichmophobia: needles or pointed objects

xanthophobia: the color yellow

gerascophobia: growing old

bufonophobia: toads

chrometophobia: money

coulrophobia: clowns

dendrophobia: trees

iophobia: poison

keraunophobia: thunder

novercaphobia: step-mothers

peladophobia: bald people

sinistrophobia: left-handedness

tomophobia: surgical operations

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Students from the Austin Peay State University branch of Baptist College Ministry gather with their group leaders for a photo.

"I went last year, and I wanted to see the difference we had made. I came away knowing I had impacted people's lives and futures."

— Chris Head, sophomore BCM volunteer



Such a huge project requires direction and teamwork to achieve the most productive results.

BCM does good job in New Orleans

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Several students from Austin Peay State University spent their entire spring break, March 3 through 10, building houses, pushing debris and providing hope for families in Katrina ravaged New Orleans.

There were 23 students involved in APSU's branch of Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

They, along with people from the First Baptist Church in Clarksville, went on the mission trip to help families whose houses still lie amidst the rubble caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Working with Baptist Crossroads and Habitat for Humanity, the students were among over 700 volunteers whose main goal, according to three of the students who went, was "to eradicate poverty housing and bring hope to people who had lost their homes."

For the students who went on the mission trip, each day began with an early wake up call and lasted until dark. The first few days were bitingly cold, with temperatures down in the 40s.

Grant Welch, a freshman who went on the trip, said everyone was unprepared for the cold weather. "We all brought shorts and T-shirts, thinking it would be warm. It was so cold though, some of us went to Wal-Mart to buy pants and long sleeve shirts." When it wasn't cold it was unbearably hot and many of the students got sunburns from their long hours outside.

The students spent much of their time moving large amounts of gravel, leveling the ground and working on the construction of 10 houses in the Ninth Ward area.

Though the work was hard, it did not deter the enthusiasm of the students involved.

Freshman Jay Hopper liked the fact that he used his spring break to benefit others.

"I went because I would've been sitting at home on the couch," he said. "I like construction work, and I've been on several mission trips before and enjoyed it. Besides, they needed someone who knew how to use a hammer."

Sophomore Chris Head has also done mission work and though he was sick most of the time, he was glad he got to go. "I went last year and I wanted to see the difference we had made," he said. "I came away knowing I had impacted people's lives and futures."

Welch was grateful that he got to go on the trip. "I felt like God blessed me by making a difference," he said. Welch also said one of the best things to happen to him on the trip occurred when he and a friend moved furniture into a completed house.

It was getting to "see how grateful and excited the people were to have their new home" that meant the most to him. "We always stress over the little stuff," he said. "But we fail to realize we already have everything we need. I came away from the trip with a sense of gratefulness for the things I have."

Though it has been nearly two years since Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, there is still work to be done. "As big as New Orleans is, we only put a small dent in the problem," Hopper said. "There are still a lot of people who need help down there."

The BCM is planning on a return trip next year to continue helping the people of New Orleans. ♦



Concrete blocks are used to assist in laying the foundations of new homes. The students contributed their efforts towards the construction of 10 houses.

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The houses in the Ninth Ward are painted bright pastel colors in order to fit in with the neighborhood decor.



The construction process requires a lot of manual labor and willingness to work hard. Obviously, being good with a hammer doesn't hurt either.

Kings of Leon hope new music release will earn them rock royalty in United States

By JESSICA BAIRD
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The release of Kings of Leon's third album "Because of the Times," marks a turning point for the deep-fried, southern rock 'n' rollers. The Tennessee natives are treated like real kings in the UK and this album might finally deem them rock royalty in America.

Caleb Followill, along with brothers Jared, Nathan and their cousin Matthew make up this rollicking quartet. Raised by a Pentecostal preacher, the title of their new album derives from a religious convention the Followill brothers used to attend each year with their father. They may be sons of a preacher man, but these boys'

real religion is rock.

Their first album was about their dreams of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. By their second album, they had experienced all of the above and lived to tell the tale.

On "Because of the Times," the Kings experimented in the studio more than ever before and ended up with their best album yet.

Their biggest departure from past records comes in the form of "Knocked Up," the album's first track. Lead singer and rhythm guitarist Followill, sings of speeding off in a Coup DeVille with his pregnant girlfriend and fellow renegade.

Considering several of their past tunes clocked in under a booze-soaked three minutes, this

seven-minute opus is definitely driving the Kings in a new direction.

Although Followill's vocals often sound as though he's gargling marbles, they have become an unmistakable trait for the Kings. The group used vocal effects for the first time on their current single "On Call." The finished product is, arguably, their most accessible and radio-friendly offering yet.

The studio tinkering continues throughout the album, and the Kings sound fuller and louder than ever before.

Considering the group has had opening slots for some of the most celebrated artists in music, including Bob Dylan and Pearl Jam, they seemed

to have picked up some tips along the way.

For instance, "Because of the Times" has their first arena-rock, lighters in the air track. "Black Thumbnail," with its somewhat unintelligible lyrics, killer guitar licks, thumping bass-line and aggressive drumbeat, is everything rock 'n' roll should be.

In a music world where a band's success is measured by how many MySpace friends they have or how successful their clothing line is, the Kings are the quintessential throwback to the gritty, fist-pumping rock of a bygone era.

Followill might say he's, "awful sick and tired of the game," on the track "The Runner," but here's hoping that he never stops playing. ♦

Students spend countless hours perusing web sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

These online social networks have become quite addictive for some people.



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Facebook, MySpace devotees suffer through 40 days without Web sites

By HEATHER CLARK
Staff Writer

With another Easter Sunday come and gone, those who gave up personal affinities during Lent are getting back to their cigarettes, Red Bull, etc.

It's a common practice in the Catholic faith to make a personal sacrifice (typically a favorite food) during the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

According to CNN, some college students got rather creative this year by making what they feel is a true sacrifice: Giving up social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace.

With millions of members already joined and millions more joining the ranks each day, these Web sites are undeniably addictive.

So addictive, in fact, that some who gave up one networking site for Lent would substitute another 16-year-old Emily Montgomery gave up MySpace but signed up for Facebook for the 40 day period.

Some students at Austin Peay State University had varying opinions about the addictive nature of social networking sites.

Jamie Weatherspoon does have a MySpace account, but she approaches the subject with a degree of indifference.

"I could take it or leave it," she said. Others, like Amelia Crotzer, find it more essential. "It is a must to check it at least once a day. I get a very weird feeling when I realize I have not checked it all day."

The appeal is understandable. These sites give users the opportunity to make new friends, find old friends and keep in constant contact with current ones.

They're open forums for blogging, picture and video sharing, even networking. Many enjoy the convenience of it all.

The sites give those with hectic schedules and busy lives the chance to remain quasi-social.

So, how hard would it really be for a user to give all

"It is a must to check [Myspace] every day. I get a weird feeling when I realize I have not checked it all day."

— Amelia Crotzer, on her MySpace dependence

that up for over a month? Weatherspoon maintains that she could easily go without for 40 days.

Crotzer agrees that she probably could, but that it would be difficult. "You would have to think about it positively and realize how much time it consumes when otherwise you would be doing something much more productive."

While they remain on both sides of the spectrum, the one thing they agree on about sites like MySpace is the vanity angle.

It is one of the reasons they believe that it's all so popular. "It gives people a platform to talk non-stop about themselves and show pictures of themselves. It's kind of like a magazine that's all about you and is distributed worldwide," Weatherspoon said.

Crotzer agrees. "I think it is all very vain. It starts out to be a way to network all of your positive attributes. However, the end result is a way of cleaning up the ugly parts and showing others the better aspects of your life."

Most everyone is on MySpace or Facebook these days. It is fair to say that those who gave their favorite site up for Lent made a valid sacrifice.

And the payoff they received was most likely a treasure trove containing 40 days worth of comments, friend requests and messages. What MySpace or Facebook junkie doesn't love that? ♦

Mind, body, home for Spring: Freshen up skin care routine

By AIMEE THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Once the home is clean, the rooms are bright and a busy mind is at ease, take some time to relax.

Spoiling does not necessarily mean one has to go to a spa and spend several hundred dollars on mud baths and massages, but it does mean setting aside the time to treat a body the way it should be treated. To do this, simply start from the inside and work outwards.

Water is the main component for a healthy, beautiful body and it's one of the most abundant resources on the planet.

However, in a recent study it was estimated that only 34 percent of Americans drink the recommended eight 8-ounce servings of water, and 10 percent said they do not drink water at all.

Water's importance to the human body is universally known, and it plays a big role in the beautification of the body.

Drinking lots of water helps to flush out toxins through pores and the digestive tract, helping clear skin and leading to a smaller waist.

Eating more vegetables, fruits and grains also helps to keep one looking and feeling their best.

Unlike meats and starches, vegetables, fruits and grains contain fiber and other nutrients are quickly absorbed and removed from a person's body.

Once one has taken care of the "inside," spend some time taking care of the outside. It is easier to get smoother skin with just a few simple beauty routines, using mostly ingredients found in anyone's kitchen.

Rosamond Richardson's book, "Natural Superwoman" provides several homemade recipes for everything from skin toners to healing supplements.

Here are some of the remedies she suggests:

For oily skin:

Lemon juice can be used to tone and refresh skin. Also, egg-whites can help dry and tighten the skin.

For dry skin:

Use olive oil to moisturize skin by dabbing on a small amount with a cotton ball to the affected area. The lactic acid in yogurt cleanses and nourishes dry skin and acts like a natural first aid treatment.

Also when you get out of the bath, do not completely dry skin; simply blot off the excess moisture but allow skin to retain a damp feeling to lock in moisture.

For exfoliation:

Combine a handful of sea salt with some olive oil, rub it over skin after showering. Allow it to set for a few minutes and then rinse it off. This both exfoliates and moisturizes at the same time.

For healing:

Add one to two cups of cider vinegar to bath water to relieve the pain of sunburn. Mixing four tablespoons of table salt into bathwater also heals and soothes skin.

For hair:

Try using mayonnaise as a conditioner. Also, rinsing hair with beer has long been touted to improve hair's condition and provide shine. Baking soda is also touted to improve hairs condition when it is added to shampoo. ♦

Human Papilloma Virus causes health problems for thousands

By LORI PERKINS
Staff Partners

Controversy about Human Papilloma Virus, a virus that can to cervical cancer in women, is on the rise globally. Cervical cancer is the second most fatal cancer for women in the U.S.

HPV is the nation's most common sexually transmitted virus. Studies show that nearly half of women in the age group 20-24 have HPV.

A third of women aged 14-24 have the infection. The deadly virus is affecting the younger population. Older women are less likely to have HPV, but are not excluded.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 20 million people in the U.S. already had HPV in 2005.

According to Sexual Conditions Health Center (SCHC), "The chance of developing HPV is determined by the high risk factors such as having other sexually transmitted diseases or having multiple sex partners and high risk types of HPV increases the chance that a woman with HPV will develop abnormal cervical cell change."

The preventative vaccination being used for HPV is Gardasil and is given in a series of three shots. Gardasil is being used as protection against the virus that causes cancer of the cervix.

Because of the outbreak, some lawmakers are trying to make it a requirement that along with the immunizations a series of shots be given to school-aged girls 11-12, for the allowance of being re-admitted into school.

Disagreements of the immunizations from parents and some religious organizations are causing controversy. They believe that having a mandatory vaccination to prevent the illness in young girls will be condoning pre-marital sex, teen pregnancy and unprotected sex. They also believe that younger girls may be misinformed believing that the vaccine will rid the cause of being infected with HPV that causes cervical cancer.

Another strong debate is concerning the cost of the vaccine. Many believe the vaccine is too expensive. The shots cost between \$360 and \$400 depending on which state one lives in.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, at least 23 states and the District of Columbia have introduced measures of mandated the HPV for school (some of those bills have been withdrawn).

The State Department of Health is requesting about \$14.3 million over the next two years for the vaccine which combined with federal money, would make the vaccine available to about 94,000 girls ages 9-18. Parents still would have to pay doctor visits but the cost

of the three dose vaccine would be picked up by the state.

In most cases, Pap tests are given and when the test comes back abnormal, an HPV test is recommended. However, Pap tests can still be normal with no signs and the virus can still be present.

HPV can only be detected when an HPV test is given (doctors usually decide). It is suggested that a Pap test be done annually and since there are different types of the virus, an HPV test should be taken to determine if any infection is present.

According to the Cancer Health Center, "in women, high risk types of HPV (such as types 16 and 18, which may be seen with a completion of a Pap test) 31 and 45 cause changes in the cell of the cervix that can be seen as abnormal changes on a Pap test."

"Abnormal cervical cell changes may resolve on their own without treatment. However, some untreated cervical cell changes can progress to serious abnormalities and lead to cervical cancer. Depending on the type of virus, genital warts may or may not be present."

Although the focus of the mortal virus has been concerning school-aged and young women, *The Journal Gazette* stated that "60 percent of men ages 18-70 are infected with HPV. Less is known about the consequences of HPV infection in men."

According to SCHC, "It is not clear whether men who are infected with HPV on the penis are more likely to have precancerous or cancerous changes on the penis than men who are not infected."

Because HPV does cause cell changes, more research is being done to determine whether HPV increases the risk of penile cancer. In the U.S., cancer of the penis is extremely rare (fewer than one in 100,000 occurs each year) and extremely low in circumcised men.

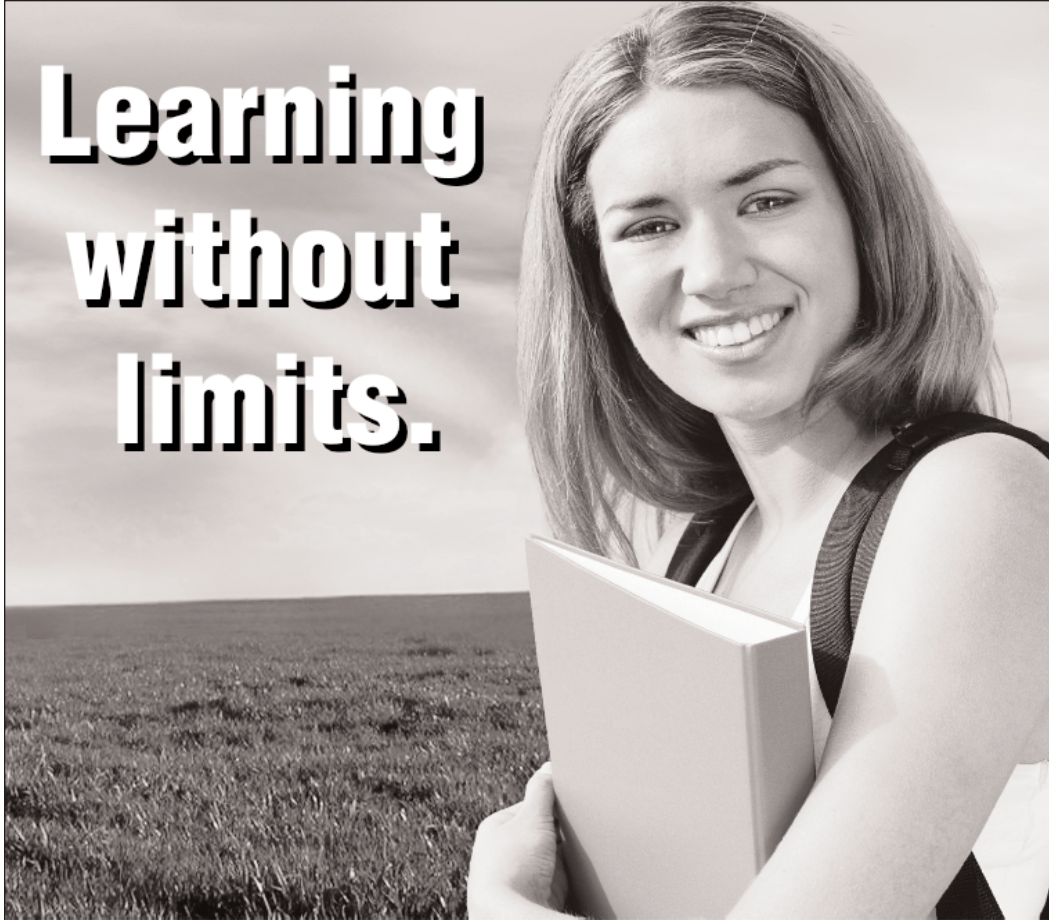
Among men who receive anal sex, HPV infection of the anal canal is associated with an increased risk of anal cancer. This risk may be especially high in men who also have HIV infection.

There is also concern for pregnant women infected with HPV. SCHC says, "they may experience more complications with genital warts than a woman who is not pregnant. Genital warts may increase in size, bleeding or become infected with bacteria. The virus may also be transferred to the infant."

As controversies continue, statistics and fatalities rise, it is important to understand that HPV is a serious disease that can be prevented.

It's been proven that both men and women are at risk. Anyone engaging in any sexual conduct with genital contact, with an infected person is at risk and can get the virus that is associated with cervical cancer.

Medical experts recommend being tested. ♦



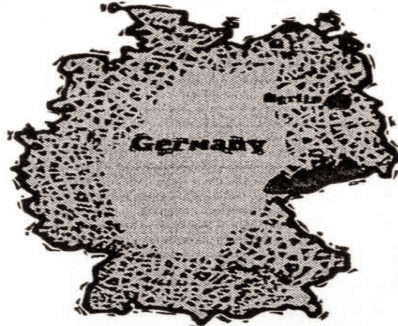
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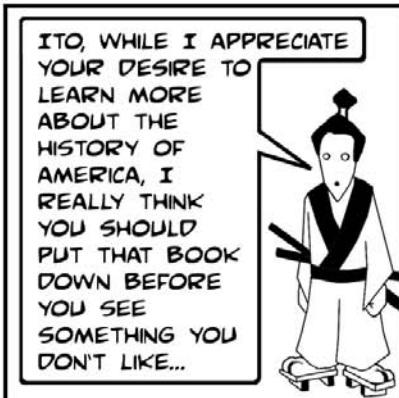


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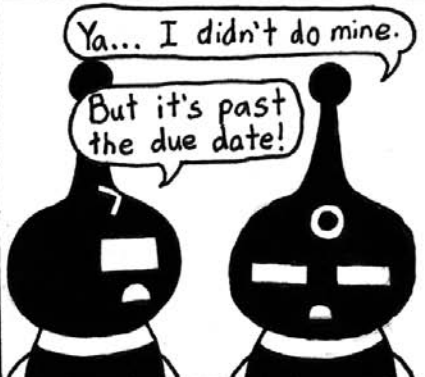
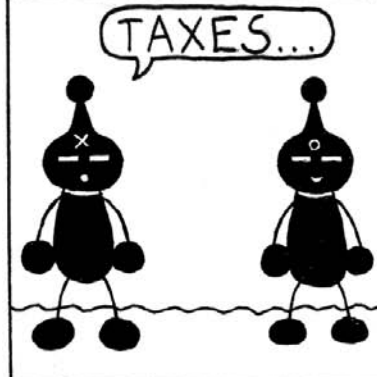


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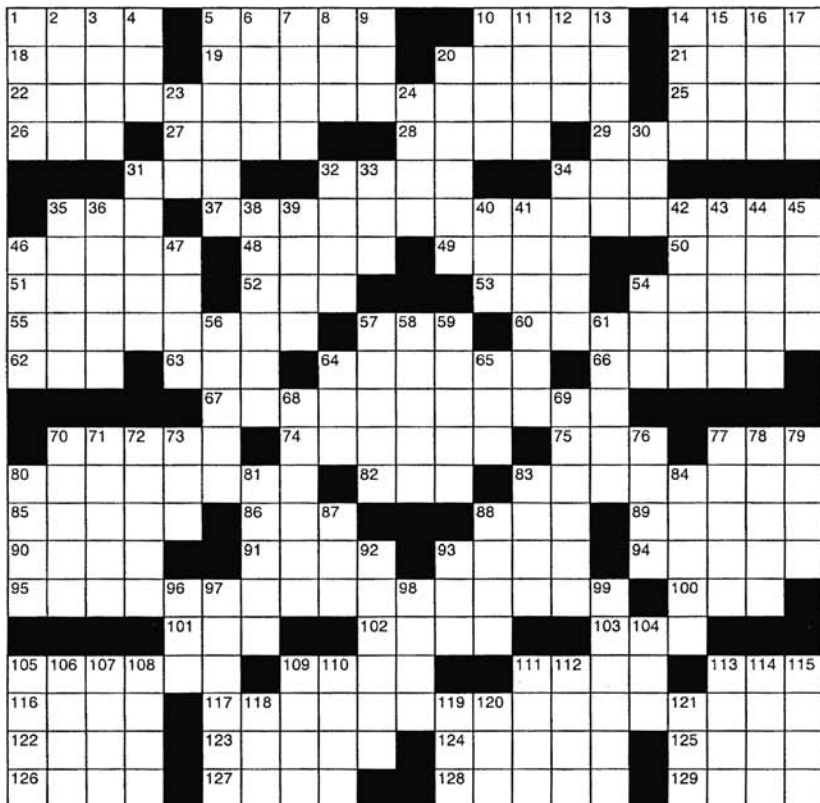
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by Linda Thistle

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OPINION

Hockey fever great, could be disastrous

By **MICHAEL YOUNG**
Senior Staff Writer

Last season when the Nashville Predators made the National Hockey League playoffs, of course there were fans to jump on the bandwagon. The feeling of euphoria quickly evaporated since the Preds looked more like the Columbus Blue Jackets in the series, getting hammered by the San Jose Sharks.

This season, things are a little different. The Predators set a new franchise record for wins (51) and points (110) and again they find themselves matched up with the Sharks.

It's that time of year again when the bandwagon fans come out of the shadows to fill out Nashville Arena for a sellout crowd every night.

But where was that support all year? I admit, I am a native of the anti-hockey south, and I have never been a fan. I have been to a handful of Preds games — every time I sat about three rows from the roof and I couldn't get the feel for it.

The main aspect that kept me away from the sport was the set of old rules that nearly killed the game.

Watching a game for three hours without a guarantee that either team would actually win was ridiculous. Ties, in any sport, are just plain un-American. That's not to mention the constant penalties, which told me at the time that the guy in the box did something illegal or just wanted a breather.

The only thing exciting about old-school hockey was the chance of somebody getting in a fight. Nevertheless, I would rather watch Rachel Ray show me how to make a 15-bean, cheese casserole than to watch a hockey game. But this year changed things.

I was finally talked into going to another Predators game this year, the first one since the NHL changed the rules to make it faster-paced and higher-scoring. Paying \$200 for the seats helped a little bit since we were eight rows off the ice but the game was completely different. I can say now that I am a converted hockey fan.

But that sets me back to my question of where has the support been all season for the Nashville Predators? I only went to one game and watched a few on cable. Every game the announcers made sure to point out the low crowds that showed up, mainly because every day in the media there had been reports of the Predators possibly leaving Nashville because of the lack of support.

The entire season was just a reinforcement of that idea, since attendance rarely reached the minimum required by the owners for them to keep from relocating the team. Now that the Stanley Cup playoffs are underway, the Nashville arena is packed every game and fans everywhere are sporting their Predators gear.

Things are great right now since the team is winning, but the current series with the Sharks is vital.

A win in the first round could keep the Predators here for good. Anything less and fans could jump ship.♦



YOUNG

Govs sweep Tennessee Tech



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman Tyler Bullock steps up to bat against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Samford. The Govs swept the Eagles over the weekend, bringing their record to 20-14 (7-5 in the OVC). The loss drops the eagles to 17-18 (4-8 in the OVC).

Senior right-handed pitcher Shawn Kelley becomes APSU's career strikeout leader

By **MARLON SCOTT**
Senior Staff Writer

After losing a tough game that went into extra innings against Middle Tennessee State University 4-5, the Austin Peay State University Governors headed to Cookeville to face the Tennessee Tech University Golden Eagles in a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series.

Despite pouring rain, long delays, high winds and more extra innings, the Govs were able to sweep the Eagles 10-5, 4-2, and 3-1.

"It was a tough weekend," said head coach Gary McClure. "It's really hard to believe we got all three games in this weekend."

Senior right-handed pitcher Shawn Kelley started for the Govs in the first game of the series.

He pitched seven innings, allowing only two runs in six hits with four strikeouts.

In the sixth inning, Kelley struck out Golden Eagle shortstop Thomas Nelson to become APSU's career strikeout leader with 256 strikeouts. The record was previously held by Rowdy Hardy (2004-2006).

"[Kelley] has been a great pitcher for us," McClure said. "Credit his longevity. He has been able to be an important part of the club for four years."

Kelley's solid pitching was complemented by a lot of APSU offense. The Govs finished the game with 15 hits.

Six different Govs had multiple hits in the game, including junior second baseman J.B. Gilbert who hit a two run home run in the second inning and senior catcher Matt Smith who led the team by going 3-for-4 with four RBI and a home run.

TTU appeared ready to end the first day by splitting the series when they

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—Head coach Gary McClure

took the lead 2-1 in the fourth inning. However, the Govs found their offense again in the fifth.

Junior outfielder Josh Kempf hit a stand-up triple and scored on the following sacrifice fly. Afterwards, the next three batters hit to load the bases.

Sophomore first baseman Ryne Mantooth found the gap through the infield allowing two of the base runners to score, and APSU took the lead 4-2.

After a scoreless sixth inning, the game was called due to rain.

Continuing rain delayed the final game of the series until late Sunday afternoon.

Although the rain finally stopped, the wind was blowing strongly on the infield which affected the offense of both teams.

"We were hitting okay until today (Sunday)," McClure said. "It was tough because the wind was blowing in so hard. We had to play small ball. We were able to lay some bunts down. The key for us was getting base runners."

Mantooth kept the Golden Eagles at bay for six innings. He ended the game with one run in six hits and three strikeouts.

That one run came in the seventh when Golden Eagle first baseman Stuart Meinhart hit a line drive single into right field with two runners on to



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior right-handed pitcher Shawn Kelley became the Govs' all-time strikeout leader against Tennessee Tech with 256 career strikeouts. The Govs' former record holder was pitcher Rowdy Hardy. Kelley pitched seven innings and allowed two runs and six hits with four strikeouts.

tie the game 1-1.

The score remained tied until the 11th inning when TTU flinched first. After one hitter walked, senior first baseman Jake Lane laid down a bunt that not only moved the runner but allowed him to reach base when the third baseman mishandled the ball.

Gilbert put down another bunt to load the bases, and then an infield error on the next hit allowed the winning run. The Govs won the game 3-1.

Afterwards, a relieved McClure looked ahead. "It was a huge weekend for us. The sweep put us back into the middle of things, and now we can have our first conference series at home against a good Southeast Missouri team."♦

Upcoming Govs Schedule

- April 21 vs Southeast Missouri
- April 22 vs Southeast Missouri
- April 24 at Western Kentucky
- April 25 at Evansville
- April 28 at Tennessee Martin
- April 29 at Tennessee Martin
- May 5 vs Eastern Illinois

Softball wins two of three against SEMO



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman Brittany Williams bats against Tennessee Tech earlier this month. Williams had two hits and two runs against Southeast Missouri last weekend in APSU's first game. The Lady Govs won two of the three against SEMO during the weekend.

APSU only three games out of .500 in Ohio Valley Conference

By **ANDREW SOLARSKI**
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Lady Govs took two of three games this weekend from the Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks. The Lady Govs won the opener on Saturday, 9-0, and the first game on Sunday, 7-6, but lost the second game of Sunday's doubleheader, 9-1.

The Lady Govs seemed to be working on all cylinders Saturday to finally end their nine-game losing streak. Their offense took flight in the second inning where they scored four runs. Ami Bush started the scoring with her RBI single and then third baseman Ashley Taylor added two RBIs of her own with another single.

Pitcher Natasha Anderson also got in on the action with an RBI single, Bush and Taylor got the offense going again in the sixth as the Lady Govs added five more runs. Bush had another RBI single, and Taylor smashed a three-run homer.

Not only was senior Natasha Anderson hitting, but she pitched an incredible game as well. Anderson (12-12) allowed one hit, one walk and struck out 14 as she pitched a complete game. It was her fourth shutout of the year and the 13th of her career. With her 14 strikeouts, Anderson became the first Lady Gov to produce at least 200 strikeouts all four years.

Sunday's first game appeared that it was going to be a replica of Saturday's

affair between the two teams. APSU jumped out to a 7-1 lead over the first four innings of play. They also had many opportunities to put more runs on the board stranding eight over the final four innings. Highlighting the two runs scored in the third was Taylor's home run with a runner on base.

In the fourth, Anderson, Hooper and Longmire all added RBIs and Bush added two of her own as the Lady Govs poured on five runs. The Lady Redhawks answered with three runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Things got very interesting in the bottom of the seventh as SEMO scored a run on a sacrifice fly and another on a throwing error by Michelle Edmonds. Finally, Anderson (13-12) put away the last batter as the Lady Govs hung for a 7-6 win.

In the third game, the Lady Redhawks took all the momentum they had been building from last game and used it to dominate APSU in a 9-1 victory. SEMO struck first with a run in the bottom of the first inning, but the Lady Govs answered back in the top of the second with Beth Carr's sacrifice fly. Scoring then ceased until the bottom of the third when the Lady Redhawks put seven on the board.

Lacey Briscoe (4-4) served up five singles and a home run in the third to all but put the game out of reach for the Lady Govs' offense. APSU tried to get

things going on offense in the fourth and fifth innings, but they were only able to generate a hit in each of the two innings. Briscoe started the bottom of the fifth, but served a home run to the first batter she saw, and then the game was called.

By taking two out of three from SEMO last weekend, the Lady Govs improved their overall record to 18-21 and (7-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference) ♦

Lady Govs season at a glance

- The Lady Govs have swept three teams this season: Kentucky Wesleyan, Cumberland, and Tennessee State.
- Senior Natasha Anderson has 13 wins this season, and earlier this year she became the Lady Govs all-time strikeout leader with 790.
- With the Lady Govs' win against SEMO they broke their season's longest losing streak with nine losses, the first two coming against OVC rival Samford.
- Head coach Jim Perrin has signed two players for the 2007-2008 season: Tiffany Smith from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Randal Davenport from Hoover, Ala.,

OPINION

Fan confesses fantasy football obsession

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

Last week, I was sitting at home wearing the fitted cap of my favorite baseball team with a large, cold drink, two hot dogs smothered in everything, pretending I was actually in the stands while watching a baseball game on television.

Like most sports fans, I was browsing ESPN during the commercials and saw that the 2007 National Football League schedule had come out. That is when a tiny version of me appeared in a puff of smoke on my shoulder like Ray Lewis during introductions at a home game.

The miniature Marlon, dressed in a suit and smoking a cigar, smacked the fitted cap off of my head, blew smoke in my face and asked me if I remembered the promise I made at the end of the fantasy football season last year.

Shocked and worried about my mental stability, I recalled last year's fantasy football season when I was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by a team that had Marques Colston and Joseph Addai.

The well dressed mini-me then said, "It is time to get to work." That is when I woke up from dozing off in the seventh inning after eating two smothered hot dogs.

However, I did not ignore the junk food induced, subconscious message I received. I promptly logged on to NFL.com to print off the schedule. There, I saw another sign.

At the top of the Web page is a digital display counting down the time until the 2007 NFL draft. It was the rookies that stopped me last year. I can not let it happen again. Before I had been keeping track of free agent signings and the scouting combine as a sports writer and fan.

I had also planned to watch at least the first day of the draft like I had been doing since I played Madden in franchise mode for the first time.

Now I am on a mission. In less than 10 days, I plan to find out who the Patriots are spending their two first round picks on and if Houston has learned anything this year. I'm not just as a curious fan, but as a fantasy football guru. With notes, draft needs, the schedule, a highlighter, and determination I will be spending April 28 and 29 in a fantasy football think tank. If you suffered bitter defeat in your league last year, then maybe you should consider doing the same.

Don't forget the chicken wings and chips. I am going to get my suit dry cleaned and buy some cigars. ♦



SCOTT

Coach's husband doesn't kick passion



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Brian Hazelwood is entering his third season with the Shreveport Battle Wings of the AF2. Hazelwood makes an eight-hour drive to go play his games with his team after moving from Louisiana to Tennessee after his wife was named the Lady Gobs new head volleyball coach. Hazelwood will also be featured in the new EA Sports Arena Football game.

Hazelwood shows dedication and love for team by making eight-hour drive to play

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

Many athletes dream of playing their sport professionally after college, yet few get to realize that dream. Most athletes also said they would play for free if they could, and Brian Hazelwood — the husband of Jenny Hazelwood, Austin Peay State University's new volleyball coach — is pretty much doing just that.

Mr. Hazelwood plays for the Bossier-Shreveport Battle Wings, a team in Arena Football League 2. Hazelwood who is a kicker for the Battle Wings is starting his third season for the team after a successful career at Mississippi State University.

"After playing for Mississippi State, I tried out for a number of National Football League teams but unfortunately that didn't work out, but I happen to have been living in Shreveport and the Battle Wings had just let their kicker go and they needed somebody" he said. "I came out for a home game and they liked me so I got to stay."

After two successful seasons with the Battle Wings, his wife was offered the head coaching position of APSU's volleyball team.

"We had a long talk about the future after she was offered the position" said Mr. Hazelwood. "We talked to the coaches a few times and talked to each other going back and forth on whether I was going to play or not and in the end we decided it was worth me sticking it out for one year and trying to pursue my dream."

Mrs. Hazelwood said she is happy about her husband living out his dream but she knew going into it there were going to be some hard times.

"There are going to be some challenges for us. Some weekends he is gone and then sometimes I am gone, so we have to figure out how to get help to watch our daughter," Mrs. Hazelwood said.

"I am excited for him because were both big sport fans; he loves volleyball and I love football, so I am supportive of him playing."

Mr. Hazelwood, who also had a full-time job in accounting and sales, makes the eight-hour trip every Thursday from Clarksville to Shreveport, La. to suit up

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— head volleyball coach Jenny Hazelwood, on her husbands playing career in the AF2

for his team and plays the game that he loves so much, even if that means not being able to spend his paycheck like his teammates.

"We get paid \$200 a week with a \$50 bonus if we win so most of my paycheck goes to gas money. My teammates and coaches are very supportive of me so it's definitely worth it," Mr. Hazelwood said. "I'm not really going to make much money this year so I am really just hoping to break even."

Entering his third year with the Battle Wings, Mr. Hazelwood has already accomplished some elite goals.

He was named second-team All AF2 last year, is second in most drop kicks made in a career with 16, is seven field goals away from breaking the all-time record and is also featured in EA Sports new Arena Football video game.

"I haven't played the game yet, but it will be interesting to play as myself," Hazelwood said. "I really wanted to come back this year to play for the Battle Wings because I think we have a good shot of being a good team this year, including the addition of our new quarterback former Dallas Cowboy, Quincy Carter."

Mr. Hazelwood said he is excited to see how his team turns out this year, and then he will see what is next for his career.

"I want to continue playing as long as my body holds up. It just depends on how far it takes me and where it leads me. I have tried out for the Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League so we will see what happens." ♦

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APSU tennis fall to Samford



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Nick Gallauer and his teammate Lucas DeBrito were defeated in their doubles match against Samford's Renan Silveira and Sam Huffman. DeBrito came up short in his singles match to Renan Silveiran, while Gallauer lost to Kelwin De Wet.

Women

Singles

Anna Jackson (SU) def Mariana Pagan APSU 5-7, 6-2, 12-10

Katie McMiller (SU) def. Isabel Rzezniczek (APSU) 6-1, 6-0

Emily White (SU) def. Michelle Liew (APSU) 6-2, 6-3

Whitnie Warren (SU) def. Virginia Penner (APSU) 6-0, 6-2

Sarah McKey (SU) def Laura Gonzalez (APSU) 6-0, 6-0

Bethany Benson (SU) def. Beth Kistler (APSU) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

Emily White/Sarah McKey (SU) def. Mariana Pagan/Michelle Liew (APSU) 8-7 (7-5)

Anna Jackson/Whitnie Warren (SU) def. Virginia Penner/Laura Gonzalez (APSU) 8-1

Katie McMiller/Christie Baker (SU) def. Beth Kistler/Isabel Rzezniczek (APSU) 8-1

Men

Singles

Renan Silveira (SU) def. Lucas Debritto (APSU) 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Stuart Misner (SU) def. Patrick Puertolas (APSU) 6-4, 6-1

Sam Huffman (SU) def. Leonardo Locatelli (APSU) 6-2, 3-6, 7-5

Hank Grant (SU) def Leandro Zenklusen (APSU) 6-2, 6-2

Kelwin De Wet (SU) def Nick Gallauer (APSU) 4-6, 6-1, 10-6

Brain Dushock (SU) def. Andrew Solarski (APSU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

Renan Silveira/Sam Huffman(SU) def Lucas Debritto/Nick Gallauer (APSU) 8-4

Stuart Misner/Hank Grant (SU) def Leonardo Locatelli/Leandro Zenklusen (APSU) 8-4

Kelwin De Wet/Brain Dushock (SU) def. Patrick Puertolas/Will MaGee (APSU) 8-1

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Mariana Pagan was defeated in her singles match. She and her teammate Michelle Liew lost in their doubles match.



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