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Students express feelings about U.S. casualties on Operation Iraqi Freedom



"I feel sorry for their families. Soldiers know that they have a job to do. They know that there are consequences. I thank God that they've accepted those consequences and accepted their jobs."

-Richard Gonet
freshman, nursing major



"It's very upsetting that we already have casualties and yet we have so many people protesting about the war. If we're all Americans, why can't we support our troops that are over there fighting?"

-Sarah Sager
somore, health and human performance major



"It's disheartening because you worry about your friends over there. I have friends in 5th Group."

-Terry Philmore
junior, psychology major



"In my opinion this war needs to happen. As much as I don't like war, I'm thankful for the families of the soldiers that have died. I'm thankful that they're there and I'm thankful for our country."

-Colette Suttmilller
freshman, psychology major

U.S. at war

Deployment affects those left behind

By EMILY D. PLUMLEE
Staff Writer

As the soldiers make their way into uncharted territory, there are leaving behind some precious commodities. Among these are wives, husbands, brothers, sisters, and children.

For some, this is their first experience with military deployment. For others, it's an everyday thing. All sorts of thoughts and feelings are running through their minds as their loved ones are sent away for unknown amounts of time.

Sandy Rodriguez has just begun experiencing what it is like to be the mother of a Marine. "You could literally see the tears running down his face in his letters," she said, while recalling her sons' experience at boot camp.

Her son is a member of an anti-terrorist platoon. His job will be guarding the Al Qaeda terrorists, being detached in Cuba.

It's hard to keep in touch, when members of the military are stationed all over the world. "Now he has a cell phone, so we hear from him a lot more," Rodriguez said.

In the short time he's been home, she says he has changed. "I've watched my son grow from a boy to a man in eight months." She spoke of how her son is not concerned only with himself anymore. "Now he's about protecting his

daughter."

Although Rodriguez's son isn't going to be on the frontlines, Marilyn Felts' stepson will be. He's 19 and he's never been out of the country. "I'd rather him be on American soil," she said.

Felts said she watches the world news every night to keep up-to-date on what is going on.

A local group of high school seniors from Clarksville seemed to be very confident in our military.

They also are extremely concerned about whether people they care about come back. One senior named Isaac Byars said, "I hope no other people have to die because of man's stupidity."

At APSU, Andrea Walker is a student who knows of many people deployed; among them are her boyfriend, a close friend and one of her mother's friends.

She said she has to keep in constant contact with her boyfriend's family as she gets his phone calls from the Persian Gulf. In addition she must manage his money while he's gone.

Walker just added two more members to her household after their dad was deployed. Although the living arrangements for both families have changed, their thoughts haven't. "Since the word 'war' is being used it scares the two boys," Andrea

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Contributed photos



Clarksville community members rally together on Wilma Rudolph, Saturday, March 22. The rally began at 1 p.m. and ended at 4 p.m. Patrons waved banners in support of U.S. troops as traffic honked and gave them thumbs up signs.

Workshops to assist military families

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Let's face it, times are tough, especially since the United States is at war with Iraq. Families, especially in the Clarksville-Fort Campbell area have loved ones overseas fighting for their beloved country.

Austin Peay State University's Counseling, Testing, and Career Services is sponsoring a series of "Military Family Living" workshops to help families cope during this time of war.

Lowell Roddy, recently retired from the U.S. Army after 26 years active duty and six years of Army Reserve duty, is helping conduct these workshops.

"I have a deep appreciation for the issues that will be faced by both active duty families and families of Reserve/National Guard soldiers," Roddy said.

The 45-minute workshops focus on three areas: services provided for soldiers and their families on Fort Campbell, services provided by APSU which in some instances duplicate military services but are more convenient, and the emotional issues related to the deployment.

"For some people, getting tangible assistance will be more important, while others will be looking for sources of emotional

support. I intend for the workshops to raise peoples' awareness of services, even if the services are not needed at this time," Roddy said. "At the workshop, I will try to ascertain whether we need an on-campus support group, in which people can seek solace and encouragement. If the need for such a group exists, there are several of us on staff who will work to form the group."

Most students have been fortunate not to experience the wars of their parents and grandparents, but with the threat of nuclear and chemical warfare being present in their lives stress and worry can result.

"Our military is the best trained and equipped military force in the world," Roddy said. "Their training has focused on the best way to deal with all known threats, to include biological and chemical threats. It will be easier for us to live day-to-day if we do not give in to panic or to rumors."

"Related to this concern is the anxiety some people have about terrorist activities here in the U.S. The Office of Homeland Security has no indication of an immediate threat for Fort Campbell, Clarksville or APSU. Nevertheless, we should follow prudent steps that have been suggested for all Americans."

Presidential candidates reveal positions on higher ed



James Douglas Mott
Class: 5th-year senior

Major: Biology/
Philosophy/Physics

Clubs/Organizations:
Kappa Sigma Fraternity (past treasurer and president),
Student Government
Association senator (Program
Chair and Chief Clerk), Intra-
mural President, Del Square Psi



Gavin Haynes Roark
Class: Junior

Major: Corporate
Communication

Clubs/Organizations:
Student Government
Association President,
Meacham Residence Hall
Director, Sigma Phi Epsilon,
Order of Omega,
Governors Ambassadors

Higher Education platform: (What can be improved upon?)
Communication across the board. Students want to know what's going on at the state level.



Naydia Renee Spears
Class: Junior

Major: Political Science

Clubs/Organizations:
Alpha Sigma Alpha President,
Omicron Delta Kappa,
Order of Omega, Governors
Ambassador, PhiSigma Alpha
(PSCI Honor Society),
Sevier Residence Hall

Director, Gamma Beta Phi

Higher Education platform: (What can be improved upon?)
More emphasis on entrepreneurship rather than getting a job to work for someone else. College provides you with a variety of opportunities to broaden your horizons, but the emphasis lies in working for someone else.



Monica Denise Woldemariam

Class: Sophomore

Major: Business with a
concentration in Act and
Finance

Clubs/Organizations:
none

Higher Education platform: (What can be improved upon?)
Out sourcing of services resulting in a disadvantage for some students, Woldemariam said. For example, ARAMARK and Follet. The management of the contract should adhere to more leeway, meaning the ability to cater to students by allowing do-able changes in the services (i.e. high priced sandwiches or combo meal).

News

GOOD MORNING APSU

Clarksville Community

Pre-registration and advising

Check your APSU e-mail account for information regarding Priority Pre-registration and Advising for 2003 Summer and Fall Semesters. The schedule of classes is available at the Registrar's office.

Writing center

The writing center is back in Hamed 241. Call 224-6239 to make an appointment.

Karaoke contest

Sing your way into the spotlight from 7-11 p.m., Friday, March 28 in Java City. You could win money and prizes.

Campus Community

Post gates closed

Fort Campbell, Ky., closed gates 2, 5 and 6 indefinitely on March 15, 2003. These closures are due to a decrease in vehicle traffic entering and leaving post.

This action will also increase the force protection and physical security on the installation.

If security heightens APSU students at Fort Campbell will be informed. An announcement will be put on the Fort Campbell at APSU answering machine, 221-1400.

Media gets up close to action

By JAY TRAUB
Staff Writer

The media coverage for the recent war with Iraq so far has been very thorough. Correspondents report live news in Iraq and travel with the U.S. Army, and news is updated frequently on the Internet.

To some, the extent of the media coverage may seem exceptionally different to the coverage of the war with Iraq in 1991.

David Kanervo and Ellen Kanervo say it is. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kanervo are Austin Peay State

University faculty members.

Mr. Kanervo is a professor and chair of political science at APSU and his wife is a professor of communication and theater. They are both following the recent war with Iraq and noticed the difference.

"In '91 the media were not allowed to go out on the battlefield at all," Mr. Kanervo said.

Because of the negative views of the Vietnam conflict and the media associated with showing the horrors of that war, the military felt the need to suppress the media access

during Desert Storm.

"Though pro-military in '91, there was still a lot of resentment from news agencies for being controlled," Mrs. Kanervo said. "Now they are being taken care of by the military."

Mr. Kanervo also revealed that the war in '91 was more supported than Vietnam because Iraq had actually invaded another country and the United Nations led the war. In this war, the military says they are not invading Iraq, but liberating it and the military media picked up the idea.

"American media in veering both actions has been strongly nationalistic with troops," Mrs. Kanervo said.

In this war there is a lot less complaints about suppressing media and censorship. "There is clearly some censorship about where soldiers are at or their orders," Mr. Kanervo said.

The military has greatly changed the way it deals with the press. Mrs. Kanervo said there are schools set up for reporters and correspondents on how to travel with the military and what soldiers

go through.

At Fort Knox reporters are invited to actually go on maneuvers with the soldiers. The media now can also get a lot more live coverage.

"A lot of networks, CNN and Fox in particular, get correspondents all over the area," Mr. Kanervo said. In this war there are over 500 individual journalists with the troops.

"Another difference in coverage is the Internet," Mrs. Kanervo said. "The difference between media coverage in this war is amazing."

Budget hit by deployment reimbursement

By JESSICA HOOVER
Guest Writer

The large-scale deployment of soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault at Fort Campbell will begin to have a major affect on Austin Peay State University.

Coinciding with growing budget concerns, military students completely withdrawing from the university could cause financial danger for APSU this semester.

APSU will reimburse tuition and fees to military students withdrawing from the university due to deployment. It is uncertain as to the definite impact on this year's budget, but APSU could see quite a loss in revenue.

With only a small number of students withdrawing so far, the expected financial impact for Spring I will be minimal. However, there could be as much as a \$200,000 loss of tuition monies by the end of Spring II, according to a financial update given by Sherry Hoppe, APSU president.

A loss of this magnitude could mean that Austin Peay would be unable afford a "critical equipment purchase" for instructional equipment, such as much needed improvements to the lighting for the Trahern stage or computer technology.

The refunds have begun and include students who paid for tuition and/or fees out of their personal budget. A majority of the

military students withdrawing, however, receive Training Assistance grants from the Army, a tuition assistance program that pays for the majority of the students' financial needs for school.

Right now these grants are not required to be refunded, a decision that is working in APSU's favor. If APSU were to reimburse those grants, it would cost the university an estimated \$250,000 this year.

APSU must also begin preparing for the 2003-2004 school year, and is facing some additional uncertainty about the affects of deployment on the budget.

"In a worst case scenario, APSU may have virtually zero military enrollment," Mitch Robinson, director of finance and

administration, said. "That could cause a loss of revenue at about \$700,000."

Seven hundred thousand dollars would mean freezing of 14 paid positions. This constitutes a total of nine faculty positions and five academic support positions. They could be reinstated if the funds were not lost.

"Cuts are being made to have as little affect on students as possible," Robinson said.

A loss that significant could certainly affect APSU's budget expenditures for next year. According to Robinson, a deficit of this magnitude is possible, but unexpected, due to a large number of students not deployable or returning by next term.

Overall budget complications are still unclear, but may cause quite a change in APSU's financial planning next year. Hoppe stated in her update that revisions in the budget might have to be made in order to compensate for a loss of revenue. Some of these revisions may include a reduction in travel expenditures for study abroad programs, athletics, summer classes and programs, positions for hire and other administrative or faculty related reductions.

As of now, no decision on these reductions has been reached. Hoppe will provide further updates to the university community and a University-wide meeting will be scheduled sometime in the future to discuss APSU's financial status.

Students will vote on proposed recreation center

By SHANNON JETT
Guest Writer

Austin Peay State University is considering a proposal to build a brand new, on-campus recreation center within the next year, and the students have the final say.

The proposal is to renovate the old bookstore (which is now being moved to the old cafeteria) and add more space and new equipment. Currently the Red Barn and Dunn Center are open for students' recreation. Instead of using these, most students use the YMCA or the Clarksville Athletic Club.

Though those are not the only facilities, according to the majority

of students at APSU, they are the most popular. Students are paying anywhere between \$16 to \$30 a month to use these facilities. That averages out to be almost \$250 dollars a year.

Students will have a chance to vote on whether or not to use debt service money for the recreation center during the spring election on the SGA ballot. According to Diane Berty, dean of student development, the vote will be for whether or not to raise the debt service fee.

If students approve an increased debt fee, the fee will be raised from \$109 to \$137 per semester for a fulltime student yielding an

additional \$300,000 annual revenue. Every student pays at the same time they pay their tuition. Students hold the responsibility of not just voting for what they want, but also voting for future students who will be required to pay this increased fee.

"I think all the students should take full advantage of the new wellness program that may be available to all of the students," said Cheryl Berardo, Freshman Undecided major.

According to Berty, depending on students enrollment in the next couple of years, this increased fee could raise \$7 to \$9 million dollars to put toward a brand new

recreation building.

Though the new building location has not yet been discussed, the possibility of just renovating the Red Barn depends on enrollment numbers.

The higher the enrollment, the more money that can be put toward the new recreation center. APSU can use this facility as an enrollment attraction to encourage new students to apply. This money, if approved, will go completely toward this project, and in no way can be used to help APSU's budget crisis.

If a new recreation center is approved by the students' development should start fall 2003. "We are looking for bigger and better things," Berty said.

The proposed timeline has three phases: preplanning, construction and the grand opening. Preplanning will take place from 2003-2004, construction will begin from 2004-2006 and the grand opening will take place in 2006.

The newly hired Director of Intramurals Recreational Wellness Promotions, David Davenport, will be in charge of the new recreation center and its plans.

Some things in store for the new center could be new equipment, just as you see at the local health facilities; increase participation on campus of intramural sports, sports clubs that play other colleges; and other outdoor recreations, Berty said. She feels it will be "a healthy outlet for stress."

The new recreation center could help to increase student's on-campus participation while helping to develop healthy new bonds within the APSU community. However, building could take anywhere between 1 1/2 to 3 years.

One of the great benefits of being an alumnus is that the opportunity to use APSU's facilities, including the University Center, after graduation.

"It would be great to be an

Alumnus and enjoy the wonders of this facility," said Alex Andraca, a freshman business major.

Not all students think a new

recreation center is worth the

money. Michelle Hayner, a junior

nursing major, feels that the money

could be used for better purposes.

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Campbell impacts economy

By REBECCA YEATTS
Guest Writer

With the recent deployment of our Ft. Campbell troops, one would think that the chance of economic depression in Clarksville would be looming. But that doesn't seem to be the case, so far.

"Our sales have dropped some, but not as drastically as we had planned," said Target manager Sophia Stevens, "it seems like people are stocking up on essentials items, and the change in seasons has driven our sales greatly. Some areas have suffered, but extra sales in other departments have boosted us and evened things out. We've seen the largest spike in sales in our

jewelry department."

Many other businesses have seen a slight drop in revenue, but it seems that an increase in jewelry sales is consistent with most retailers. "I'm not really surprised," said Austin Peay employee Sherry Yeatts, when told of the sales increase.

Yeatts, who was an employee at Gordon's Jewelers in Governor's Square Mall during Desert Storm, says that before the troops were deployed then, she saw a huge increase in sales.

"I made a killing on engagement rings. They all wanted to get engaged before they left the country. And when they came back, sales shot up again because

they needed wedding bands," says Yeatts. She predicts the same for the market this time.

Many businesses feel that the worst yet to come. "We are prepared at our store for a large drop-off in revenue if and when it occurs," says Stevens. But many feel that it's the smaller, family-run businesses that will be most drastically impacted, not mass retail chains.

"During Desert storm, you could drive down Ft. Campbell Blvd. and see tons of little family owned businesses that were shut down. Without the troops, it's nearly impossible for those little businesses to survive," says Yeatts, "But I really hope that they make it this time."

Employee of the quarter award

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff writer

Staff members make an impact on students' lives daily and often are not recognized for it. However, Austin Peay State University recognizes these individuals with the Employee of the Quarter award.

This award is only given to staff members and faculty and staff members may nominate the person they feel is most qualified for the award. The nomination can be

done by e-mail or in writing the nomination then goes to Human Resources so that the employees' eligibility can be verified.

Once the nominations are verified, they are sent to the staff council president. Ballots are made and all nominations are passed out at the next council meeting.

The staff council members vote from the clerical, support and professional departments.

Once the votes are tallied a plaque and check for \$50 is prepared for the winners. Once

these rewards are ready, Human Resources notifies the council president and they set up a time and date for the vice president of the areas mentioned and the winner's supervisor to present the award to them.

"The Employee of the Quarter winners' names and pictures are sent out to all staff members and whoever receives the most votes wins Employee of the Year," Debbie Shearon said.

For more information contact Shearon at 221-6445.

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said.

Those two boys are old enough to understand what war means, but not the son of Walker's friend. Since she is going to Kuwait, she will miss her son's first birthday.

Some people are still amazed to see a woman in the military. Walker said, "It surprises me that she is in the military because a woman is supposed to be dainty." Those left behind are going through many experiences at this

time.

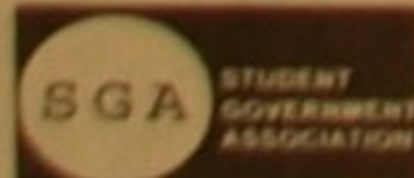
They are beginning to assume all household roles and responsibilities with the absence of loved ones. But they can't and won't forget about what their duties are to their loved ones overseas.

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Editorial

Unmentionables, by Marty Fox



Opinions about war vary across APSU

By CHRISTINA WILSON
Staff Writer

The students on the campus of Austin Peay State University hold very strong opinions on the current state of our world.

Many of this University's student body have been directly affected by the war and the deployment of the 101st Airborne troops.

Pier Anne Lachance, an international student from Quebec believes that "the American media portrays a big show on television to

rally support, when most Americans don't even know why they are there."

Lachance believes there are other ways to save the lives of the Iraqi people and doesn't believe this is the main objective of the U. S. government.

"It is just a big economic thing; America is really just using its power, most countries fear what America can do to them economically so they are not really wanting to get on it's bad side."

Although most students feel that

the war was avoidable all seem to rally behind and support our troops and our president's intentions since the war has begun.

Iris Perez a freshman Special Education major believes President Bush is giving the Iraqis an opportunity to rebuild their government with new leaders. "Sadaam isn't any better than Castro and with him having mass destructive capabilities he is a ticking time bomb," Perez said.

Some students have even considered an anti-war protest on

campus, but decided it would not be appropriate in a military town.

All across APSU's diverse campus, opinion after opinion resound, but one opinion we all seem to hold is the desire for an expedient end to this war and God's blessings over our soldiers.

Autumn Foster sophomore sociology major expresses her opinion with these words "I just hate to see people die."

Ice cream becomes target of government cover-up

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor

Making news in the world of business is the recent attempt of a merger of two of the world's best premium ice cream makers.

Nestle and Dreyer's seek to come together in a \$2.8 billion merger. However, the Federal Trade Commission, or FTC, plans to seek an injunction against the merger.

"This merger, as structured, would likely raise prices and reduce choice for consumers," said Joe Simons, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

The combination of Nestle and Dreyer's would result in Nestle controlling about sixty percent of

the premium ice cream market.

The merger would also leave only two major companies in the premium ice cream market, Nestle and Unilever, which owns Ben & Jerry's.

The question that I have from this issue is why is the government so concerned with the price of premium ice cream?

Could this be a subtle strategic move at keeping up the morale of the American public in a time of war? This certainly is a good theory.

If Americans do not have to pay more for their premium ice cream then their morale will remain high and possibly more supportive of a war.

Is it possible that this injunction

was the result of special favors pulled for a top politician with a sweet tooth?

President's in the past have been known to favor certain treats. Ronald Reagan was fond of jelly beans while James Madison liked ice cream and Harry Truman listed brownies among his favorite foods.

Could it be that our current president has a craving for premium ice cream?

No doubt that Bush and his ice cream loving friends are conspiring to prevent a friendly merger of two top companies.

I guess it just goes to show that some people just have too much time on their hands.

In a day and age where homeland

security reigns supreme on the government's list of priorities, ice cream remains close to the top.

Now, we can only hope that the government does not have its eyes on other amenities that we take for granted so much.

Candy bar, potato chip and soft drink industries should all watch their back as our sugar craving politicians might just take a stab at them.

On the other hand, this could all be nothing. The government is just watching out for the consumer and trying to keep prices low. If that's what you think...

Sutton View

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor



SUTTON

After a weeks absence, I am proud to say I am back and in full swing. The first thing I would like to do is thank all of you for your thoughtful comments and expressions of sympathy for my family and I.

I have so many emotions running through my head that sometimes I think writing them down as they appear is the only remedy for my issues.

I spent a few days living at Vanderbilt University Medical Center before my father passed away. I roamed many halls and spent countless minutes on the elevator.

My first night in the hospital was a very restless one for me. The discomfortableness of sleeping in an unfamiliar place kept me up for most of the night.

I was able to track down a few pieces of paper and pen to put down my thoughts and feelings. Unfortunately, those pieces of paper have escaped me at the present time, so I am going to do my best and remember what I can from almost two weeks ago.

I consider myself a very sarcastic and humorous person, so what I say next I feel is normal under these circumstances.

Did you know there is a McDonalds restaurant connected to the hospital? It struck me as odd that a fast food place known for its unhealthy burgers and salt drenched fries could exist with a hospital, a place for healing and wellness. I wondered if it was some complex plan that hospital administrators had. The

McDonalds would provide the hospital with an endless amount of patients who suffer from various ailments brought on from the consumption of a Big and Tasty.

Along with the uniqueness of a McDonalds connected to a hospital, I also managed to find a designated smokers' area at three o'clock in the morning. Not a smoker myself, I was able to sit back and observe the various hospital staff escape from their job for just a few minutes to satisfy their nicotine addiction.

The actual existence of a place so close to the hospital struck an old nerve with me. Just a few weeks ago, I and other students wrangled with the idea of a smoke free campus. One of the major points for a smoke free campus was that the entire campus of Gateway Hospital is smoke free. Now, here I was at one of the most prestigious medical institutions in the state and they have the courtesy to accommodate smokers.

Another thought that I managed to capture in my makeshift journal was the staff itself. Never before had I been in a situation where I was able to say how surprised I was with the level of service offered. The people I am referring to are the nurses who seem to make the entire hospital run so smoothly. Not only were they concerned with the status of their patients but they took time to interact with the patients' families.

I can now see why so many of our students here at APSU choose to go into the nursing profession. The human interaction is so visible and touching as well.

I would like to think that something good always emerges out of a tragedy, or horrible situation. Maybe now I can look at the world a bit differently and try more to see the good in people that I would normally push aside.

Thoughts about trying to make college life better

By MICHAEL LOMBARDO
Staff Writer

As a current full-time student at APSU I understand the pressures of college life.

Most of us have come to realize at this institution of higher learning being a non-social, dry campus and increase college makes it hard to find a place to have a good time.

I asked some current students what they thought was the reasoning behind all this.

Sophomore Sean Jernigan said, "Being labeled a suitcase college takes away your regular traditional

students, because there is nothing to do."

Freshman Jeff Harter summed up his feelings into two simple words, "It Sucks!" "If you come here for a typical social college life, we have none," Harter said.

"Being from out of state, it is hard staying on campus every weekend" also, "it is sad to see everyone leave you with nothing to do," Justin Keller said. Keller has been at APSU for the past four years.

Maybe if the campus were a wet campus, would that increase more of a turnout.

But what if APSU were a wet campus? There would be increased social activity and enrollment.

Some say yes and some say no because it would deter us from our schoolwork.

The presidents of two fraternities at APSU expressed their thoughts about the effect that a dry campus has on greek life.

"Being a wet campus wouldn't give us the best of images, but tailgating for football games especially for homecoming, allowing to have alcoholic beverages under a controlled environment would attract more

people to go to the games and have more people here on the weekends," Anthony Aronowitz, Sigma Phi Epsilon president, said.

"A wet campus would increase social activities, sports attendance, and school enrollment would more than likely be up," Todd Staley, Kappa Sigma president, said.

"We are on private property, so technically we are allowed to have social activities, but not without the occasional harassment from campus police," said Staley.

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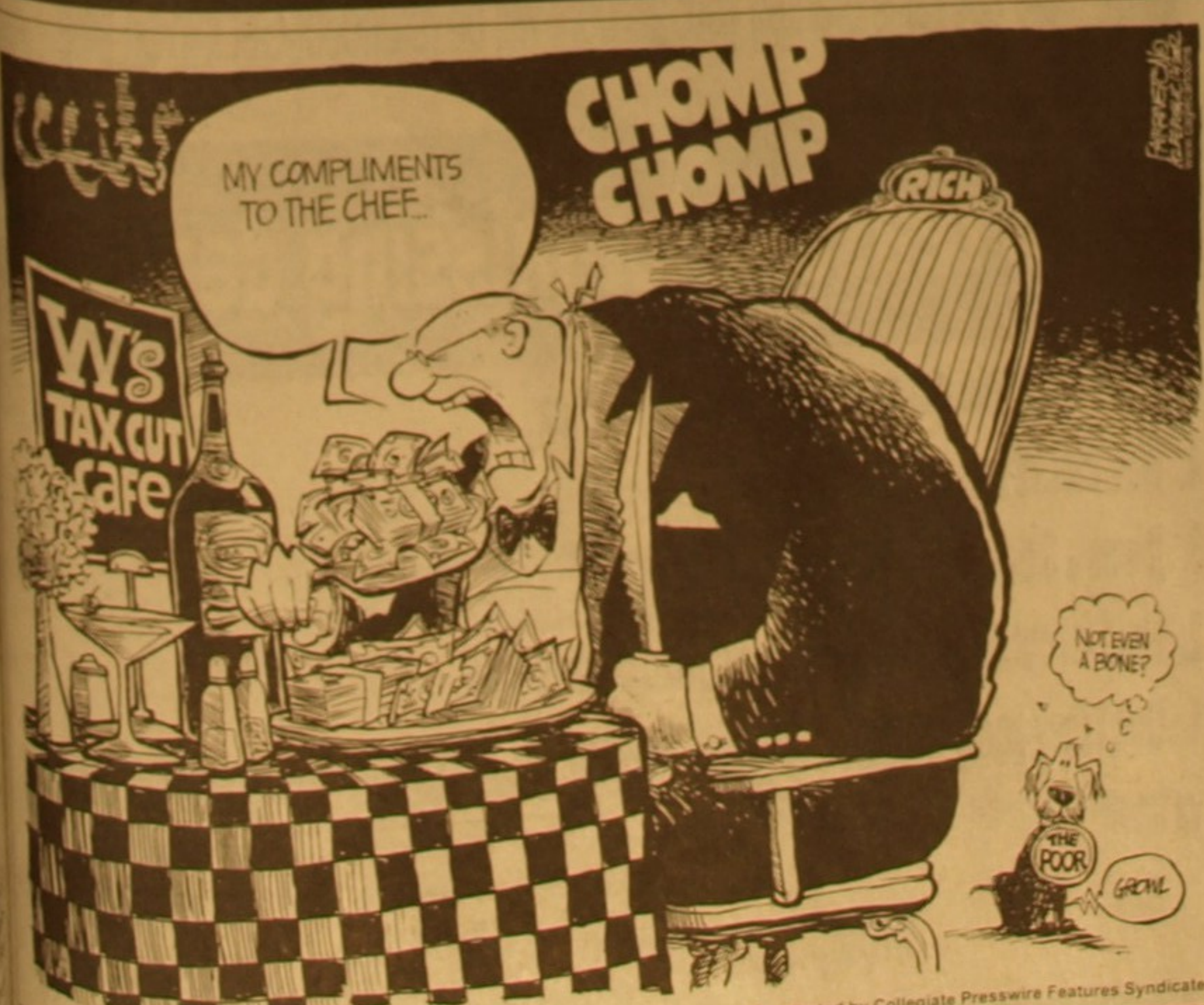
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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Student proud to support military families during war

I have never thought about what it takes to endure being in a military family, until recently.

War is virtually an everyday thought when you are near any type

of military at this time. It's really on the minds of lots of APSU students, and I am one of them.

Many individuals in my classes have family and friends that used to call Fort Campbell home. It's hard to let the comments from them just settle with me.

And even though I do not have any family in the military, I am beginning to understand how difficult it is to send a loved one to

war.

There are so many young people that President Bush is calling up to defend our country.

I hope that whatever force has to be used; many lives are not lost on either side.

All this talk of war is making me think about the everyday sacrifices that are being made for my family and me to live normal lives.

There should be big thanks sent

out to the family members who keep these troops going while they are away. Otherwise, they wouldn't have any sanity left when they return from overseas.

Both sides of deployment have hit a nerve with me. I am thankful that I have no one in my family going, but I am also thankful to those serving this country proudly.

Emily Plumlee
Junior Mass Communications

Saddam and Iraq has been a threat to US for too long

It's about time.

Iraq has been a threat to the United States with Saddam Hussein in power for the longest.

I knew war to get Saddam out of

power was inevitable, but no one was pushed to engage in war with Iraq with this purpose.

Iraq's blatant public support for terrorism, is the reason Bush pushed toward war with Iraq, and is using the weapons inspections as an excuse to make his reason more politically correct.

I don't condone the idea of war, but I do believe sometimes you can just be pushed to far before you

have to take some action.

That's the only thing some people understand. Saddam will get what he deserves and he will pay the pied piper when he comes to collect his rent, the pied piper that is.

I just hope the outcome will be a favorable one. Everyone is saying that the war with Iraq won't take long to complete.

Although, its things like that

which make me uneasy about really believing these sayings. Saying it is always easy, but doing it is a different story.

I honestly think that we are being too cocky and a surprise might be in store for our troops and us as well, though I hope for the best.

Anthony J. Sauaefa
Freshman Communications

Military families forced to support

The main percentage of America, according to polls supports the war.

My question to many is how many of those families are military?

Sure all military families support the war, but I feel it is because they have to.

My father just recently deployed and although he seemed a little apprehensive his response was, "this is my job" and my response is why... it is not your job to leave you family, friends, and life here.

I understand when joining the

military it is all preparation for war, but where is the family preparation.

I do not consider my dad coming home and saying, "hey I leave in two days" good preparation.

Military families are a larger part of the lifestyle than soldiers are. So I say to the man in charge WHERE IS MY SUPPORT.

If they want support from

military families FINE have it, I will support my father and friends because it is their job, but do not expect me and I am sure many others to be happy about it.

As far as I am concerned my support is forced.

Taura Riley,
Sophomore Communications

Boycotting needs to be taken seriously

Recently France announced that they would not be supporting America in the war on Iraq.

Shortly after, people across the nation began to boycott "French" products.

French toast, French fries, French kiss- GET OVER IT!! The ridiculousness of a French

boycott is unreal.

Basically we have launched a 'word war' at France, and they are laughing their heads off at us.

Let me explain two things to those of you who don't already understand.

First, none of these things have anything to do with France. Secondly, participating citizens are acting eccentrically.

The leaders of France have the right to act in the way they deem

best for the interest of their nation.

President Bush feels he is doing what is best for us. Many of our own citizens disagree with him, but none has stopped eating American food.

Did anyone hear that Turkey, our ally, refused to let America launch an attack from their soil?

Is anyone boycotting turkey sandwiches, turkey jerky, or Thanksgiving dinner? Absolutely not!

The French own half of the world; clothing lines, car dealers, food and electronics. Don't boycott things because they SAY "French." If you're going to be serious, boycott products that ARE French.

One final note: For all of those boycotters out there who drove their cars today, STOP IT!! You're supporting Iraq.

Jessica Hoover
Sophomore Communications

Iraqi regime must be brought down

My thoughts of the war are very disturbing.

It is good we are taking care of business, but it should have been

taken care of during the first Desert Storm.

Saddam is just not a very intelligent person, when wanting to start some drama with the United States.

President Bush is very cautious about everything, but he is making

the right decisions as of now.

Personally, I do not think this war will last very long because we are just too powerful to handle.

I am sure that many Iraqis do not even want a war. One of the main reasons for this was to save the civilians living in the Iraq region.

They like the Americans more than Saddam and his intelligence.

Turkey will be an important country to the United States throughout this war on account of letting our planes fly over.

I realize this war has impacted many families in the states, but it is inevitable that we shut down the Iraqi regime once and for all.

Jason Walker,
Sophomore Mass Communications

Reasons against war are examined

First of all, I feel that this war is not the people's war; it's more of a political war.

Therefore the nation's leader of each country that is involved should resolve their issues in a matter that doesn't involve the people of their nation.

Not only does this war put a financial dent in the U.S. national debt but it also inflicts the financial

means of the average class family. Prices of economical means have skyrocketed since 9/11, but that is only the beginning.

Another reason why I feel that this war shouldn't take place is because it doesn't make sense to anyone but the president.

I've also noticed that there isn't any other country making an effort to aid the U.S. in this war. Is it because the other countries are aware of the outcomes and effects of this war and the U.S. isn't or is it that the other countries aren't

prepared to aid the U.S. in a war such as this one?

Whatever the reasons are for the nation proceeding forward to war should maintain with the soldiers so that they won't lose focus.

The families that were left behind are suffering emotionally and some financially.

I feel that this war is an eye opener for voters; so that the next time elections arrive they will choose their president more wisely.

Kermisha Young, Freshman
Medical Technology



College Papers

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RUN number mishaps

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor

It's that time of the year again, advisement and pre-registration.

This magical period on campus is full of whispers and late night suggestions from friends.

Throughout my long APSU career I have both ignored and listened to the advice of friends and fellow classmates.

I am now telling you to listen to that advice. The majority of the rumors you hear about certain classes and professors are true, or at least are based in truth.

Some people might say that not taking a course because it would pose a significant challenge is wrong. Students here are to learn,

and if that means they must struggle and fight for a C, then so be it.

On the other hand, isn't college also about networking and taking smart advice.

Of course, there are going to be students who ignore my advice and sign up for a class that just seems to be impossible to accomplish.

And who knows? Maybe a hard class will turn out to be a good experience. It may make someone realize they need to study harder or put more into their schoolwork.

A wise person once said, "With smart, not hard." Those words should ring true in your head as you enter your RUN number for that fateful class that may determine your direction and focus in life.



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Top 5 reasons for missing deadline

5. My financial aid got messed up, so I couldn't pay.
4. Was that 72 hours in Earth time?
3. It was a 3 day weekend. Does that count?
2. I had an out of body experience and lost track of time.
1. Don't they know they're not the only ones that I have to answer to? I have other classes, ya know!

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Features

Hurry, sign up for Mexico trip

By SHANA THORNTON
Staff Writer

Students from Austin Peay State University have an opportunity to wander the streets of Taxco, salute the sun and moon from Teotihuacán, relax on the Acapulco beach, and study Spanish in Cuernavaca, the city of eternal spring, the study abroad to Mexico is scheduled for this summer and organized by Ramon Magrans, professor of Spanish.

"It is a great opportunity for students. They get to see the true history of Mexico, and see the pyramids that were erected long before Christ, and the great cities which make Mexico a great country," Magrans said of the study abroad program.

The length of the study abroad session ranges from thirty days to twelve weeks. Students can opt to study from May 9 through June 8, and/or July 4 to Aug. 3, or the entire summer, May through August.

Magrans said students may begin the program any Monday of their choice during the summer.

Students live with pre-selected and approved families, from whom they will receive three meals a day. If the family lives close to the university, the students walk to school or take a bus.

If the student lives with a family further away, the family provides transportation to school.

"I loved it because it is a lot better than sitting in a class to learn Spanish. You are surrounded by the culture, and it is an eye-opener to go to a foreign country where things we take for granted here are somewhat of a commodity. I would suggest the study abroad trip to Mexico to anyone seeking to improve their Spanish or have a good vacation," Joseph Maddux, senior history and Spanish major, said of his 2002 trip to Mexico.

Classes are held at the University International in Cuernavaca. Spanish classes are held daily from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Students receive personal instruction in Spanish as each class has a maximum of five

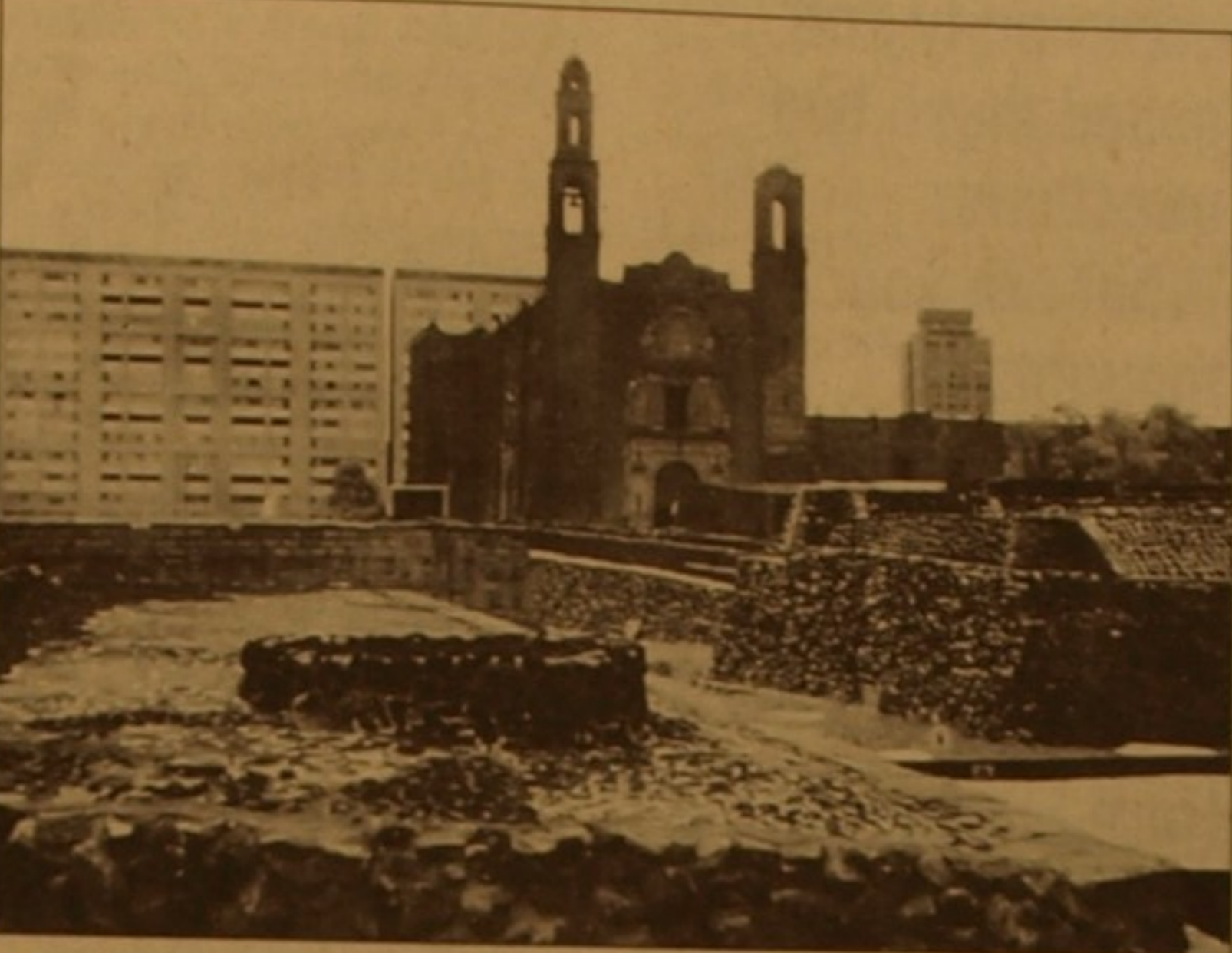
students. From 2:30 p.m.-4, additional classes are taught to anyone who wants to learn about salsa and folk dancing, soccer, Mexican cooking, and other artistic and recreational activities.

For students with a two year proficiency in Spanish, internships are provided in medical, legal, marketing, business and teaching fields.

"We have something very important called the Amigo

Cuernavaca and travel to other cities in Mexico. They will take a one-day trip to Teotihuacán, which means "the place where men became Gods," to visit the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. The day-trippers will also journey to Taxco, the silver center of Mexico, Xochicalco, and Mexico City.

In Mexico City, students will view the plaza of the three cultures. Those three cultures are the Aztec



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In Mexico City, students will find the plaza of three cultures. In the foreground are the ruins of the Aztecs from the 1300s which represents the first culture. When the Spaniards invaded, they forced the natives to tear down their temples and build churches from the same stone; the second culture. Finally, in the far background stands the third culture, industrialization.

Program. The student is paired with a Mexican student from the University International, so they can show them around, learn from them, and experience Mexico through Mexican eyes," Magrans said.

Located in the mountains, Cuernavaca has spring-like weather all year round. In the downtown area, the Palace of Cortez built in the 1500s is next door to a McDonalds. It is an ancient city with modern benefits; the ruins of the Aztecs await visitors; Magrans is quick to remind there is a Sears, Wal-Mart and fast-food restaurants.

Students will also get away from

civilization, the Spanish influence, and finally modern mankind's industrialization.

When Cortez, the Spanish explorer, and invader of Mexico City, discovered the Aztecs, he demanded to know where the treasures of Montezuma were located. The last Aztec emperor, Cuatehtemoc refused to disclose the information, so the Spanish soldiers soaked his feet in oil and set them on fire as a method of torture. Cuatehtemoc continued to hide the location of the treasure, and lost most of his lower legs.

The priest came and asked him how he was doing, and he responded with a famous phrase,

"I am not exactly lying on a bed of roses."

Cuatehtemoc, whose name means fallen eagle, did surrender to Cortez on Aug. 13, 1521. Superstitiously, Tuesday the 13th has been associated with bad luck across the Hispanic community. Finally on a lighter note, for rest and relaxation, students will spend three days in Acapulco, where they will stay at the Tortuga Hotel. Historically, Acapulco is the city in which the Manila Galleon traded spices and exotic goods from the Orient. Magrans said exotic foods are part of Acapulco, and students will try delicious foods they never dreamed of eating.

"The main reason I am going to Mexico this summer is that it's allowing me to graduate in December. I can do in four weeks what usually takes twelve weeks. Plus, I can't wait to see Mexico and use the language," Lela Holt, senior theater major, said.

The cost of the study abroad to Mexico is \$1995, plus airfare, tuition, fees and spending money. The current APSU tuition costs are \$149 for undergraduates and \$222 for graduate students per semester hour of credit. Airfare for May is \$469; for July, it is \$539.

All travel arrangements have been made previously, so all students need to travel is a driver's license and birth certificate.

Students who wish to study abroad this summer in Mexico must pay in full by March 31 if they plan to travel in May. The deadline for July is April 4.

If you are interested in studying abroad in Mexico, contact Ramon Magrans at 221-7847 or 1-800-747-1894, or send an e-mail to magrans@apsu.edu, or visit him in Hamed 104.

Students, who require more visual stimulation when making decisions, can check out videos, which feature cities and sights from the study abroad trip, from the APSU library.

An inside view on war and the family

By SHANA THORNTON
Staff Writer

Throughout the war we will be checking in on Robertson to find out how things are going with her while her husband is at war.

On Friday, March 21, the first day of spring and the third day of combat strikes against Iraq, the media made first mention of the 101st Airborne Division's role in the war. Emilie Robertson, senior public relations major at Austin Peay State University, had not heard from her deployed husband yet.

"I still haven't heard anything. He's a really hard worker. He's a sergeant, and he has a lot to do when he is away. He usually writes a lot to me when he is away, but it all depends on how much time he has," she said Friday.

When he was in Afghanistan, Robertson had received a phone call from her husband shortly after his deployment. However, when her husband's unit actually attacked Al Quaida forces in Operation Enduring Freedom, she did not correspond with him for one month.

Robertson keeps a realistic attitude and understands her husbands' responsibilities. She explains that it took a little over a week to get an address for her husband. Even then, she was only allowed to send mail weighing 13 ounces or less for a week. Still, she feels confident about his job, her day-to-day activities and their potential correspondence.

"I just sent him his first package this week, and now he has paper and envelopes," Robertson said.

She said it is important to support all of the troops and families within the community. She went to a

candle-light vigil for a unit from Fort Campbell Thursday night.

During the ceremony, families sang patriotic songs and lit candles outside for all the soldiers. Robertson explains that the war is more amplified into the lives of wives and husbands of soldiers because they have a close connection to the situation.

"I just wanted to go (to the candle-light vigil) for all the guys that are in Iraq. I've been watching the news, but you have to turn it off sometimes. The media keeps showing them in the desert and in the night sky over Baghdad. Of course, I want to keep up-dated, because I don't think I will hear from him for a while," she said.

Two days earlier on Wednesday morning, March 19, Robertson had anticipated the up-coming combat against Iraq. She compared impending battle with Iraq to Operation Enduring Freedom, and noted several differences within her awareness.

"Today is a big day because of the countdown and I'm really nervous," Robertson said. "Tonight is it, the end of the 48 hours, and Saddam is not leaving. I'm having a hard time sitting still, and I've not heard a word from my husband. I'm having a hard time concentrating on anything, because this is a life situation since it is the first time America has struck preemptively. The news is my only real source. Saddam has biological and chemical warfare. That wasn't an issue with Al Quaida," she said.

"We knew what to expect in Afghanistan. With Iraq, it's the unexpected. Al Quaida didn't really have an organized army like Saddam has."

Media reports indicated Friday that thousands of Saddam's forces were surrendering to United States troops. Many of Saddam's government, military and personal buildings along with palaces were destroyed during air assaults.

Still, Robertson expressed concerns about this premature phase of the war. She finished by saying, "My first concern is for my husband, but I'm nervous for the infantry troops and the possibility of backlash here in our country."

Women celebrate their month

By CATI MONTGOMERY
Copy Editor

The month of March began with a bang and a few sucker punches at the University Center Ballroom on March 26, 2003. The workshop, led by Richard Luntz, was only one of the many events sponsored in conjunction with Women's History Month here on campus. Participants in the workshop learned how to defend themselves in case of attack and were given common-sense safety tips.

Recognizing Women's History is important in terms of what gets taught and highlighting women's contributions to culture and history.

"Ideally, we would move beyond recognizing Women's History Month in March," said Jill Eichhorn, coordinator of women's studies. "We have concentrated it to

create an impact on people to recognize that most of the time, they aren't learning women's history. The goal is not to have Women's History Month (only), but to incorporate women's history into what we're teaching."

Brandon Farmer, freshman biology major, agrees that women's history has not been a major part of his daily classes.

"I don't know enough about women's history, I know some," he said.

The highlight of the many events planned for the month is today, March 26 in the University Center Ballroom at 3 p.m. Heather Huyck, a National Parks Service Historian will be giving a talk, entitled, "Beyond John Wayne: Using National Historic Sites to Interpret Women's History." When visiting national historic sites, the history of women

may not be evident, and Heather Huyck will educate students as to how we might uncover it. Her talk includes a slideshow and a reception will follow. For more information contact Eichhorn at 221-6314.

A unique off-campus opportunity to recognize Women's History Month will be Wednesday, April 2 at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library. "A Room Full of Women" is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women and women's studies.

Those interested sponsor a table on their favorite woman (or girl) author, display some of her books, and answer questions about the author. The event is open to the public. For more information contact Jeannie Randall at 221-7212. Other events planned for Women's History Month include an art exhibit in the Woodward Library

displaying works by local artists Elke Allen, Jodi Yanci and Christie Morris. The exhibit will run from March 1 to March 31, with a Meet the Artists reception on March 27 at 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The Woodward Library will also have a journalism exhibit, which honors local women journalists. Journalists included in this exhibit are Dorothy Dix, Dee Boaz and Paula Wall. This exhibit will also run from March 1 to March 31. A reception will be held on March 27.

Two events honoring Women's History Month that have already taken place are, "The Buyee: Keeper of the Culture." A Buyee from Belize spoke on the Garifuna culture and "The Lives of the Muses: Nine Women and the Artists They Inspired." Susan Calovini, chair of the Department of Languages and Literature, led a book talk.



Short on time?
Short on ingredients?
Quick recipes for students on the go!

Salmon Patties

2 cans of pink salmon
1 can fiesta corn, drained
1 1/2 c crushed soda crackers
2 eggs

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Shape mixture into patties. Bake in 350 degree oven on a well greased cookie sheet for 35 minutes. Serve with egg noodles and kiwi wedges. Balanced meal!

Submitted by Tina Randolph

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Let's Go to the Movies !!!

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1955 Madison Street

Showtimes for Thursday, March 27, 2003

A View From the Top	PG-13	7:15, 9:15
Agent Cody Banks	PG	7:05, 9:25
Boat Trip	R	7:30, 9:40
Daredevil	PG-13	7:00, 9:15
Dreamcatcher	R	7:05, 9:50
Tears from the Sun	R	7:15, 9:45
The Hunted	R	7:30, 9:40
Willard	PG-13	7:10, 9:35

Cinema 5
Governor's Square Mall

Showtimes for Thursday, March 27, 2003

Bringing Down the House	PG-13	7:10, 9:35
Chicago	PG-1	7:00, 9:35
Cradle to the Grave	R	9:15
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days	PG-13	7:05, 9:40
Old School	R	7:05, 9:15
Piglet's Big Movie	G	7:00

Features

Philosophy professor speaks on culture, war

By CHUCK KNIGHT
Staff Writer

With the war in Iraq begun, we face a time when we examine our own perceptions about other peoples.

The danger of a war not only includes the immediate risk that American soldiers face, but also includes the xenophobic feelings we might have toward other cultures, particularly the Iraqis.

Albert Randall, professor of Philosophy at APSU, offered some perspective on the adverse effect this war might have on understanding peoples and ultimately achieving real peace.

"To me the most dangerous threat we face is not from external forces, but from ourselves," said Randall.

Stereotypes or "barricades" divide us from other peoples. According to Randall, there are two types of barricades: external barricades, which we inherit from our place of birth, include ethnic, religious, and national differences and internal barricades, which humans erect within themselves, are anger, vengeance, and fear. Internal barricades also cause us to refuse to gather knowledge of other cultures and think rationally instead of stereotypically about those cultures.

"We can't reduce [Arabs] to Hussein, Khomeini, and Hamas," said Randall.

While not criticizing the media, Randall said that we get our ideas about other countries through the media.

"The mass media is constrained by unbelievable limitations on what they can do particularly in terms of space and time," Randall said. The media reports, as Randall put it, "not when a dog bites a man. That happens every day. It's when a man bites a dog."

"We only get limited views of

other cultures, particularly middle-eastern cultures, that are significantly different from the what they are really like," he said.

Randall pointed out other peoples get ideas about Americans through the media too.

Randall is concerned about the effect the war may have on established stereotypes and the situations that may develop.

"Situations of oppression, situations of injustice, situations of tyranny, situations of war, inflame and exacerbate [the external and internal barricades]," he said.

"My biggest concern deals with how we Americans are going to treat people who are different. Not over there (in Iraq) so much, but here," he said.

Commenting on how some might treat those who are different, Randall said, "Those who would harass a Muslim woman or who would harass those who are trying to hold a peace demonstration, become terrorists. And that is always a danger here."

"That's where university has an important role to play." With diverse cultural studies, universities can, Randall said, "help people learn and cherish diversity instead of find an enemy."

"One thing that significantly contributes to misunderstanding is American ignorance of history and geography. We have a frightening number of high school students who can't locate Chicago, much less Bagdad or Basra."

"Ignorance of other people creates arrogance," Randall said.

In order to achieve lasting peace, Americans might have to put cultural differences aside. "Bombs offer a short term solution," Randall said.

"The first step in having peace among human beings develops with an effort to have understanding of one another as human beings.

American or Jordanian or Syrian, there are a lot more things we share in common than there are differences. And to some extent, whether one is an Israeli or Palestinian, an Iraqi or an American, there are people of good conscience everywhere," Randall said.

One common bond among people Randall mentioned is that we all want our children to have a future.

Randall made reference to what an Israeli mother said to a Palestinian mother.

"An Israeli mother said the following: 'My little girl was killed because she was born Israeli, by a young man who felt hopeless to the point of murder and suicide...because he was born a Palestinian. I believe that only by educating our children that killing the innocent, starving the innocent, humiliating the innocent are unforgivable crimes, can we save them from joining the evil forces luring them into violence...but terrorism dominates both forces. An organized army, which terrorizes a whole population, is no less criminal than any guerilla group...Hussein and Sharon...are all the same to me. ...It is time to tell the world that the death of any child...be it Jewish or Palestinian, is the death of the whole world...Ending the war means that I don't care what flag is put on the mountain, it means that I don't care who looks where when they pray, it means that nothing is more important than saving our children.'"

Randall said that this Israeli mother and Palestinian mother are showing us what we can be as human beings.

Randall expects to have an article, titled "Looking Beyond Barricades," published in Our City; the article will discuss in detail the stereotypes that result in the dichotomy between different cultures.

What do you think?

What do Austin Peay Students think about our President and about the war?

One of our reporters, Charles Bridgers, reached out to the campus community and asked these two questions:

What are your thoughts on President Bush? What are your thoughts on the war?

Here is what you said:



Edwards

the world!"
Thomas Edwards, Biochemistry,
Junior

"I feel he's doing everything correctly in this country except for economics."
"I'm for liberating a country if it needs to be freed but I don't support policing



Mayes

situation."
Shamita Mayes, Math, Freshman

"I like him but I'm not into politics."
"You gotta do what you gotta do and I'm praying for the soldiers and families during this



Cecil

don't agree with the war but I understand how people twisted their reasoning for justifying it."
John Cecil, Music, Sophomore

"People complain about the comments made by the Dixie Chicks about Bush even though no one can honestly say the haven't ever said anything negative about him." "I



McDonald

Amy McDonald, Social Work,
Sophomore

"I support him in the fight against terrorism."
"I don't like the fact that we are in a war but I support the troops anyone who fights for freedom."



Garrett

time to finish the game."
J.C. Garrett, Mass
Communications, Freshman

"He was put in a tough position but he's reacting to the decision put in front of him."
"War is sad but a part of life but now it's



Upchurch

just and I understand why the war must take place but morally I don't agree with it."
Amanda Upchurch, English,
Freshman

"I feel that I cannot comment on his administration because I haven't been a president during war and no one else should comment either." "I feel that the cause is



Scales

backing down and he has weapons of mass destruction that he can use."
Sharon Scales, Business Marketing,
Freshman

"I think Bush is showing initiative and doing the right thing."
"I think we is the right thing to do because Saddam is not



Talley

the economy"
Thomas Talley, Political Science,
Freshman

"He's not the smartest guy in the world but in this case he did act intelligently."
"War is needed to liberate Iraqis and will probably boost



Jimmerson

jobs admirably and should be respected."
Rachel Jimmerson, Theater,
Sophomore

"I think President Bush is doing the best he can in an intense situation."
"I think a lot of these soldiers joined before the events of 9/11 and they are doing their



Gore

we need to be dealing with choosing instead to finish his father's business."
Tacarra Gore, Chemistry,
Freshman

"I don't like him and I think he's doing a poor job as a president."
"I'm totally against it and Bush totally lost sight of what



Howard

Business Marketing, Freshman

"I feel like he's doing his job well."
"I feel that it's long overdue and I hope it's over quick."
Ben Howard,



Taylor

Demetra Taylor, Physical Therapy,
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Sports

Lady Gobs softball team wins doubleheader

By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University's softball team extended its winning streak to four, knocking out two wins against Belmont, Sunday 11-10 (in 10 innings), and 5-3.

The Lady Gobs improve to 9-13-1 on the season, while Belmont falls to 5-17-1.

Game one began with two first innings runs from Belmont. But the Lady Gobs responded in the bottom of the second, knocking in five runs off Belmont starter Mandy Miles, making the score 5-2.

Belmont knocked in two more runs in the fifth, cutting the lead to one, 5-4. APSU scored three more runs in the same inning to build a

comfortable lead again, 8-4, heading into the sixth inning.

But Belmont's Heidi Lane hit a two-run double to tie the game, eight apiece, capping off a four-run offensive burst in the sixth. Lady Gobs pitcher, Lydia Money, who relieved starter Kari Gore, allowed four hits and walked two.

Both teams came up big in extra innings, scoring one run apiece in the eighth, and one apiece in the ninth, to continue play.

Money (4-6) held Belmont scoreless in the top of the tenth, opening up the game-winning opportunity for the Lady Gobs.

Tina Nickey hit a two-out bloop hit over third base, scoring Jennifer Simpkins, to end the two-hour, 51-minute contest.

Simpkins ended the game with three runs and went 3-of-5 at the plate. Lori McCoy also had three hits, all of them being doubles, and knocked in two runs. Shortstop Jenny Kelley went perfect on the night, batting 3-of-3. The Lady Gobs pounded out 14 hits altogether.

APSU started off game two with a first-inning run before Belmont batted in two in the top of the second, taking the lead, 2-1.

Jessica Warden started the comeback with a double off Belmont starter Tara Allen, who then walked the next batter, McCoy.

An error by Belmont allowed Brianna Venable to get on board to load the bases for Simpkins.

Simpkins came through with a single to left field, which was misplayed by Belmont leftfielder Christi Davis. Warden and McCoy scored on the play and Simpkins advanced to third.

Amy Hale brought in Simpkins, hitting a sacrifice fly to left, making the score 4-2.

Belmont added another run in the sixth to cut it to 4-3, but the Lady Gobs responded, adding a hit of their own to give APSU enough cushion to pull out a 5-3 victory.

Lady Gobs starter Lindsey Porter earned her first win of the season (1-1) pitching 5 1/3 innings and striking out three. Reliever Holly Ricketts picked up her first save of the season striking out the remaining five Belmont batters to

end the game.

McCoy went perfect behind the plate going 2-of-2, with one run and one RBI. McCoy finished 5-of-7 overall for the afternoon.

Kelley continued her dominance against Belmont, matching McCoy's 5-of-7 performance. Against Belmont this season, the shortstop has a .714 batting average against the Bruins going 10-of-14 at the plate.

The Lady Gobs travel today to Knoxville to face the University of Tennessee in a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m. APSU also gears up for Ohio Valley Conference play with a three-game series at home against Morehead State on Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. and Sunday, March 30 also at 1 p.m.

Bat Gobs lose series to Birmingham Southern

By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

After a 3-1 win on Friday against Birmingham Southern, Austin Peay's baseball team dropped the next two games to the Panthers, 5-1 on Saturday, and 16-3 on Sunday.

The Bat Gobs fell to 9-13 while the Panthers improved to 15-7.

Game one started off as a pitching duel between APSU's Dustin Smith and Birmingham Southern's Wes Letson. Letson allowed only one hit in the first three innings. Smith allowed no hits until the top of the fourth inning when the Panthers took advantage of an error by third baseman Jacob Schroeder allowing a run to score from second base.

In the bottom of the fourth, Schroeder shook off the error, hitting an RBI single to right field, scoring Travis Beech. The Bat Gobs took the lead, 3-1, when Mitchell Turrigio singled to center field bringing in Schroeder and Chris Hyde.

APSU would need no more runs as Smith (2-2) allowed only two more hits on his way to his first complete game of the season. He finished the night with 11 strikeouts, no earned runs, three hits and one walk.

The Panthers rebounded in game two of the series Saturday as they beat the Gobs, 5-1. The game was a mirror image of the first. This time, it was Birmingham Southern's pitching that dominated APSU.

Birmingham Southern scored in the first three innings to jump out to a 4-0 lead. Mac Godwin hit a

lead-off home run off Gobs starter Jake Lund in the second inning and in the top of the third, Conner Robertson hit a two-run homer.

APSU's only run came in the bottom of the third off an RBI single by Matthew Ledbetter to make the score 4-1. Ledbetter's hit would be the Gobs' last of the day as Panthers starter, Chad Durden, shut down the Bat Gobs' offense striking out 10 and walking one in the span of eight innings. APSU finished the game with only four hits.

Lund gave up 10 hits and five earned runs on his way to his third loss of the season (1-3).

The Panthers crushed the Gobs, 16-3, in the last game of the series Sunday.

Robertson hit his second homer of the series, this one a grand slam in the first inning off Gobs starter Devin Thomas. The Panthers scored two more runs in the third and did more damage in the top of the fifth scoring four runs off and RBI double and a three-run home run by the Panthers' offense.

Hyde hit his third long ball off the season, a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth to make it 10-2, but Birmingham Southern's pitching shut down the Bat Gobs once again, allowing only six hits, as opposed to 18 by the Panthers.

Birmingham Southern got two more runs in the seventh inning and four more in the eighth to put the game away for good. Thomas pitched 4 1/3 innings for APSU, allowing eight hits and six earned runs for his second loss of the season (2-2). Derek Griffith (4-2) picked up the win for the Panthers.

Hot Boyz and Phatties claim intramural basketball crowns

By MATTHEW HEISS
Sports Writer

The Intramural Recreation wrapped up its basketball season Thursday crowning The Hot Boyz and The Phatties the 2002-03 champions of the Red Barn.

The Phatties were named champions of the Women's Division after the Alpha Delta Pi's forfeited the championship game.

On the other side of the house in the Men's Division, The Hot Boyz were crowned King of the Barn

knocking off Sigma Phi Epsilon in the championship game, 52-45.

The two teams matched up with neither team really pulling ahead until the second half. In the end, the tired Sig Eps just could not handle the pressure defense of the Hot Boyz.

For the Hot Boyz, senior Charlie Brooks lead his team to victory with 20 points.

"Being the second year in a row and our third in the last four years that we have won the championship, I feel really good

about our accomplishment," Brooks said.

"It is not easy to win with different players each year, but it goes to show when you play as a team the sky is the limit. I don't think this could have been if it was not for each in every member of the Hot Boyz team," Brooks said.

"It was a very enjoyable and exciting season despite some minor set backs, but the best teams came out on top," said Neal Revlett, Graduate Assistant for Intramural sports.

SPORTS SHORTS

Austin Peay Sports Information

Gobs golf claim ECU Spring title

Austin Peay State University's women's golf team rolled to a commanding 27-stroke victory in the two-day Eastern Kentucky University Spring Intercollegiate Golf Tournament concluded Saturday at the 72-hole Arlington Golf Course in Richmond.

The Gobs shot a three-round total of 832 (269-280-283) with yellow OVC member ECU in second place with a score of 859 (284-286-289).

APSU claimed the top three individual spots, including Joe Hammon who won the individual medalist with a score of 206 (67-71-70). Adam Shanks and teammate Matt Gallant tied for second with a score of 208. The Gobs top three golfers shot all three rounds below par.

Two Lady Gobs place sixth at Alabama Relays

Austin Peay State University's women's track and field team competed in its first outdoor meet of spring this weekend at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa, Ala., over the weekend. The Lady Gobs got two sixth-place finishes from Tami Smotherman in the 400-meter hurdles with a 1:02.24 time and Portia Davis in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 10.3 inches.

Gobs tennis lose OVC match to Eastern Illinois

Austin Peay State University's women's tennis team fell to Eastern Illinois, 5-2, Sunday in Ohio Valley Conference action. The Gobs fell to 0-4 in the OVC.

APSU's only points came in No. 4 and No. 5 singles as Nabil Lababedi defeated Colin Westner (6-4, 6-3) and Andrew Nicks defeated Jason Girardin (6-4, 6-4).

The doubles team of Lababedi/Wes Pancho also defeated the team of Westner/Girardin (8-6) but the Gobs could not claim one of the other close doubles matches on that point.

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Sports

Govs fall to Louisville, 96-64, in NCAA Tournament

By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

Austin Peay's season ended Friday night with a 86-64 loss to fourth-ranked Louisville in the NCAA East Regionals at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center.

The Govs finish the season 23-8. It is the second most wins in APSU history and the first single-digit loss season since the 1976-77 season.

APSU trailed by one point early in the game, 20-19, but Louisville's defense kept the Govs off balance, leading to turnovers and huge Louisville runs of 10-0 and 18-4.

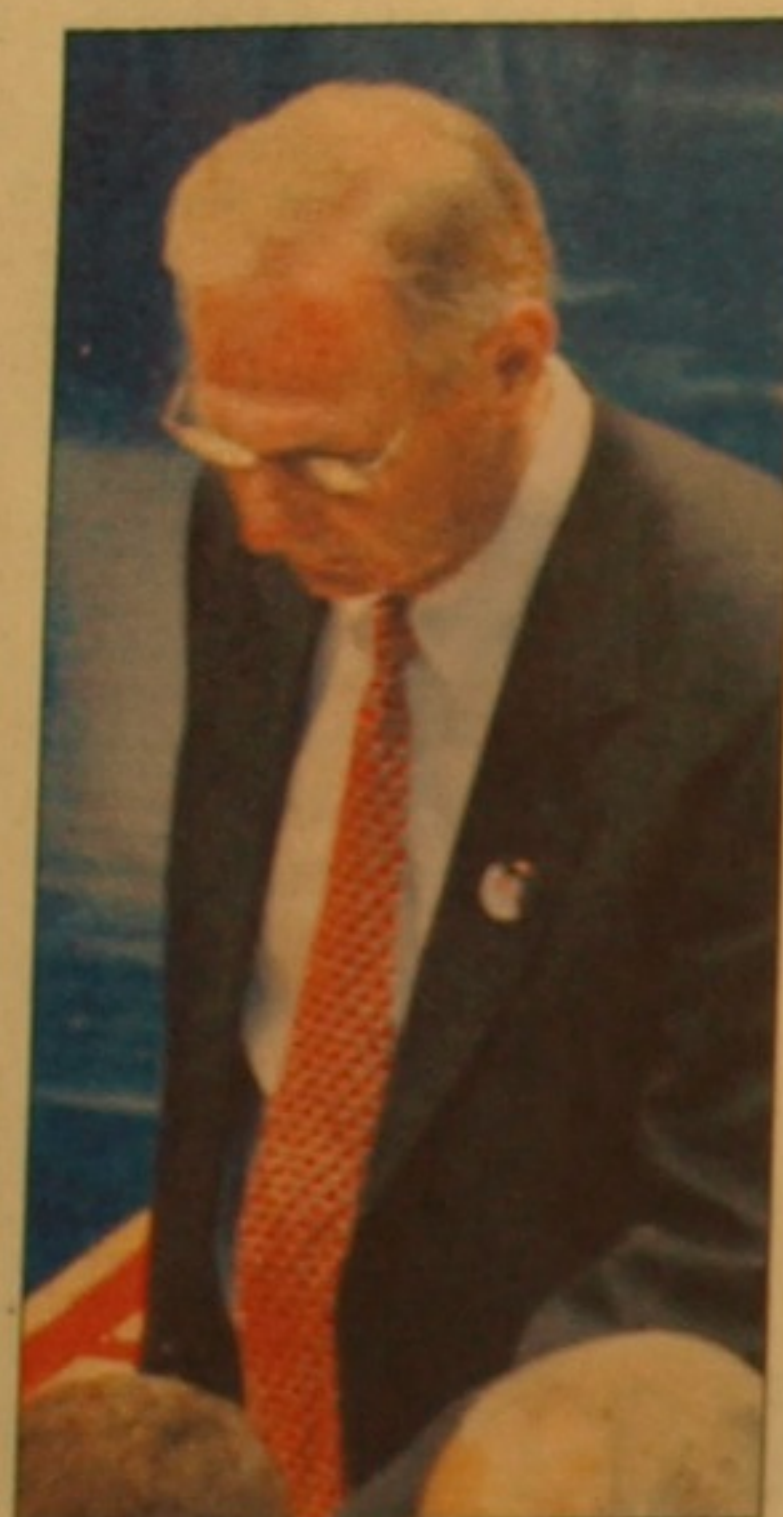
The Govs trailed by double digits for most of the rest of the half, only getting within nine points. At halftime, Louisville held a 12-point lead, 45-33.

The Cardinal defense continued to add pressure in the second half, holding the Govs to no closer than a nine-point deficit on the way to Louisville's win.

Three Govs scored in double figures in the losing effort. The Ohio Valley Conference Tournament's Most Valuable Player, junior center Josh Lewis led the way with 20 points on 8-of-10 shooting.

Junior forward Adrian Henning scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds. Sophomore guard Anthony Davis rounded out the Gov triple threat with 13.

In addition to Louisville's pressure defense, the Govs shot poorly from the three-point line (9.5 percent). "We were successful when we got the ball inside. We got down and attempted to rely on the three," APSU Head Coach Dave Loos said. "We are not a three-



point shooting team. We went 2-of-21 from three."

On the opposite end, Louisville shot well from the field, shooting 50 percent, as opposed to 44.4 percent by APSU.

"We played a very good basketball team tonight," Loos said. "During that stretch in the first half, we did not handle their defensive pressure very well. We turned the ball over way too many times and we couldn't slow things down. We also couldn't keep them off the offensive boards."

Louisville outrebounded the Govs, 42-29, and outscored them in the paint, 40-32. Turnover hurt the Govs the most as Louisville scored 24 points off those turnovers.

Luke Whitehead led Louisville with a double-double performance,



Top left: Head Coach Dave Loos walks off the court following the Govs' loss to Louisville on Friday. Above: Bobby Hill (center) hypes up the Govs team before their matchup. Bottom: Josh Lewis checks on Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton after he collided with a Louisville player. Photos by Louise Morales

scoring 20 points on 8-of-13 shooting and grabbing 11 rebounds. Reece Gaines added 18 points, including four three-pointers on 4-of-7 shooting from three-point land.

North Carolina survives Lady Govs upset, 72-70

By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

Brooke Armistead's desperation shot with seconds remaining hit the front of the rim and away from the basket as time expired, cutting short an Austin Peay upset as third-ranked North Carolina survives, 72-70, in the NCAA Midwest Regional Saturday night in Boulder, Colo.

The Lady Govs record-breaking season ends at a school-record 27-4. The Ohio Valley Conference and APSU record 22-game winning streak, the nation's second-longest streak entering the tournament, also came to an end.

Both teams exchanged baskets in the closing moments of the second half, leading up to Armistead's last attempt. With the Lady Govs down by three, 32-29, at the start of the second half, Armistead nailed back-to-back three pointers that ignited a 16-7 run and gave APSU a six-point lead, 45-39, with 14:22 remaining.

But the Tarheels responded with a 17-3 run to put them up by eight, 56-48, with 9:41 remaining.

The Lady Govs would fight back to within two, 57-55, off another pair of three-pointers by Armistead, with 7:12 left in the game. Freshman forward Ashley Haynes tied the game, 66-66, with a jumper at the 2:51 mark.

Both teams traded free throws, iced by Chrystal Baptist for North Carolina and Armistead for APSU. Junior forward Geronda Hardin answered a jumper by Nikita Bell with a jumper of her own.

Bell hit another jumper for North Carolina to put them up 72-70 with 20 seconds remaining. Armistead's shot to send the game into overtime missed as Govs fans' hearts sunk to the defeat.

Armistead had an outstanding night in her last game in the Lady Govs red and white. The senior guard finished with a game-high 30 points, an APSU record in NCAA Tournament play. Most of her damage came in the second half,

where she shot 8-of-10 from the field, including 5-of-5 from three-point land. She finished the night 10-of-18 from the field and a team-high six assists.

Armistead finished her APSU career with 2,508 points. She is only the second player in Ohio Valley Conference history and the 30th in NCAA women's basketball history to reach the 2,500-point plateau.

Hardin turned in her 14th double-double performance of the season, scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the losing effort. Haynes contributed 11 points and eight rebounds.

APSU shot 43.3 percent from the field and held North Carolina to 38.5 percent. The Lady Govs also took advantage of Tarheel turnovers, scoring 24 points of North Carolina miscues.

But the Tarheels took advantage of their size inside, outrebounding the Lady Govs 49-32. Coretta Brown led North Carolina with 20 points. La'Tangela Atkinson led the rebounding effort with 12 boards.

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