

DSP instructors lose teaching positions

By **MARC WALLS**
Staff Writer

The mathematics developmental studies staff at Austin Peay State University recently filed a grievance against former APSU President Sherry Hoppe for what they contended were violations against APSU and Tennessee Board of Regents policies.

Kay Haralson taught developmental studies mathematics courses at APSU since 1985. This fall, when her post as an instructor was eliminated in favor of the new Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) program, she went on to assume a position as the retention specialist in the office of institutional research.

"I'm in a position I am not skilled for, not qualified for and my skills as a teacher are not being used," Haralson said.

Haralson's new job title was one of the changes made to the developmental studies program enacted by Hoppe that created the SLA program and left several instructors without a program to teach.

"I felt very angry and felt that my 22 years of service was not being appreciated," Haralson said.

Faced with an unsatisfactory situation and the disappointment of not teaching, six DSP mathematics instructors took action and

filed the grievance against Hoppe in February 2007.

At the Onset

The SLA program at APSU was introduced to the main campus and Fort Campbell campus in fall 2007.

It replaced DSP which began in 1985. Haralson and fellow math professor, James Sanders, were hired as the first full-time faculty for the program at that time.

"It was always a temporary program," said Harriet McQueen, dean of enrollment management and academic support. "It was to be a five-year program when it began," McQueen said.

"What may have intended to be temporary wouldn't be as long as the number of students continued to increase," Haralson said.

Developmental studies classes were designed for students with low standardized test scores in math, English and reading. Once the student passed the DSP courses, they were determined ready to enter college level classes in those subjects.

Through the years, the number of students entering APSU who required DSP classes continued to grow. This, coupled with

the growing presence of non-traditional students, many out of school for a decade or more, increased the need for a permanent program and more faculty were hired.

For approximately 20 years, the developmental studies program existed relatively untouched.

"The number of students enrolled in DSP courses tripled from 300 when I started to over 900," Haralson said. In November 2002, Hoppe appointed a committee of 12, including Bonnie Hodge, formr DSP professor to hear presentations on the possibility of transforming DSP into completely computerized courses. The committee, chaired by Bruce Speck, provost and vice president of academic affairs voted unanimously against computerized delivery.

Three years later, during fall 2005, Hoppe ordered DSP courses to be entirely computer based.

The new computerized courses had no lecture. The DSP instructors were responsible for proctoring the computer labs and assisting in test reviews but were prohibited from teaching during class.

"We were never given a reason why not to instruct," said Jennie Preston-Sabin, a DSP instructor since 1988 and current administrative specialist in the School of

Education.

"If we didn't take the program, we were told it would be outsourced to Nashville State Community College. That was a threat to a lot of people," Preston-Sabin said.

"It went against academic freedom; the freedom in your classroom to use the methods you think is best," said Patrick Perdew, a DSP professor for 14 years who now serves as an administrative specialist in the School of Business.

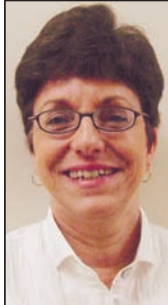
"[Hoppe] drew upon previous experiences and had the impression that labs were an OK method of instruction," Perdew said.

According to statistics provided by Haralson, in the first year DSP courses became computerized, fall 2005, the DSP 0800 passing rate dropped from 73 percent to 53 percent. DSP 0850 dropped from 57 to 46 percent.

There were several possible reasons to explain the drop.

"Students needed face-to-face contact; to be inspired by their teachers," Preston-Sabin said.

"There was never anything given. We were told what to do," she said.



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Parking anger not curbed by promises



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Top: A van on the corner of Eight Street and Marion Street is parked in a no parking zone.
Right: Cars line Marion Street. Of the 7,443 full time students enrolled, only 3,790 spots are available.

Parking struggle remains an annoyance for students

By **JARED COMBS**
Staff Writer

For the 7,443 full-time students at Austin Peay State University there are 3,790 available parking spaces.

This makes it difficult for students to park near the buildings of their choice.

It also tempts them to create parking spaces of their own.

"There are always parking places, it's just the parking places may not be where people want to park," said David Brockman, an APSU security guard.

"I would guess I've written about 35 tickets today," Brockman said.

Brockman started as a campus security guard last year and says that not much has changed in the number of tickets he writes

since he started.

"It's first come, first serve," Brockman said. "There's always places to park, but if you get here later in the morning you may have to walk a little."

There has been some talk of correcting the parking problem via construction of a parking garage somewhere on existing campus property.

"Right now it's in developmental stages," said Sergeant Charles Struckel. "It may be five or ten years off but it is being considered."

APSU is also creating more parking by buying new land or converting existing university property into new spaces.

"The university is always expanding and buying new properties," Struckel said. "The sign of any good institution is expansion."

"Any institution is going to have parking issues, it's a problem at every college in the state," Struckel said. "To be honest, of all the colleges I've been at, this ones not so bad"



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According to APSU Physical Plant's Mark Davidson, there are always new spaces being added.

"We're going to put a new lot on the corner of Castle Heights and Marion street by the sorority house," said Davidson. "I think we'll get about 25 new parking places there."

Until more convenient parking is available campus safety will continue to issue citations.

"Anytime you see someone on an [issuing citations] it's either a security guard or a student patrol and they write the majority of the tickets," Struckel said.

According to Struckel, officers rarely issue the parking citations and the Clarksville Police Department gets no revenue for them.

"All of the money goes directly to the school," Struckel said.

"I'm not one to complain," said Amanda Blauer, sophomore. "I don't mind walking, except for in the winter. Sometimes in the winter it's not cool." ♦

State law mandates smokers to 'butt out'

By **TANYA LUDLOW**
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As of Oct. 1, smoking was prohibited in all enclosed public places in Tennessee.

The ban prohibits smoking in restaurants, restrooms, lobbies, sports arenas and other common-use areas.

Exemptions to the smoking ban included open air patios and enclosed areas that prohibit people under the age of 21 from the premises at all times.

This ban follows a nation-wide trend of states and localities passing legislation prohibiting smoking from public areas.

According to Americans for Non-smokers' Rights, a non-profit lobbying organization dedicated to enacting legislation to protect non-smokers in the workplace and public areas, 35 states and the District of Columbia have local laws in effect that require a 100 percent ban on smoking in workplaces, restaurants and bars. According the official Tennessee government Web site, a person who knowingly violates the ban is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 (www.tennessee.com).

Businesses that fail to comply receive a written warning upon the first violation, a civil penalty of \$100 for their second violation, and a civil penalty of \$500 for their third and/or subsequent violations. At Austin Peay State University, smokers and non-smokers alike are wary about what they see as an impingement on a business owner's right to set rules in their own establishments.

"It takes away from private ownership in my opinion. It's too much government," said Bethany Lytle, an English graduate student and a non-smoker.

Abby Ramsey, a freshman theater major and smoker, said, "I think it should be up to the business. To each their own; if you know a place has smoking you don't have to go there."

Other members of the APSU community are concerned about what they see as a government attempt to control human behavior that should not be under the jurisdiction of lawmakers.

"I'm opposed to it, as long as people have a right to simple pleasures," said Authur Eaves, associate professor of languages and literature at APSU.

"It's another way to control people. I don't understand why they are so adamant about banning smoking," said student Michael Berlin

"The smoking ban ignores the basic human right to bad health," said student Kevin Skahill. ♦

Faculty Senate focuses on admissions flaws, upcoming elections

By **MARC WALLS**
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's Faculty Senate met for the second time of the fall semester on Sept. 27.

Admissions Changes

Ryan Forsythe, director of admissions, presented possible changes to APSU's admission policy to the senate floor. A proposal has been made to amend the athletic scholarship recipient admissions criteria, which currently allows athletes at APSU who may not meet university admissions requirements but satisfy NCAA clearinghouse

standards, for student athletes to be unconditionally admitted. "What this has done is set a double standard for students and student athletes," Forsythe said. The proposed change requires student athletes to satisfy NCAA and APSU admissions requirements.

A second proposal relates to a student's ability to appeal the school's decision of admission denial. The current policy contains no language that describes the documentation needed for consideration.

The new recommendation outlines the measures to be taken. For the first time the ability to advocate for a students admission, via two letters

of recommendation, are included in the language of the admissions appeal form.

Proposals were also made to standardize the admissions requirements of international and transfer students. Currently, there is no minimum GPA required for students wishing to transfer with less than 12 credit hours.

This has allowed students who may have been denied admission to APSU to enroll in other schools, complete as few as one credit hour with a grade as low as a D, and transfer to APSU, unconditionally. The new policy, if enforced, will hold all transfer students with fewer than 12 credit hours to the same criteria as freshman applicants.

"I am satisfied to eliminate this loophole," Forsythe said.

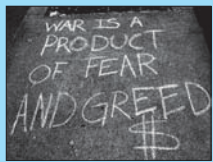
Transfer students with 12 or more credit hours will be held to the same academic standards as the previous policy.

Upcoming Elections

Nominations were accepted through Oct. 1 to fill the seven open senate seats.

There were three open seats in the humanities district, two in the education district and two in the applied science district. Senate members are selected to serve three year terms. ♦

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Guests writers talk about patriotism.

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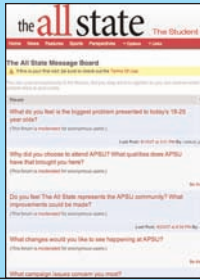
Sports

Lady Gavs volleyball return home after first 16 games on the road



Online

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FYI

♦ School is closed for Fall break Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. Be sure to make your plans for the break and dont forget to study.

DSP: Possible changes on the Horizon

End of the Road

In a Nov. 16, 2006, memorandum from Hoppe to all tenured DSP faculty, she stated, “Recently, through the work of a statewide task force, it has become clear that developmental studies as we now know it will disappear from university campuses no later than 2010.”

“If TBR was getting rid of DSP why on earth would they offer the universities and community colleges a \$40,000 grant to restructure their program?” said Debbie Cochener, an assistant professor of DSP math now serving as the administrative specialist in the School of Nursing.

On Dec. 6, 2006, Hoppe followed through by sending out an e-mail to DSP faculty stating, “APSU will no longer offer developmental studies classes after the end of spring 2007.” The switch to SLA was happening.

“TBR didn’t order APSU to redesign developmental studies,” said Mary Morgan, director of communications for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

“The board did adopt a policy requiring universities to stop offering remedial courses,” Morgan said. According to the APSU course catalog, developmental studies have been replaced by the enhanced courses of SLA while APSU continues to offer remedial classes taught through NSCC.

“It was TBR’s initial intent to have DSP faculty involved in the [redesign],” Preston-Sabin said. “But that didn’t happen at APSU,” she said.

For the instructors the redesign was yet another change in plans. Shortly after on Jan. 12, 2007, the tenured faculty of the developmental studies program were notified by Hoppe of an amendment to their faculty appointments which among other changes, included being re-assigned to a nine-month professional position within the university, the new administrative assistant positions, as well as academic lab coordinators.

Also included in the notification from Hoppe were the expected responsibilities and work schedules of professional staff and a salary recalculation that for some resulted in as much as a 25 percent pay cut to begin in the 2008 school year.

“We were sent new contracts to sign, but the form she sent us was altered,” Perdeu said. “It was for tenured-track faculty; the title of the form was changed.”

“There is no form for a change of tenure appointment,” Cochener said. “She modified a form used for tenure-track appointments and kept the same form number. We were all already tenured so it was impossible for the form to apply to us,” she said. APSU policy number 5:062 says that tenure-track appointments apply to, “faculty who are employed in a probationary period of

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Harriet McQueen, dean of enrollment management and academic support



employment prior to consideration for tenure.” The members of the DSP staff who received the new contracts were all tenured faculty.

“They basically said you will take this job or you won’t have this job’ and that’s why we filed the grievance,” Haralson said.

The Grievance

Six members of the developmental studies program: Debbie Cochener, Kay Haralson, Bonnie Hodge, Patrick Perdeu, Jennie Preston-Sabin and James Sanders filed a grievance against Hoppe in February of 2007. Hoppe selected a grievance committee to hear the case. Communications professor Frank Parcels was appointed panel chair of the committee. In their argument, the DSP instructors claimed Hoppe violated several APSU and TBR policies in her decisions, including changing the ways under-prepared students are served. They also argued these decisions were made without a curriculum committee and without submitting the proper paperwork to delete or change any of the courses.

Additionally, the staff argued that Hoppe’s reassignments of tenured faculty to professional staff positions was not in compliance with the listed APSU Policies and TBR Policies and Guidelines.

“You just can’t do that to a tenured person,” Perdeu said.

“They did not try to remove our tenure; they would have had no reason to justify it because you’ve got to show there’s not a need in that area to eliminate a department”

In their grievance, the staff asked for changes to be made that included faculty salaries remaining intact, being assigned to teach the new enhanced mathematics courses that replaced DSP — classes the instructors say they’re certified to teach.

In addition, if successful, the instructors contended APSU would no longer need to fill the three new tenured track positions in the mathematics department needed for the absorption of DSP students, saving the university \$150,000 as well as providing students with instruction from the DSP faculty who have over 50 years of teaching experience under-prepared students. The committee, under the advisement of TBR legal representative, Chris Modisher, ultimately found that Hoppe, who did not attend

the grievance hearing, had not violated any policies. Parcels declined to comment on the grievance.

“[Hoppe] appointed the committee, the chair of the committee and had the final say on the grievance against her,” Haralson said.

APSU’s policy number 5:027 gives the president “ultimate responsibility” when a grievance committee is involved.

“The powers of the grievance committee were narrowed down to policy, not curricular issues,” Perdeu said. “My impression early on was that they were not going to exercise any power or felt they didn’t have any power,” he said.

A New Year

Hoppe retired July 31, 2007 and opened the door for President Timothy Hall. DSP faculty have been reassigned to their new posts, except for Hodge, who’s desire to teach led her to take a leave of absence from APSU to teach at the newly opened West Creek Middle School. “At APSU I was hired, reviewed, retained, tenured and promoted because of my teaching expertise,” Hodge said. “However, Dr. Hoppe took all that away.”

Though salary was one of the concerns listed in the staff’s grievance, each instructor interviewed expressed disappointment over teaching.

“What I really miss is the groups, people helping each other; you learn more than just math — you get inspired,” Preston-Sabin said.

“I felt my calling was to teach under-prepared students in math,” Perdeu said.

The DSP staff contacted Nashville attorney Kent Weeks. “I was retained by the DSP faculty to represent them in the process of a grievance they filed against President Hoppe,” Weeks said. Regarding any future collective legal action toward Hoppe, Preston-Sabin said the staff “still reserves the right to take action against her, though that situation is no longer necessary.” Certain rulings Hoppe made, including salary concerns, have been overruled.

“President Hall has restored our faculty salaries for the future,” Cochener said. These decisions have given the staff the optimism that they once had.

“I’m not sure there’s going to be any type of collective step,” Perdeu said. “I’m optimistic that in the future individuals will get transferred into the math department”

“We have a new day on our campus and it is very exciting,” Preston-Sabin said. “I would like to continue trying to work this out; however, it is not off the table because we as a faculty have a responsibility to make sure it never happens again.” ♦

Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Jazz on the Lawn

Jazz on the Lawn will happen again Oct. 6. The event will be held at and hosted by Beachhaven Vineyards and Winery. So go and enjoy a glass of wine and some jazz.

Feminist film series

On Wed., Oct. 24, Feminist Film Series show the movie, “Fried Green Tomatoes” in HH 245. The series is sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. For additional information contact the women’s studies office at 221-6314.

Lion share challenge

Alpha Delta Pi sorority is hosting a “Pi auction” Wed. Oct. 10 in the Clement Auditorium at 7 p.m. Other baked goods will be sold as well. All proceeds go to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and Camp Rainbow.

Jaime Escalante

The man whose life inspired the movie “Stand and Deliver” will be coming to speak. Sponsored by the Hispanic Cultural Center, Escalante will speak Oct. 24 in UC room 303. Every week leading up to it the HCC will host screenings of “Stand and Deliver.”

Paula Wall

Humorist Paula Wall will be at APSU Oct. 10 to give a reading from her new novel, “The Wilde Women.” The event will be at 8 p.m. in Gentry Auditorium. There will be a reception and book signing after the reading.

Bagel eating contest

Einstein’s Bros. Bagels will be hosting a bagel eating contest, Oct. 17. Free bagels and coffee will be available before and after the event.

Study abroad in Spain

The Spain study abroad program is taking applications for summer 2008. The course will include three weeks in Madrid and the city of Alicante. Scholarships and financial aid are available. For more information, e-mail ruizavilesm@apsu.edu

‘Wiley and the Hairy man’

The theatre and dance department is producing, ‘Wiley and the Hairy Man.’ Tickets are available at \$4 for students and \$6 for adults. Tickets are available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 7 and one hour before the show.

Win \$50 by
lending a
hand!

This month, APSU students will receive e-mails inviting them to participate in an anonymous on-line survey about attitudes and behaviors involving alcohol and other drugs. At the conclusion of the survey, students may enter to win one of four \$50 gift certificates to the APSU Bookstore.

Please take the survey when you receive it in your apsu.edu e-mail account. Your participation will benefit APSU and could win you \$50 toward bookstore purchases.

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OUR TAKE

Ban burns smokers

Hi, table for two? Smoking or choking?

Oct. 1 marked the first day Tennessee's new Non-Smokers Protection Act could be enforced. This piece of legislation prohibits smoking in most public places, and most notably in restaurants. Such a new law surfaces a much debated hot topic: Is this more an issue of civil liberties or is this a health issue?

Considering the new law's official title, Tennessee legislature clearly views this as an issue of health. But *The All State* isn't so sure. We have had a hard time separating the two issues. While many of us are concerned about non-smokers' health, there are just some things that shouldn't be separated — like bread and meat, like Tom and Katie and like bars and cigarettes.

Perhaps a better fix to the problem would consider creative alternatives that would allow smokers and non-smokers to coexist together. Take The Front Page Deli for example. During the day this establishment is more of a family, "all-are-welcome" type of atmosphere. But at night, it's known as a place for the "bar crowd." A more flexible solution for "The Deli" would be to ban smoking during the day, but not at night. Such a proposal would be conceivable for many other restaurants as well.

The choice to ban smoking should be situational. Some restaurants serve to more of a family clientele, and these places should embrace and welcome the smoking ban. But in other places that serve adult beverages and the like, the smoking ban should be reconsidered.

Overall, *The All State* supports Tennessee's new smoking ban. But we do think it needs some revisions, in order to make it fair for all. ♦

Touched by a witness

Recently, I had the pleasure to work at a local coffee shop (being a coffee junkie myself). I hadn't been so excited to work in well over two years. It was a prime opportunity to study people. Little did I know that it would also be a test of my own patience and tolerance towards others.

I was working with one of the quieter employees one day. Nothing had gone wrong during that shift, as the customers were patient and complimentary. A woman walked in and ordered a simple drink. I wear a wolf pendant around my neck, a creature highly symbolic to me and to my beliefs. The woman, upon seeing my pendant, asked what it was. For a brief second, I forgot where I was — the Bible Belt. I blurted out, smiling, "My Spirit Guide, a wolf."

The woman was quiet for a second and then asked where I had learned of such a thing. I answered her questions calmly, excited that someone was curious about what I personally believed, though careful of wording because of possible resentment. After I had thoroughly explained, I turned to the next customer. My fellow employee nodded his head to the end of the counter where this woman was still standing. She held her cup, pondering a decision. As I approached her, she flipped her hair back, broadened her stance and smiled patronizingly.

"You know that Jesus loves you. That he's the light of this world and that he's done so much for you. I've been so happy since I've let him in my life. He's not forgotten about you."

I froze. I had heard this speech before many times in my life (I didn't grow up in a religious household but was always asked the question of faith and was told that Jesus loved me — I got that). I remained quiet, mentally counting and allowing her to talk. Acknowledging that her message had been delivered, she finally smiled and left.

Little did I know that this was just the beginning.

Later that night, the same women was standing in line behind some of the regulars. Except this time, she wasn't empty-handed. She held a bag from LifeWay Christian Stores. As she approached the counter, she pulled a book from the bag and handed it to me. A Bible. "I don't hope that you think this is too presumptuous, but I wanted to help shed some light in



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your life. I marked Matthew for you to start reading."

I tasted blood in my mouth from biting my tongue. I took the book calmly and watched her walk out. Shortly thereafter, I went into the back hallway and screamed.

Generally, I'm a really laid back person. I believe that everyone can practice whatever they want, in any way that they want. It's part of freedom of speech and religion. It was the final straw for me though.

I just have a simple question: What makes people think that others need to be saved? Because they're different? Who the hell sits around and thinks that they have to go around saving people? From personal experience, humans tend to be quite curious creatures and if they want, they can explore the various things that intrigue them. There's no need to go knocking on any doors and declaring that one is there to save another.

Head's up — I don't have a religion. I'm so scattered with my beliefs that if I could, I'd form something. One can call it spiritual, but honestly, it's just my own faith in the world that's around me. I don't believe in a hell or a heaven. I don't believe in purgatory, and I don't believe in "One Power." If that classifies me as a heathen, oh well. I don't need for someone to declare that I need to have light shed in my life. I'm functioning quite well as I'm sure a good many others are as well in this world.

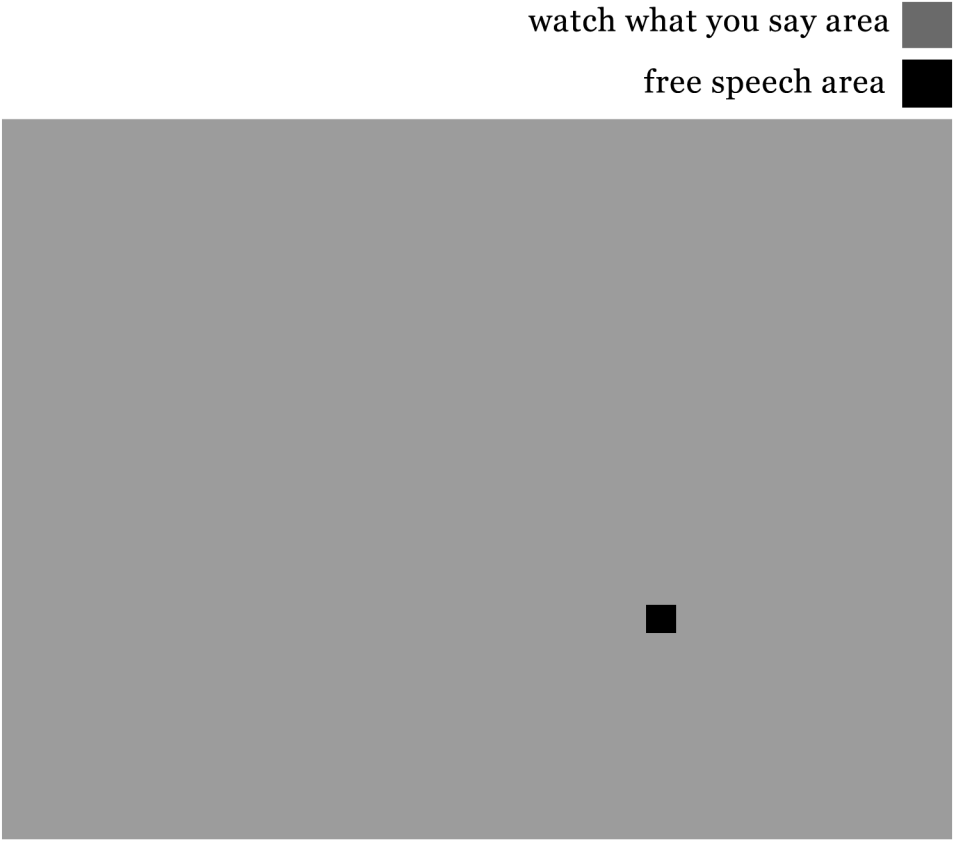
The close-mindedness is astonishing to me as well. People actually think they're doing good when they go out and buy a book for someone to read. I'm not in danger — I'm not in dire need of another book. I'm not the least bit curious about it, I've got many friends who've actually calmly (and nicely) sat down with me and explained why they believe what they believe. It doesn't work for me, and I don't want it. Simple. I don't go around declaring that my beliefs should be followed. It's ignorance and annoying when one is constantly heard of how he or she is damned. And what the hell does it mean when others can't sit down and hold a respectable conversation about their beliefs? I'm one for sitting down with various peoples and discussing how religion does and doesn't work. As of now, it just seems to be about recruitment and who can get more followers. It's disgusting when people go around with blank looks on their faces and declare that they've been touched by the light and want to reform others.

I didn't ask to be "saved." So do everyone a favor: Keep your damn mouth shut and practice tolerant. ♦

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Relative scale of Austin Peay State University's free speech area in comparison to it's non-free speech area



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YOUR TAKE

'Hispanic' has broad connotations

I'm responding to the article concerning the Hispanic Culture Center in the Sept. 26 issue of *The All State*. I found it interesting and insightful, especially the remarks made by Jessica Rivera. First and foremost, I want to thank all of the individuals who gave of their time and effort to put this event together. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone in the Hispanic community.

Rivera was quoted as saying that she was offended by all of the Mexican decorations. While I take offense to her remarks because I am of Mexican descent and her comments offered no appreciation for my culture, I can understand why Rivera feels the way she does. She is Puerto Rican, not Mexican, and what we have in common is simply our language and not our culture.

While each individual and family adopts various customs from their place of origin, my roots and culture are of the indigenous people of the Americas and of the Spanish colonial settlers in Texas. I consider myself Native American, Tejaña, Chicana and Mejicana, but because of my Spanish surname I am classified Hispanic.

Needless to say, the APSU Hispanic Culture Center is available for individuals like Rivera. She needs only to participate and provide information or décor that represents her Puerto Rican roots.

Pat Trevino

Free speech: Use it or lose it

Thank you *The All State* for educating the rest of us about the existence of the sanctioned free speech area and the university's restrictions on this activity. Yes, the university is run as a business and the managers in charge try to stifle certain activities that perhaps they don't really have the

authority to do. Everyone should remember that Austin Peay State University is actually a creature of the state and not a private business. This means that there are certain rights that exist, such as due process, freedom of assembly and freedom of speech, that do not exist on private property or in a private business. It is this existence of these additional rights that nurture and foster the exchange of ideas that make a university campus such a truly special place.

One of the most important exercises of free speech happened in a university setting. It was years ago at Kent State University when students protested a war they didn't believe in, and were shot down for their troubles. A more recent example includes the situation involving Buddhist monks in Myanmar. These men are being beaten, arrested and killed as we speak.

As these two examples show us, time limits and pre-approval by authorities just don't cut it — especially when it comes to really important issues. When we feel strongly enough about certain issues, it becomes necessary to go out on a limb and risk life and limb to make our positions heard.

To benefit from free speech, it is crucial that those we are trying to communicate with, have ears that hear and eyes that see — aka open minds. If not, people are reduced to mere voices crying in the wilderness. It may also help to remember the first three rules about real estate; those being 1. location, 2. location, 3. location. The designated area at APSU was probably picked for its poor location. Finally, I would remind that free speech can extend to marches, arm bands, placards and clothing to communicate messages. Sometimes you just have to decide what the principle is really worth and let the chips fall where they may. Free speech: Use it or lose it.

Rick Simpkins

Smokers want their 'butts back

Tired of the billows of smoke rising from the designated smoking areas or the cigarette butts lining the ground around them? From smokers to non-smokers, we can all agree that the location of these smoking areas is an issue. For the non-smoker who has to walk through these areas to get to class, the smoke can be nauseating. The extinguished butts on the ground can be unsightly. "We need something to alleviate the mess left behind in these areas," said student Megan Hedge.

The suggestion of smoking shelters was given attention a year ago. The proposal made it through the Student Government Association, but was quickly vetoed by the president's cabinet. What is trying to be accomplished is a happy medium. Smoking shelters can benefit both the smoker and the non-smoker alike. The shelters will contain the secondhand smoke from passers-by, as well as protect smokers from wind, rain and snow, thus preventing them from taking refuge close to buildings and entrance ways. As of now, smokers are forced to smoke in open parking lots where there is greater risk of being hit by a car. This will also ease the congestion of smokers in parking lots.

Non-smoking areas across the country have installed these shelters for such reasons. Blanchfield Army Community Hospital installed two shelters on their premises to alleviate secondhand smoke and protect smokers from the elements. Tacoma Community College in Washington, a non-smoking campus, also has shelters across their campus. These structures have shown to cut back on the clean up of cigarette butts and the shelters are quite maintenance-free, once constructed.

The next issue is how to fund this endeavor and where to place these shelters. One

suggestion is to utilize the old greenhouse as a smoking shelter. Another is placing one in the Trahern parking lot as this seems to be the hub for most smokers to congregate. "The SGA has dollars that can be used on purchasing items that do not have re-occurring maintenance and that would benefit the students of Austin Peay," said former SGA senator, Michael Gaither.

“The suggestion of smoking shelters was given attention a year ago. The proposal made it through SGA, but was quickly vetoed by the president's cabinet.”

The hardest issue to overcome is holding a vote for this matter. When the ban on smoking was voted on there was little involvement from the majority of students. Approximately 10 percent of the campus students voted. Little information was given to commuting students, who rarely get involved with campus issues, and many were not made aware of the issue. If publicized across campus, this could turn the tide on how the students feel about shelters for smokers. This may be what evens the field and gives the non-smoker the freedom to walk past designated smoking areas without the inhalation of smoke as well as get the smokers to stop smoking where it is not permitted. In short, we as a student body can band together to make this issue less offensive to both sides. ♦

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Freedom of speech can be nauseating



Guest Perspectives

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As we walked across campus — one of us a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, the other a military wife of an active duty soldier — we were offended when we noticed expressions and statements written on the sidewalks around the University Center that stemmed from the recent war protest sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society.

Freedom of speech is a right that we as Americans have. All Americans have this right whether they choose to use it or not. It is a right that has been given to us by other Americans from the past and present who have fought and are fighting for our country daily.

One particular scribble on the sidewalk made us realize the ignorance of the writer about what is really happening in the Middle East. It read, “War is outdated.” Yeah, try telling that to a country that is crawling with insurgents killing innocent women and children while a hopeless and almost non-existent government stands by and does nothing. It is these same insurgents and terrorist groups who have already made their presence known within the U.S.

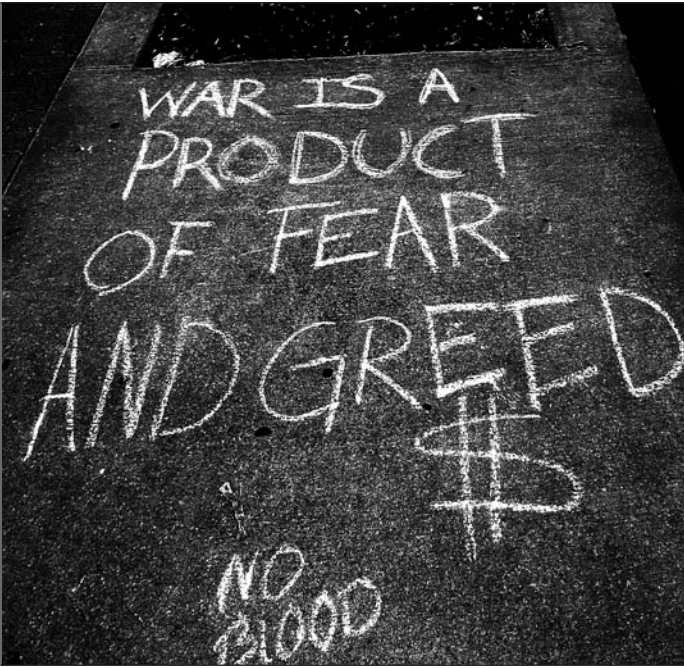
We can understand wanting to end war. We also understand that none of us want any more people to die because of the war.

However, we did not start the war. We were attacked in our own country on a day that we as Americans woke up and didn’t have a clue so many lives were going to be snatched away. Sept. 11, 2001 was a day that changed many lives and threatened our freedom. This was a day when the everyday killings and terrorist attacks of the Middle East spilled over into our safe little American world.

An anti-war debate and rally is one thing, but anti-war and soldier bashing comments written on the campus sidewalks are a little more than just free speech. On a campus where the majority of students have some connection to the military (soldiers, spouses and “military brats”), how much more offensive can anti-war and anti-military sidewalk graffiti be? As a veteran who has been deployed and a wife of a soldier who has also been deployed several times, we find sayings like, “War is terrorism” and “Soldiers are terrorists,” very rude and inconsiderate. This shows that the people who wrote these words of ignorance are ungrateful Americans who clearly do not support our troops. It is not to say that we, as military-related women, cannot handle hearing other opinions. However, we and countless others did not appreciate having to see these remarks and comments strewn about on the public walks of the university for days after the rally.

So why are we so concerned with the freedom of speech of ungrateful citizens within this free and highly protected country of ours known as the United States of America? Freedom of speech is a privilege that we as Americans are “blessed” with. Free speech allows us to have our own opinions and express them publicly. What seems outrageous to us is the audacity of people enjoying their freedoms in a military town while at the same time insulting the soldiers and their spouses and families, with visual symbols of their lack of support. It seems a great tragedy to us that there are those living within America who do not truly appreciate all that those serving in the military sacrifice for them and others who call themselves “Americans.”

We realize that we cannot necessarily hope to change the opinions of these sidewalk writers, however, we can strive to



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Dissenting anti-war comments written on APSU sidewalks.

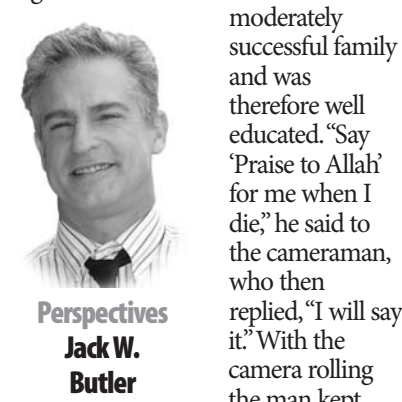
exercise our own freedom of speech in expressing the feelings of many (both military and non-military). Respect is due to those who give their very lives, as well as their families’ lives, for the American public’s freedom.

A debate on a college campus about war is an expression of free speech. Sidewalk slander about the battles our service men, women and their families take protecting American security is not free speech. It is a nauseating abuse of opinion. ♦

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Today’s enemy is tomorrow’s friend

I read an article in a Newsweek magazine last week. The article outlined the world around a suicide bomber. It started off with a strange conversation between one man, filming what would be the last message of a suicide bomber, and the bomber, himself. The bomber smiled for the camera and then talked about how he wanted the best for his family. The young man appeared to be bright and articulate. He came from a moderately successful family and was therefore well educated. “Say ‘Praise to Allah’ for me when I die,” he said to the cameraman, who then replied, “I will say it.” With the camera rolling the man kept



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filming as the young man blew himself up and several Iraqi police officers with him. According to many, the young man’s actions earned him a place in heaven known as martyrdom.

Intelligence sources have tracked as many as 540 Saudi Arabians who have made their way into Iraq by way of Syria. As many as half of these people are now dead; all victims of their own suicide attacks. The suicide bomber is the preferred weapon of war in Iraq. The thinking is that a suicide bomber can exchange his own life for the many lives of the enemy. Out of a menagerie of pictures, the death toll of only eight suicide bomber deaths appeared to be equal to or exceeded 300 innocent lives taken, most of them Shiites. Recently, there was an attack in Iraq that killed over 400 people when two separate truck bombs were detonated at the same time. Those people were of a different religious groups altogether; they were neither Sunni nor Shiite. According to the Newsweek report, there seems to be no end to the Sunni flood of Saudi Arabian suicide bombers ready to kill in the name of Allah.

I saw a report about what is being played on Saudi Arabian television not too long ago on CNN. This report outlined a particular case of a children’s program that had Mickey Mouse dancing around and signing, “Death to the infidels. Death to America.” An AK-47 swung above his head as he danced. Another segment showed clips of children being taught how to use firearms, throw grenades and, most importantly, hate Americans. There are even training camps in Saudi Arabia that teach tens of thousands of children each year to hate any one who isn’t Sunni. Children barely old enough to hold a gun or a grenade are taught there is a god who will reward them with heaven if they die killing their religious enemies. The Saudi Arabian government funds most of these camps and TV shows.

Many of the Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudi Arabian. Some were Egyptian, but none were Iraqi. Osama Bin Laden is Saudi Arabian. Most of his money has gone to waging war against the

Americans, the Israelis and anyone who supports them. His terrorist organization is second in raised funding, following the Catholic Church. And the Saudis have repeatedly proven they are not our friends. Their citizens blow themselves up and kill U.S. soldiers. They sell arms to anyone who is or soon will be using them against us. Saudis also use oil supplies to hurt us financially and openly train their children to hate us. So why are they our allies?

For many years the U.S. sold weapons to Iraq’s leader Saddam Hussein. They also sold weapons to Iran at the same time. The war business boomed in the senior Bush’s administrative years. I wonder how many of these bombs and bullets are being used to kill our troops now. How many suicide, car and roadside bombs are being made from the C-4 taken out of the American-made artillery shells sold to Iran and Iraq? How many of the guns and grenades being used against our troops were bought with those billions of dollars in cash the Bush administration dropped into Iraq, earmarked for bribes? So why is Bush trying to sell them \$20 billion worth of American weapons?

I may not have a degree in politics and I don’t think I will ever attend West Point, but it seems to me that selling weapons to someone who hates you is not such a good idea. I wouldn’t tell my neighbor where I keep the spare key to my house. I wouldn’t put a sign out in the front yard and list everything that is in my house and where. And I most certainly would not go out and buy guns for the crazy person who lives up the street and breaks into my house threatening to kill my family and me.

Bush’s reasons for this sale are said to help the Saudis defend themselves against the Iranians in case the Iranians gain too much power in the region. I just don’t buy this one either. With his father, the former president, selling arms to almost any buyer in the Middle East, it stands to reason that this is just another of Bush’s promises to pay back the money that put him in power. I don’t believe he cares one iota about how many American lives will be lost by these weapons as long as his cronies get their paycheck.

Ever since the end of World War II, U.S. foreign policy concerning the Middle East is this, “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” Yet with the mothers, fathers and other family members of Saudi suicide bombers praising their actions for killing themselves and murdering all the innocent people they can take with them, what kind of ally is the future Saudi Arabia going to be to America? And how important are they now? With “martyrs” buying an instant trip to heaven on the dead bodies of innocent children, there is one thing that is absolutely clear. Armed with American weapons, fueled by homegrown hate and dying for martyrdom, today’s friend in the Middle East is tomorrow’s enemy. ♦

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Remembering those who have fallen since the Invasion of Iraq ...

Confirmed Iraqi civilian deaths from violence

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SOURCE: WWW.IRAQBODYCUNT.ORG

Confirmed U.S. deaths

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SOURCE: WWW.ICASUALTIES.ORG

“What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?”

— Mahatma Gandhi

GRAPHIC BY KASEY HENRICKS/PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

Baggy pants get the crack-down

Really now, I blame plumbers everywhere. If plumbers (the more overweight and sweaty the better) had not made this current fashion of wearing your pants so low that it exposes your underwear or, in the event you “forgot” your undergarments, exposing your hot cross buns, then we would not be facing the current backlash against the unholy trinity known as the baggies, the droopies and the thongies. Darn those plumbers and secondly, those handymen who have insidiously corrupted our youth, stricken our woman-folk with the “falling disease” and in



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general, re-affirmed that we, as a nation, are going somewhere rather hot in a hand-basket. Though, apparently, we are going to make sure our backsides are well aired-out along the way. Not buying it?

Well, how about this version? The current fashion statement, particularly with young men and to a great extent young men of color, of wearing shorts that fall somewhere around their waist and hover perilously close to their tailbone, ever-threatening to head fully “south” for the winter, apparently started in prison. Inmates and gang

members in the 1980s were not given belts to “accessorize” their droopy, orange jumpsuits for fear gang-bangers would commit hangings, beatings and homicides with the belts. The result was a droopy, sloppy look which by the early ’90s had made it into gangsta rap videos, which then was embraced by suburban skateboarders and is now popping up on youths everywhere. And some cities like Atlanta are cracking down on what several officials and concerned members of the community see as more than just a fashion statement, but rather a symptom of a bigger problem — the lower the self-esteem, the lower the pants.

While Atlanta officials consider banning the wearing of pants or shorts that expose boxers, briefs or thongs, other areas like Delcambre, La. have already, metaphorically speaking, spanked would-be offenders with an ordinance banning such fashions. The ordinance carries a \$500 fine or six months in jail (where presumably you would then have no choice, but to not wear tight-fitting clothes given the mandatory droopy, orange jump-suits). Talk about coming full fashion-circle.

But wait, that’s not the whole long and short of it. The need to “get down” is not confined to the sizzling South, places like Trenton, N.J. and Stratford, Conn. have also been grappling with this weighty issue. Opponents argue that such “fashionista police” unfairly target black youth, who, while not exclusively enjoying “airing it out,” tend to be more open to “going baggy” than any other sector of our

society. Critics also suggest that when towns move against black youths in this manner it is a form of “racial profiling,” meant primarily to harass otherwise law-abiding, though low-riding citizens. As one 19 year old said at a recent Atlanta council debate, “Clothes are not a crime.”

Wait just a Vera Wang moment, my young, thong-wearing, baggy-pant drooping friend. Have we learned nothing from Joan Rivers and her equally annoying red-carpet patrolling daughter? Showing no fashion sense is indeed a “crime.” To whit, here are some other offenders who threaten the equanimity of our society at least if not more so than our young brothers and sisters who trippingly go about their day in their thongs and baggies:

- Older, pot-bellied “dudes” who wear gold jewelry, blinding white loafers with black socks and pants worn well-above their navel. Go Daddy-O, go.
- Tourists who insist upon wearing thick, athletic tube socks with their open-toed sandals. Who says Europeans are the coolest, anyways?
- Celebrities such as Britney “No panties” Spears and Lindsay “Make mine a double” Lohan, who live up to their names. Cover “it” up, sisters.
- Really big boys and girls who insist on wearing anything that says “Lycra” and is as tight-fitting and blood-clotting as the name implies. Santa never jiggled so much and he was and is perpetually jovial.
- Middle-aged and beyond “boys” who wear bicycle shorts, even when they are not on a bicycle. In fact, they don’t even own a bicycle. Go figure.

Of course, fashion has always been a form of personal expression in our country. And there have always been fears and concerns about what such expression meant and what it could lead to. Elvis wore silk shirts, tight leather pants and seemed to be unable to control the “whole lotta shaking going on” as he sang. Towns tried to pass ordinances and banned showing Elvis “the Pelvis” from the waist down. Girls were chastised for rolling their socks down to show too much leg in the ’50s. Recently, some counties in Florida have passed anti-thong ordinances banning young men and women from “cracking” the local dress code during spring break (Do you really want to burn there anyway?). Women can get beaten and face death in some cultures today for exposing even an ankle. Doesn’t it seem we can do miraculous feats every day but we can’t quite escape the debate over “skorts” (kids, ask your mom)?

The ongoing debate over baggy pants is why many schools have simply adopted uniforms. Just so long as my uniform designer is Ralph Lauren, I hear he did wonders for the boys and girls at the U.S. Open. Well, whatever your choice, at least wear sensible shoes. Some things should never go out of style. ♦

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Get outta here and



By AIMEE THOMPSON
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Every weekend, people all over Clarksville are faced with the dilemma of finding something fun to do. Their first option? Go to Nashville and shop.

While some might find it nice to walk around in circles hunting for 50-percent-off racks, most people will agree that jostling other weekend shoppers can be draining.

This is true not only for their mental state, but for their monetary one as well. Their second option is to stay at home and watch TV. This can be nice for those who spend all week on their feet, but for most people, their job involves long hours at a desk in front of a computer screen. So what options are left for Clarksville residents?

How about spending some time at a local natural area?

Outdoor activities like hiking, bicycling and walking are great ways to relieve stress, lose weight and increase heart health. For those living in Clarksville, it's not hard to find a natural area suited to each individual's needs.

Dunbar Cave State Natural Area is probably the most well known of Clarksville's hiking areas. Two of the park's three trails are considered as having a moderate level of difficulty.

The third trail is partially paved, making it handicap and stroller accessible.

The park also offers cave tours that cost \$5 every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Call 648-5526 for more information about the hikes or to make reservations.

Rotary Park is less well known, but just as enjoyable

Take a Hike

for a family outing. The 100-acre park is located in the Sango area of Clarksville and has over five miles of trails.

It also has picnic pavillions, a playground and bathroom facilities. This park is not paved, so it's best to leave strollers at home.

Located roughly 30 minutes from downtown Clarksville is the Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail. Perhaps one of the easiest trails in the Clarksville area, it starts in Ashland City, Tenn. and spans four miles.

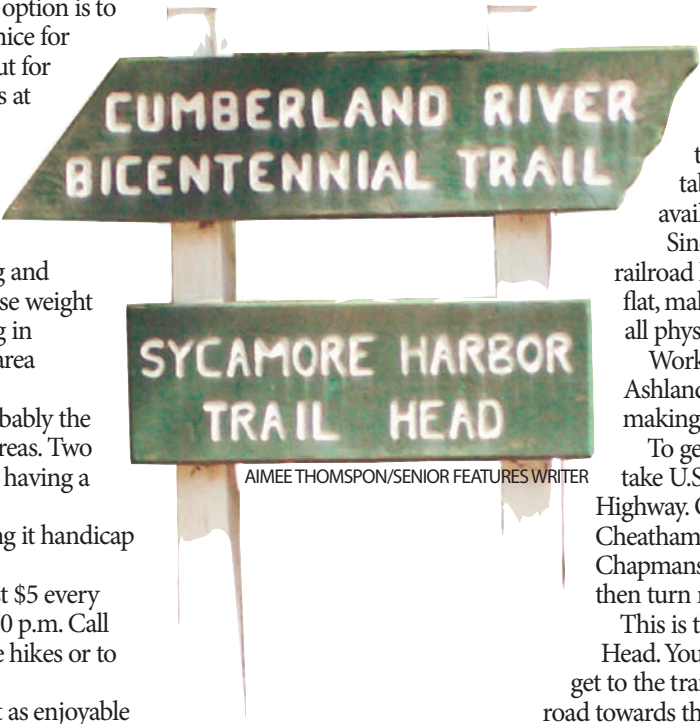
This paved trail meanders beside the Cumberland River, across old iron bridges, and through thick forest. Picnic tables and restrooms are also available.

Since it was developed from old railroad lines, it is almost completely flat, making it available to people of all physical abilities.

Work is currently being done by Ashland City to extend the trail, making it 11 miles long.

To get to the trail from Clarksville, take U.S. Highway 12/Ashland City Highway. Once you pass signs for Cheatham Dam, turn right onto Chapmansboro Road. Drive one mile, then turn right into a gravel lot.

This is the Sycamore Harbor Trail Head. You can park there for free, and get to the trail by crossing back over the road towards the trail sign. ♦



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Don't miss an opportunity to enjoy scenic beauty. The great outdoors can be enjoyed at any one of the outdoor parks located across the state of Tennessee.

HAUNTED TENNESSEE

Local 'haunts' believed to house spirits

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG
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There are many tales of ghosts, goblins and ghouls in the Deep South. During the Civil War, many battles occurred in Tennessee. Thousands of soldiers died in makeshift hospitals and that is where a lot of "supposed" hauntings originate. There are numerous hauntings all across the state. From Memphis, to LaVergne, to Knoxville; there is a ghost story waiting to be told.

In the very top northeast corner of Tennessee lies the city of Bristol with a high school that is occupied by at least three ghosts. Tennessee High School was built in 1939 and looks more like a college than a high school.

According to the book "Haunted Tennessee," one of the ghosts that inhabit the school is named "Agnes." During class night, where juniors were installed as seniors and the seniors said their farewells, a rowdy party was said to have taken place. The next morning she was found doing the "dead man's float" in the swimming pool.

Agnes has been seen walking up and down the school hallways late at night. People have heard footsteps behind them, but when they turn around, no one is there. She also likes to materialize in the auditorium during late night work for plays. At midnight, she emerges from the attic entrance and sits on a beam, swinging her legs.

The second ghost is of an unknown athlete. According to the Haunted Tennessee Web site, (www.hauntedtennessee.com), he was a former athlete who was run down by a car while walking home from a game. He is not seen as much as Agnes though.

The last, and most unusual ghost, is not that of a person, but of a train. According to the Ghosts & Spirits of Tennessee Web site, (www.johnnorrisbrown.com), eyewitness accounts say that the train appears in the auditorium and travels down the hallway into the old auditorium where it disappears. It is said to sound like an old steam engine and that the school was built where old train tracks once lay.

The next haunting comes from the Middle Tennessee town of Lebanon. Cumberland University, established in 1842, has been at its current site since 1898. There are two or three ghosts said to reside there.

The first ghost is of a young man who fell to his death. He was waiting for class to start in Memorial Hall in Room 301 or 302. While leaning on a window pane, it gave way and he fell three stories to his demise. No one knows for sure



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Left: Cumberland University, in Lebanon, Tenn., is said to be home to two or three ghosts. A student is said to have fallen out of one of the windows in the far right of the building.

Bottom: The former home of The Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium, has at least three ghosts of its own.

when this happened, there is no record of it, but the story has been told for years, maybe as early as the 1940s, (www.johnnorrisbrown.com).

The next ghost is of a science teacher from the mid 1980s. He was teaching a late class at the top floor of Memorial Hall when he started to experience chest pains.

When the class ended, he had a hard time getting down the very steep steps inside the building. Eventually, he made it home, but then died. His ghost is said to haunt those steps which slowed him down, (www.johnnorrisbrown.com).

The last one comes from the Mary White Dormitory where a girl's roommate was murdered. According to the Haunted Places in Tennessee Web site, (www.theshadowlands.net), the roommates were staying a few days before leaving for Christmas break. Just a few towns over, a murderer had escaped from prison and the girls were told to keep their doors locked.

One of the girls had to use the bathroom so the girls developed a secret knock so they would know it was one of them. After 30 minutes had passed, there was a knock at the door. It was the wrong knock so the girl did not open the door.

Hours later she went out into the hall to see the hall covered in blood from her roommate's dead body. The girl's ghost is said to still haunt Mary White Dormitory where she plays tricks on the residents by trashing rooms, slamming doors and tearing posters off walls.

In downtown Nashville, the former home of The Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium, is said to be the home to at least three ghosts.



According to the CMT Web site, (www.cmt.com), Captain Thomas G. Ryman opened the Union Gospel Tabernacle in 1892. He wanted it to be used for religious activities.

When Ryman died in 1904, the building was renamed in his honor. During the early 1900s, there was a risqué musical performance and Ryman did not like it.

He was said to have made so much noise that the audience could not hear the performance because of his thrashing about.

There is another ghost that does not make any

noise: The Gray Man. Employees and artists have said to have seen him in the Ryman sitting but when someone goes to see who it was, no one is there.

The most famous ghost of the Ryman is the one of Hank Williams, Sr. Several employees have seen white apparitions, but few claim to have seen Hank Sr's ghost. Some have seen him backstage while others have seen him singing on stage.

These are just a few of Tennessee's ghosts but check back next week for the most famous haunt from Tennessee; The Bell Witch of Adams. ♦

'Eastern Promises' keeps it's word as a brilliant movie

By DUSTIN KRAMER
Art Director

For this week's review, I had the pleasure of seeing David Cronenberg's new film, "Eastern Promises," starring Viggo Mortensen and Naomi Watts.

In the movie, Viggo Mortensen plays Nikolai Luzhin, a driver for the "vory v zakone," a Russian mafia organization stationed in London. During the course of the film, Nikolai crosses paths with Anna Ivanovna (Watts), a midwife at a London Hospital. Anna had recently delivered the child of a 14-year-old girl named Tatiana who died in childbirth, finding on her body a diary depicting acts of rape by members of the "vory v zakone." Her newfound knowledge of these heinous acts puts her and her family's lives at risk as she scrambles to find a home for Tatiana's baby. Cronenberg illustrates a world of crime with

the mastery of Martin Scorsese or Francis Ford Coppola but with a style that is distinctly his own. Unlike Scorsese or Coppola, who tend to create emotion with their shots, Cronenberg gives you what you need to see, nothing more, and allows you to decide how you feel about it. Because of this, the flick tends to be pretty brutal, from showing the fingers of a corpse being cut off to a nude Viggo Mortensen battling for his life in an attempted hit, turned knife fight.

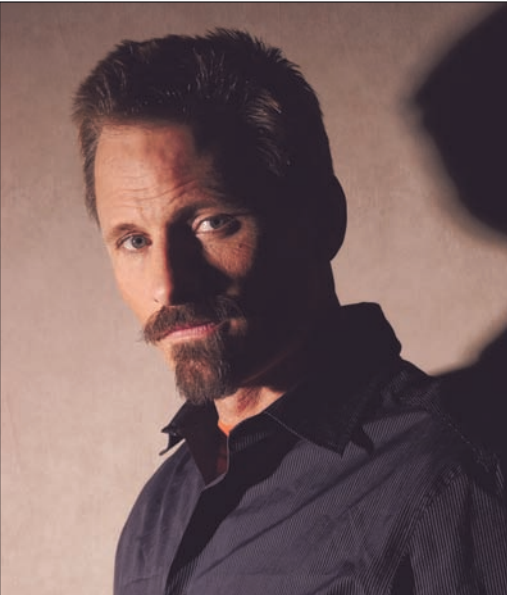
As for the acting, it's top notch. Mortensen turns in the performance of his career with this one. He is absolutely terrifying. Mortensen will get at least an Oscar nod at next year's Academy Awards. Naomi Watts doesn't have any heavy lifting to do this time around, but she definitely delivers the goods. The rest of the cast, including Armin Mueller-Stahl as the vory's "godfather" and Vincent Cassel as his hotheaded son, bring

phenomenal performances to the film.

The pace is excellent. The film sits at a cool 100 minutes and is so well plotted that it's a very comfortable watch. Regardless of how good a flick is, if I had a nickel for every time a film felt too long because of pacing issues I might actually be able to afford "Eastern Promises" when it's released on DVD.

I do, however, have an issue with "Eastern Promises," but it's a small one. There's a bit toward the end of the film where it becomes evident that there was some sort of relationship brewing between Anna and Nikolai, culminating in a pleasant goodbye kiss. It all felt a bit contrived, especially seeing as how Watts' character seems to consistently fear Mortensen's character from their first meeting.

"Eastern Promises" currently sits in my top three movies of 2007, and it deserves it. ♦



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Viggo Mortensen plays a vicious Russian mobster in "Eastern Promises."

Don't judge books by their cover

By REBEKAH HUNTER
Guest Writer

Since 1982, the American Library Association has co-sponsored National Banned Books Week (BBW). This is an annual event, held during the last week of September, which celebrates intellectual freedom for both authors and readers.

Every year hundreds of books and authors are challenged or banned in schools, libraries and other outlets. They are challenged because of their unpopular or unorthodox opinions and views.

The purpose of BBW is to acknowledge this form of censorship, and get people to speak up for their First Amendment right to read, write and express their ideas and beliefs freely.

Other sponsors of this event include the American Booksellers Association, The American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, The National Association of College Stores, Amnesty International, and The Association of American Publishers.

Year after year, many prize-winning authors are challenged including John Steinbeck, George Orwell, Mark Twain and even Maya Angelou. "To Kill A Mockingbird," "The Catcher in the Rye" and "Lord of the Flies" are among some of the classic popular literary works that also repeatedly pepper the banned list every year.

Many banned books have been made into blockbuster movies such as "Girl Interrupted," "Brokeback Mountain" and the "Harry Potter" series.

Although some titles being challenged are a bit more expected, such as Stephen King novels and



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All these books have been banned at some point in time. The National Banned Books Week is held during the last week in September to acknowledge this form of censorship.

"The Anarchist Cookbook," others may come as quite a shock to some.

Many popular children's titles are also under fire. Some surprising challenges include Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax," R.L. Stine's "Goosebumps" series and authors Maurice Sendak, Roald Dahl and award winning children's poet Shel Silverstein.

There are many reasons that books are challenged and banned. Explicit language, sexual content, use of alcohol or drugs and gratuitous

violence are some of the major objections. In schools many books are disputed as being unsuitable for certain age groups, or too racially charged for young readers.

Many religious and moral groups protest books because of their supportive views of homosexuality, liberal views toward sex and ideas that do not promote traditional family values.

In other countries authors have been harassed, jailed and even assassinated for their

revolutionary political ideologies.

Adversely, some believe in the adage that bad press is better than no press at all. It is no wonder that in certain communities where a book is banned, sales of that book tend to skyrocket.

Challenges also spark heated court cases, however, the challengers rarely win the case on the grounds that they are attempting to obstruct the author and the reader's First Amendment rights.

Advocates of BBW do acknowledge that while the majority of bans and challenges are done with the best of intentions, they feel that people should be allowed to judge for themselves what books they do or do not want to read.

They feel that to take books away from readers impedes on one's rights to freely express themselves.

Although none of the major area book chains are doing anything extraordinary to endorse BBW, many of the titles on the banned list can be found on the back-to-school racks.

The Montgomery County Library will have a poster up to showcase the importance of reading banned books.

If you would like to get involved and show your support for BBW, or if you just want more information on banned books, there are many ideas and suggestions on the American Library Association's Web site, (www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbookweek/bannedbooksweek.htm.)

Nevertheless, the best way to get involved is to pick up a banned book and just start reading. ♦

Spears judged to be 'toxic' mother, loses custody

Associated Press

Britney Spears was ordered Oct. 1 to surrender custody of her children to ex-husband Kevin Federline. Superior Court Judge Scott M. Gordon ruled that Federline will take custody of Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, beginning Wednesday "until further order of the court."

The order stemmed from an unspecified oral motion made by Federline's attorneys and was handled in a closed-door hearing. The judge's order didn't state the reason for the change in custody and all transcripts of the proceedings were ordered sealed.

Phone messages left for representatives of Spears and Federline were not immediately returned Monday.

Last month, Gordon said Spears engaged in "habitual, frequent and continuous use of controlled substances and alcohol." He ordered

the pop star to undergo random drug and alcohol testing twice a week as part of her ongoing custody dispute with Federline.

Spears also was previously ordered to meet weekly with a "parenting coach" who was to observe and report back to the court about her parenting skills. Both Spears and Federline must complete a "Parenting Without Conflict" class.

Since Spears became single, her troubles have played out in the tabloids. First she was photographed at various Hollywood hotspots partying with Paris Hilton. Some photos captured Spears without panties. Then Spears shaved her head, beat a car with an umbrella and ended up spending a month in rehab.

The week following her MTV appearance Spears' management firm dropped her and her divorce lawyer resigned.

Spears' new album will be released Nov. 13. ♦



Associated Press

The pop princess Britney Spears lost custody of her two sons to ex-husband, Kevin Federline, Oct. 1. This begins Oct. 3 "until further order of the court."

Just ask Jessica...

What is that steam?

By JESSICA CAMERON
Guest Writer

What is that steam?
Why does it vent out from various spots?
Why are there wooden pallets covering the vents?
Is this steam a pollutant or health threat?
There is a power plant behind the University Center that produces the steam in order to heat buildings on campus and for hot water needed throughout campus. The steam only contains hot water.

The black pipes that run the steam are underground and are becoming corroded and cracked. "Some of those pipes are 50 years old" said David Lemons, general campus maintenance supervisor.

What you are seeing is the steam escaping from the pipes. The only hazard is the heat of the steam itself. There are no chemicals in the steam.

The physical plant has opened some of the man hole covers to vent the steam. The pallets on top are to hold the man hole cover open.

"Next month an engineer will come out and hopefully digging will start early next spring," according to Lemons. "This will be an ongoing process because many of the pipes that aren't leaking now will still need to be replaced soon because of their age." ♦

To have your campus questions answered, contact Jessica Cameron at jcameron15@apmail.apsu.edu.

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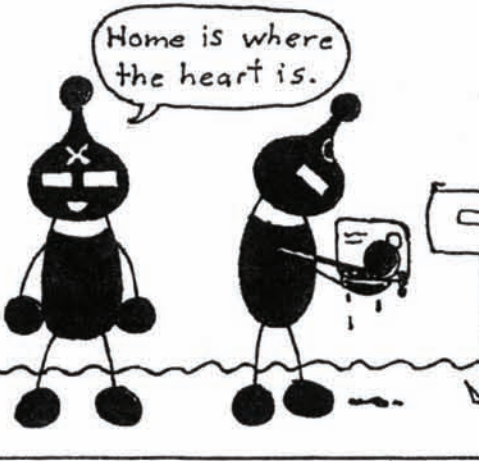
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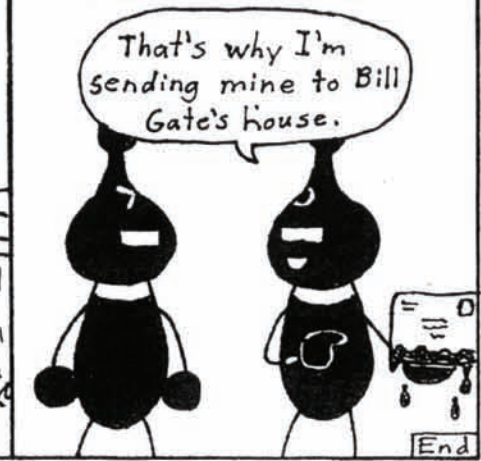
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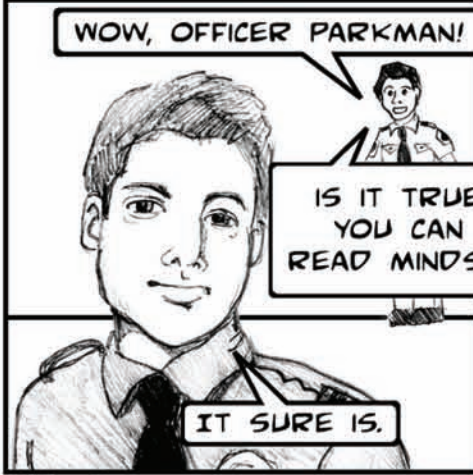
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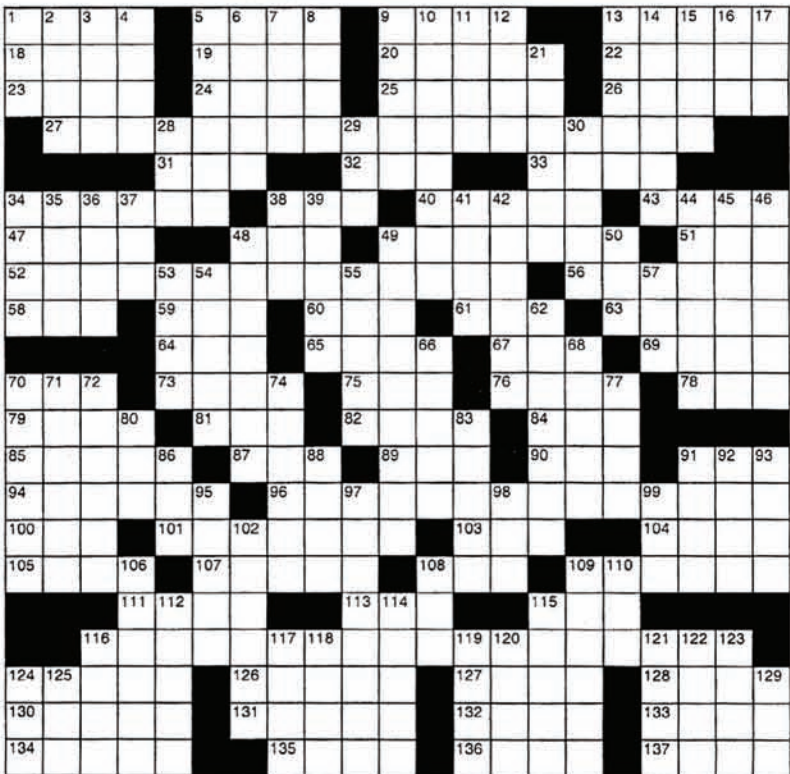
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14 Defense plant?
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16 Rock's — Speed-wagon
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34 Heidi's hangout
35 Paraphernalia
36 "Wild Child" singer
37 "Platoon" setting
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41 "An apple —"
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44 Hammed up "Hamlet"
45 Prairie wolf
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86 — Plaines, IL
88 Choir member
91 Magic-show sound
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93 Pale
95 "Aida" prop
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Home sweet home for the Lady Govs



Left, Freshman Jessica Mollman attempts a kill against Murray State. Mollman had 18 kills which was good for second on team next to senior Dodi Szymaska who had 25. Mollman had 14 kills the day before against OVC opponent UT-Martin. Mollman currently has 132 kills for the season which is good for third on the team. Szymaska leads the team with 289, while sophomore Kirstin Distler is second with 195. Fellow freshman Maegan Squibb also had a nice contribution to the team with nine kills against UT-Martin and six kills against Murray. Senior Kristen Kirch led the team in digs in both games over the weekend.



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Right, The Lady Govs huddle together before they opening their home season. The Lady Govs first 16 games were played on the road where they went 6-10. In Friday's match against UT-Martin the Lady Govs won 3-1 even though UT-Martin took on everything APSU threw at them, with Martin having 22 blocks compared to .239. The Lady Govs next three OVC games are at home with the first one on Oct. 4 against Southeast Missouri who are 4-3 (8-9 overall).

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Sports Editor

After a 16 game road trip, the Austin Peay State University volleyball team finally understood the term "there's no place like home." During their road trip, the Lady Govs went 6-10 and were excited to show their home fans how much improvement they have made. The Lady Govs opened their home stand against Ohio Valley Conference opponent University of Tennessee Martin and came away with the win 3-1 (30-26, 17-30, 30-25, 30-28).

"Every team we played we were the odd team out," said head coach Jenny Hazelwood. "Now that we are at home we get a little more rest."

The familiar chant of "Let's Go Peay" was heard around the Dave Aaron Arena as APSU took the win with freshman middle's Maegan Squibb and Jessica Mollman having a big impact. Squibb had nine kills while Mollman chipped in with 14. Senior Dodi Szymaska led the team with 18 kills while senior Kristen Kirch led the team in digs with 22.

"They all play really well together," Hazelwood said. "They all want to work hard, they work

really hard in practice and try to bring that out on the court." After netting their first win at home the Lady Govs brought that confidence against Murray State University in their Saturday afternoon game. Murray State came into the game tied for fourth place in the OVC with Samford and showed why they were rated as one of the top teams. Murray State and APSU went back and forth for all five games before Murray State pulled out with the victory (30-20, 29-31, 30-27, 21-30, 15-9).

"We came out flat in game one," Hazelwood said. "After we won game four we had the momentum but we came out flat and I think we have to find a way to have a positive mental attitude."

Szymaska again led the way for the Lady Govs with 25 kills and .344 attack percentage, while Mollman was right behind her with 18, and sophomore Kirsten Distler had 14. Kirch again led the team in digs with 21, with Distler getting 17 of her own.

"Murray is good at what they do," Hazelwood said. "The fact that we went five with Murray,



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The girls were excited to play at home and had a lot of fun playing here," Hazelwood said. "We are doing a lot of good things and making progress especially with our freshman middles. Eventually we are going to be good and we just have to show up ready to play." ♦

OPINION

2007 Fantasy Football Journal

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

I got my second win in a row in week three, but it was a close game. Carson Palmer put up some decent points for my opponent, but they were easily eclipsed by my new favorite running back Marion Barber. Barber caught a pass for a touchdown and ran for another one on top of 102 rushing yards. I will own a Barber Cowboy's jersey soon. Matt Stover's four field goals including a 43 yard game winner insured that the GridironGovs came out of week three 2-1. When the last piece of celebratory confetti drifted slowly to the floor and landed, I set down confident that I was ready to face week four.

My confidence took a hit when I realized that this was the first bye week for the NFL teams this season. I have already been juggling my roster to find players who will not drive me to tears. Now I have to compensate for teams on vacation. The remaining confidence wilted when I saw how beat up most of my team was.

When I also observed that I was facing the undefeated Team 9, what little confidence I had left turned into the kind of hope that will get you a winning lottery ticket.

The Rams are 0-3 and look bad. It has been reported that Marc Bulger has broken ribs which he says isn't affecting how he throws. I disagree. He threw three interceptions last week. Combined with the fact that he is running for his life behind an offensive line filled with backup players, he will be lucky if his broken ribs allow him to breathe.

Steven Jackson had his best game of the season and got hurt. He will be out this week. I am done with the Rams. I see waivers in their future. Phillip Rivers and Ronnie Brown are in.

Marques Colston and the Redskins defense have byes this week. I picked up the Packers off of waivers to replace the Redskins. Hopefully, they will continue to perform well and I can quit shopping for defenses every week until their week seven bye.

Jerricho Cothery has a shoulder injury and is listed as questionable for week four. With Colston out I have to play him. Ronald Curry, Wes Welker and a small prayer will fill out the rest of my wide receiver .

Team 9 has Roy Williams, Hines Ward and Reggie Brown.

My stomach is a little queasy.

Team 9 also has Tony Romo at quarterback. Theoretically, Rivers could earn more points than Romo this week. Ironically, he will be throwing his passes to Terrell Owens against the Rams this week. Yeah, I am definitely going to be sick.

Ignoring the butterflies that are whipping up tsunamis in my stomach, I tried to find some confidence as I looked over my roster and compared it to my merciless, undefeated opponent.

It is going to come down to my defense. I know I cannot depend on the Rams defense to stop the Cowboys.

The Packers are playing the Vikings, which means my defense is facing Team 9's defense head to head. This is going to be interesting.

To find out if I can extend my two game winning streak log on to theallstate.com. ♦

By MARLON SCOTT
Assistant Sports Editor

For the third week in a row, the Austin Peay State University Governors football team played in a close game that had fans on the edge of their seats in the fourth quarter.

However, it was the Gardner-Webb University Runnin' Bulldogs who came from behind this week for a dramatic 20-13 victory.

On an end-around play, GWU running back Brandon Jackson ran 11 yards for a touchdown with 3:09 left in the game. It was the last play of the five play, 44 yard game winning drive.

APSU had one drive left to win the game. They began on their own 23 yard line.

On the fourth play of the drive, freshman wide receiver Daryl Miller caught a 16-yard pass to convert a fourth down and four.

Two plays later, freshman quarterback Trent Caffee threw a short pass intended for freshman wide receiver Adrian Mines. The ball bounced off of Mines, a Bulldog defender, and into the hands of Govs receiver Lanis Frederick.

Frederick ran the ball 50 yards to the five yard line where he was tackled with less than one minute left in the game.

On the next play, Caffee fumbled the snap and the ball bounced into the backfield away from the end zone.

Govs running back Chris Fletcher recovered the fumble on the 16-yard line with 34 seconds left in the game.

Two plays later on fourth down and goal from the 16-yard line, Caffee threw a pass to the end zone that fell incomplete with 23 seconds left in the game.

The Govs lost their second game of the season.

"We want to get into the fourth quarter with a chance to still win the football game. That is what you tell your kids," said Govs coach Rick Christophel. "If we had made something happen offensively in the second half, the third and fourth quarter, then it would have been a different game."

For three quarters the Govs defense smothered the Runnin' Bulldogs and held them to two field goals for six points. Kit Hartsfield led the Govs defense with 10 tackles and two interceptions.

With eight men in the box, the Runnin' Bulldogs defense stifled APSU's running game and forced them to pass. Fletcher was held to 78 yards on 24 carries.

In the second quarter, Caffee took what the GWU defense gave him, completing five of six pass attempts in a 13 play 85-yard scoring drive that ended with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Mines.

In the second half of the game, the Runnin'



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Junior wide receiver Lanis Frederick pulled down a pass that bounced off of two other players' and took it 50 yards to the five yard line with less than one minute left in the game to give the Govs their last chance to win against the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs. It was Frederick's only catch in the game. Freshman wide receiver Alan Mines led the team offensively with eight catches for 87 yards and one touchdown.

Bulldogs increased their defensive intensity and made adjustments that stalled the Govs' offense.

Ahead 10-3, the Govs could only generate three points for the rest of the game, a 28-yard field goal made by Isaac Ziolkowski in the third quarter.

"They are a good football team, but we did some things to help them," Christophel said. "We didn't run the football. When you don't move the football - when you put your defense on the field that much and expect them to play that many plays, you better watch out."

GWU senior receiver Duvahn Flagler took advantage of the Govs tiring defense. In

the second half, Flagler made six catches for 101 yards and a touchdown.

The touchdown was a 19-yard pass from GWU quarterback Devin Campbell that tied the game 13-13 early in the fourth quarter.

Campbell completed 14 passes for 163 yards in the game. On third down and two, Campbell rushed three yards to give the Runnin' Bulldogs a first down on the APSU 11 yard line with just over three minutes left in the game.

A few seconds later, Jackson made the run that gave his team their second win of the season. The Govs stay on the road next week to face the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. ♦