

Is big brother on his way?

Reading of e-mails possible on campus; are phones next?

By APRIL McDONALD
Staff writer

Students, faculty and staff at Austin Peay State University will see a new “flash screen” whenever they log onto university computers.

In a memo dated March 13, Richard Jackson, vice president for Legal Affairs and Strategic Planning, says that “this flash screen alerts the user that everything generated from the computer being accessed is the property of the state of Tennessee.

“All such information or data may be intercepted, monitored, audited and/or inspected at anytime by authorized university officials, representatives of the government of the state of Tennessee and/or law enforcement officials.”

This flash screen appears immediately after any user signs into a university computer.

“It serves as a constant reminder that things that are done using university resources do not have associated with them an expectation of privacy,” Jackson said.

While the flash screen is limited to university-owned property, the expectation of privacy is not.

If a student brings a personal computer on campus, and while hooked into the university’s network engages in any illegal activity, Jackson says that the information can be tracked and the ability to access the university network terminated. However the computer cannot be confiscated.

John Doss, an education graduate student, feels that “by using [state

property] you implicitly agree, and know that the state has certain rights over that equipment.”

Whenever students first arrive at APSU, there is a statement that must be signed, in which all students agree to comply with the university computing policy.

The Federal Communications Commission already passed into law an expansion of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act passed in 1992. It now includes broadband access and Voice-Over Internet Protocol , which gives law enforcement and universities the ability to monitor all activity over the Internet and telephone.

While some college campuses are fighting this expansion in court, Jackson says that e-mail monitoring and phone tapping is already possible at APSU.

“If you are using the resources of APSU, there is no expectation of privacy for that use, and there never has been,” Jackson said.

Jackson said that if the network is being used for anything other than educational purposes, it is against APSU policy, and that is when your activity can and may be monitored.

The information gathered may then be used to discipline or prosecute the person engaged in the unauthorized activity.

The discipline will depend on the type of activity, the extent to which the person engaged in the activity and will be decided on a case-by-case basis. ♦

Public information free however difficult to obtain

By DAVE CAMPBELL
News Editor

Obtaining information on college campuses often can be met with much difficulty, according to Ellen Kanervo, journalism program coordinator and professor at Austin Peay State University.

As she sees it, this is part of student journalists’ preparation for their emergence into the world of journalism.

Part of that preparation comes in the reporting process – obtaining public information.

According to Kanervo, that has historically been an issue for student journalists at APSU. Kanervo was an adviser to *The All State* and advised for 10 years. She said it was not the job of administrators to provide information but that “they can make it very difficult.”

“There were times when there was subtle pressure, phone calls suggesting that the adviser

tell students to back off,” she said. However, since her time at APSU, she has never encountered any censorship.

“We have a tremendous power, but we also have a responsibility to use that power wisely,” Kanervo said. That power, Kanervo said, begins with obtaining public information.

Any student can request public information under Tennessee Open Record laws.

“All documents at Austin Peay are available for perusal and able to be viewed by the city, community or whoever wants to view them,” said David Kanervo, chair, political science department.

But Vice President of Legal Affairs Richard Jackson said this isn’t the case. When it comes to applying these laws in a campus environment, he said the laws “do not apply” and are only applicable to elected officials.

However, state law does include university campuses in providing any citizen and journalist

with requests for public information such as university personnel records, police logs and reports, memorandums, etc. as well as access to on-campus meetings.

“Public access to meetings and documents is important, David Kanervo said. Unless there was a threat to the university or incident of similar significance, he said this would be an instance in which there should not be any exception to these laws.

“The nature of bureaucracy is to keep decisions secret because of competitors, bad publicity, and because people can be more comfortable speaking their mind when they know it’s not going to be a public meeting,” he said.

“Those things for better or worse are characteristic of a bureaucracy, but in a democracy you have a right to know what is going on at the university and the reasoning behind the decisions that are being made.” ♦

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Zach Baggett pictured.

University's insurance will cover abortions for an extra fee

Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio—Bowling Green State University students opposed to a health insurance plan covering abortions were pleased that the school has decided to offer coverage for abortions only to students who pay an extra \$60 a year.

Students received notice on Monday that student health insurance will allow for the optional coverage for abortion. The basic plan will cost \$1,234 a year.

The student health insurance will cover birth control. “We believe the university’s student health insurance program will give individuals the ability to make health choices based on their personal needs,” Ed Whipple, vice president of student affairs, said in the notice.

The school’s trustees voted to require students who do not have health insurance to purchase insurance through the school or another insurer starting this fall.

The optional plan the university has offered in previous years has covered abortions,” said Teri Sharp, a Bowling Green spokeswoman.

More schools have started mandating the coverage to save the uninsured from huge bills. College

administrators are finding that some students are forced to drop out when faced with big medical expenses.

Most public universities, though, still leave the decision about insurance up to students.

University of Toledo students have been required to have health insurance for several years. That plan includes abortion coverage.

A group at Bowling Green collected more than 400 signatures on petitions saying that students should not be required to pay for abortions.

“I think we still have a ways to go, but this is a positive step in the right direction,” said Kelly Schulz, a graduate student who is involved with a Catholic student organization called Creed. She said her organization would continue to work to persuade people that abortion is not a good choice and that there are alternatives to oral contraceptives.

Sharon Cook, chairwoman of the university’s board of trustees, said there were strong feelings from students on both sides of the issue. She said allowing abortion coverage for an extra fee was a good compromise. ♦



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Birth control, along with abortion options, is being covered in several universities’ health plans.



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SGA acts to end dumping of books

TBR amendment looks promising

By APRIL MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Student Government Association Sen. Deanna Hensley will be introducing legislation today to amend the Tennessee Board of Regents policy regarding the disposal of surplus personal property, specifically library materials.

Hensley’s hope is that TBR will see that students are concerned with the books going into landfills, and be moved to amend the current policy.

When asked about the advantages of the amendment, Deborah Fetch, Director of Library Services, said, “we could have book sales and raise a little bit of money. Fewer books would be going into the landfill.”

If the books were sold, the money would not necessarily go to the library. The finance and administration department of Austin Peay State University would make the decision as to where the money would be best spent. The books are not likely to bring a large amount of money, according to Fetch.

Upon the legislation passing through the SGA, it will then go to the Student Presidents Council, which is composed of SGA presidents from all TBR schools.

Once it passes that council, it will continue on to Robert Adams, vice chancellor for business and finance at TBR, who will decide if the amendment should be approved.

The current policy does allow schools to trade with other schools, recycle or sell items at auctions. However, with library materials, many are outdated so other schools are not interested, to recycle there would have to have an extra large volume and generally, people do not buy large quantities of books from auctions.

Jennifer Bodine, junior public relations major, feels, “[It’s] a fairly good plan. They should sell them, then give the profits to organizations that need it, or the library.”

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Phone scam should keep students on their toes

By STEPHANIE COWARD
Online Editor

Austin Peay State University police are urging the campus community to use caution when answering the phone. A company that calls itself Police Protection has solicited millions of dollars from the public, only to put most of it in their own pockets.

Police Protection solicited over \$4.4 million from Tennessee residents in 2005. The company spent \$3.9 million of those donations internally; they donated just \$40,000 to the families of deceased Missouri police officers.

According to Charlie Struckel, APSU Crime Prevention officer, four separate payments of \$10,000 were sent to four separate families.

Tennessee law prohibits the general public from soliciting donations for the policing community. Anyone who solicits for a police department must be employed, appointed or elected by that office, Struckel said.

The company believes itself to be within their legal limits as they operated outside of the state of Tennessee. Struckel says this is not true as they are still soliciting in the state.

He urges students to use caution when they answer their phones. The company has a reputation of extreme aggressiveness, especially when they are told no. There have been numerous reports of the company harassing those called, Struckel said.

If a student wishes to donate to a charity, they are advised to research the company before they make a donation, as fraudulent charities have increased in recent years. ♦

Books: Dumping could come to an end

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An amendment to the policy will affect all TBR schools. The legislation reads as follows: "A resolution recommending that the Tennessee Board of Regents Student Presidents' Council evaluate TBR Policy 4-02-20-00 to amend the policy to exempt surplus library materials, such as books, journals, and videotapes, thus giving TBR libraries the authority to hold book

sales and/or donate discarded library materials to individuals. Whereas, the current policy often leads to the disposal of library material in landfills. "Whereas, after becoming aware of this issue, APSU students are

"...They should sell them, then give the profits to organizations that need it, or the library,"

— Jennifer Bodine, public relations major

concerned with finding a better way for the proper disposal of surplus library materials by TBR libraries. "Whereas, library materials should be put in a separate category of personal property considering the nature of the material" ♦

Indoor smoking bans encouraged; influence waned

By ERIK SCHELZIG
Associated Press

Efforts to restrict smoking in public places are gaining momentum as Tennessee's status as a tobacco state wanes.

But even supporters of indoor smoking bans don't anticipate any rapid changes.

Gov. Phil Bredesen, who describes himself as an "avid nonsmoker," has said he doesn't expect any new laws on the matter this session. But smoking bans have become more plausible with the state's changing agricultural landscape, he said.

"It has been impossible in Tennessee because we had been a tobacco state for years and years," Bredesen said. "We're kind of coming out of that era now."

Tennessee's tobacco crop was about 65 million pounds in 2004 about half of what it was a decade earlier.

Lower demand from cigarette companies and increased foreign competition have contributed to the decline, and many growers in Tennessee are using a federal buyout program to get out of the business.

Several bills proposing indoor smoking bans in public places are scheduled to be debated in legislative committees this week.

A Senate committee on local government has signaled that it may give some of the bills serious consideration, while bills assigned to the House

Agriculture Committee appear to face more stiff opposition.

House Majority Leader Kim McMillan has defended the practice of sending anti-smoking bills to the agriculture committee, even though that has meant their certain death in the past. "We really try, when we assign bills, to go through the process of looking at where similar bills have gone in the past, so we can be consistent," said the Clarksville Democrat.

In the Senate State and Local Government Committee last week, Sen. Jeff Miller said recent travels to Florida and New York have changed his mind about banning cigarette smoking in restaurants.

"Smoke-free Tennessee is going to happen. I don't know when, but it's going to happen," said Miller, a Cleveland Republican who has announced he won't run for re-election in the fall.

More than a dozen states and many more cities and counties across the country including New York, Chicago and Dallas have banned smoking in restaurants and bars. "I'm going to vote for every smoke-free bill that I get a chance to vote for, and that's a complete change from where I had been," Miller said.

Meanwhile in the House, Rep. Paul Stanley tried to play down the potential effects of his bill to give towns and cities the power to vote on whether to ban smoking in restaurants. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Financial aid for Fall 2006 & Spring 2007

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

Weight Watchers at APSU

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

Tutors needed

High School Upward Bound needs tutors in Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Spanish. Please contact 221-6226 or come by Dunn 259 if interested. For more information contact John Howard at barfields@apsu or 221-6226.

Private Mandarin lessons

Are you interesteed in learning Mandarin Chinese? Maybe you simply want to brush up on your conversational Mandarin? Private lessons are available. Contact 270-640-1766 .

Spring break soccer shooll

APSU soccer is offering a soccer clinic during the Montgomery County spring break. The clinic is for boys and girls ages 5-14 and will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. No experience is needed. The fee is \$90 for the week. Early dropoff and late supervision will be available for an additional fee. Call 931-221-7972 for information, or visit www.sureshotsoccer.com.

Latin dance classes

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

ASTAR coordinators/leaders

Applications are now being accepted for 2006 ASTAR Coordinators/Leaders. The deadline for leaders is Fri., March 24. For more information please contact Toya Richardson at 221-6100.

Fall employment opportunity: Be a peer tutor

The Academic Support Center is seeking applicants to serve as peer tutors for the 06-07 academic year. This is a great opportunity to help others, build a resume and earn money for college. Applications must be received by April 1, 2006. For information, contact Martin Golson at golsonm@apsu.edu or 221-6553.

Breast cancer awareness

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, INC. Rho Mu Zeta Chapter wants you to come and join us as we are reminded of the importance of self-examination. March 25, 2006 from 4-6 PM at the Public Library. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Sanita Miller at millers@apsu.edu or 221-6162.

Teach in Spain

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

Summer job opportunity

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

Geopolitics lecture on Friday

A lecture titled "New Geopolitics of (North) Eurasia: Searching for a holistic picture" will be presented by Dr. Lassi Heininen at 2:30 p.m., Friday, in Harned Hall 301. Heininen is an expert on Environmental Security and Northern Security Issues and a professor of Geopolitics at the University of Lapland, Finland. For information, contact Karen Sorenson at 221-6246.

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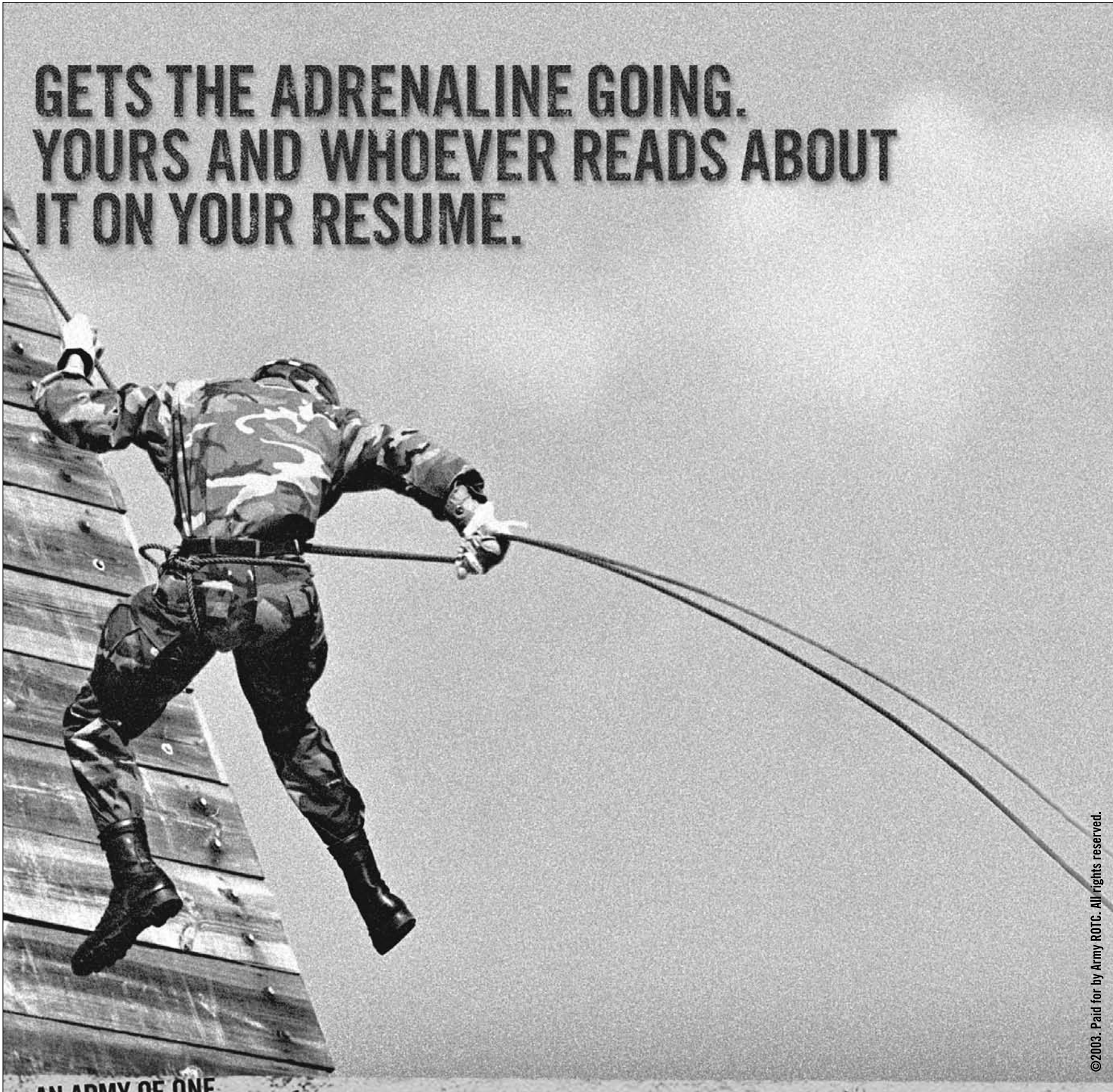
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OUR TAKE

Women’s History Month reflects issues of today

This month celebrates Women’s History Month. It is a time to remember all of the remarkable things women have done. The celebration of women’s history in the United States began as “Women’s History Week” in 1978 in Sonoma County, Calif. According to www.infoplease.com, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Rep. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution in 1981 proclaiming a national Women’s History Week. In 1987, it was expanded as Women’s History Month to be celebrated in March. Why did it take so long for women to be recognized?

Growing up, we were taught history from men’s perspectives. Very rarely were women identified as shaping and changing our nation. The women’s movement is only touched upon while students are taught about the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, the men who fought in the wars, the men who fought for civil rights and of course, all of the men who have been president.

How often are students educated about women like Fannie Lou Hamer, Florence Kelley, Bessie Smith, Sojourner Truth and many others? I’m sure many of us never heard about Mary Katherine Goddard who became the first woman postmaster in the country as well as the first printer to offer copies of the Declaration of Independence that included the signers’ names. Or Margaret Chase Smith, who became the first woman nominated for president of the United States by a major political party in 1966 at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco. Forty years later, we still have not had a woman as president. We are behind the times.

On Saturday, March 11, Michelle Bachelet was sworn in as the first woman

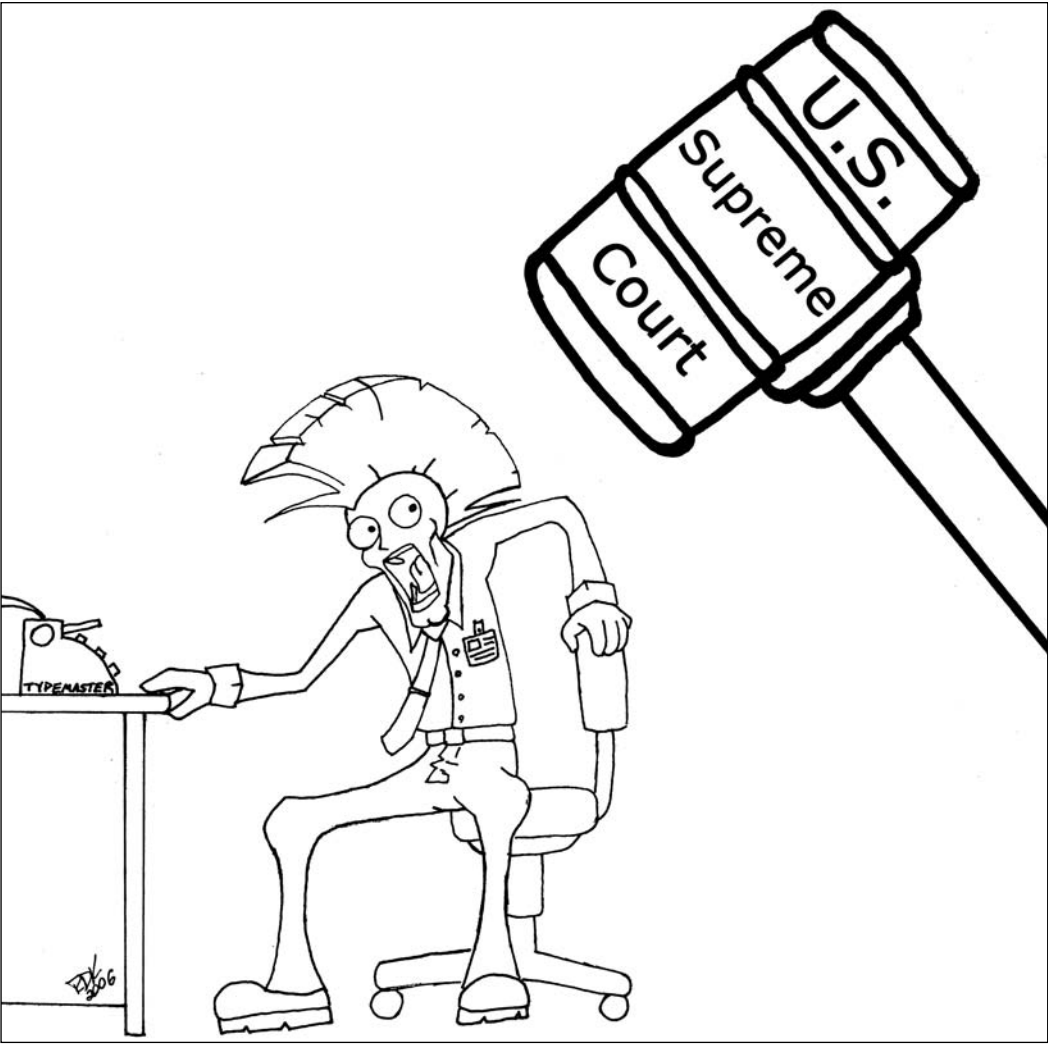
president of Chile. She swore in 10 men and 10 women as her cabinet members.

For a country that is supposed to be so advanced in its thinking and way of life, the United States has yet to move past the hesitation or downright refusal of women in power. Some people think that if we elect a woman president, other countries won’t take us seriously or won’t have anything to do with us at all. Is this just an excuse for keeping women from a position they have just as much right to as any man? Or is this legitimate reasoning?

It’s impossible to know how long it will take for American citizens to accept the idea of “Ms. President.” There have been rumors of Hillary Rodham Clinton running in the 2008 election. Is it still too soon for her to get elected? Or have many people grown tired of the same kind of old men running the country?

With the rise of women in business and women taking a stand in political issues, it stands to reason that a woman president could be just over the horizon. Barbara Bush at the Wellesley College Commencement in 1990 said, “Somewhere out in this audience may even be someone who will one day follow in my footsteps and preside over the White House as the President’s spouse. I wish him well.”

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, among many others, made huge changes in our government and the way women were viewed overall. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal,” is one of Stanton’s most famous quotes. As far as our country has come, it still has a long way to go in offering the same positions of power to the women who deserve it. Not because they are women, but because they are the most qualified persons for the job. ♦



BY DUSTIN KRAMER

YOUR TAKE

Science vs. Religion? I Think Not

There has been an ongoing battle between Creation and Evolution. Many people claim that Evolution is backed by scientific fact, when in actuality it is not. The “experiments” used to support Evolution in the textbooks have all been disproved, yet they are still being taught as if they were fact.

Scientists since the 1980s have known that Peppered Moths do not rest on tree trunks yet they use that example as if they are “evolving” to survive this change by

pollution. The vertebrate embryos used to show similarity in the early forms of development are all drawn and faked. The “gill slits” that human embryos supposedly have form into bones in the ear and glands in the throat.

Artists draw ape-like humans to support their “religion” known as Evolution. The Geological Column which is said to show each time period with a different layer of sediment has been found nowhere on Earth except in textbooks. They have found petrified trees going

through rock layers showing that all of these layers of sediment formed at the same time unless the tree was standing for millions of years just waiting for this rock to settle around it.

People need to realize that Evolution is not science, and if they want to teach one theory then they need to give alternative theories. Evolution is a religion, not science.

Chris Whitson
Freshman
Psychology Major

Path of least resistance is the road to hell

There is a phenomenon that crops up in human relationships on a regular basis, particularly in situations where someone has the responsibility for adjudicating disputes between two parties. Generally, if one party is fairly good-natured, reasonable, and

accommodating while the other is ill-tempered, unreasonable, and utterly intransigent, the tendency is to take the easy way out. Like water, human nature is such that it seeks the path of least resistance.

Those of you who grew up with siblings may have observed this principle, or lack thereof, in action — most often when Mom or Dad (or both) were tired and wanting nothing so much as a moment’s peace. It happens on occasion in the best of families. In dysfunctional families it happens all the time. In the latter case, if you were the accommodating one and you had a brother or sister that was a screamer, I pity you. You lost the argument nearly always.

Unfortunately, laziness is an inherent part of human nature, something we overcome only through discipline and a desire to live by our principles, rather than simply mouth them.

Yet the majority of the human race, sad to say, falls into the category wherein principles are about as deep as the average mud puddle. Most of us want to be seen as being principled, but if that is our only desire we can fake it rather easily.

We have a whole box of tools for accomplishing the fraud of appearing to be just while being nothing more than expedient. We have rationalization, self-delusion, and self-righteousness. They are handy things for building the appearance of self-esteem and character; as handy as a drill, a screwdriver and a hammer are to a carpenter. Too bad that justice requires something more subtle than a hammer, or else we could all qualify as judges.

Still, when faced with a rational person on one hand and a screaming, spitting lunatic on the other (most acutely when the lunatic has shown a propensity for

violence), we are all susceptible to a failure of courage. We might take the reasonable party to the side and beg them please, pretty please, for the good of all concerned, give in this time and we’ll square you away on something else later. Meanwhile, the other party learns — quickly — that threats are enough to get by on, provided they are willing to back up those threats with violence when necessary.

In terms of the larger realm of human relationships — politics — Adolph Hitler used the template back in 1938. It was an old, old template even then. As it turned out, Britain and France were simply too tired to test the lunatic’s threats until the point was reached where there was nothing more to give.

Seven years later a continent lay in ruins and many millions of people were dead and past the point of absorbing the lesson. It is a lesson that probably needs to be relearned in every subsequent generation as it seems that the West has forgotten it again.

Suddenly our hard-won freedoms, notably Freedom of the Press at this juncture, are negotiable. The situation in Europe appears to be nearly unrecoverable. Here in America it is not quite that bad although the “adult media,” the professional press and the networks, mostly stand by in shame-faced silence as college papers and bloggers do their job for them.

They are ominously silent as student editors are dismissed for standing up to religious zealots at the Universities of Illinois, Oregon, and a few (very few) other places.

To be sure, if the zealots were of the type that wrote letters and protested peacefully, then the “guardians of freedom” would recover their courage soon enough. But when the protesters threaten violence and when they demonstrate a proclivity for acting upon the threat, then out come the rationalizations and the justifications for what amounts to nothing more than rank cowardice.

Call it appeasement, prudence, sensitivity; call it whatever you want.

It is in reality the abdication of responsibility in a political system that requires the unarmed courage of its institutional guardians even more than the sacrifices of its armed defenders. Without the former, the latter have nothing to defend. ♦

Pointless press influences a highly negative society

Tonight on news at ten: “Tom Cruise saves Bongo, a scientology-supporting puppy, in his new trendsetter Giovanni

Capri pants while proclaiming his expertise on socialism in Asheville, the new Paris of the South.”

Does perpetual profitless press like this ever bother anyone?

Sure, the incident itself is quite eye-catching, but when was the last time you heard pressing news that came through with an

inspiring perspective?

American press has built a reputation with introducing stories like this. The problem with these reports is that they aren’t providing the public with anything of substance.

The public could read trashy romance novels and be just as informed as if they read the latest breaking cover story. The press is not communicating worthy information.

With all this invaluable news floating around, society is just being prompted to be lifeless and anti-social.

If the public isn’t being constrained into their homes for safety through troubling and scary stories, they’re being prompted to communicate irrelevant-to-the-real-world information contributing to society being composed of incompetent, feeble minds.

Our press must change its tactics and begin to be, I don’t know, maybe informative.

The press needs to promote news that provokes thought and activity. The media is missing its obligation to inform the public and provide America with the knowledge to be an effective citizen. It seems the press is feeding to society’s self-destructive ADD-ness. There is a reason for this mainstream media coverage though.

It draws attention, and attention sells. So the media isn’t solely at fault; society must take responsibility in the lack of vital information being covered in the press.

An example of society’s shallowness lies in our fascination of celebrities. We’ve gone as far as to idolize Hollywood and treat them as if they have some claim to elitism. We have put them on a pedestal and given them treatment that is comparable to Greek mythology.

We give them the same respect that was given to the Greek gods. No wonder they act so arrogant; we allow them to be that way with all the attention.

Critical issues and occurrences must be brought to attention. Without doing so, our society remains stagnant. Problems must be addressed in order for people to understand the severity of the actions taken.

Controversial topics inevitably would be discussed, and this may lead to division. This division would cause more relevant information to be communicated though, and a more general understanding could be accomplished.

People may be prompted to take sides on an issue, but if people discuss, not debate and listen, not just wait to talk, the country would not be divided, but united. Because in the end, people generally want the same thing, but just have different means to accomplishing it.

What society needs to demand from the press is not only real information, but balance too.

The press must be real with society and not try to disguise or hide negativity, but also point out all the positive in the world. Everything can’t be as refreshing as the thought of Rosie O’Donnell’s interview on how pink is the new yellow, but news can still be satisfying somehow, some way.

We must not disillusion ourselves to what the world is and what it’s not, but there is a lot of beauty out there.

Louis Armstrong said it best: “I see skies of blue, and clouds of white, the brightness of day, the dark-sake of night, and I think to myself, what a wonderful world!” ♦



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Grad school: appealing option over working

Well, it’s back to pumpkin spice latte for me. I tried to quit the coffee habit, but I give up; I’m an addict. Something else it seems I am addicted to is college. Lately I have been contemplating graduate school and my thoughts on “to grad or not to grad (school)” are driving me bonkers .

My options are to either stay here in school for approximately two more years, build up some additional student loans and defer getting a real job a little while longer, or I can log on to www.careerbuilder.com, update that resume and start hitting the pavement in an effort to find suitable employment that will help me to start paying back my school debt. (Some may say that was a run-on sentence but if you look at the sentence structure, it isn’t).

Which brings me to my next point, I want to get my masters in English, not communications, and I am uneasy about starting a whole new school career under more intense learning circumstances. What’s a graduating student to do?

I fear that I may just want to attempt graduate school because I have this “Peter Pan” syndrome; I am the kid that never wants to grow up (but not in the weird “let

me build a theme park in my backyard for friends way” but more of “I really don’t want to get older” kind of way).

Am I confusing you? Why am I so confused? Everyone seems to offer me what seems to be great advice on what I should do with my life and others have commented, “Do what you want to do.” That’s an easy statement for a spastic Gemini who can rarely decide what he wants to eat much less what he wants out of his life.

I am not one of those financially motivated people that make comments like “I want to get rich when I get out of school.” That is not my issue here. Granted, I dread the fact that I will be buried in debt when I graduate, but I want to find a career that is fulfilling and not just rewarding.

At the end of my day or week, I want to say to myself “I made a difference this week” not “I sold a million shares this week.” Get my drift?

I think graduate school is the answer because I am in school mode and I still enjoy most of my classes plus teaching English and writing have always been my dreams. But in the back of my mind, there is always this lingering thought: “Can I do this?” Challenges are always good for the soul and anyway, it’s just money, right? I will, according to statistics, make more money with a masters and have more options for employment so why is making this decision so difficult? If you have the answers, please reply. ♦



OPINION
Michael Weakley

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Student Organization President's Roundtable
At 3 p.m. in UC 308.

NAACP Mid-Week Mixer
At 6 p.m. in the African American Culture Center.

Thurs. 23

Govs Music Series
Fox Hole at 7 p.m. in the UC lobby.

ASANBE Diversity Symposium
At 11:30 a.m. in the African American Culture Center.

Fri. 24

Govs Movie Night
At 7 p.m. in the Clement Auditorium.

Mon. 27

2006 Homestyle Decoration Contest:
Contest winner announced.

Tues. 28

STAND UP
At 4 p.m. in UC 305.

Word of the Week:

milieu—*noun*, the physical or social setting in which something occurs or develops (environment).

Etymology:
French, from Old French, midst, from *mi* middle (from Latin *medius*) + *lieu* place, from Latin *locus*

—www.m-w.com

Today in the Past: 1980

"Another Brick in the Wall" tops the charts

Pink Floyd's single "Another Brick in the Wall," from the album of the same title, hits No. 1 on the U.S. Billboard pop charts. The song was the band's only No. 1 single in the United States. The band set records with its 1973 breakthrough album *Dark Side of the Moon*, which stayed on Billboard's Top 200 Albums chart for 741 weeks, longer than any other album in history.

—www.historychannel.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"rejection"

"You have to know how to accept rejection and reject acceptance."

Ray Bradbury

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University Landing

Details about the new housing project

JESSICA LAVELY
Staff Writer

University Landing, the new top-of-the-line housing facility is near completion for Fall 2006. It's so close to Austin Peay State University you can simply walk to class every day.

University Landing is located two blocks away from the main campus and offers unique apartments to the students at Austin Peay State University. The projected opening date is in April and the whole building is expected to be finished near August 2006. The very first open house is planned for April 6-8.

"We recognize the students at Austin Peay State University are mature, responsible adults who are endeavoring to further their education," said Brenda Measamer, president of Kenney Realty Services, the company constructing the apartments. "Our aim is to assist them in attaining their goals and to provide a living environment conducive to their achieving those aspirations."

University Landing gives lease options which allow students to hold individual leases. Not only can students choose their roommates, they can also get rid of the hassles that come from joint leases.

University Landing consists of one, two, three and four bedroom apartments. Each apartment complex is

accessorized with one bathroom per bedroom, full kitchen amenities, study rooms and washers and dryers. They also come with overhead lights, microwave, dishwasher, range, double sinks and refrigerators with icemakers.

All apartments will have pre-wired security systems, central heat and air conditioning, access to the study lounges, courtyards and picnic areas and monthly student events.

Internet, cable television, water, trash removal and electricity will all be included in the monthly rent, so students can live without the hassle of paying lots of utility bills.

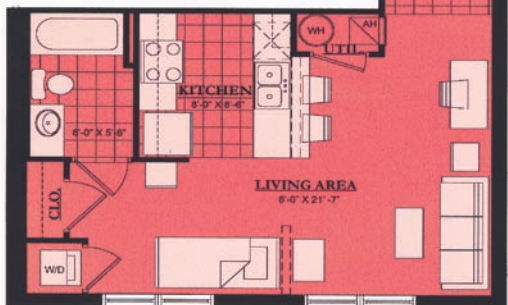
Reasonable prices are offered for the different room options, but are subject to change.

One bedroom apartments start off at \$650 per student per month. A two bedroom apartment: \$565, three bedroom: \$500, four bedroom: \$460 and a studio apartment starting at \$600.

"From what I've heard it sounds like a great idea," says Geordan Goodmiller, a freshman, who has lived in the dorms on campus. "Apartments close to campus you can split with friends, have washers and dryers and, not to mention, other things in every room."

University Landing is an option for students to consider as an off-campus alternative. ♦

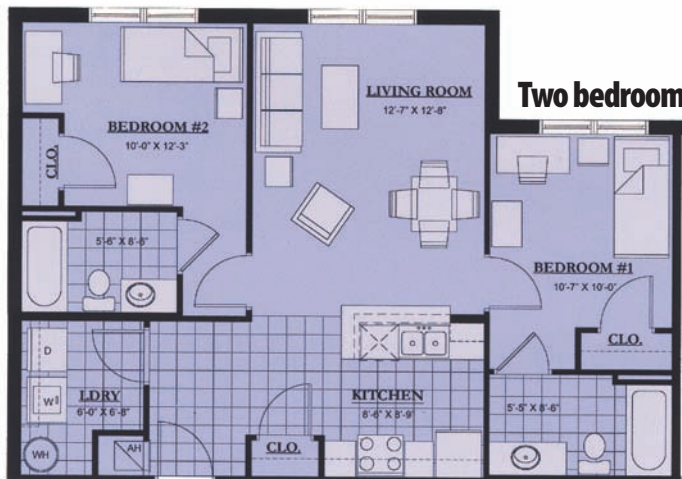
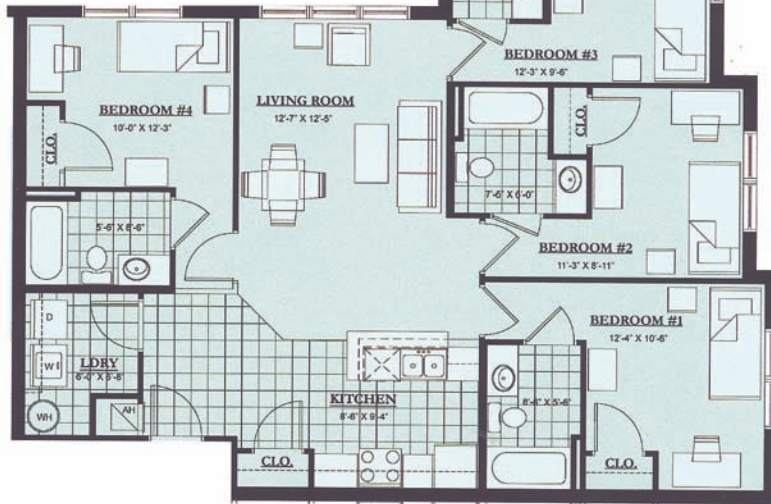
One bedroom studio



Three bedroom



Four bedroom



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

'Devil or Angel?' shown at Trahern Gallery



Austin Peay's Goldsmith Press, left, is a collection of rare type faces. "Tell me a story," right, speaks of the relationship between grandparents and 12 year olds.

LOIS JONES/STAFF

LOIS JONES
Staff Writer

"Devil or Angel?" might seem like an unusual title for an art show, but not if you understand what those words mean to a printer.

According to the information posted on the gallery wall, "The printers' devil is a Renaissance term that refers to something that becomes a thorn in the printers side; sometimes it refers to an apprentice that is making lots of mistakes - sometimes it refers to a stray mark of ink that reappears on each printed page. An angel, of course, is a divine messenger."

There are five Tennessee print studios represented in this show. They are: Memphis College of Art Press and Papermaking Studio at Memphis College of Art, Hatch Show Print; Nashville Tennessee (Supported by the Country Music Hall of Fame), The Tulip Poplar Press at Middle Tennessee State University, The Isle of Printing; Nashville Tennessee, and the Goldsmith Press and Rare Type Collection at Austin Peay State University.

Cindy Marsh is the driving force behind the projects done with the Goldsmith Press at APSU. Marsh says the goal of the work with the press is "to give a voice to the people in Clarksville."

Marsh has done this with several different collaborators over the years.

Marsh is very successful in obtaining Grants for the printing projects. "Words of War" and "Tell Me a Story" are two of the past projects featured in the exhibit. "Words of War" is a compilation of individual works sharing feelings about war and people involved in the war.

"Tell Me A Story" is about grandparent's and twelve year olds and their relationships with, and perspectives of each other.

Currently Marsh, with Greg Schlanger and Ken Shipley and all of APSU's Art Department are getting ready for Earth Day and Rivers and Spires. The project will involve printing clay steppingstones.

The five groups represented in the show have in common the same type of letterpress printing equipment, but they are each using it in a different direction.

If you appreciate the written word, hand set printing and the beauty of the old style printing presses, you might enjoy "Devil or Angel."

APSU acquired the Goldsmith Press and Rare Type Collection from Boston in 1997 with funds from the Center of Excellence in the Creative Arts, The Office of Academic Affairs and private donations.

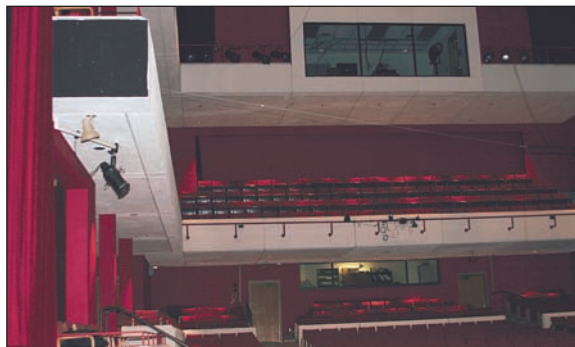
Classes are offered using the press. Check the Fall and Spring class schedules to see when they are being offered. Devil or Angel? will be in the Trahern Gallery Feb. 27 to March 26. ♦



LOIS JONES/STAFF

"Devil or Angel?" displays five print studios in Tennessee. Each studio has similar traditions of letterpress but have different styles and directions.

APSU's music hall awarded national honor



KRYSTTELL MILLER/STAFF

Austin Peay has been recognized as having one of the best music halls in the southeast. "[The Music Hall] is structured from Europe and is made specifically for music," said Dr. Diehr, Dean of Arts and Letters. "It's made to allow every person in the room to hear the same quality of music from anywhere." Performances take place in the 600-seat concert theatre, regarded as one of the finest acoustical environment in this region. Also, Austin Peay is having a Brass Ensemble March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the concert hall free of charge. (Derek Williams, guitarist on stage.)

— Compiled by Jessica Lavery

V

MOVIE REVIEW

“V for Vendetta”

JASON DRUMM
Features Editor

“V for Vendetta” was number one in the weekend box office, profiting \$26.1 million in just three days. Starring Natalie Portman (Evey) and Hugo Weaving (V), this action thriller is sure to please.

The movie is set in the near future. A totalitarian government has moved into Great Britain. Throughout the film, an eerie likeness to the Holocaust is ever-present. The Chancellor, head of the new government, is almost an exact carbon-copy of Hitler. Behind the scenes, he is a demanding drillmaster, who rules his henchmen with an iron fist of fear.

One might think that because of this takeover, the British would be depressed and angry, but the opposite is true. The people have no clue what is truly going on. They blindly trust whatever the media says with no objections.

Evey has been greatly affected by the takeover. When she was a young girl, her protesting parents were captured by the government. In the present day, she ironically works for Britain's best-known television company, a tool of the government's propaganda. Evey, unlike her parents and like most, does not have a specific stance on the takeover.

She is attacked after curfew one



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In the movie, “V for Vendetta,” Evey (Natalie Portman) is forced to shave her head because of her imprisonment. She was captured at a night raid.

night and V comes to her rescue. This is when they first meet and also when we get a preview of V's knife-fighting skills.

V is the one who has been affected the most by this whole ordeal. He is a lab rat of secret government testing, the very same testing which made millions of British citizens die of diseases. The end result of this cover-up left him greatly scared, in more ways than one. He is badly burned and not too happy about it. He, in turn, is inspired and enraged at what the totalitarians are doing. He starts a revolution in Britain.

V is an eloquent man. “Remember, remember the fifth of November,” is a phrase that fuels V's passion and serves as his motto for government overthrow. He doesn't always fight with his knives but

prefers to fight using ideas and words.

His words inspire an entire nation, even the Chancellor's own henchmen, to rebel against what they know.

Director James McTeigue did a great job. The movie is over two hours long, but the film team does an excellent job of keeping the audiences attention.

It contains little bad language and no sexual content. It also delivers great dialogue, characters you either love or hate and exceptional knife fights.

The plot will keep you thinking but will never leave you feeling frustrated because of pointless suspense. It is the type of movie where you don't know just when you should use the bathroom (buy a small drink, you'll thank me).◆

Ten female honorees represent Women's History Month Project

LOIS JONES
Staff Writer

This year's theme for Women's History Month is “Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams.” According to the National Women's History Project, the theme “honors the spirit of possibility and hope in motion, by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams.”

The National Women's History Project selected 10 honorees this year. They come from varied backgrounds. Three of the honorees are no longer living.

The honorees are: Juana Gutierrez, a political activist and community organizer, Aileen Hernandez, a union organizer and human rights activist Winona La Duke, an author and environmentalist, Nancy Skinner Nordoff, a philanthropist and environmentalist, Mary Taylor Previte, a pioneer and advocate for juvenile justice, Betty Reid Soskin, a cultural anthropologist and writer and Marian Van Landingham, an artist and community leader.

Cindy Marano was an economic justice activist and

public policy visionary, Mary Aloysius Mallory was an educator and innovator and Mary Tsukamoto was an educator, writer and cultural historian.

All of these women were chosen for their leading roles in securing a future for our youth and creating better communities within the United States. All of the honorees have spent years devoted to their causes.

The importacet of honoring women's history is apparent. It was not long ago that women were second-class citizens. Females didn't even have the right to vote. If a young girl is asked today, “What do you want to be when you grow up,” she could give various answers from president to a rocket scientist. Today women can aspire to be whatever they want.

In honor of Women's History Month the NWHP are holding a contest. First-place winners in each of six categories will be awarded \$200. The categories are: middle school, elementary school, community organization, high school, college and workplace.

If you or someone you know is interested in the contest contact NWHP at www.nwhp.org. Deadline for submission is April 15.◆

Many local rap artists unite in Clarksville

A.J. DUGGER
Staff Writer

Rap is more than a three-letter word. It is an expressive art form and a way of life for several different local entertainment groups in Clarksville.

“I wanted to make my own beats instead of spinning records,” said Chad Coleman, a producer for SpookySk8 Entertainment, a local group. Coleman “Chad C” is assisted by another producer, Darius McNeal “D Money.” They plan on using their musical gifts to put a shining light on Clarksville.

“It's a good start here,” said McNeal, who first began producing hip hop beats on a laptop beat program. Coleman and McNeal have been working hard to develop their signature sound. “You have to hear it to believe it,” said McNeal.

Coleman and McNeal have been working together for the last four years. Together, with a label mate named DVS, they make up the production team of SpookySk8 Entertainment. However, they always have their eye out for talent and are looking for people who take hip hop seriously. Unlike other acts that quickly move to bigger cities, these guys are taking a different approach.

“You gotta crawl before you walk,” said McNeal. Coleman agrees with his label mate. “You need to blow up Clarksville before you can blow up anything else,” said Coleman.

The plan is to put Clarksville on the map first, then branch out to Nashville and other bigger cities. More information on SpookySk8 Entertainment can be found on their MySpace account, which is MySpace.com/spookysk8entertainment. Sample beats can be heard on their page. Every Friday, a new beat is added to replace the one from the previous week.

SpookySk8 Entertainment is closely linked to another local entertainment group called HoodRich. Started back in December, HoodRich is led by Alprestonia Butler, who is better known as Stoney Stone.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

SpookySk8 Entertainment gathers local artists together under one label in order to provide Clarksville with a more diverse body of creative rappers.

“I don't sleep,” Stone said. “No playin' around with me. It's business!” This is a proven fact because Stone is respected by his artists. One of them is Deauntry Jennings, who is a singer within the camp.

“He's like P. Diddy; he's making a band,” observed Jennings, whose stage name is “Big D.”

HoodRich has released a successful single in Clarksville called “Goodbye.” This local song alone gave HoodRich a cult following seemingly overnight. The song has a catchy, soulful hook to it. Many people joined up with HoodRich after hearing this impressive number.

Like the members of SpookySk8 Entertainment, Stone has been intrigued by music for a long time.

During his younger days, he would have rap competitions with his sister. This helped to intensify his drive for making music. Coleman recalls a time when one of the HoodRich rappers vocally performed a rap to one of his beats for the first time ever. Then someone else came out of the living room, performed the chorus, then left and shut the door. This whole scenario had perfect timing

with everything perfectly on cue.

“I respect them for that. They lock themselves in a room and do what they got to do,” said Coleman. The HoodRich camp has plenty of unique methods. One of these methods is keeping lyrics saved in a suitcase and saving those lyrics until the time is right. “We got this big old box full of verses,” said Stone.

“We promote singers and rappers. That's the thing about HoodRich,” said Jennings. HoodRich's lineup includes Stoney Stone, Tommy Gunz, C-Block, Big D, Young Hustla and Cocoa.

HoodRich and SpookySk8 Entertainment are counterparts for VB (Violent Boy) Mafia. VB Mafia features talented personnel. The artists involved are King Coop, Kap One, Devilish D and Psyco G. VB Mafia has been making music ever since 2002.

Even though all of these musical groups are independent, they are all linked and support each other. As a matter of fact, they have a showcase on May 6. The location has yet to be announced. All of these groups have the same goal. To make good music and bring out the hidden musical talent in Clarksville.◆



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WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

A FORMER MAFIA HITMAN
SUFFERS FROM AMNESIA
AFTER RECOVERING
FROM A GUNSHOT
WOUND TO THE HEAD. HE
SPENDS THE DURATION
OF THE BOOK
TRYING TO FIND WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS
INJURY, JUST TO FIND
OUT THAT HE TRIED
TO KILL HIMSELF!

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JIM & TIM BY JOHN LUDWIG

Hey, Tim. I need
you to help
a customer with a
couch.

No, Jim. I
already told
you, "No carry
outs."

Come on. Just
this once.

....O.K. Just
this once...

I heard you
needed help
with your stuff.

uh, yeah....

4 hours later

Tim didn't come back.
Where is he?

Bill's Basement

It puts the
lotion on its
skin!

Let me
go!

Would you shut up and stop
worrying! It's not like he's being
held captive somewhere.

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by R. Dustin Kramer

THAT ACTUALLY SOUNDS GOOD.
WHAT'S THE TITLE?

"SURPRISE!
YOU SHOT YOURSELF!"

Super Crossword SNAP SHOT

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16 Shimmer
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19 Weldon or Wray
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34 Paddle
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by Linda Thistle

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Parker, Lady Vols ‘dunk’ tourney

By **HANK KRUZ**
Associated Press

The buzz started when the play did, with Tennessee's Candace Parker streaking down court, taking a lead pass from Sidney Spencer and moving fast.

Most of the Lady Vols fans knew what was coming Sunday.

And when Parker elevated and then dunked the ball with her right hand, they cheered in amazement.

And then, she did it again.

Later in Tennessee's 102-54 thrashing of Army, Parker took a pass on the right baseline with an open path to the basket and made NCAA tournament history as the Lady Vols moved on to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

She became the first female player to dunk in an NCAA tournament game, the first to do it twice in any game and only the fourth college woman to do it. Ever.

"It's a relief to finally do it and get it over with and be done with it," said Parker, whose words drew a quick response from coach Pat Summitt seated beside her.

"Then why did you do it again?" Summitt asked, laughing.

Only a redshirt freshman, the 6-foot-4 Parker said she has been harassed by fans and teammates about when she was going to throw one down in competition. She does it all the time in practice, and did it several times in warmups for Sunday's game.

She even won a slam dunk competition against boys in high school.

But seeing it happen in a game was different, teammate Shanna Zolman said.

"I was buzzing," she said of watching it unfold, "and I was on the bench."

And that buzz carried all the way to Nashville, in the Lady Vols' home state, where those familiar with Parker said it might be just the beginning of a women's trend.

"You have to give it to her. She's a great player ... and the second one I thought was pretty nice on a backdoor cut," Vanderbilt's Caroline Williams said.

"Give it to her. Two dunks in a basketball game? That's awesome ... That's all I've got to say."

North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell coached Charlotte Smith, who in 1994 became the second collegiate woman to dunk in a game, and she celebrated Parker's feat.

"Again, it's marketing our sport," the veteran coach said. "Anything that can bring attention to the game, I'm all for. I think you're going to see more and more of it as athletes become stronger, faster and more skilled, so that's great."

But until Sunday, no one had done what Parker did in joining Georgeann Wells of West Virginia (twice in 1984), Smith and Tennessee's Michelle Snow as dunkers.

Snow did it three times, in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

But Parker said now that she's done it, fans shouldn't expect it regularly.

"I'm not going to force it," she said. "I'm not pressed to do it again."

The second dunk was something coach Summitt had already seen.

"It took me back to our first day of official team practice," Summitt said, recalling seeing Parker do the same thing while running a simple baseline drill.

"I've been in the business for 32 years and I remember going. 'I don't believe what I just saw,'" she said. "I didn't think I'd be impressed when I saw it, but I was."

Less than a minute after her second slam, Parker got the rest of the afternoon off to rest up for a game against George Washington on Tuesday night.

She finished with 26 points in 26 minutes, five rebounds, a career-high seven assists, two steals and four blocks. ♦

Govs post 2006 football schedule



Sophomore Mark Cunningham throws a pass during one of the Govs' practices during the 2005 season. Cunningham will take the reins as quarterback from former Governor Jesse Kellogg at the start of the 2006 season. Cunningham racked up 217 yards and a 60 percent completion percentage in his nine appearances in the 2005 season.

APSU will see teams from past while previewing future opponents

Austin Peay Sports Information

Something new and something old highlight the 2006 Austin Peay State University football schedule.

As an I-AA independent in 2006, APSU will play a five-home, six-road game schedule that will feature some of the future and the past.

In fact, the Governors will play three Ohio Valley Conference schools in 2006, including the season opener 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2 against Southeast Missouri at Governors Stadium.

The Governors also will have Tennessee-Martin at home, Saturday, Sept. 30, after taking on Samford and Dayton in a Thursday, Saturday line-up the previous week.

As far as the old, the Governors will play away games at former Pioneer Football League foes Dayton (Sept. 23) and Morehead State (Nov. 11).

In addition, the Governors will wrap up their season at Western Kentucky (Nov. 18).

"I am excited that we have been able to produce our schedule – it has been a challenge," APSU coach Carroll McCray said. "I am extremely appreciative of Coach (Dave) Loos working hard with OVC schools in getting us started into the direction we are heading in (20)07-08. We

have had to work very hard, especially to get two of them at home. It will give us a taste of what conference play will be like back in the OVC.

"We also have a mixture of our past, two Pioneer Football League teams who have been perennial powers. It is going to be challenge on the road facing those teams.

"And then later we are going to close the schedule with an old foe in WKU, which has continued to really move their program forward."

In addition, the Governors will play home games against University of the Cumberlands (Oct. 21), Chareston (Oct. 28) and North Greenville (Nov. 4), which will serve as homecoming. They also will be on the road to Cumberland (Sept. 9), Missouri-Rolla (Oct. 14).

"It is a very ambitious schedule for the position we are in," McCray said. "I am excited we are able to put a schedule together that allowed us to have five home games.

"We also have moved some times to the evening in hope of starting a traditional thing so we could bring the home crowds out when they would not have so many distractions with the young people in the community. We want the young people to be a part of our program." ♦

2006 Governors Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 2	Southeast Missouri	Clarksville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sat. 9	Cumberland	Lebanon, Tenn.	1:30 p.m.
Thur. 14	Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	7 p.m.
Sat. 23	Dayton	Dayton, Ohio	Noon
Sat. 30	Tennessee-Martin	Clarksville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
OCTOBER			
Sat. 14	Missouri-Rolla	Rolla, Mo.	1 p.m.
Sat. 21	University of the Cumberlands	Clarksville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sat. 28	Charleston	Clarksville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
Sat. 4	North Greenville	Clarksville, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Sat. 11	Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	Noon
Sat. 18	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.	4 p.m.

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SPORTS
SCHEDULE
AT A GLANCE

Thursday

Softball
vs. Tennessee-
Martin (DH),
1 p.m.,
Martin, Tenn.

Friday

Track and Field
at Raleigh Relays,
Raleigh, N.C.

Women's Tennis
vs. Alabama-
Huntsville,
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Tennis
vs. Jacksonville
State,
TBA,
Jacksonville, Ala.

Saturday

Softball
vs. Jacksonville
State (DH),
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Baseball
vs. Jacksonville
State (DH),
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Women's Tennis
vs. Louisville,
6 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Tennis
vs. Samford,
1 p.m.,
Birmingham, Ala.

Track and Field
at Raleigh Relays,
Raleigh, N.C.

Sunday

Softball
vs. Jacksonville
State,
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Baseball
vs. Jacksonville
State,
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Lady Govs swept by SEMO



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Sophomore Sarah Longmire hammers a pitch during the Lady Govs' contest against Southeast Missouri on Saturday. The Lady Govs averaged just five hits per game over the conference weekend as they were swept by the Redhawks in the conference opening weekend.

Hitting goes cold in first conference weekend of 2006

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University softball team was swept by Ohio Valley Conference rival Southeast Missouri in its first weekend of league action of the 2006 season.

The Lady Govs dropped both games of their Saturday twinbill before falling once again on Sunday, 5-2.

Head coach Jim Perrin said he saw a few things that they did well, but they had some work ahead of them.

"We played okay but we have some things we have to work on," Perrin said.

In the Lady Govs first game, Southeast Missouri struck first, posting one run in the first inning.

Southeast Missouri stayed on top until the bottom of the fourth inning when senior Brianna Venable doubled, bringing in junior Ami Bush for the tying run.

The game remained gridlocked until the final inning where APSU had a chance to take home the win with the bases loaded.

Unfortunately, the Lady Govs squandered their chance to score as the game headed into extra innings. It was then that the Redhawks took advantage.

With two runners on base, Southeast Missouri's Stephanie Huffman slammed a three-run homer to grab the win, 4-1.

Perrin said he thought they did some things well although they didn't get the win.

"We left too many runners on base," he said. "We hit the ball pretty hard but, unfortunately, it was right at someone and we couldn't get a base hit."

Junior Natasha Anderson pitched the complete game and allowed four runs on six hits while recording 12 strikeouts.

In the second game, the Redhawks continued their hitting dominance. Southeast Missouri's Megan McDonald hit a two run home run in the third inning but APSU followed up with a

two-run homer by Bush in the bottom of the fourth.

Southeast Missouri struck again in the fifth and seventh innings, with two RBI singles. Freshman pitcher Ashley Elrod pitched also pitched the complete game, allowing four runs on eight hits while striking out three.

Perrin was happy about how the Lady Govs played in Saturday's games.

"We played some pretty respectable ball games," he said. "We played well in both games, and gave ourselves an opportunity to win them both, but just came up short."

The Lady Govs picked up the action again Sunday afternoon against Southeast Missouri, trying not to get swept.

Southeast Missouri started off the first inning with a McDonald RBI single, scoring Michelle Summers.

The Redhawks continued hitting the ball well as a two-run slam by Lindsay Pickering in the fourth increased their lead, 3-0.

Pickering added another pair of RBI in the fifth as her double put the Redhawks up 5-0. The Redhawks' Huffman held the Lady Govs scoreless until the sixth when Venable's two-RBI single scored the only runs for APSU in the contest, as they eventually fell, 5-2.

Anderson pitched the first 3.2 innings, striking out five and allowing three runs on four hits. Elrod finished the game, giving up the final two runs on five hits.

Perrin said he didn't feel as though they showed up in the game Sunday.

"I don't know if the cold weather had anything to do with it, but it's almost like we weren't quite here," he said. "I think we may have been more worried about the weather conditions more than anything else. They took advantage, of our lack of scoring."

Venable set a school record with her 70th career walk, and Natasha Anderson became only the second APSU player to record 500 career strikeouts. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Junior pitcher Natasha Anderson received losses for both the first and third contests this weekend. The right-handed ace posted 17 strikeouts in 12.2 innings of work.

Track team
steals the
show at
Spring Fling

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University's track and field team returned to action, hosting the APSU Spring Fling, Saturday, at Governors Stadium.

"We had a lot of personal bests today which is good for the second meet out in a low key affair," said head coach Doug Molnar.

"I'm pleased with our overall efforts."

The meet started with the jumps at 10 a.m., where sophomore Leeann White jumped 5.57 meters to overtake senior standout Sherlonda Johnson, who trailed by one centimeter at 5.56 meters.

"It wasn't a great day for jumping in the cold weather," said Molnar. "But we had a lot of good things going on with Leeann upsetting Sherlonda in the long jump for the first time all year. The long jump was early and it was a little chilly."

Sherlonda had a little trouble finding the boards; she had two fouls out of her four jumps which is unlike her."

The Lady Govs had a good day in the distance competitions, claiming the top six spots in the 800-meter run.

Freshman Jamie Babb led the way setting a personal best (5:03.30) in the 1500-meter run and winning the 800-meter run.

Johnson placed third in the 200-meter run, while freshman Bertha Castillo, who ran unattached, won the 5,000-meter run.

"I thought most our distance runners had good days," said Molnar. "Babb and Shultz both set personal bests in the 1500-meter run, and I thought that was a good effort for them."

"Sherlonda had a personal best in the 200-meter and she almost broke 25 seconds for the first time."

Sophomore Megan Anderson set a personal best in the javelin for her second straight meet as well.

"Megan had another big day in the javelin," said Molnar. "That's two meets and two personal bests; so you can't beat that. She keeps getting better and better. By the end of the year, we're expecting good things."

On the men's side, freshman Jerome Wickman won the 200-meter run and freshman Tim Hall and John Fischer took the top two spots in the 800-meter run.

Sophomore Josh Yeckering had a second-place finish in the 5,000-meter run.

"We had unattached athletes that ran pretty good," said Molnar. "Wickman will be eligible for us next year so that's looking good."

"Yeckering had a nice race in the 5k, but we still need to work on his pacing a little bit. It was good to see him get back in the 15s this year."

"Hall had a solid day, winning the 800-meter run and setting a personal best in the 1500-meter run."

Track and field returns to action at the Raleigh Relays, next Saturday, at North Carolina State. ♦

Govs to host
12th annual
Bass Tourney

Austin Peay Sports Information

The 12th annual Austin Peay State University Governors Bass Tournament will be held, Saturday, May 13.

The popular two-man bass fishing tournament, which drew a tourney-record 260 boats a year ago despite threatening weather, will be held at Kentucky Lake with registration and boat launching from Paris Landing, Tenn., State Park.

Sponsored by Triton Boats by Earl Bentz, The Leaf Chronicle, Legends Bank, Prudential Realty, Jenkins and Wynne Ford Lincoln Mercury Honda Isuzu, B&J Marine, WJZM (1400 AM) Radio, Charter Communications, Wal-Mart Super Center (Wilma Rudolph Blvd./Madsion Street), 5 Star Radio Group, DBS and Associates Engineering, Inc. (David Smith), WKAG-TV, Grandpa's, WCKV-TV (Family Net) and the Governors Club, the tournament will benefit APSU athletics.

Prize money in the amount of \$11,000 will be awarded with a guaranteed first-place prize of \$3,000 and a second-place guarantee of \$1,500. Third and fourth-place will receive \$1,000 and \$600, respectively. The top 30 places will receive prizes.

Each boat also will have the opportunity to win in a grand door prize drawing of \$500 and if the tourney winner is fishing in a Triton Boat, Triton Gold will pay an additional \$1,000. New this year, a MotorGuide trolling motor will be given away as a second door prize.

The tourney will begin 6 a.m., Saturday, May 13, although all contestants must be checked in between 4-5:30 a.m., with a mandatory meeting at 5:45 a.m.

Pre-registration entry fee is \$100 per boat (two people per boat) and \$110 after noon, Friday, May 12. Boats are limited to a maximum of five fish that meet the set standards. ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Freshman Ashley Elrod ranks second on APSU's softball team in almost all pitching categories behind returning ace Natasha Anderson. Elrod, a local product of Rossview High School, has earned three of the Lady Govs' seven victories this season.

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

When looking at colleges, high school athletes always consider location a big part of their decision. For some, however, location makes all the difference in their final decision.

Freshman Ashley Elrod, a Clarksville native, said while she was considering other colleges, it was the local college that won her over.

"I've lived in Clarksville my whole life, so I was already comfortable here," Elrod said. "There were some other schools I was thinking about, but after meeting the girls and talking to Coach Perrin, I decided Austin Peay was where I wanted to go."

Before choosing Austin Peay State University, Elrod had a very successful high school career at Rossview High. She recorded more than 1,000 career strikeouts, was named all-area MVP four times, named All-State and Mid-State and honored as All-District and All-Tournament.

"Four years of hard work really helped me out," she said. "Traveling ball and my dad also helped with my success. Just achieving my

goals in high school helped me become an all around better person."

While Elrod enjoys playing at APSU, she said there is a big difference between high school and college.

"There is a lot more conditioning and all the hitters can hit," Elrod said. "It's definitely a game of adjustment."

So far this season, Elrod has tasted some success. She has posted a 3-6 record and a 5.61 ERA in 58.2 innings of work. Elrod's numbers rank second on the team behind returning ace Natasha Anderson. APSU head softball coach Jim Perrin said the best is yet to come from her.

"She has shown extreme improvement and is getting better everyday," Perrin said. "She still has some adjustments to make but she is a good player, and I think we will see her best in her junior and senior years."

Elrod said she just wants to continue to get better.

"I just want to pitch as well as I can," she said. "Eventually I want to be able to hit for myself and not use a designated hitter. I am just going to focus on getting better." ♦

Vital Stats

Name: Ashley Elrod
Class: Freshman
Major: Nursing
Hometown: Clarksville, Tenn.
Sports Idol: Luther Hernandez
Favorite Sports Team: St. Louis Cardinals
Favorite Place To Eat: Casablanca
Favorite Place To Go On A Date: Dinner and a movie.