

APSU accounting audit shows two flaws

Flaws in audit may be due to empty position because of budget crisis

By LAUREN MABON
Staff Writer

Each year, Austin Peay State University is audited by the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit office. Austin Peay State University met the federal accounting standards in a recent audit, but two minor violations may require a closer investigation and several adjustments. The Tennessee Board of Regents authorized the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. According to Mitch Robinson, vice president for finance and administration, a new trend has

developed recently. "Two years ago, the federal Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) began requiring public institutions to capitalize and depreciate fixed property, such as equipment and buildings, costing \$5,000 or more," said Robinson.

According to the Comptroller of the Treasury report, the purposes of the audit are:

- To consider the university's internal control over financial reporting to determine auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion about the financial statements

- To determine compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants

- To determine the fairness of the presentation of financial statements

- To recommend appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies

The university received an unqualified opinion from the auditors on the fairness of the financial presentation.

"Unqualified means that as far as auditors could determine, the balances on our financial report are accurate and in compliance with GASB standards," Robinson said.

Although the audit determined

compliance, two errors were identified.

According to the report, during the construction of the Morgan University Center, a fault occurred when \$354,455 in new food services equipment was reported inaccurately.

Also, procedures related to Pell payment data reporting needed to be improved.

"The department of education requires public institutions to report all Pell Grant payments within a 30-day window of time. 'We missed the deadline,' said Robinson.

Auditors found that payments to five out of 46 students were not reported in a timely manner.

According to the report, "The 30-day reporting requirement ensures that federal funds won't remain at a school when its students don't need the funds. Schools that don't submit required records on time or submit incomplete records will have their Pell allocations reduced and may be fined."

APSU management plans to rectify the error by establishing a master reporting calendar and computer programs to ensure that Pell payment data is reported in a timely manner.

Equipment reporting errors were made because APSU does not have a full-time assistant director of purchasing, auditors said in the report.

Due to budget constraints, the position, including monitoring capital projects and tracking reduction of items, has been frozen for some time.

According to Al Irby, assistant vice president of finance and administration, a business office staff accountant will fill the position.

"The position will be filled officially on the first of July, but training will begin as soon as possible," said Irby. Robinson thinks the audit recommendations are right on target.

"We view the audit as an opportunity for someone outside the institution to come and examine our duties."

If there is a weakness, we view it as an opportunity to improve how we do our job," Robinson said. ♦

Adoration tour visits the Peay

Newsboys, Rebecca St. James, and Jeremy Camp play to 4,000 in Dunn Center

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff Writer

4,000 people attended the Adoration Tour, which featured the Newsboys, Rebecca St. James and Jeremy Camp, Wed. March 31 at the Dunn Center. The tour was sponsored by WYFM 88.3 and Chick-Fil-A.

Opening act Jeremy Camp spoke of how God's love got him through a trying time in his life. Camp featured music from his new CD "Carried Me: The Worship Project" and "Stay."

Rebecca St. James featured music from her new CD "Live Worship: Blessed Be Your Name." St. James spoke about her waiting for God to send her future husband.

The words of her song "Wait for Me" have become an anthem for Christians everywhere. St. James openly admits being a virgin on her concert stages everywhere.

Junior, pre physical therapy major Brandon Radcliffe said, "St. James commented during her set that her thoughts on worship were our emotional response to His love."

Newsboys brought the event to a close with a mixture of old and new material from "Entertaining Angels" to "It is You."

Peter Furler, Newsboys' lead singer, said "Who knew after nineteen years of being with a band that I would be here today about able to raise my hands to God?"

"I think the people are really responding to everybody," Duncan Phillips, Newsboys' drummer said.

"Our crew - they're having Bible studies on their studies on their bus at night. We've never had that before. I think God is doing something



JOSEPH KERSTTER/STAFF

The Newsboys, Rebecca St. James, and Jeremy Camp lead worship for many Austin Peay students and families in the Dunn Center Wednesday night.



great. I think we're all feeling it. The artists are feeling it, the crew is feeling it, and hopefully the fans are."

All of the concert dates have been selling out since its launch February 12, 2004. The tour ends April 4, 2004. ♦

Same-sex marriage forum held on campus

By KATIE ALCOTT
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Same-sex marriage has become a hot topic across the nation as the definition of marriage is challenged and political leaders take sides. Austin Peay State University invited students, faculty, and the Clarksville community to come and discuss the issue on Wednesday, March 31.

A panel of three professors led the discussion: Glenn Carter, director of APSU's social work program, David Kanervo, chair of political science and sociology and Mark Michael, associate professor of philosophy. Timothy Sweet-Holp, director of grants and sponsored programs moderated.

The entire panel was in support of same-sex marriage. When asked, Sweet-Holp said that the panel was not purposely stacked. Faculty opposed were contacted, but declined the offer to come and speak because of the controversy surrounding the issue.

Only two men, of the group of 20, came and spoke out in opposition about the issue.

"Homosexuality brought the downfall in many an empire in the Old Testament," said Pastor Shep of First Baptist Church in Woodlawn, Tenn. "Even though [the panel] says it's right, I don't think it's right because it goes against God's word."

Carter answered him by saying, "I hope our country doesn't get to a point where we are living under the Bible."

August Hampton, APSU graduate said, "One of the beauties of living in a democracy is that I can decide."

Shep stayed and debated from noon until the original ending time of 1:30 p.m. and had to leave. A handful of other participants stayed and discussed their views in agreement until 2 p.m.

Kanervo explained why same-sex marriage has become a political issue. "...a lot of people have positions on it. It's simply a matter of numbers not based on religion necessarily."

Michael does not approach the issue as a moral decision. "I can't understand why people think it's a moral issue unless they're thinking about ethics through a religious prism."

Sweet-Holp, who got the event together because he thought others would be interested in discussing it, was pleased that the discussion went even longer than planned.

He mentioned doing this again in the future. ♦

Professors educate students on Environmental Justice

By AMANDA COCHRANE
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Environmental justice is the belief that all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic standing, deserve to live, work, and play in a healthy environment.

There are three fundamental environmental justice principals:

- To avoid, minimize or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.

- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the decision making process.

- To provide the denial of reduction in or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

The Environmental Justice Conference which was held in the African American Cultural Center on April 3 brought people from different realms of academia to educate, examine, participate and partner in the understanding of environmental justice issues.

Shirley Rainey, assistant professor of sociology at APSU, spoke on the history and dynamics of environmental justice.

The nation became most aware of environmental justice in 1982 when the residents of Warren County, NC protested against a landfill being built in their community.

David A. Padgett, assistant professor of geography at TSU, quoted T.O. Riordan during his presentation about "Qualitative and Quantitative Assessment of Land Use Managers Attitudes towards Environmental Justice."

"One cannot look at attitudes toward the environment without considering the whole complex of ideas and beliefs of which they are part," said Padgett.

David Steele, instructor of Sociology at APSU, spoke on environmental policies and how the public can be involved. The public also has to make good environmental decisions.

Other professors that spoke at the conference were Willodean Burton, biology- APSU and Robert Jones, University of Tennessee-environmental sociology.

When asked if there is a possibility for an environmental justice program at APSU, Shirley Rainey said "I foresee an interdisciplinary program in the near future."

The program would consist of sociology, geography, geology and biology. ♦

Gen. Helmick gives talk on Iraq

West Point graduate educates on progress, perils in Iraq

By ROBERT BUTLER
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General Frank Helmick spoke at the cement auditorium last Monday evening.

Helmick, a graduate of West Point and a 101st Airborne General, often serves Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, Commander of the 101st Airborne Division and Ft. Campbell.

Helmick spoke about the accomplishments and difficulties of returning Iraq in what he calls, "The Unleashed Story."

Helmick showed slides and described in detail what went on during his stint in Iraq.

Helmick explained that the "101st Airborne is the only army division to have fought through the entire country of Iraq from North to South.

He confirmed that during the process 101st lost 50 soldiers and 387 soldiers were wounded."

He explained that after the first month of intense fighting (late March 2003 and in to the last days of April 2003), "we immediately secured the oil refineries and stopped the massive looting problems."

He said they had to reestablish order in Iraq because the government had controlled everything in the country and Iraqis thought since they were free that they could literally do what they wanted.

He said, "there were no Exxon's or Chevroons in Iraq, or any other privately

the owned businesses."

APSU student Jesse Trout, a junior and political science major, after the briefing said, "I had no idea about the extent of progress and accomplishments that the US military had accomplished in such a short period of time."

Trout was referring to the 507 new schools established

and 19 colleges, that Helmick had confirmed.

Helmick said, "We had to establish an entire new police force, because the current police force was corrupt."

He explained that Iraqi police took bribes from wealthy prisoners to let

them out of jail.

Helmick said, "We had to hire, train, and supply equipment for the new police forces of Iraq."

He also explained other problems in the country that "we had to fix," referring to the fact that Iraq did not have a trash dumping service.

"People just threw trash away in their back yard," Helmick said.

"Although after all of the small problems were getting fixed I did witness the democratic elections going on in the country."

Helmick said that all elected officials are still holding office except for one, because he was assassinated.

"They did not have electricity, water service, cable, cell phone service, and internet service before we got there, and now they do," said Helmick. ♦

Kerry favored over Bush with Hispanics, polls show

By LESLEY CLARK
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(KRT)

MIAMI - John Kerry, the presumed Democratic presidential nominee, holds a wide but not necessarily comfortable lead over President Bush among Hispanic voters nationwide, giving both sides room to maneuver within that critical constituency, according to a new poll.

Results of The Herald/Zogby International Hispanic Poll foreshadow an aggressive outreach effort by both campaigns as they seek to woo a coveted

voting bloc that has the potential to tip key battleground states such as Florida, New Mexico and Arizona.

The results also reflect national surveys that have found that, with eight months to go before the election, voters of all backgrounds remain polarized.

"The Hispanic vote is borderline for Kerry and it's borderline for the president," said pollster John Zogby, who conducted the survey of 1,000 likely voters. "Nothing is going to make this one easy to predict."

Kerry, who secured the nomination

just last month, holds an apparently cushy 58 percent to 33 percent lead over Bush among voters who identify themselves as Hispanic. But the survey reveals potential

hurdles for the senator from Massachusetts. Strategists say he must keep Bush's support among Hispanic Americans to less than 35 percent if he is to have a shot at defeating the president.

Bush narrowly secured the White House in 2000 in part by chewing into the traditionally Democratic Hispanic base and drawing 35 percent of its vote. Although Cuban Americans in South

Florida are overwhelmingly Republican, Hispanics with roots in other Latin American countries tend to vote Democratic.

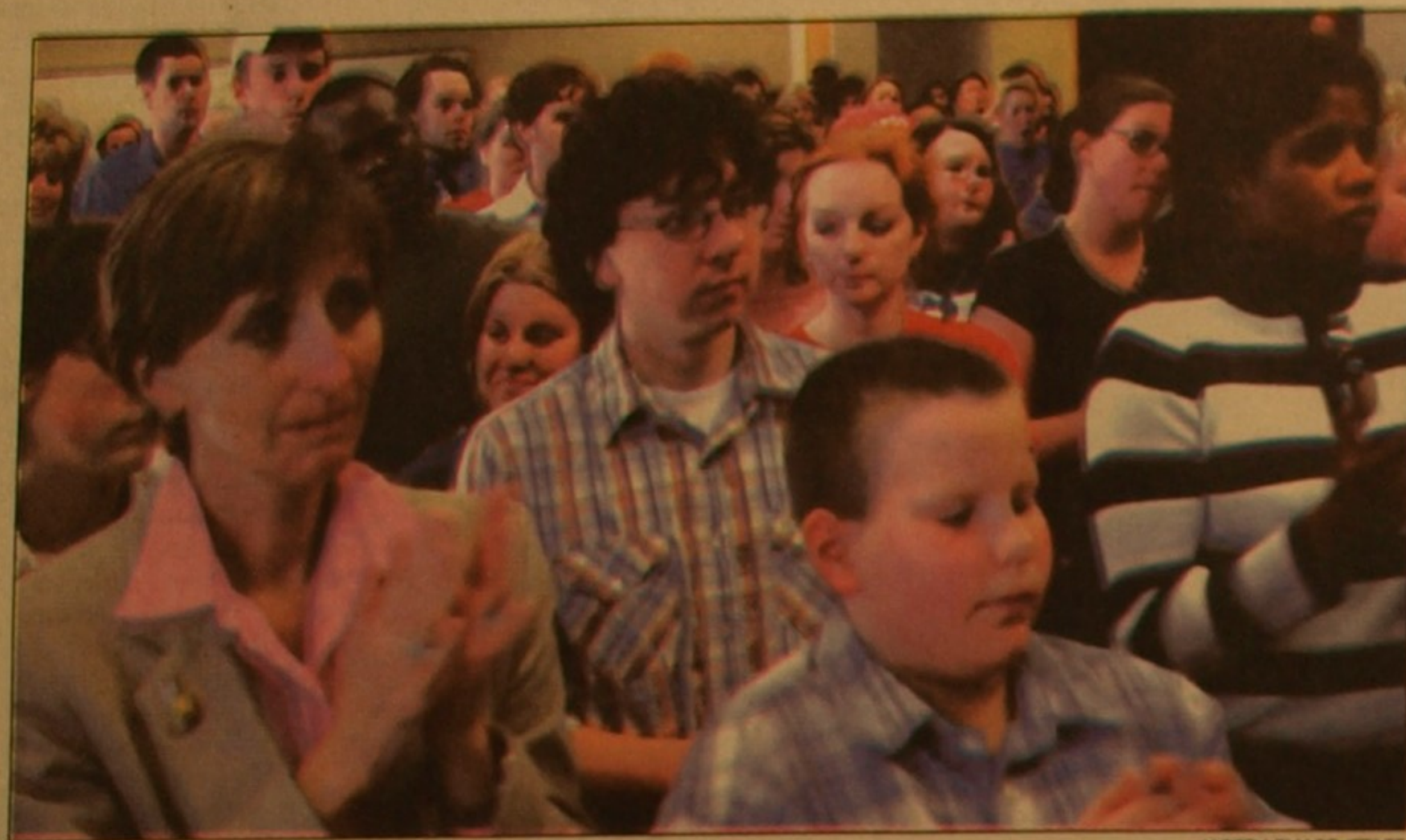
Encouraged by the 2000 numbers - and the presence in Florida of Bush's popular younger brother in the governor's mansion - Republicans are seeking to boost Bush's standing among Hispanic Americans to 40 percent this year, with Bush hitting hard on conservative issues that play well with Hispanics, such as family values and religion.

The president's re-election campaign

will launch what it says is an unprecedented nationwide Hispanic grass-roots mobilization effort with a rally April 12 in Orlando, Fla. - signaling that Florida, particularly independent-leaning voters from Orlando to Tampa, will be at the center of the fight for the Hispanic vote.

Kerry's campaign, too, has pledged to make Florida a key battleground, hoping to energize the growing Puerto Rican

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JARED LENARD/STAFF

Holocaust survivor, George Salton memorializes fallen victims and tell stories of childhood to a packed room last week.

Holocaust survivor evokes emotion from crowd

By KATHY YUNG
Staff Writer

The eighth annual Asanbe Memorial Symposium, held March 17-18 at Austin Peay State University, featured guest speaker George Salton. A native of Poland, Salton is a survivor of the Holocaust. It was standing room only as students, faculty, staff and Clarksville residents crowded into the Morgan University Center meeting room to hear the distinguished guest.

Barry Kitterman, professor in the Language and Literature Department, opened the program.

"This year's program brings to mind one of the saddest phenomena of our modern age: the rise of fascism and the persecution, the genocide, of the Jews in Germany and Poland, and elsewhere in Europe," said Kitterman, in his introduction of Salton.

"I am a Holocaust survivor. I am a witness, and I will speak here as a witness," said Salton.

beginning his address. Born in 1928, Salton lived with his parents and older brother in the small town of Tyczyn.

He was 11 years old when World War II broke out, and the German army invaded his hometown. "Jews were especially singled out," said Salton.

"We were beaten, we were humiliated, we were persecuted, our synagogue was desecrated, and our holy books were burned on the street."

Salton spoke of the heartbreak he suffered when in 1942, at the age of 14, he was separated from his parents, never to see them again. In that same year, Salton was separated from his brother and sent to his first concentration camp. It was the first of 10 to which he would be sent.

He worked at these camps, doing everything from building bomb casings for the bombs to be used against allied forces to carrying bodies to the crematorium. "We were in the hands of cruel men who had whips, gas and no mercy," said Salton.

On May 2, 1945, Salton was freed by American soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division. "Physically, I was starved and weak," said Salton. "Emotionally, I was an old man. I was 17 years old, but now...I was free. There was food and rest and the kindness of the American and British soldiers with whom I came in contact helped me to recover and discover -

discover how sweet freedom is."

After being liberated, he searched for his brother and other family members. "But I only found silence - the silence of death," said Salton. "All the people that loved me were dead."

In 1947 Salton came to the United States to begin a new life. He went to trade school to learn a trade, while working as a shipping clerk to earn money. He attended night school to learn English.

Salton was drafted into the United States Army in 1950. He spent two years serving his new country. This was an experience, he said, that made him feel completely at home in America. After his discharge from the army, he attended Syracuse University on the GI Bill where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in physics. He went on to earn his masters degree in electrical engineering.

In 2002, Salton's book, "The 23rd Psalm: A Holocaust Memoir" was published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

"I have written it to tell the reader in candid and accurate detail what I have seen and what I have experienced during the Holocaust, and to speak of the days when we knew no mercy and sometimes believed that both man and God had a randomness," said Salton.

"I have written this book to recall the lives of our people, my family, my friends, the fellow camp prisoners I barely knew who tried to live and survive in the most horrible circumstances. I have written it to remember thousands and thousands upon thousands of families who perished without leaving anyone to remember their names, remember their faces, or remember their dreams."

In his closing remarks, Salton expressed hope for the future. "If the Holocaust is not forgotten, and if its lessons are remembered, and if good people are committed and strong, then maybe - maybe another Holocaust will not be visited upon humanity, and our children and our grandchildren will be safe. I hope and pray that it will be so."

Salton lives in Florida with his wife Ruth; they have been married for 51 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Salton returned for a visit to his hometown in Poland in 1994, and again, with his wife and children, in 1998. ♦

Kidney walk kicks off soon

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff Writer

Chronic Kidney Disease is a public health problem affecting 20 million Americans. There are 20 million more at risk - that's one in nine American adults.

The National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee uses the Kidney Walk to educate the public about kidney disease and promoting organ donation while raising much needed funds.

For 2004, there will be approximately 90 Kidney Walks held across the US. This September will be the fifth year for the Kidney Walk in Nashville and the second year for Rutherford County. The South Central Region of the state is doing the Kidney Walk for first time in Columbia, Tenn.

For the second year, the Kidney Walk is coming to Austin Peay State University on Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. along with all the events before the walk.

For more information, contact The National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee at 1-800-380-3887 or <http://www.nkfmtn.org/> ♦



ND attorney gen. rules textbook list public record

By DAVID DODDS
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(KRT)

The University of North Dakota must provide lists of textbooks that its professors plan to use to anyone who requests them, according to an opinion issued Thursday by North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

However, the same information is considered a "trade secret" and not a public record once in the hands of the school's officially sanctioned, yet privately owned bookstore, Barnes & Noble, Stenehjem said.

State Sen. Ray Holmberg, R-Grand Forks, sought the opinion after UND students complained to him that they had been denied information from Barnes & Noble that would have shown them which textbooks professors were requesting so they could comparison shop for the same books elsewhere.

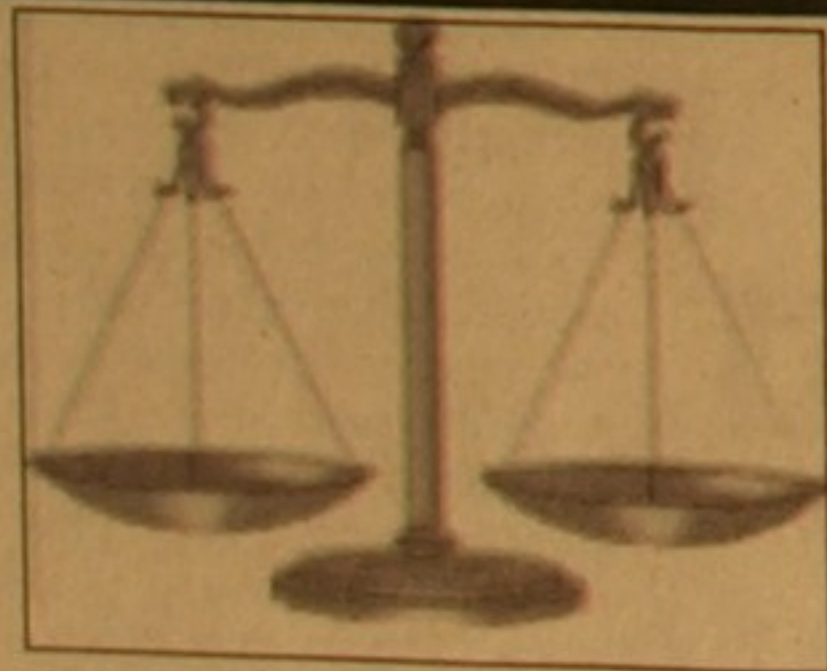
"Bottom line, the score is students one and bookstore nothing," said Holmberg after reading Stenehjem's opinion.

Holmberg is claiming victory for the students because, in Stenehjem's review, the attorney general deemed a statement on Barnes & Noble's official textbook order form to be invalid. The form, which lists faculty textbook requests, says that its information "is confidential and is for the use of the sender and the recipient only." Faculty keep a carbon copy of the form.

"Neither the university or a professor may rely on this statement to withhold the textbook order form or any other records containing the information on the form," Stenehjem wrote. Holmberg said that the school no longer can use the statement as an excuse for concealing the information from students or anyone else who requests it.

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Peay Community Auditions for I-Pollo Talent Show

The brothers of the Epsilon Theta chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity at Murray State University Iota Phi Theta will be holding talent show auditions 3-8 p.m., Friday, April 9, in the UC Ballroom. Any talent is welcome, and the first-place winner in the show will take \$300. The I-Pollo talent show takes place at 7 p.m., Friday, April 16, at Murray State University's Lovett Auditorium. For more information contact Demarkus Pruitt at (270) 762-2465 e-mail demarkus.pruitt@murraystate.edu

No. 1 Billboard Gospel Artist Smokie Norful Coming to APSU April 23

Ever since singer Smokie Norful's debut, he's been burning up the gospel charts. See him live at 7 p.m., Friday, April 23, at the Dunn Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$35 VIP seating, \$25 general admission, \$20 military, \$15 Austin Peay students. APSU students must show ID. All tickets will be \$35 the day of the show. For more information contact Lynne Yarbrough at 221-7329 or e-mail lyarbrough@apsu.edu

Free Car/Truck Inspections at FCC

April is National Car Care Month, and the staff and students of the automotive technology program at the APSU Center at Fort Campbell are offering free automobile or light truck safety inspections and performance inspections all month. Inspections will be conducted 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday by appointment only. For more information contact Howard French at 221-1482 or 221-1414 or e-mail FrenchH@apsu.edu

Textbooks: Students could save hundreds

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UND has a responsibility by law and by tradition to allow access to those individual students," Holmberg said.

Some UND students have contended that they could save as much as \$200 on textbooks by buying them on Internet sites instead of at the bookstore.

The opinion doesn't require UND to compile a comprehensive list of textbooks for the individual faculty lists, unless a request to do so is received. However, Holmberg thinks it would be in the best interest of the school to come up with a list of means in which students could tap into such information.

"I think they're going to do the right thing," Holmberg said. "Because the alternative is that you have an administration fighting for the bookstore to the detriment of its students."

The opinion allows the bookstore to continue keeping secret its own compilation of textbooks and other course materials. Stenehjem considers that list, which Barnes & Noble painstakingly builds from the individual order forms, to be a "trade secret" of the bookstore.

Because of no North Dakota examples, Stenehjem used a New York case to show that UND's Barnes & Noble would be at a disadvantage if a competitor could benefit by obtaining Barnes & Noble's textbook compilation without investing similar time, energy and cost. ♦

Kerry: Bush still holding his own in polls

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Democratic base in Central Florida, which Bush lost to Al Gore in 2000.

Kerry's campaign sees opportunity, too, among Cuban-American voters in South Florida, who some polls suggest are disenchanted with Bush's lack of progress on trying to democratize Cuba.

The Herald poll, though, suggests that without yet mounting a concentrated effort, Bush may be holding his own, polling strongly among voters who like him personally.

"He's targeting 40 percent, never say never," Ogby said.

"These are indicators that show some potential. John Kerry is not yet there."

The survey was conducted Monday through Wednesday last week and carries a margin of error of 3.2 percentage points.

Mirroring polls of all voters, the survey shows that Bush's strongest support among Hispanic Americans is in the South, with almost 40 percent backing his re-election - a reflection of his mostly staunch Cuban-American support and the region's conservatism.

Hispanic voters believe the country is heading in the wrong direction, and just as many oppose the war in Iraq.

"I hate to say it, but I think he was doing it all for his dad," said poll respondent Antonio Ramos, 60, who lives outside Toledo, Ohio.

"I really think Bush was fighting his father's thing."

In recent weeks, Kerry has opened a new front, accusing the White House of failing to promote democratic reforms in Venezuela, and there are some signs that it's working.

With nine of every 10 Hispanic voters rating current U.S. policy toward Latin America as either "very important or somewhat important," the president was given a decidedly unexceptional grade on Latin America policy, with only 35 percent saying he's doing a "good" or "excellent" job.

Still, Bush has been able to push back at Kerry's changing stands on Cuba issues, and that has resonated with his Hispanic base in South Florida.

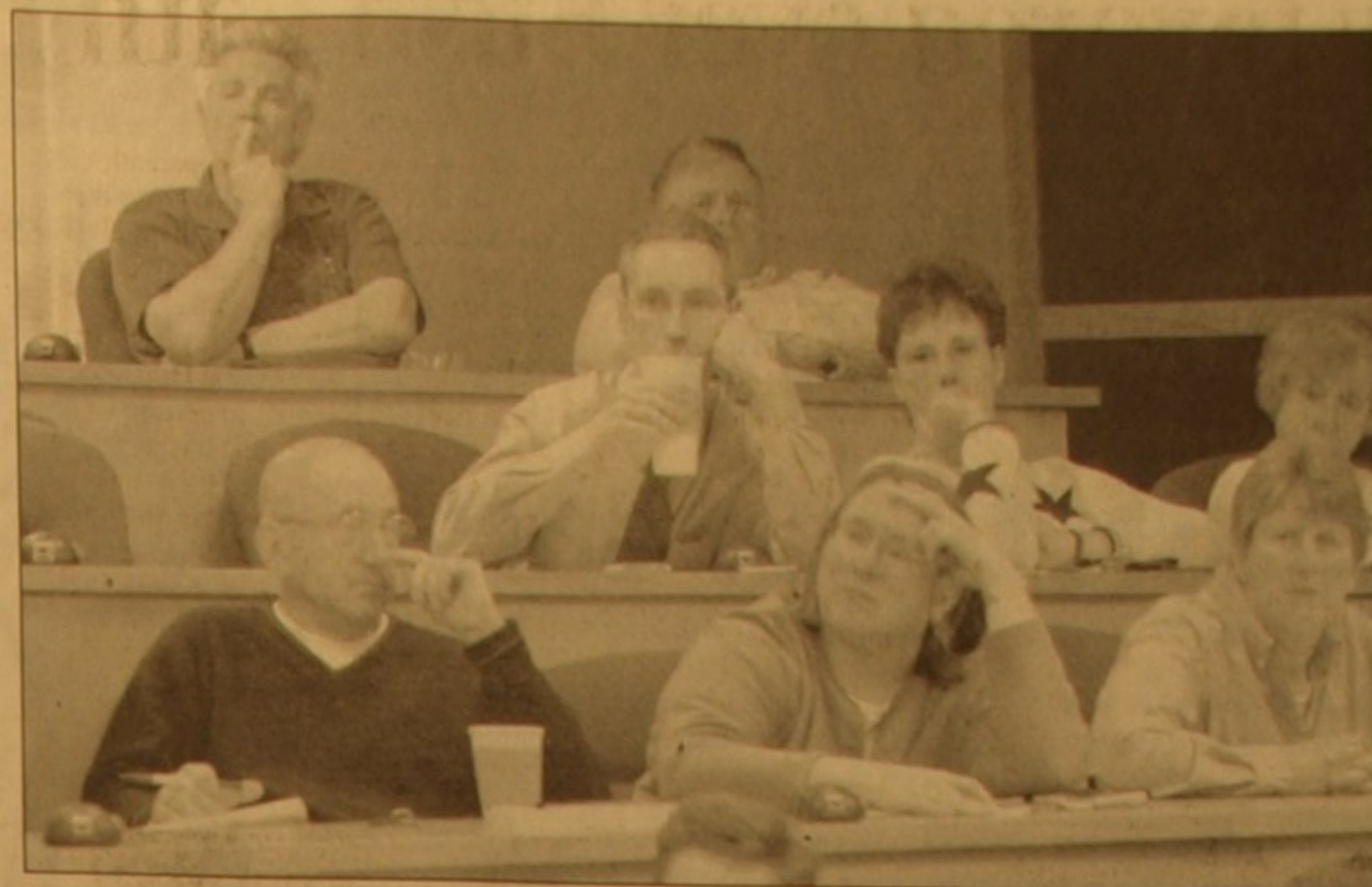
"Toward Latin America, I think Bush has had a pretty moderate attitude and has been very discreet," said Little Havana resident Enrique Soto, a Cuban American who plans to vote for Bush in November and who responded to the survey.

"He has tried to support democratic governments and condemn others. And he is trying to combat corruption there and foment free trade."

Bush's ratings among elderly Hispanics may be particularly worrisome to the White House. Among those 65 and older, more than seven in 10 said they would back Kerry, despite Republican efforts to court seniors with a high-profile prescription drug bill.

But in a worrisome sign for Democrats, the poll shows that consumer advocate Ralph Nader would siphon votes from Kerry but not from Bush.

This will result in reducing Kerry's support among Hispanic Americans by 2 percentage points, potentially swinging a squeaky-tight election. ♦



The faculty senate called an unscheduled meeting on Monday to address possible new change in hiring.

Faculty senate debates hiring practices

By KATIE BELL
Staff Writer

An unscheduled Faculty Senate meeting was called Monday, April 5, after the administration sent out a memo outlining changes to the hiring practices of faculty.

The Faculty Senate presented a resolution at the meeting to counter administration's proposal of a new policy that would have the department hiring committee pick two candidates, rank them and submit them to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs Bruce Speck, who can then reject the candidate.

The faculty resolution proposes to send in the number one ranked candidate and then if that candidate was ineligible, send the VPAA the second choice for the position.

Although the Administration has agreed to discuss the reasons for rejections of faculty nominations with the department committee, the new policy

would give the Administration power to veto the initial departmental decision.

Administration feels these changes in procedure would be necessary to speed up the hiring process, give the VPAA firsthand knowledge if the candidate was qualified for tenure, give the VPAA a chance to spend time with each candidate and give him a chance to make sure that foreign speakers have good English skills.

"It is conceivable that someone looks good on paper but might not necessarily be someone you would hire," said Sherry Hoppe, president of Austin Peay State University. "We want the best person we can afford to come to Austin Peay."

To explain some of the faculty's opposition to the new policy, John Foote, professor of Chemistry, said, "There is some perception of creeping micro-management. This is the fear. It is based on a matter of trust, that's why there's opposition to this."

"There is a feeling that the

administration doesn't trust the faculty to make the decision. Did we do something wrong?—in some ways it feels punitive," said Kell Black, professor of Art.

Some faculty were wondering if the new policy would lead to more intervention from the administration in other departmental matters.

"It concerns me that there is a lack of trust," said Hoppe. "Our goal is the same. Our goal is to find the best person."

Hoppe addressed the concerns by explaining, "[Speck] will not just automatically go back to the second name with out first checking with that department and explain why the first person was rejected. The department chair would have ample opportunity to discuss this with Speck."

The meeting came to a close after the Senate passed the resolution with only one nay vote and one abstention. The Senate will turn over the resolution to the administration for consideration. ♦

APSU HEALTH FAIR 2004

THEME: HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

DATE: APRIL 7, 2004

TIMES: 10 A.M. — 3 P.M.

LOCATION: MORGAN UNIVERSITY CENTER

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK (APRIL 5-11) WORLD HEALTH DAY (APRIL 7)

Join community resources in promoting healthy lifestyle choices to the Austin Peay State University community.

Each participating organization will be provided a table site for their use — conducting assessments of different components of wellness, sponsoring an activity demonstration, presenting informative/interactive learning sessions, and distributing educational materials, product samples and promotional items.

There is no registration fee for participation, however donation of a door prize would be greatly appreciated.

Students will be encouraged to visit a variety of vendors through a passport-type system for which they will be eligible for giveaways and door prizes.

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-Thomas Hogan, city editor, The Leaf-Chronicle
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For more information contact Student Publications at 221-7376.

Reception to follow. Open to campus.

AT APSU AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

OUR TAKE

Campus concerts not music to our ears

The Newsboys, Rebecca Lynn Howard, and other such acts have recently come to create the dominant staple for music on campus. Both of these artists are either classified under Christian or Country music labels. It may be a reflection of our geographical locale but come on -- we need some choice. While maintaining that there is nothing wrong with either of these choices, it would make much more sense for a public school to include other acts which students are more inclined to care about.

Participation would definitely help but students want to know: where is it? At the risk of incriminating those responsible for campus entertainment, Student Life and Leadership needs to help us out. It would be great if they could take a greater role in diversifying the music that we get to hear on campus.

If an effort were made to get other types of music on campus, then it might not seem as if we are being proselytized by music. Yet, while it is okay for us to request this of them, students shouldn't neglect their responsibility to give them input. It's a dual responsibility; let them know who you want to hear. If the responsibility is laid solely on them, you can't expect to get the names you want.

It should be noted that the folks at Java City are doing what they can to allow local and college generated talent a place to do their

thing, but outside the local assortment of bands and musicians lies an entire world of music that is left unexplored.

For instance, shows such as Riverfest are stealing away the opportunities for more known artists to perform here at Austin Peay. Deana Carter came when the tornado hit a couple of years ago but if it takes a twist to lure concerts that people care about, that's not saying much about us being a haven for the arts. All we're asking is that you save a little of the money from the Sand Art and Wax Hands and start pumping it into something that will involve more of the student body. Make students care about going here again.

A particular artist or group doesn't even have to necessarily be a mainstream name as long as they are well established or known in their genre. Another important consideration along these lines would be that we need to broaden the range of genres that play here at APSU. While it is well and good that the Newsboys are an established Christian-rock act, our choice of music should not be limited to only music that people who are Christians can enjoy. Don't misunderstand, we only want more choice and hopefully with time and involvement from students we will all be singing along to the same tune: the one you want to hear.

Last Thursday, March 31, President Bush signed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act which makes it a crime to harm the fetus when attacking a pregnant woman. It took the bill five years to make it through Congress with a vote of 61 to 38. (Sen. John Kerry voted against the bill.) The "Laci and Conner's law" is named after Laci Peterson and her unborn son, Conner, whose bodies washed up on shore in 2002. Scott Peterson, Laci's husband, has been accused of the murders of his pregnant wife and unborn child. Laci was eight months pregnant when she disappeared.



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Amanda Wadley

The bill applies to assailants who attack a pregnant woman in 68 violent federal crimes such as terrorist attacks or drug related shootings. It also states that the "unborn child" is defined as a child in utero, which means "a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb."

Abortion rights supporters say the law gives person-status to the fetus and that the law may eventually be used to remove the woman's right to choose. According to a report by CNN, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California stated in a speech last month: "Once in a statute you create a fertilized egg as a human being with specific rights, the march to eliminate Roe v. Wade is on its way."

I see the point, but people are forgetting something. A woman can choose to have an abortion. If a violent crime is committed and the fetus is harmed, this was not the choice of the mother. Her rights and the rights of her unborn child have then been violated. Abortion opponents see the law as a step

toward protections for the fetus. However, the bill specifically states that legal abortions are not a crime and do not fall under this law.

President Bush has stated he is against abortion except for cases of rape, incest, or the endangerment of the mother's life by continuing her pregnancy. I know sometimes contraceptives fail, and then a woman will choose to have an abortion. I don't have a problem with that either, unless this woman is having abortions as a contraceptive method. I personally think after the second or third abortion, the woman's tubes should be tied.

Bush has also increased federal support of abstinence education, which he believes is the way to keep unwanted pregnancies from happening. I believe a more effective way would be to combine the abstinence education with contraceptive methods education. In addition, he placed severe restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. I don't have a problem with stem cell research and if abortion is going to remain legal we should use what we have to try and find cures for whatever we can.

Bush has also extended state health care coverage to "unborn children". This is a positive solution to an issue because any woman who has chosen to give birth to her baby should ensure she has a healthy one. Along those same lines, Bush has increased adoption and crisis pregnancy programs which are helpful in educating women in the different options they have after finding out they're pregnant.

President Bush acknowledges the woman's right to have a healthy baby and signed the "Laci and Conner law" which guarantees justice for any woman who has chosen to carry her baby to term and is robbed of that right.

I know that no one wants their rights taken from them, which is why abortion supporters are worried about this new law. I hope people will eventually see that pro-choice is also backing the woman's right to carry her fetus to full term and will eventually hold responsible anyone who has taken that right from her and her unborn child.

To the Editor:

On behalf of some of my fellow students here at APSU, I would like to send a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Administration of APSU and to the Tennessee Board of Regents for a job well done.

Thank you first, for devaluing the degree for which I, and so many of my fellow students have worked so hard.

Thank you also for contributing to the continued dumbing down of Tennessee and America.

In your own special way you have taken the degrees we have studied and labored for, and single handedly turned them into glorified high school diplomas.

How, you may ask, have you accomplished this enormous task? Your decision to reduce the requirements for a Bachelors Degree, has greatly devalued the degree. You have eliminated some of the very classes which make us well rounded individuals in the Renaissance and liberal arts tradition.

While one may place little or no value in health or physical education, they are a necessary part of the full education process.

I am referring to those adults I have encountered who, as adults, did not even fully understand the human reproductive system, or other basic ideas of human anatomy, physiology, and biology, to cite only one example.

And we wonder from where our children derive their ignorance.

While these classes may no longer be necessary in Tennessee, institutions in other states will be seeking these classes for transfer students.

Thank you for increasing the time a student will have to spend in another university, should they need or desire to leave Tennessee before completion of their degree.

I am sure the other universities will also thank you for increasing their revenue in the added cost to students having to take classes that APSU and other Regents institutions no longer require.

Thank you also for limiting our job opportunities. There is actually more math required now in high school than in college.

This is a sad state of affairs in an economy that requires mathematical ability for many of its high paying careers.

So much for the hope that I will eventually find a cashier who can count change without the assistance of a cash register or calculator.

While I have idly sat by and accepted an, at times, mediocre education from a faculty possibly more disgusted than I am myself, the final straw in my disillusionment was the realization that my degree will be worth even less than previously believed, due to the lower requirements assumed by the Tennessee Board of Regents (no typo intended).

In closing, allow me again to extend a sincere thank you to all the bureaucrats who have made this dream, nay nightmare, possible, not only for myself, but other students present here who once aspired to a career in academia, or even to a future

in which education once again regained some value or place of importance in our society.

And let me conclude by saying that my once strong and proud Peayness, is becoming flaccid of late.

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To the Editor:

Ignorance has reared its ugly head yet again under the banner of the gay-bashing-religious-conservative-right.

Proving that ignorance is indeed the "bigger fish" Christen Coulon alluded to in last week's article.

Mr. Coulon is correct: the nation does have a 227 year history, we do live in the United States of America, and marriage rights for homosexuals is the latest division in American politics.

The rest of what he wrote in last week's article is mindless rhetoric spouting forth from a religious background.

Mr. Coulon's ignorance blinds him to the oppression staring him and other Americans in the face.

The fact that homosexuals aren't allowed to marry the person of their gender preference is oppressive. Heterosexuals are allowed to marry people of their gender preference because they are heterosexual, thus homosexuals should be also.

What the Bible says is moot. It isn't the religious cannon of this country and never will be.

Marriage is not some holy-hand-me-down from an imagined deity; marriage was around long before Christianity and Judaism stole their beliefs from Socrates and the Egyptian myths respectively.

Therefore religious institutions should stop trying to dictate what marriage is and isn't. Even if government removes the benefits of marriage, homosexuals will still be in committed relationships and want to be married.

Then those religious institutions who disagree with this could refuse to recognize their marriage, while others could honor it with the respect and dignity such commitment deserves.

The idea that one can't sue "God" is a given, if we could I'm sure heaven would've filed bankruptcy an eternity ago.

Mr. Coulon's implications that homosexuality is abnormal and immoral, makes his statements that he wants to see gay marriage accepted blatant hypocrisy.

And since when is the president not an ultra conservative religious wacko?

One of the problems with the state that allows homosexuals to marry (singular, Vermont allows civil unions only) is that Massachusetts has a constitutional amendment that prevents non-residents from marrying within their state.

Furthermore, state legislators are trying to pass an amendment overturning the court's ruling.

The "floodgates" Mr. Coulon spoke of are a ridiculous slippery slope argument that is not only logically flawed, but a pathetic attempt to create fear among the general populous.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To say that homosexuals are crucifying themselves and that if they would just lay low everything would be ok is irresponsible.

Try telling MLK Jr., the great Malcolm X, Ghandi, or Jesus, "Hey guys, if you had just shut up and lay low everything would have worked out." It is silly to believe that by not doing anything, change will occur.

As a side note, no term for "homosexuality" existed until 1869 when the Hungarian physician Karoly Maria Benkert coined the term.

Thus, the idea that the Bible forbids such actions demonstrates how far religious leaders have manipulated the original wording of the Bible to fit their own agenda.

The idea that no man should lay with another man, may have said "boy" the second time to prevent pedophilic relations.

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To the editor:

... or more accurately, to Christen Coulon:

I have watched the gay-marriage debate rage across the Opinion page over the last several weeks with mixed emotions -- sometimes cheering, sometimes angry, often merely amused -- but Christen Coulon's article in the May 31st issue has prompted me to finally weigh in and enter the arena.

"Who is being oppressed? ... The law applies to all people equally, so how can it be unfair?"

You have got to be kidding, Mr Coulon. With your infinite wisdom and obviously staggering understanding of our legal system, surely you must be aware of a group of laws enacted after the U.S. Civil War, known colloquially as "Jim Crow" laws.

These laws applied "equally to all people" as well, as I'm certain you were aware.

The effect of these laws, however, was to deny former slaves the very rights and freedoms they had just been promised. It has been 139 years since the end of the Civil War, and while "Jim Crow" legislation is a thing of the past, black Americans are still getting the short end of the proverbial stick in many ways.

Would you dare to tell a black man or woman to just give it up and be happy with what he or she already has? Of course you wouldn't -- you're far too wise for that.

So likewise, I cannot imagine you would seriously tell my aspiring artist friend, who receives mail filled with ignorance and hate from people he's never met for the simple reason of his sexual orientation, and who, were he to fall in love and want to marry, could not do so within several hundred miles of his home, that he has "won the day."

With that in mind, I have to reiterate my previous statement. You have got to be kidding.

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Interest required for language

Interest was expressed in the return of the Japanese language at the March open forum held by the Student Government Association. Personally, I like the idea. I would love to see an increase of diversity within an already diverse selection of foreign languages at Austin Peay State University.

What the students fail to realize, however, is the complexity of the matter. The Japanese language program could not be reintroduced in the same manner as it was before for two reasons. The first is that we no longer have the exchange program, which was between APSU and

Kansai Gaidai in Osaka, Japan. APSU used Japanese graduate assistants from the program. The other reason is that the University had no alternative but to stop offering the courses because the graduate assistants did not meet the appropriate standards to teach a foreign languages class. Sure, they spoke Japanese, but that does not make them qualified to teach a class. I know many people that can converse in English that I would never allow to be placed in charge of an English class. In addition to that reason and most importantly, using the unqualified graduate assistants would risk the

accreditation of the school and without that, APSU would be unable to open its doors. Which means the most plausible possibility is to hire a faculty member, which has its own problems. Hiring an adjunct professor is not a realistic possibility. An adjunct professor with a PhD, in one semester of teaching a three credit hour class, would make barely enough to cover a semester of tuition as a student. People with that level of education almost always choose the nice jobs for which they qualify as opposed to the labor of love that is adjunct teaching.

The cost of hiring a full-time faculty member to teach Japanese is too much for the Languages and Literature department to afford. So what can be done? Waed Jones, an APSU student and Japanese language enthusiast, sums up the matter nicely. "It depends on the strength of student interest," said Jones.

Interest is the pivotal factor in the return of the Japanese language to the curriculum of APSU. In fall of 2001, the final year that elementary Japanese was offered, only 20 students were enrolled in the class. The number of intermediate Japanese students in the same fall semester was only nine, less than half of the elementary class for those people who like having the obvious pointed out to them. The best way to for a student to show APSU officials that there is a renewed interest in the Japanese language is to work with the SGA. There are no real ways to measure sincere student interest, but the voice of the SGA is an effective way to express said sincere interest.



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Is Iraq able to sustain democracy?

By CHRISTEN COULON
Guest Writer

Why are American soldiers still in Iraq?
A year ago, baby Bush said we needed our soldiers to rid the world of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. That is done, kind of.
The soldiers didn't find any weapons, but they did dispel the myth of an Iraqi weapons program. This will hopefully cause regime change in a much more deserving country, this one.
Today, baby Bush is saying we brought the Iraqi people freedom. But from what evil did we deliver them, Saddam Hussein?
It is my firm belief that people get the government they deserve. In a nation with a Shiite Muslim majority, I don't see the next government being the shining beacon of freedom everyone hopes it will be. How can it?
A democratic, Shiite nation will not produce freedom.
I believe in freedom of religion, but Shiite Muslims, by definition, do not. They believe in conversion by the sword, they force women into submission, and they believe that stoning people in the streets and killing in the name of Islam is OK.

Believe what you want, I won't kill you for it, but they will. As far as heads of state go, you can't do much worse than Saddam Hussein, but I don't know if Iraq can offer its people better leadership.
The wacko religious types in our own country are right about one thing, Islam.
It is a hateful religion, and its very foundations demand oppression. I'm free to say this here, in America, but today, in Iraq I would not be.
Today, in Iraq, the new "freedom loving" leaders of that nation routinely threaten members of the local media without so much as a slap on the wrist by U.S. occupation forces.
How can freedom survive in a nation filled with people, whose very religion despises it? My answer is, it can't. We are simply sowing the seeds of another dictatorship. The approximately 600 American soldiers who have died and the 3100 that have been injured are too many.
We need to leave now, before more die.
But, you may ask (with a thick southern drawl), "Have you forgotten, when our towers fell?" My answer is no, but do you remember that Iraq had nothing to do with Sept. 11.
Osama, who we still haven't caught, hated Saddam.

He hated him because Saddam, was a moderate Muslim, and Osama is a Shiite Muslim. Saddam oppressed the Shiites, stopping them from freely practicing their religion.
Unfortunately for us, however, on September 11, 2001, 18 Shiites were free to practice their religion in New York City and Washington D.C.
The real reason for the Iraq war was money; money to rebuild Iraq given in the form of government grants to U.S. companies that are friends of the administration, money in oil revenues for oil companies friendly to the administration, and money in additional weapons contracts given to companies again friendly to the administration.
I salute the American soldiers, many of them fought in a war in which they did not believe, to preserve freedoms for a people who will never get it.
They did so, because they took an oath to serve. They fought well, and have done the best they can do.
And most importantly, their actions in Iraq have exposed baby Bush as a liar.
But it's not enough, and it will never be enough. Good intentions should remain the pavement for the road to hell. And justice should replace it as the only reason for war.

Pills are bad

In March of 2003, a consumer advocacy group, Public Citizen, made a plea to the FDA to remove the antidepressant Serzone which has caused 11



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deaths in the U.S. Other possible side effects reported were "inner restlessness, agitation, and suicidal thoughts." Worldwide, 20 deaths have come from this same problem since the drug was first introduced to the public. Now, the group of drugs (known as SSRI's) is on its way to being banned for kids living in the UK. This is a step in the right direction for them, but what about us? We need more than a little "black box" warning on the side of the bottle. We should instead work on better solutions for those with depression. Better nutrition, anyone?
Several years ago, being deceived by the easy solution of antidepressants, I got fed up with the adjustment problems associated with switching to a new medication. This could include a number of extremely unpleasant side effects, including but not limited to: weight loss stemming from loss of appetite. I don't know about you but I like food. This was only one problem to deal with while under the evil grip of these pills. I tried a variety before finally deciding that I wanted to fight the battle (depression) on my own. I was tired of doctors telling me to give the medication time, and that the side effects would go away. Medication did not solve my problems; they only masked them.
In order for the doctors and drug companies to make money, they have to figure out how to

best keep the patients coming back. Have you ever wondered why there are so many antidepressants out there? Doctors have bypassed alternative methods for the pacifying effect that pills offer. So by being allowed to continue making them they have been given a free pass by the government to duplicate the antidepressant and create a new problem. It's a cycle that I have witnessed firsthand. When one pill didn't work, it was on to try another one. Eventually I thought to myself: I don't buy it. So one day I simply and confidently threw them away.
This was a regrettable mistake. I never considered antidepressants might contain withdrawal effects. Yet they do; and anyone who believes otherwise is either completely naive or has no idea about what antidepressants do for depression. If a person were experienced in being prescribed meds, they would realize that once the mask of comfort (pills) is removed all of a sudden, then the harsh reality (depression) returns fast. So in order to be taken off the medication, I had to go back on them in order to wean myself off of them.
A survey taken in 2000 showed that more than 3 billion Americans were being prescribed medication. Many of those receiving these dangerous antidepressants are children. It is true that medication does serve useful purposes in other medical fields but when psychiatric medication proves to create possibly fatal problems, it is time to reassess our options, especially when children are involved.
The *Washington Post* reports that "Many critics complain that a majority of studies of the drugs in children found that the medications did no better than dummy pills in treating depression, but that these studies have been hidden from doctors and the public. The companies say the studies are proprietary." This is not a game that you can play in prescribing medication that can be harmful; and it is statements such as these that are keeping them in business and us in danger.

Which side are you on?

By ISSAC J. BAILEY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) Disappointed.
That's what the woman on the phone said after she questioned my sexuality.
"Are you gay," she said, with no hint of malice. I imagine she was trying to find any reason to explain away the position I've taken on homosexuality and gay marriage.
The question surprised me only because it took about two months before I was asked it directly, about two months after I wrote I wasn't convinced homosexuality was a sin.
She asked it before saying she enjoyed my writing and was impressed the lone time we met.
She asked it after saying her daughter's friends used to harass gay students.
She asked it after telling me, "We shouldn't give those people any reason to believe their lifestyle is OK."
I told her I didn't see anything wrong with a committed, dedicated, God-based homosexual

relationship.
"I'm just disappointed," she said.
We exchanged a couple of pleasantries and hung up.
I was waiting for that question because every other one about my motives have already surfaced.
I've been asked, in so many words, if I'm a tool of Satan. I've been asked if I believe there is a right and a wrong, if I believe in societal standards, if pedophilia should be legalized.
I've been asked if I'm a Christian or just pretending to make a point.
I've heard from others who said I'm trampling on God's word to make people feel good. If I wanted to make people feel good, I'd declare homosexuality a sin, say gay marriage would be our downfall.
Because that is the prevailing belief. When the Supreme Court shot down anti-sodomy laws, almost 80 percent of Americans surveyed said they were against gay marriage and other rights.
About two-thirds of the country still feels that way. That's in line with most of the clergy members I

grew up listening to though not nearly all of the clergy members I've heard from since.
And it's in line with a majority of readers, if the typed and handwritten pages-long letters
I've been receiving from throughout the country are an indication.
If this was just about making people feel better, I've certainly chosen the wrong side.
The irony is this: All I'd have to do to convince people I've heard from God about this topic is stop listening to Him and change my stance.
I could stop doing all the things I'm doing... reading the Bible more consistently, learning about its origins, taking in the opinions of conservative and liberal clergy and I'd be back in many people's good graces. I could stop asking God for guidance as long as I come up with the answer so many believe I should. Then that woman would be disappointed no longer.
She hinted her disappointment is rooted in her belief that I'm disobeying God, though I can't help but wonder if it's really rooted in my disobeying her.

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Upcoming Events...

Now:

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County is now accepting housing applications for 2004 and 2005 at its office at 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 201. For info call Diana Ward at 645-4222.

The Humane Society of Clarksville-Montgomery County is looking for volunteer foster homes for its new program of foster care for dogs and cats up for adoption.

April is National Car Care Month. Enjoy free car or light truck safety and performance inspections from the staff and students of the automotive technology program at APSU's Center at Fort Campbell. Inspections will be conducted by appointment only from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment, call (931) 221-1482/1414.

Apr. 7:

Money Matters Workshop will be held Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 12:45 p.m. with Emily Schmittou in UC Rm. 312. For more information contact the Counseling and Testing Center at (931) 221-6162.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the UC. There is a variety of health and wellness resources both on campus and the greater Clarksville community. For more info, contact (931) 648-8042.

Apr. 14:

Deadline for student publications photo contest. Entries must reflect your reflection of APSU. Pick up applications in UC 115 or UC 206.

Apr. 15:

The deadline for the accepting of scholarships for the National Hispanic Explorers Scholarship Program. Contact Dr. Magrants at (931) 221-7847.

Apr. 21:

Students and faculty will be honored for academic excellence at Austin Peay State University's Academic Honors and Awards Day. The event will take place at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the music/mass communication building concert theatre.

May 1:

Hand Village Yard Sale will be held at 9 a.m. in the Hand Village Plaza. All proceeds will be donated to Leaves and Fishes. For info call Joe Davidson at (931) 221-5981.

Disability Awareness Month celebrated

Events held this month offer extra services and events to all those on campus

By Whitney Joy
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University is celebrating Disability Awareness month with a variety of activities. "October is the month that is usually observed for the employment of persons with disabilities, but we selected April because it's spring and we can do some activities outside," said Beulah Oldham, director of Disability Services.

On April 6 the Access Express will be on campus from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Access Express will be giving information on assistive technology for people with disabilities.

Oldham says, "The Access Express helps individuals become independent through technology. For example, if an individual has cerebral palsy and they want water, they can simply push a button and it is communicated to another individual that they want this."

Access Express also provides technology such as a larger computer screen or special keyboards to benefit the hearing impaired.

On April 13-14, career assessments will take place in UC Room 303.



Disability Awareness Month events:

Tuesday, April 6 - The STAR Center Access Express at the University Center Plaza, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 - Disclosure Skills & Career Services, Crystal Gilreath in UC Room 308, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20 - WBC Challenge at the UC Plaza, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 - Campaign VOTE!, Lucy Du in UC Room 307, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

During this time a counselor will let people know what questions to ask during a job interview and how to answer questions that a future employer may present them with.

Oldham says, "This counselor works especially with people with disabilities. She helps the person tell why they're best for the job despite their disability."

The WBC Challenge will take place

on April 20th from 1-3 p.m. Every campus organization is invited to participate in this timed obstacle course. But there's a twist in this obstacle course, each person has to get from Point A to Point B with a "disability." A person is blindfolded so they can get a taste of

what it's like to be visually impaired or they have to complete a part of the obstacle course in a wheelchair.

Finally the Tennessee Disability Coalition will be on campus April 27th from 1-2 p.m. The coalition is designed to give people with disabilities to participate in the voting process.

According to the pamphlet given out by the coalition, their goals are to "Increase the number of people with disabilities and their supporters who are registered and who vote; decrease or eliminate barriers to voting for people with disabilities, including policy barriers, access barriers, and social and practical barriers; establish a network of local, grassroots VOTE! committees that can work on registration, poll access, get-out-the-vote (GOTV), issue advocacy, and election campaigns in their own communities; and provide broad-based and targeted voter education on both the voting process and disability-related issues."

If you're interested in any of the Disability Awareness Month activities please call Disability Services at 221-6230.

IN BRIEF

Plant the Campus Red

Sponsored by the Austin Peay State University's University Advancement Office, the annual campus beautification project will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 24 in the parking lot located next to APSU's McCord Building.

Initially organized in 1999 as a means of repairing tornado damage, "Plant the Campus Red" pairs groups of eight to 10 volunteers with master gardeners to mulch and plant 25 campus flowerbeds. Though the project may seem overwhelming, Project Coordinator Brenda Harrison says it's actually quite easy.

"All the beds are prepared prior to the event," she says. "They are even marked as to where the flowers should be planted."

The event has gained support each year, especially from APSU students, said Harrison. "We still have a lot of community support, but the students are really coming out for us," she said. "The student involvement has been wonderful."

The University Advancement Office will host a cookout for all volunteers immediately following "Plant the Campus Red" at the APSU baseball field. Volunteers who preregister also will receive free t-shirts.

For further information or to preregister, telephone Brenda Harrison at (931) 221-7031.

Irish poet Eavan Boland

Austin Peay State University's Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts presents a reading by Eavan Boland as part of the 2004 Visiting Writers Series.

She will read her poetry at 8 p.m., Thursday, April 22, in the Gentry Auditorium of APSU's Kimbrough Building.

Proclaiming herself as a feminist, but not a feminist poet, Boland has carved her niche in the male-dominated world of Irish poetry with verses often inspired by what one critic referred to as "women's secret history."

Her latest volume, "Against Love Poetry," replaces the idealism of traditional love poetry with a realistic exploration of the relationship between husband and wife.

A professor of English and director of the creative writing program at Stanford University, Boland has received numerous awards and honors, including a Lannan Foundation Award in Poetry and an American Ireland Fund Literary Award. She resides in Dublin with her husband and two daughters when not in residence at Stanford.

The reading is free and open to the public. For further information, telephone (931) 221-7031.

Smokie Norful performs with comic

It's an old adage that where there's smoke, there's fire. Ever since singer Smokie Norful's debut, he's been burning up the gospel charts.

Music fans can see the up-and-coming gospel artist-whose debut CD, "I Need You Now" topped the Billboard Gospel Chart for five weeks-in concert at 7 p.m., Friday, April 23, at the Dunn Center at Austin Peay State University. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

A relative newcomer to the gospel industry just two years ago, today you would be hard-pressed to find a gospel music fan who hasn't heard of Norful.

He was named Best New Artist and Male Vocalist of the Year at the Stellar Awards.

Norful's music, which he calls "urban/inspirational," ranges from jazz-tinged ballads to funky grooves and hand-clapping traditional gospel arrangements.

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Rivers, spires returns

Annual festival celebrates history, heritage, arts of Clarksville

By Shaun Copelin
Staff Writer

The Rivers and Spires Festival is an annual event that showcases Clarksville's heritage and cultivates the arts in order to promote tourism. It celebrates Clarksville's history and to draw people to downtown Clarksville, creating an economic impact in the community. This year's festival will take place April 12 - 17.

The theme for this year's festival is "Welcome Home Our Troops Living the American Dream." This year's theme is a way of thanking the troops and veterans for the work they have done for our country.

The events for this year's festival include the second annual River Queen Pageant. This competition features women from 18 - 26 and the winner will represent the Altrusa Club at the Miss Tennessee pageant.

The Customs House Museum is also part of the festival and several events such as the River Queen Pageant, will be hosted there.

The Roxy Regional Theatre is part of the festival and will be presenting special presentations of their current running production "Quilters: A Tribute to the American Spirit." It is a play that explores the lives of

Rivers and Spires Festival special events:

April 15 - At 4:00 p.m. the ETERNAL FLAME CEREMONY will be held in the Clarksville Downtown Public Square. This eternal flame is being placed to keep our home fires burning brightly in honor and continuous memory of our often unsung heroes.

April 17 - A Flag Parade will be held on Saturday, at 10 a.m. in the Clarksville Downtown Central Business District. All citizens are encouraged to grab their flags and come wave them for patriotism.

five pioneer women.

The Cumberland Arts Centre will be presenting dinner theatre in which the 40s style musical "Welcome Home" will be performed.

Taking place in the public square downtown will be a barbeque cook-off, sponsored by Leadership

Clarksville. Thirty to 60 teams from across the country compete for \$15,000 in prize money.

A piece of art entitled "Eternal Flame" created by Greg Schlanger will be placed on public square and dedicated to all the veterans that have dedicated their lives to protect America's freedom.

Austin Peay State University will be hosting the 43rd Annual Mid-South Jazz Festival. Sandra Dudley, jazz vocalist and also the APSU Jazz Combo, will be a part of this event.

"Dinner with the Dead" is one of the festivals events and it is hosted by the Montgomery County Historical Society. This event will take place at the Smith Trahern Mansion and includes dinner as well as entertainment. Actors will be dressed up as famous local military heroes and will be presenting stories as well as songs related to their character.

First Baptist Church will be staging a Christian concert entitled "Jesus Among the Spires" in which various Christian music groups will be performing. Stages throughout the streets of downtown Clarksville will be filled with musical entertainment provide by Steve Azar, Sugarland, Restless Heart, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Dyers Daughters, The Oak Ridge Boys, James Garner, Susan Ashton, The Orange County Supertones, Taylor Sorensen, and Chica.

The Parade of Flags is a parade showing Clarksville's diversity and international flavor; "countries in custom costumes and sounds" will be parading through the streets of Clarksville, waving international flags in salute to the troops.

Many more events will be presented during this festival; for a list of all events and for all event dates and times visit www.riversandspires.com.

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Male college students needed for a psychological study; \$70 per day for 1-2 weeks beginning May 17th. For further information and applications, e-mail: psychstudy@wku.edu

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Events are free for APSU students and open to enrolled APSU students

Please Mark Your Calendars

Event: Speaker on Diversity and the Issues Surrounding It

In conjunction with annual social work conference

Refreshments will be provided

Musical entertainment from 11 am until 2 pm

Organization: Social Work Club

Dates/location/program: April 14: 11 am, UC 303, 305 and 308

Event: 1950's Sock Hop

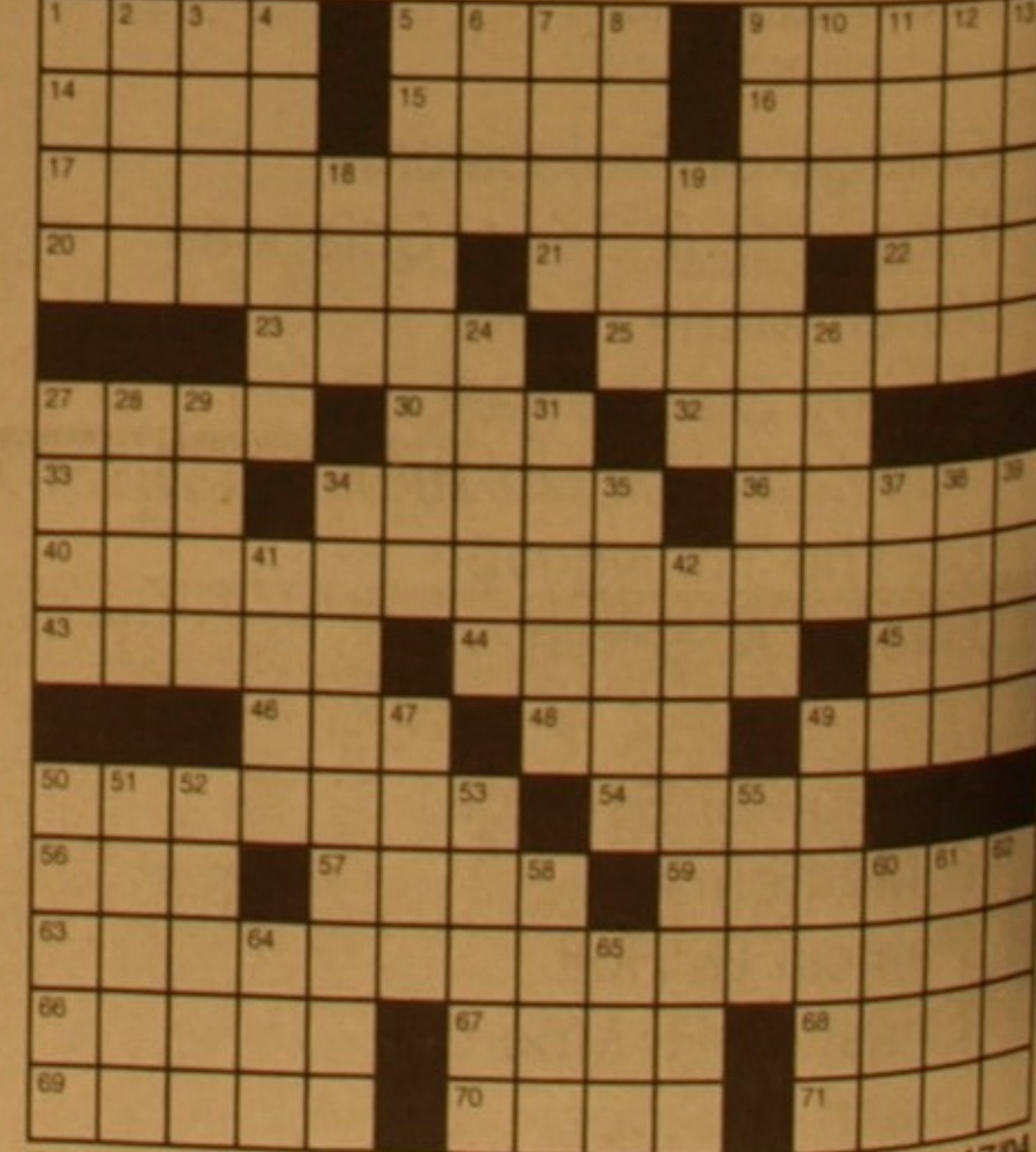
Sock Hop to provide social interaction and relaxation Music (DJ) and food

Organizations: Lambda Epsilon Zeta Nu / Sigma Chi

Dates/locations/program: April 28, UC Ballroom

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By James E. Buell
Edgewater, FL

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The Music
City
Scene...

Apr. 15,
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Nashville Opera Association presents "Solome" by Richard Strauss at 7 p.m. Thursday and at 8 p.m. Saturday, at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center's Jackson Hall. Tickets cost \$37-\$75 and are available at nashvilleopera.org, at Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling (615) 255-ARTS (2787). The opera will be sung in German with projected English translations and feature the Nashville Symphony.

Apr. 26 -
May 2

The Nashville Film Festival (NFF) is announcing its 35th annual festival and competition that will take place at the Regal Green Hills Cinemas 16 in Nashville, Tennessee. Tickets for the 2004 festival go on sale Monday, April 5. Tickets for NFF 2004 can be purchased through TicketWeb by calling 1-800-965-4827 or online at www.ticketweb.com by using your Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Regular programs are \$8, matinees \$6.50, special programs and events are \$75. An All Festival Pass that includes access to all films, panel discussions, the opening night Gala, the Awards Ceremony, as well as a VIP Goodie Bag, can be purchased for \$300.

Easter in

COLOR



Children attended an Easter egg hunt on Friday, April 2 at the Child Learning Center. The event was sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America. Participants met the Easter bunny and painted eggs before the hunt began.

Marshmallow Peeps a staple of Easter

By Kim Moreau And Natalie Naquin
The Reville (Louisiana State U.)

BATON ROUGE, La. - S'mores are not the only option for those looking for a marshmallow-y treat. Marshmallow Peeps offer those who love Easter and colored sugar a tasty treat.

According to the official Peeps Web site, last Easter, Americans consumed more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps and Bunnies.

But Peeps are not just for the Easter season. Available in several different holiday varieties, Peeps allow sweets lovers a unique candy confection.

According to www.marshmallowpeeps.com, the official Peeps Web site, Peeps were acquired when the Just Born candy company took over the Rodda Candy Company.

Peeps were then a three dimensional marshmallow baby chick made by hand-squeezing marshmallow through a pastry tube. The chicks were originally available only in yellow, white and pink, with yellow being the most popular.

Now Peeps are available not only in those colors, as

well as blue and lavender, but they now come in shapes such as Christmas trees, cocoa-flavored bats, creme-filled eggs and hearts, and Fourth-of-July stars.

Just Born spokesperson Milena DeLuca said that 4.2 million Peeps are made every day. "Peeps are so successful because they're very nostalgic," DeLuca said. "People remember them in their baskets. They're 50 years old. We've also put a lot of time and effort into our Peeps to develop new shapes, sizes, and flavors to make them appealing."

The Peeps are made from a marshmallow mixture called "slurry," which are later covered in colored sugar in a wind tunnel to ensure each bite is equally covered in sugar, according to the Web site. However, some people do not enjoy the taste of marshmallow.

"I don't like Marshmallow Peeps," said Melissa Vallery, a merchandising senior at Louisiana State University. "They're squishy like a sponge. That and they're yellow and crazy-looking."

The way people eat their Peeps varies.

Some say they are best enjoyed frozen, others like to eat them in the microwave.

Megan Falgout, a philosophy junior, likes her Peeps chilled. "I like when you put them in the freezer," Falgout said. "It makes them harder, chewier — not as squishy."

Some people enjoy making the marshmallow more gooey by heating them in the microwave. However, microwaving Peeps can be risky. "I heard they explode in the microwave," said Dylan Rickards, a political science graduate student. "I think there is some kind of sick joy in watching rabbits explode."

From the experiences of Allan Baily, Peeps can be an addictive treat.

"I liked them until they made me sick," Baily said. "I had a six-pack. It's like drinking too much — you get a good buzz but you throw up the next day."

Baily said he is not the only one who struggled with a Peeps addiction. "I had a musician friend who quit doing drugs and started eating sugar, mainly Peeps," Baily said. "He existed on Peeps, Yoo-hoo, and cigarettes, and then had withdrawals after Easter."

No matter the color or shape, Peeps offer those looking for marshmallow candy a year-round treat.

IN BRIEF

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The concert will be hosted by comedian Damon Williams, who was showcased on Showtime's "Jamie Foxx presents Laffapalooza."

He has appeared on BET's "Comic Book" hosted "Showtime at the Apollo" and opened for the Kings of Comedy.

Tickets go on sale at 8 a.m., Thursday, April 1. Advanced tickets are \$35 VIP seating, \$25 general admission, \$20 military, \$15 Austin Peay students.

Military and APSU students must show ID. All tickets will be \$35 the day of the show.

The concert is being sponsored by Austin Peay's Office of Student Life and Leadership. For more information, telephone (931) 221-7329, or visit www.apsu.edu/concert.

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Disclosure Skills and Career Services

1 - 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 13

Joe Morgan University Center Room 308

Crystal Gilreath, M.S., CRC



Crystal Gilreath is the coordinator of career services at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. An expert in her field, Gilreath will give a presentation on career planning and disclosure during an interview.

This event is sponsored by the Office of Disability Services

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

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UP NEXT

Upcoming Govs and Lady Gov events:

MEN'S TENNIS

Wed., Apr. 7:
vs. Western Kentucky

Friday, Apr. 9:
vs. Eastern Kentucky

Saturday, Apr. 10:
@ New Orleans

Monday, Apr. 12:
vs. Murray State

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thursday, Apr. 8:
vs. Murray State

Friday, Apr. 9:
vs. Eastern Kentucky

Saturday, Apr. 10:
@ Tennessee Tech

Monday, Apr. 12:
vs. Tennessee State

BASEBALL

Wed., Apr. 7:
vs. MTSU

Friday, Apr. 9-10:
vs. Tennessee Tech

Tuesday, Apr. 13:
vs. Memphis

Wednesday, Apr. 14:
vs. Western Kentucky

SOFTBALL

Wed., Apr. 7:
@ SEMO

Friday, Apr. 9-10:
vs. Tennessee State

Wednesday, Apr. 14:
vs. Middle Tennessee

TRACK & FIELD

Friday, Apr. 9-10:
@ Sea Ray Relays

BASEBALL

Bat Govs sweep Samford



By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

It looked as though the Austin Peay State University Baseball team not only packed their baseball equipment for the three game road series against Samford Bulldogs at Joe Lee Griffin, but as though

they added in a few brooms to complete a sweep. The sweep of the Bulldogs improves the Govs to 19-7 overall and keeps them perfect in the OVC at 6-0. Samford Coach Tim Parenton and his Bulldogs were just not able to play their game of baseball at home. "What you have to do against those guys is put up a couple of runs early to get them out of whack a little bit," Samford head coach Tim Parenton said. "And we weren't able to do that. They were able to pitch their game."

In the first game played on Saturday the Govs had to make a last minute lineup change after the Govs leading homerun hitter and first basemen Chris Hyde became mysteriously ill before game 1. But that one change did not cost the Govs the game instead the Govs pitching really came through for the Govs.

In game 1, Govs pitcher Rowdy Hardy pitched a complete 9 inning game while giving up one earned run on five hits. At the same time he walked only two and struck out seven. On offense the Govs managed

to score six runs off of nine hits to give them a 6-1 win.

Game two of the three game series proved to be much of the same as far as pitching.

Jeff Mault gave up one earned run on just two hits, walked four, and struck out four in seven innings of work. The Govs won game two after they scored only seven runs off of nine hits.

The final game of the series proved to be a little more challenging for the Govs as the Bulldogs tried to jump out to an early lead, but the Govs rallied when they were down by three with the score 5-2 Bulldogs until the seventh inning.

In the seventh inning the Govs rallied to keep their perfect OVC record when they scored three runs to tie the game. It was not until the ninth inning that the Govs scored the go-ahead run and one to insure them of the win.

Reliever Adam Muston recorded the win while fellow reliever Adam Carrico added a save to his record. On the offense side of the game, Chris Hyde returned to the game and followed fellow Gov Ron Bethke with a back to back homerun in the second. ♦

MEN AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Austin Peay teams fall to Eastern Illinois

Panthers take match 5-2 and Lady Panthers beat Lady Govs 7-0

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION- Austin Peay State University men and women's tennis teams dropped Ohio Valley Conference matches at Eastern Illinois, Saturday.

The Governors dropped a 5-2 decision to the Panthers while the Lady Govs failed to win a point, losing, 7-0.

In men's play, the Governors gained a

pair of singles wins at No. 4 and 5 singles spots from Jonathan Brown and Wes Pancho.

Brown's came as a result of an injury default while Pancho overcame losing the first set 4-6 to claim a 7-5 decision in the second set. He won the tiebreaker 10-4 to claim the match.

The Govs only other win came at No.

2 doubles as Marcos Queiroz and Cody Wall teamed for a 8-4 victory. However, the Govs lost decisively the other two doubles matches, dropping the doubles point.

The loss dropped APSU to 7-7 overall and 0-3 in the OVC play while EIU 8-6 overall but 3-1 in league play.

In women's play, the Lady Govs won

only at No. 2 doubles with Nikki Tafolla and Isabel Rzezniczek with a 9-8 decision but the Lady Panthers won the doubles point and then went on to sweep the singles play.

The Lady Govs now are 4-14 overall and 1-4 in the OVC.

EIU pushed its overall mark to 5-5 and 2-2 in league play. ♦

MEN'S GOLF

Govs finish fourth at Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION- After entering the final day in third place Austin Peay finished fourth after shooting a final-round 286 Saturday at the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational played at the 72, 6,638-yard Arlington Golf Club.

The Govs finished the invitational shooting a three-round total of 866, 12 strokes behind host and winner Eastern Kentucky (854). Tennessee State and Morehead State each shot an 864, and the Govs an 866. Austin Peay shot a 297, 283, 286.

Fourteen teams played in the tournament with the four Ohio Valley Conference schools finishing at the top of the field.

Austin Peay's Matt Gallant finished fifth overall shooting a 213 (70-69-74). Yoshio Yamamoto was seventh shooting a 215 (74-71-71). Chris Harder and Chris Barron finished tied for 22nd, each shooting a 223, and Matt Dugger was tied for 31st, shooting a three-day total of 226.

Eastern Kentucky's Patrick Williams was invitational's low-medalist shooting a 70-209. ♦

WOMEN'S GOLF

Lady Govs finish twelfth

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION- Austin Peay State University women's golf team could not move up in the standings on the final day of the Lindsey Collegiate Classic played at the Hurricane Country Club in Bryant, Ark. As a result, the Lady Govs finished twelfth out of 15 teams in the tournament hosted by Arkansas-Little Rock.

After shooting rounds of 343 and 341, APSU was 18 strokes higher Tuesday because of blustery conditions for a 1043 total. In champion Texas-El Paso (958) jumped 21 strokes higher Tuesday.

Lynn Mantooth (247), shot a final-round 75 to finish in a 13th-place tie. Christine Edwards was at 23rd after shooting a final-round 76 for a 250 total.

Erin Wise (92-85-96) was at 273 while Amanda Rose (91-93-94) finished with a 274. Pier-Ann LaChance, who withdrew from Monday's second round, shot a 91 Tuesday.

The Lady Govs will return to action next Monday and Tuesday when they travel to Murray, Ky., to play in the Lady Racer Classic. ♦

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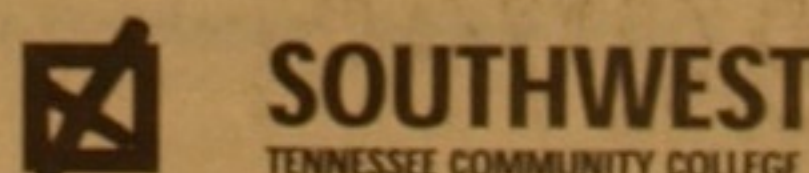
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Sports

TRACK AND FIELD

James leads APSU team in eighth place finish

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION:
- Austin Peay State University women's track team rolled up eight top 10 finishes in the Gatorade Classic, Saturday, at the Abe Stuber Track and Field Complex at Southeast Missouri State.

The Lady Gobs rolled up 13 points in finishing ninth.
For a second straight week, the Lady Gobs top finish came from junior Felicia James, who took third place in the 800-meter run (2:13.60) after winning last weekend's competition at Southern Illinois.

Tia Hendricks took seventh in the javelin (99-05) with Julie Smith 10th (62-11) while Denise Honea (20:47.43) and sister Mary (22:01.65) were seventh and ninth in the 5000-meter run.

Sherlonda Johnson finished eighth in the long jump (17-06.25) while Smith was ninth in the discus (96-05).

The Gobs other Top 10 finish was in the 4 x 100-meter relay with a time of 49.06.

SOFTBALL

Lady Gobs take series 2-1 against Morehead State

APSU team defeats Lady Eagles for a 2-6 OVC record with 5-1 win Saturday and a 11-0 shutout Sunday

AUSTIN PEAY SPORTS INFORMATION
Pitcher Natasha Anderson limited Morehead State to just three hits while shortstop Brianna Venable scored her season's fifth home run to lead the Lady Gobs to a 2-1 series win against Morehead State, Saturday, in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Anderson fanned 12 and struck out four to lead APSU to its first OVC win since 1997. However, the Lady Gobs fell behind 1-0 in the first as Morehead utilized a bunt single, a wild pitch and a squeeze bunt to take its only run.

At the top of the second APSU came right pitcher Jessica Warden singled to open the frame and second baseman Amie Bush singled to second. Tina Nickey's ground ball to first before Michelle Edmonds grounder to short, allowing APSU to take the lead.

Those would be the only runs Anderson (8-0) would need, although Venable's homer to left would need an insurance run in the third. Two batted walks in the fifth accounted for APSU's other two runs.

In the nightcap, the Lady Gobs outthrew

Morehead, 6-3, but could not get the hits when they counted. APSU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the third, using a Bush single, a Fallon Felts bunt single and later a wild pitch to take 1-0 advantage.

However, in the bottom of the fourth, pitcher Sarah Longmire walked the leadoff hitter and then gave up a bunt single.

With runners on second and third Longmire retired the next two hitters and appeared poised to get out of the inning unscathed. But Jolene Workman dropped a single down the right field line, scoring both runs.

Morehead hurler Lauren Cook made those runs stand up. APSU now stands 11-26 overall and 1-6 in the OVC while Morehead goes to 11-16 overall, 4-4 in league play.

Junior third baseman Jessica Warden smacked a first-inning grand slam home run while freshman second baseman Michelle Edmonds added a three-run second-inning blast to back the one-hit pitching of Natasha Anderson.

As Austin Peay State University's softball team defeated Morehead State, 11-0, Sunday, in an Ohio Valley Conference game called after five innings because of the eight-run rule.

As a result, the Lady Gobs won the three-game series, 2-1, and improved their OVC mark to 2-6, 12-23 overall. After losing a difficult 2-1 second-game decision, Saturday, the Lady Gobs left little doubt from the outset, Sunday. Jennifer Simpkins led off the game with a single to left field. Catcher Amy Hale followed

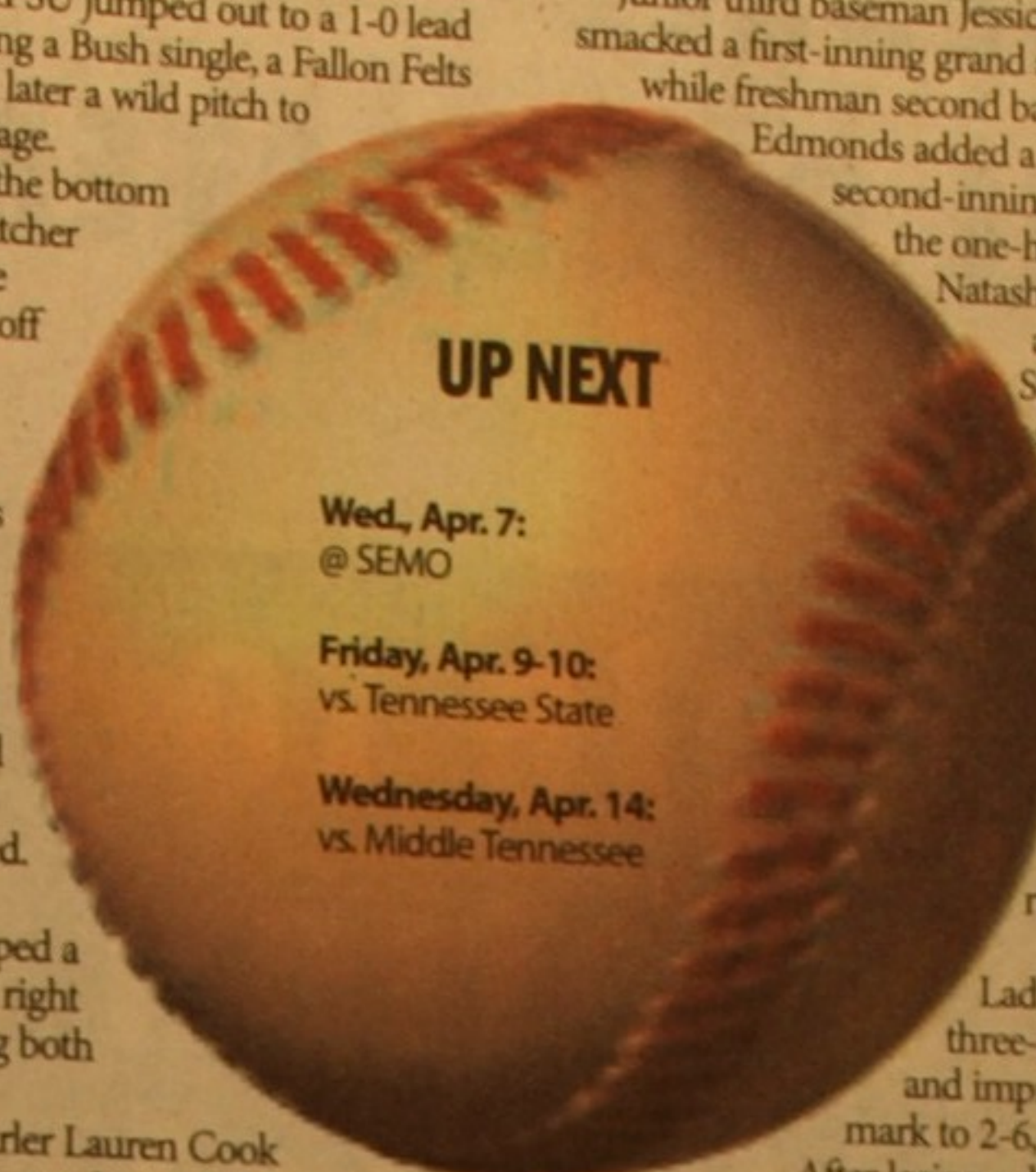
with a bunt single. Then Brianna Venable reached on a fielder's choice as the Lady Eagles were unable to retire a runner. That loaded the bases for Warden, who blasted a home run, her third of the season, to right center to give the Lady Gobs a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Gobs put the game away in the second. With one out and the bases loaded, freshman first baseman Sarah Longmire doubled to left field, driving home all three runners.

Anderson then singled to advance Longmire to third before freshman centerfielder Ami Bush singled home Longmire.

Then Edmonds, seldom-used prior to this week, blasted her second home run in five days, this one a three-run shot to center field. Anderson then proceeded to blow away the Lady Eagles. In fact, she struck out the side in both the second and third innings and ended the game with a strikeout. She finished with 11 strikeouts amidst snow flurries.

The Lady Gobs will return to OVC action this week with a pair of series. They will travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo., Wednesday to face Southeast Missouri in a 3 p.m. doubleheader. Then on Friday-Saturday, the Lady Gobs head to Nashville to face Tennessee State in a three-game series.



Young stars shine in pro sports

By Tom Reed
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• Ripped from the headlines over the past weeks.

• LeBron James becomes the youngest player in NBA history to score 40 points at 19 years, 87 days.

• Aree Song, age 17, finishes runner-up in Kraft Nabisco, an LPGA major tournament. Amateur Michelle Wie, 14, places in the tournament.

• Freddy Adu made his Major League Soccer debut Sunday with the D.C. United at age 17.

Whoever said "youth is wasted on the young" might want to rethink that statement. Everywhere you turn, it seems another teenager is making an impact on the professional sports scene.

There always have been sports prodigies. Babe Ruth pitched in the majors at 17. Jennifer Capriati started on the pro tennis circuit at 13.

And Liptski won figure skating Olympic gold at 15.

But can you recall a time when so many teenagers in so many sports were challenging the preconceived notion of what is too young?

"Everyone is like, 'Forget it, if you are good enough, you are old enough,'" said Adu, who today becomes the youngest athlete to play in a U.S. pro team sport in more than a century.

"Don't worry about anyone else's age. If you feel like you can play at that level, then go for it," he said.

Lured by the promise of big paydays, seduced by media coverage paid to phenoms and supplemented by specialized instruction and additional games, young people are on the fast track to the big time like never before.

Some critics believe these athletic Mozarts supply false hope to thousands of kids and parents. Others point to cautionary tales such as Capriati, who flamed out at age 17 before returning to pro tennis in her 20s.

A few consider recent developments a phase, one that could end abruptly if a teen phenom is seriously injured while playing with the big boys.

The NFL had six high school players apply for this year's draft following the landmark ruling in the Maurice Clarett legal case.

"The Cleveland Cavaliers wouldn't put LeBron James on the floor unless they felt he could measure up to bigger people," said Rao

Unnava, an Ohio State professor of marketing whose students study sports marketing.

"If somebody got badly hurt, society would pause and teams would be more careful. Eventually, something bad will happen and we'll get back to our senses."

But with pro teams awarding multi-million dollar contracts and athletic apparel giants offering huge endorsement deals, the risk of injury appears to be one worth taking to some.

James boasts a \$90 million pact with Nike. Tiger Woods, whose rise from golf prodigy to legend helped spark the latest youth movement, is as much a brand name as the companies he represents.

You think Woods (who appeared on The Mike Douglas Show at age 2) is not an inspiration for future generations of athletes and parents?

Wie said her father, B.J., carries a picture of Woods in his wallet. The 14-year-old still has a poster of Woods hanging on her bedroom wall.

"My dad forbid me to take it off," Wie said to reporters at a recent news conference.

"He's like, 'Don't even dare.'"

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