

"I used to miss him but my aim is improving..." Award-winning author talks to The All State about bestseller.

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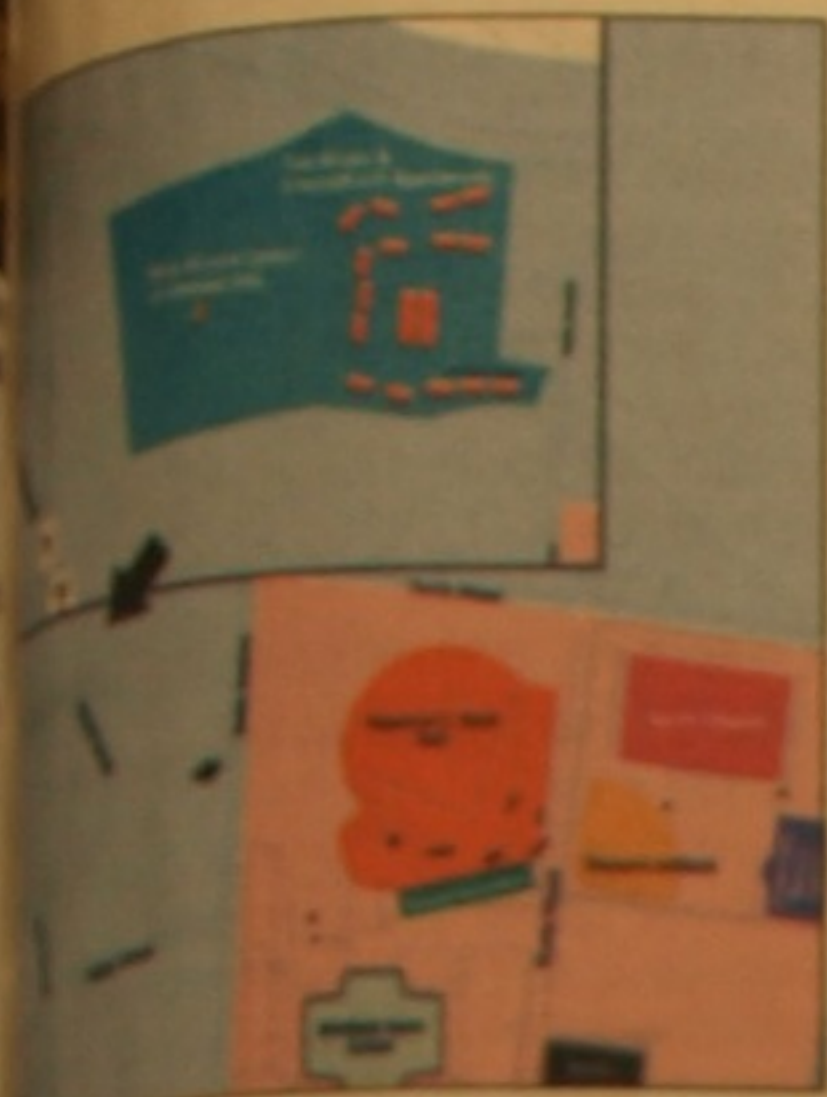


Govs and Lady Govs host Tennessee State

Thursday night tip off set for 5:15 p.m.

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Theft occurs during holidays



NATALIE GILMORE
News Editor

During Dec. 21-Dec. 26, a theft took place in Two Rivers and two accounts of vandalism occurred in Emerald Hills. The theft was reported in room 200 of Two Rivers and student, Carden Cobb, was the victim.

December and I returned the day after Christmas on the 26th. Resident Assistants did room checks every night at 6:00, 9:00 and 11:00, but no one called to inform me about my room. My window was at least a foot opened," she said.

According to Cobb the estimated value of stolen items was at least \$2000.

"They walked out the door with my portable DVD player, which was still hooked up to the TV, my laptop, my championship basketball rings and they must have put all the stuff in my backpack that had my graphing calculator and books in it," said Cobb.

The thieves did an extensive search throughout Cobb's apartment looking for valuable items that may have been hidden from plain view the eye.

"All my drawers were open and my clothes from the drawers and closet were everywhere, along with my jewelry. They also flipped my mattress over to see if I had anything underneath. The most expensive items were in the living room. I regret putting them out there but it's my house so I should be able to feel comfortable enough to keep my stuff in my living room," said Cobb.

The university is not reimbursing Cobb for items that were stolen.

"APSU does not cover vandalism or theft of personal property," said Joe Mills, director of housing/residence life. "Students have to be covered on their parent's or their own home owner's insurance."

Student Laurel Stevens, junior graphic design major, is also a resident at in Two Rivers. She disagrees with this concept.

"I think that if they are not going to let us put our own locks on our doors they should be liable for things that are stolen from our apartment," said Stevens.

According to Lt. Ron Solosek, interim chief of campus police, this isn't the first occurrence for such crimes in this location.

"Ten years ago we got hit hard at Emerald Hills and we couldn't let it happen again. It worked for a certain amount of years but it got past this time," he said.

"During the holidays the police tend to pick up extra patrol in the area because during this time crime picks up the most across the nation," according to Solosek. "According to campus police there aren't any leads to this offense but there is an ongoing investigation."

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- Carden Cobb, theft victim

Everything that has taken place looks to be like a crime of opportunity, according to Mills and Solosek.

"Any place on campus experiences thefts. We don't have a wide spread problem theft. It was a crime of opportunity. People knew students were gone. You always take risks living on campus," said Mills.

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Analysis of Offenses report, the percentage of Larceny/Theft Offenses on

campuses has decreased by 8% since 2000, but it continues to make up the largest portion of offenses reported with 41.4% in 2003.

One definite way to protect personal belongings is getting the items engraved by a program provided by campus police, which is called Operation ID. Operation ID is specifically designed so thieves won't be able to take your valuables to the pawnshop.

There is a detailed form that has to be completed in order for the police to track down what has been engraved.

"We fix up a form with your serial number, model number, item brand, color, description and where it was engraved, so when we go to the pawn shops they find a receipt saying someone pawned it," said Sgt. Larry Cantu, security officer three of public safety.

Other safety options given by housing/residence life and public safety include: when you see someone suspicious hanging around the place of residence, call campus police and be more involved with surroundings.

"We always encourage people to lock the door and educate students to get to know other people. Safety and security on campus is everyone's business." ♦

New chief of police to protect and serve

JENNIFER TYSON
Staff Writer

A new chief of police has been selected at Austin Peay State University. Jim M. Biles from Augusta, GA accepted the position of police chief last week and he will begin serving Feb. 1.

Biles was selected by a committee of three which was comprised of Mitch Robinson, APSU vice president for finance and administration, Gerald Beavers, executive director of APSU, and Kenneth Maddox, APSU assistant director of resident life.

Robinson said the first search for APSU chief of police was unsuccessful, therefore, the search was extended in the fall and an interview was conducted with Biles on Dec. 13.

Robinson said the APSU chief of police is a critical position and it does take time to fill. Robinson said, "We were looking for someone who has previous campus experience."

"Of all the candidates whom we interviewed for the position he had the best fit of background and experience that met the qualifications required for the position."

Biles was quoted in the Leaf Chronicle as saying, "I'm just looking forward to moving forward to being there again."

"I've always enjoyed it and I'm looking forward to being there again. There really want to maintain the reputation of having the safest campus in Tennessee."

Biles is a former Army investigator with a master's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in justice administration.

He has more than a decade of campus experience. He served as a shift supervisor and training sergeant at Knoxville College, a patrol officer and crime prevention officer at the University of Tennessee, and a patrol officer and parking manager at the University of Georgia.

This semester served as the former APSU chief of police from May 2002 - June 2004. Lt. Ron Solosek has been serving as the interim chief of police at APSU.

Biles was quoted in a Jan. 19 press release as saying, "I think the department will be able to handle the new chief and being able to work along with some of their initiatives, such as training new hires in the department and implementing programs like Operation ID."

Biles wants to look at developing crime prevention programs on campus. He wants to train student leaders and the campus about crime prevention programs. Biles will begin his tenure supported by his wife, Grace, and his children, Michael, 18 and Nigel, 8.

Biles will be managing the helms of a law enforcement agency that, in addition to car patrols, maintains a 24-hour dispatch and an emergency line (221-4848).

Biles also provided by the department as "Operation ID," engraving service, which helps identify the owner of potentially stolen belongings. Campus police even engrave jumper cables for those whose vehicles require assistance. Campus police also maintain a crime prevention program in which not only deter crime, but also teach students safety, as shown by their Security Awareness and Drug and Rape classes. ♦

Students receive cold welcome



(Above) Steam rises from a hole that was dug behind the Ellington building Jan. 21. (Left) Construction workers in the process of digging the hole in order to find a leak. The leak is causing dorms rooms to be without heat.



University handling leak

Press Release

A major steam leak, which developed near the Steam Plant last night, is affecting campus buildings to the west of the leak. The affected buildings are McReynolds, Ellington, Miller Hall, Rawlin Hall, Cross Hall, Killebrew Hall, the Armory and the Dunn Center.

According to Vice President for Finance and Administration Mitch Robinson, this is a significant leak.

Thus, the Tennessee Board of Regents has been notified. TBIR representatives will be assessing the situation as excavation on the site progresses.

Although the steam heat is on at this time, the

pressure is down, and the steam eventually will be shut off as engineers and workers effect temporary repairs on the broken line.

The heat will be brought back up to normal as soon as possible to keep pipes in the affected buildings from freezing. Fortunately, outside temperatures are supposed to remain above freezing until Sunday.

According to Joe Mills, director of housing and residence life, if the heat in Miller, Rawlins, Cross and Killebrew halls cannot be restored in a timely manner, the University will go to its Emergency Housing Plan, which calls for students in the affected housing units to be located in motels temporarily. ♦

APSU ROTC grows despite operation in Iraq

High retention rate of future Army officers bolstered by increase of freshmen cadets

CHAD WILKERSON
Guest Writer

Some may say Austin Peay State University's Reserve Officer Training Corps program is one of the best in the nation. How have current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan affected how the organization recruits and trains cadets?

Not much, according to Lt. Col. Tye Bird, APSU ROTC commander, at least not negatively. In fact, the number of new freshmen cadets is up.

On top of that, ROTC is retaining a very high number of those initial

enlistees into the program beyond their first semester but the focused cadet training remains the same as it was before the war, Bird said.

"On average, we probably have 10 new freshmen each year," said Bird. "This year we started with 50. We carried over around 40 out of 50 of those cadets into their second semester."

The growth in numbers in a time of war for the nation is something Bird attributed to the patriotism of his new cadets, along with help from a heavy recruiting drive over the past year while the 101st Airborne Division was deployed to Iraq. "In addition, Dr. Sherry Hoppe's plans to increase enrollment for APSU has helped ROTC's numbers," said Bird.

Pl. Campbell is usually the chief source of recruits for ROTC, but the deployment forced ROTC to recruit on campus and local high schools. Now that the division is back, and preparing to leave again, Bird said that the interest on post has doubled.

"There is a patriotic spirit across the U.S., and patriotism in the Clarksville has never been low," Bird said. "This whole community has a heart for the military."

For those students with the same patriotic spirit as their country who are looking to have an impact on the future of our nation, Bird has a place for you.

"The best Army lieutenants in the world are commissioned at APSU," said Bird. "If you are looking to make a difference in the world, this is a great place to start." ♦



U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry soldiers search a building on patrol in Mosul, Iraq Monday, Jan. 24. Cadets of the ROTC program are trained to lead be prepared in such combat situations.

Briefs...

Wyoming free schools

Wyoming high school students with a challenging schedule and at least 2.5 GPA. College won't cost those students a dime. Pat Childers, R-Cody, wants to reward students who do well in school with eight semesters of free tuition at any Wyoming college. Based on the Louisiana program, which he visited, the estimated plan could cost \$16 million a year. Because of the program, high school students are taking tougher classes and working harder, he said. It also provides a boost to the university system by keeping more students in-state for college, he said.

Professors resign over performance

Two tenured art professors resigned from the University of California, Los Angeles, after the university refused to suspend a graduate student who may have used a gun during a classroom performance art piece. The retirement papers were filed Dec. 20. The resignations came after a brief performance on Nov. 29 in which a student simulated Russian roulette by appearing to point a loaded handgun at his head and pull

the trigger. The weapon didn't fire, but the student then left the room and what sounded like a gunshot was heard outside. No one was hurt but knowing if the handgun was real is unclear. The performance prompted the investigation and determined that no charges need be filed.

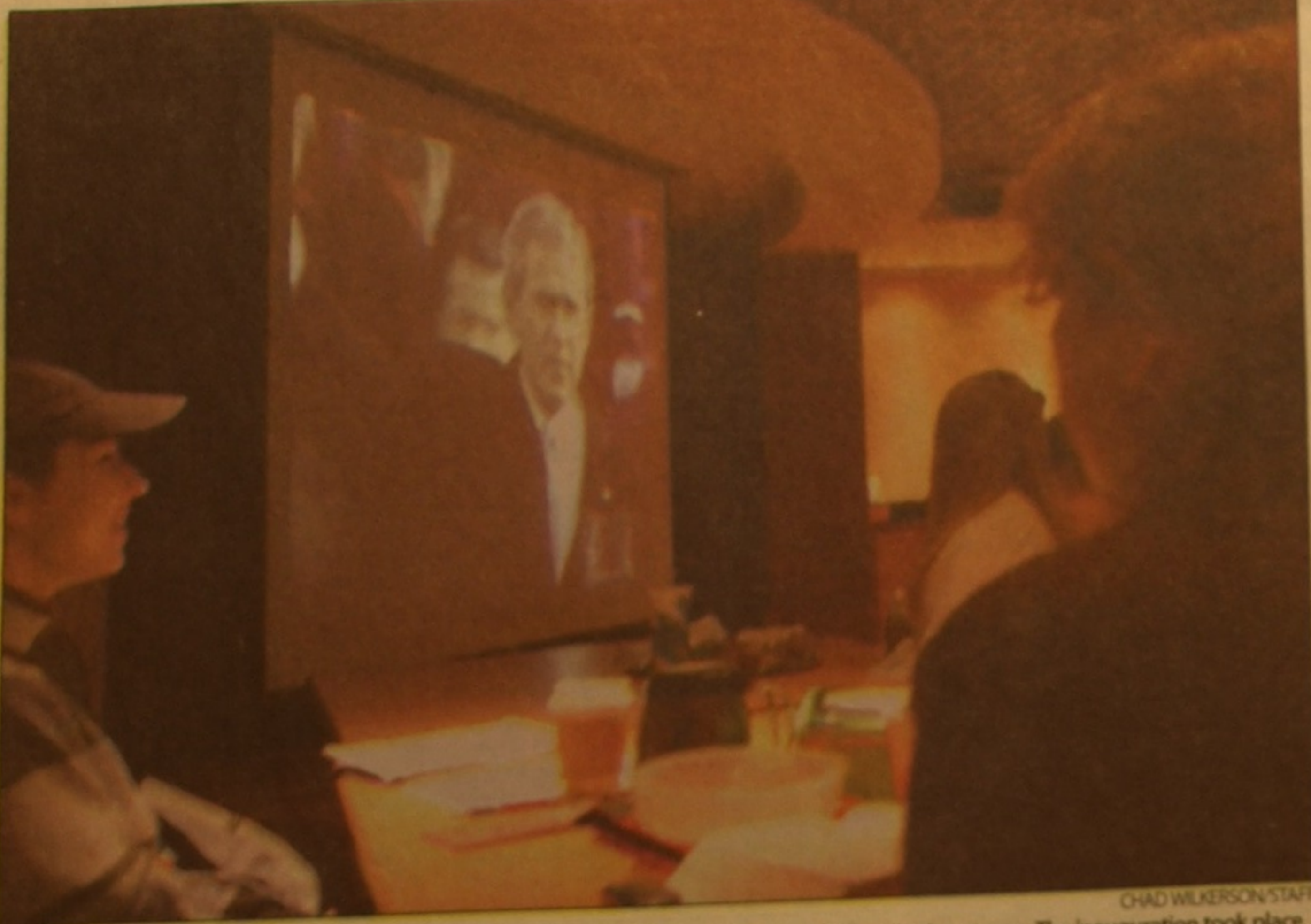
Fund Drive The University of Kansas fund-raising exceeds its goals for 2004 with over \$600 million.

The fund drive, dubbed "KU First: Invest In Excellence," raised money for scholarships, academic programs, teacher retention and physical expansion at the Lawrence institution.

New college opens in Virginia

Leaders of the Harvest Foundation, funded by the sale of the community hospital, think the area's best hope for rebirth is an intensive, academically innovative university, mixing the practicality and efficiency of a community college with the rigor of a four-year university. Ten residents have a bachelor's degree in Martinsville, Va. The goal of Harvest Foundation is to help with this.

Students witness new term



Students watch the inauguration of President George W. Bush for a second term on Java City's projection screen. The inauguration took place on Jan. 20 and is the 55th in the nation's history as well as the first since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Bush's speech focused on overcoming global oppression for the sake of liberty with no expressed regret for past decisions, despite one of the lowest approval ratings for a president entering his second term.

Campus Internet goes wireless

DAVID A. ROSE and AMANDA COCHRANE
Guest writer Assistant News Editor

This is the age of the computer. Austin Peay State University, not willing to fall behind, is going wireless. Those students who carry laptops to classes will now be able to access the Internet throughout most of the main campus.

According to Stephanie Taylor, network manager, about two years ago APSU's technical committee used TAFT funds to add wireless access to the library, science building and third floor of Claxton.

The purpose was to see if students would like the use of the service. As of Spring 2004, there are six main areas where students are able to access the wireless Internet.

They are the University Center, library, Claxton, Kimbrough, Music Mass Communications, atrium and the middle area of the Science building. Even though the wired network is faster, wireless allows for convenience. "It speeds up assignments, it's convenient and all areas I

need access to the Internet are available," said Nikkolette Searle, a junior computer science major.

Wireless can be slower due to the shared connections in each place. There is a possibility that a wireless signal could be had between two buildings.

Security becomes a problem so Information Technology Services asks for students to have their modem access code authenticated. There are no fees required, only time, according to Information Technology Services. "I haven't seen any websites that have been restricted and I haven't been disconnected from the Internet so far this semester," Nikkolette Searle said.

According to Taylor, the future hope for the fiscal year is to see the buildings of Dunn, Trahern, Marks, McReynolds, and Harned with wired connections. "We would like to expand," said Stephanie Taylor. For more information please contact the help desk at 221-4357 in the Morgan University Center.

DSP makes a proposal to reorganize and locate to Extended Education

By Amanda Cochrane
Asst. News Editor

The Developmental Studies Program is going through some changes this semester. According to Bruce Speck, vice president for Academic Affairs, it is just a proposal for reorganization at this point in time.

Under the proposal, DSP would be grouped under Academic Support Services, overseen by director Henry McQueen.

Developmental Studies will also be making some changes concerning the way they teach.

According to Speck, as of summer 2005, no courses in DSP will be offered in the academic programs but will be offered through Extended Education and Stan Groppe.

The Developmental Studies Program will also be making a big change by going to computerized labs. Computer labs are being

established and students will be able to come and see what level they have reached and in which subjects they need help.

The future home of these labs, which will be open for 12 hours each day, will be on the bottom floor of Clement. Despite the changes, all DSP faculty will maintain their tenure and rank.

When asked if this change was a positive thing for students, Speck said, "We think it will be a good thing for students. It will be good because students will then be able to come in and we will be able to diagnostically find out where we need to start. I see a very positive effect for students."

The proposal process has been accelerated so a decision should be made by the end of spring semester.

According to Speck, he is glad that DSP faculty has been working on this and moving in a good manner. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Level 1 "Disability Awareness Workshop"

Students are invited to attend a Level 1 "Disability Awareness Workshop" on Thursday, Feb. 3, in the University Center room 302. The workshop will last from noon-2pm. Lunch will be provided. Topics of discussion include: Technical Standards, Description of Accommodations and more. Please respond by Tuesday, Feb. 1 to curicb@apsu.edu or kluesnerb@apsu.edu. Space is limited.

Think Fast! Game Show

Answer popular culture trivia questions in a game show setting where everyone gets to participate at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the UC Ballroom. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$200! For more information please contact Trish Halstead at halsteadt@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-7431.

Dean's list announcement deadline Jan. 31 for Fall 2004 list

Any student who made the Fall 2004 Dean's list and would like to have an announcement placed in his/her local newspaper should complete a publication request form by Monday, Jan. 31. To access the form, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/academics/deans>, click on the "Publication Request" icon. The University sends the entire Dean's list to The Leaf-Chronicle each semester. For more information please contact Michele Tyndall at TyndallM@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-4357.

Students Nurse Association meeting

The Student Nurse Association will have their first meeting for the semester at 11:30 a.m. in McReynolds 221. Food will be provided, but bring your own drink. We need to discuss our upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive, we are sponsoring on Thursday, Jan. 27, in the UC. Start the year off right by attending the first meeting. For more information please contact Janet Tracy at tracyj@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-6344.

Gay-Straight Alliance meeting

The GSA will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, in UC 306. For more information please contact Scott Starley at starley14@gmail.com or by phone at 931-624-1413.

See an APSU alum on "Tennessee Crossroads"

APSU alum Larry Saffko will be featured on "Tennessee Crossroads" at 10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, on NPT-Channel 8. He is the creator of "Toadal Vision," an award-winning photo exhibit on display at Café 541. For more information please contact Rebecca Mackey at mackeyr@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-7043. Pack the Peay in Pink! In memory of APSU student Courtney Turner, Austin Peay cheerleaders are asking everyone who attends the basketball game Jan. 25 to wear pink. There will be a special performance and presentation between games. For more information please contact Nikki Loos at loosn@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-7043.

Help kids and have fun at the dance marathon

Help us help kids! APSU is hosting its first annual Dance Marathon to raise money and awareness for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Don't let the name fool you, there's much more than dancing. Get your students put together a team, or you can help with morale and other events. For more information please contact Jenn Puhl at puhl@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-6976.

Want to write for The All State?

Writers, advertising representatives, graphic designers, photographers wanted. Contact The All State at 221-7376 or stop by our office in room 115 of the University Center and fill out an application.

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All hall, room & apartment changes will be available on a first come first serve basis on...

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Feb. 2, 2005 9am to 3pm
Miller Hall 109

How do you get the chance to change room or apartment?

- * numbers will be given out at 8:00 am in Miller Hall Lobby
- * numbers will be called starting at 9:00 am
- * when your number is called be prepared to make your request
- * if you are not there when your number is called you forfeit your chance!
- * rooms & apartments are assigned on a first come first serve basis



OUR TAKE

Steam leak leads to stinky students

Waking in your sleep because the heat is leaking to the floor, detached by the condensation releasing the grip on the hook attached to the wall. The clock that coaxes you each hour to the time with a different phrase. A few posters with it on its dive to the night of the glass from the broken shards, scattered in dangerous shards beside the clock, enough to go out scavenging for the source of the abrupt disturbance.

Downstairs happens to be the lobby waiting for you like a sauna. The lobby steam is then that you stop sleepwalking to the horror of a maddening steam apparatus that has you consumed by the product of the steam plant. Later in the day, you witness part of the sidewalk being eaten by a bulldozer before returning to find the ceiling and air conditioning leaking onto your electronics.

As it is not our intent or purpose to initiate claims that could only be the result of a steam leak, all the above relevant information has been accurately conveyed to you, apparently a "significant" amount of steam was liberated from its captivity on the night of Jan. 20, leaving students to awake to a college experience: no hot water. There you have several hundred stinky students shuffling around campus. Who would have thought a campus-wide steam leak, which had to be quelled by

reducing the pressure on the steam heat, has been letting steam seep into places it shouldn't be seeping. The heat was eventually completely cut off to fix the repairs and subsequently, it got very cold. Then of course, there was no hot water. If you passed in front of Killebrew Hall, Friday afternoon, you would have witnessed the white cloud of steam escaping all day, and one of the entrances was blocked so that the sight could be excavated.

In addition to this major inconvenience, a recent rash of dorm living complications have been popping up all over campus. For instance, the issue of Rawlins Hall residents returning to frozen rooms provided a nice warm welcome from holiday break. Harvill Hall residents have been awoken at least eight times since returning from holiday break by the loud annoyance of a fire alarm that no one seems to have control over. There have been other situations to embitter the feelings of students, but now that the frequency of mishaps demands our immediate attention, students are undoubtedly left wondering where the end of these problems is to be found. It poses an important question: Do these random incidents reflect the negligence of the delegation of housing maintenance priorities or are efforts to alleviate the uncertainty vigorously being pursued? So far, the scene shows a picture of chaos and deterioration of the quality of living for students. If students are expected to pay top dollar for living and excel in their studies, they should expect no less of their institution than to provide them with healthy living complex.

Scheduling conflicts need to be eliminated for access

By KURT NIESNER
Guest Writer

Welcome back, returning students. As you know, the class times were lengthened last semester to allow allowing for our pleasantly longer breaks. Furthermore, you all know that it was to adjust to the new extra minutes of class time. Fear not fellow students, for I am not going to address the aforementioned annoyance (been there, done that). However, I am going to address another frustrating effect of the spring schedule: non-scheduling class times.

I attempted to priority register at the end of last semester for two important and highly sought-after classes within my two majors: Social Psychology and Social Problems. After the final edition of discovering that the two classes were offered this semester, I was quick to realize that the psychology class ended at 2:30 p.m. and the sociology class began at the same time. At first I thought to myself, "There must be some kind of mistake." So I decided to attempt to register for both classes via AP Web. As you may have guessed, the server made the schedule request and stated there was a "time conflict." What a crock of, well, you know, huh?

As a result I had to choose one class between the two and work extra diligently on the schedule in order to register for a fulltime course load. Unfortunately, due to the scheduling mishap and a few other irrelevant issues, I may not be able to take the sociology class in the future. Now, I'm not blaming Austin Peay for my not being able to take the class in the future, as the other reasons are of a personal nature; however, I am, obviously, blaming Austin Peay for my not being able to

take the class this semester.

Perhaps some of you, too, have noticed that several MW and MWF classes begin and end at the same time. And, perhaps, to some of you readers, this may seem to be a waste of writing on a seemingly small complaint, but I'm sure this little error has caused some considerable dismay to someone other than myself. Just imagine: you're a senior in your last semester, you need a specific class that is tangled up in this error, and now you'll have to come back next semester for one measly class.

Okay, enough anecdotal complaining and hypothetical stories; time for a solution. The simplest solution for identifying problematic class times that comes to mind involves developing a computer program. A computer program similar to the one used by the AP Web server, which searches for a time conflict in classes, could be utilized before the schedule of classes is printed, identifying the conflicting class times. As for the initial problem of selecting the particular class time (i.e. 2:20 p.m.), select another viable end or start time. For instance, in order to sustain the same allotted class time of 85 minutes, change the start time of the MW 2:20 class to 2:25 or 2:30 and the end time to 3:50 or 3:55. As I look over the spring 2005 class schedule, I see no other possible conflict with a MW or MWF class if the aforementioned time solution were to have been utilized.

This whole shebang was most likely a simple oversight that probably didn't affect most students, or even come to one's attention. Nonetheless, I feel it necessary to present the problem and possible rectification to the student body as I write my first opinion article for the All State. Best wishes.

Emerald Hills offers hazardous life

By AMANDA WADLEY
Guest Writer

When I moved into Emerald Hills last semester I thought it would be the best place to live. It's affordable, close to campus, and right across the breezeway from my best friend. But now I'm beginning to think I might now have made the best decision.

First of all, I share the apartment with my 18-year-old son and have a boyfriend who visits me frequently. Because I was only offered a two-bedroom apartment, my son and I share a bedroom, which means no privacy for my boyfriend and me. This doesn't keep us from having a "quality time" together, but it has caused for an awkward moment or two.

I had been given the option of renting a two-bedroom, these arrangements might have been prevented. (My son has to be nine years old in order to have a two-bedroom apartment.) But because I am a single parent of a 18-year-old, I guess the people in charge think I shouldn't be doing such activities that require a parent. God forbid a twenty-seven year old person, parent of one should want to have a son hear their now: "Gasp! That's just what we can keep this from happening."

There have recently been a few break-ins at Emerald Hills. At our mandatory hall meeting last Monday night, we were informed that the residents prohibit us from adding locks to our doors or installing security systems. Some residents complained that their front doors were easily opened without keys. But that's just one of the risks we have to take with our lives and the lives of our loved ones, because, for the moment, policy is policy.

An additional rule that really irks me is the no pet policy. Only small fish are allowed in our rooms. No lizards, dogs, cats, or whatever. Just fish. This apartment is not the nicest place I've lived. There is no carpet on the floors, no sheetrock for walls, just brick, concrete, and tile. There is no way an animal can mess anything up. Even if they urinated in the middle of the floor, it is easily cleanable. A fish aquarium is harder to clean than a lizard's tank and fish stink terribly if you don't change their water often.

But what really gets me about this no pet policy on campus in general is this: As I was walking to the Sundquist Science Complex on Friday, I heard a dog barking. I realized it was coming from Sherry Hoppe's domain. Wait a minute. The president of our school can have dogs (and from the sound of it, a big one) and I can't even get a gecko. That's not even right. Now, don't get me wrong, I don't want President Hoppe to get rid of her pets; I just want the same right she has. I guess policies can be bent or broken for those who have power.

As I've mentioned in an article last semester, I also find a few other policies to be juvenile, especially for Non-traditional Family Housing. These include: no candles allowed (even for display purposes only); no incense or incense burners; no alcohol (this is a state law); and all visitors must sign in and can only stay two nights a week (which is to prevent cohabitation, also a state law.) Like I've said before: Ridiculous. Sure, it's not all bad. I pay \$420 a month for rent, utilities, phone, internet, and free laundry is available. But is it really worth giving up my lack of privacy, feeling secure, and being treated like an adult? I'm starting to think not.



By MARTIN FOX

Inauguration should team up with Super Bowl Sunday

There is an inherent problem with Spectacle. No matter how spectacular anything is, it is less so upon subsequent viewings, which is probably why God got out of the Big Miracle business years ago. Part the Red Sea today and everybody loves you; part it again and even your mother goes "that's nice," and offers you a cookie.

So what else you got? By the time God had done a few of these, he began to realize that in creating the human race, he had also created an unintended phenomenon, the tough audience.

It got to the point where he had to stop the Sun in order to get Page One in the papers (it was page 3, Section B in the New York Times) at which point he realized that all that was left was to blow the whole planet up, which would have probably hurt the TV ratings in the long run. Besides, as a means of enforcing good behavior, spectacle seemed only to incite worse. It made people spoiled and lazy. Need to defeat an opposing army? Let God do it. Need to free yourself from tyranny? Let God do it. Who needs it? He handed over the business to his son and went into semi-retirement, picking up the occasional consulting fee for minor miracles - like George W. Bush's reelection.

Which brings us to last Thursday's Presidential Inauguration. Like the Super Bowl halftime show, it seems to get bigger and more ostentatious each time around. If I remember right from my days studying history at the prestigious Eastern Kentucky School for Larnin' n' Ciphers, the first inauguration was such a low key deal that they didn't even bother capitalizing the word, "inauguration."

George Washington got up that morning, put a coat of varnish on his teeth and met the Chief Justice for breakfast at Shoney's. After hitting the breakfast bar, they stood for a moment of silence after which the Chief Justice read the oath: "Do you swear to abide by this contract for four years

and not enter into negotiations with another country for a higher salary?"

"I want a buy-out clause after two years."
"Done."
"Done."

And that was that. At which point Washington walked to his office to assume the awesome responsibilities of the Federal Government, which in 1789 consisted of printing up whiskey tax-stamps, paying the night-watchman at the Treasury Department, and doing occasional repairs on the United States Naval Fleet - a bass boat with a shotgun mounted on the front.

Now some people would argue that since the responsibilities have grown somewhat, it is only right that the spectacle associated with the Inauguration would grow as well. But do we really need to spend forty million dollars for a coming-out party for a second-term President? Forty million dollars is a lot of money, even by 2005 standards. To give some idea of just how enormous a sum that is, forty million dollars would buy TWO thirty-second ads for Super Bowl XXXIX.

You could save half by just buying one ad to announce that Bush is President for four more years and more people would see it. After all, who watches TV at noon on Thursday? Better yet, if they're dead-set on having an Inauguration, they could just do it at halftime during the Super Bowl.

The spectacle is already there and the security is actually better. They could fly the President in on Marine One, land on the field, have the Commissioner of the NFL administer the oath, and be out of there in five minutes tops. Have OutKast play "Hail to the Chief" as he takes off.

The Super Bowl is a National Holiday anyway. It makes sense to combine it with the Inauguration since more people would be watching, except for the opposing party; they could take a bathroom break and be back in time to see the commercial where Bud Light is inaugurated as President of "Beer-merica" with Louie the Lizard administering the oath.

The whole thing would be appropriately low-rent and nobody could complain about elitism. Wow. I have got to stop giving these ideas out for free.

Intolerance has destructive consequences

Living in a military town, most of us know about the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy the military has towards homosexuals.

For better or worse it does exist. Is it really fair to kick someone out because of his or her sexual orientation? I think not, but it happens. However this controversy becomes even more divisive when you consider an article recently published by The New York Times entitled "The Price of Homophobia."

The military desperately needs Arabic speakers to send to the Middle East. So why did they throw out twenty Arabic translators? They are gay. Apparently freedom of sexual preference only applies to civilians.

Attention all homosexuals: you are safe; you won't be drafted. The United States Army does not want you. This is by far one of the worst policies the military has ever put in place. This policy has a very real effect on many Austin Peay State University students. A large number of AFSU students are employed by some branch of the military. There is also a rather large population of homosexual and

bisexual students on campus. These students would have to hide their sexuality if they were to join a branch of the military. That is not fair.

Apparently the military has decided that their image with conservative America greatly outweighs their need for soldiers. After all, our President is Republican, so all of America must be conservative and thus against homosexuality. If everyone in this country is so ignorant that they refuse to even tolerate working beside a homosexual, then how did the movement for their acceptance get as far as it has?

Get with the program. Homosexuality is not even that taboo anymore. They even have their own stereotypes on television and the big screen. What will it take to make you realize that homosexuality is not wrong? Just because you don't agree with it doesn't mean you can limit their rights. They should be allowed to work wherever they want to and for whomever they want to.

The military's unwillingness to compromise is causing it to lose out on valuable resources. A phone call relating to the World Trade Center tragedy was discovered after the attack. It had not been translated due to the lack of Arabic speakers. What does this say to you? The military needs all the troops it can get, especially in the area of translation. It makes no sense for them to exclude such valuable troops based on an issue such as sexuality. How many 9/11s will it take for them to realize what they are doing could destroy the nation?

God and the tsunami: Why was humanity hit so hard?

By DANIEL PLUNKETT
Guest Writer

The death toll from the recent tsunami in the Indian Ocean is now up to 225,000. By the time you read this, the toll may be even higher. Such a catastrophe may cause many to question their beliefs, wondering, "Is there really a God?" If so, why did He allow such a terrible thing to happen? Indeed, in the face of such an event, flippancy religious beliefs ought to be examined. Humans are spiritual beings. Thus, we must know what we believe and why.

I am an evangelical Christian, and according to my interpretation of the Bible, the God that I believe in could allow 225,000 people to die. Let's get one thing straight: all of those people were going to die one day. It may have taken 10 or even 50 years, but ultimately every one of them would have died from something. Therefore, one may broaden the question to "Why do people die?"

According to my beliefs, when he created human beings, God made them perfect but he gave them a choice: obey or disobey. They chose to disobey, so everyone born since Adam and Eve has been born with a sinful nature. This original sin had a consequence: death. Thus, the death of every human, whether it is the result of a hurricane, war, tsunami or cancer, is the consequence of living on a cursed earth. Some of you may be saying, "This may be true, but can't God do something about it?" According to my beliefs, he did do something about it.

God became a man in the person of Jesus Christ and died. He was our substitute. This is the message of evangelical Christianity in a nutshell. I do not believe that God was judging those who died in the tsunami; rather, I think that what happened is a result of living in a cursed world. Everyone's body will eventually die, but the essence of who we are will continue to exist. That is the good news of the Christian gospel: no one has to stay dead.

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Movies made easy at the Peay Pod

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Students often want to relax on weekends after a stressful week of classes. Some may choose to sleep in until noon while others may opt to blow away mom and dad's monthly allowance money at the mall.

Many students also enjoy spending an afternoon at the movies.

The Austin Peay State University convenience store, the Peay Pod, has actually brought the movies to students by allowing them to rent DVDs here

on campus.

Angela Tucker, the Peay Pod's manager, says, "We came up with the idea over Christmas break to rent DVDs out to students. We wanted to have this ready, so when students got back from break, the DVD rentals would be set up."

Students must log on to <http://peaypod.dvdtorent.com> and fill out the proper information in order to rent DVDs at the Peay Pod, which is located in Room 110 of the Morgan University Center.

Tucker says, "The best part of

this registration is that it's free. Once students register, they'll be able to browse through our selection, click on what they want, and pick it up the same day."

If the DVD you wish to view has already been checked out, the website enables you to place it on a Wish List and once the movie is available the website will notify you.

Each DVD rental costs \$2.99 for 2 nights and students have the liberty of paying for it with plus dollars, Gobs Bucks, cash, check or credit card once the machine is up and running.

Annaliese Imholz, a sophomore majoring in communications says, "This is a convenient way to get popular movies at a cheaper price."

Tucker says, "We've got about 200 DVDs in our collection right now and those include new releases. We do get new movies weekly, so come check out the website."

Like Blockbuster, there is a late charge, so if you do decide to rent from the Peay Pod return your movies on time.

For more information, visit <http://peaypod.dvdtorent.com>.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Students can now rent DVDs for only \$2.99.

Love Hunter

Advice on Romance
Taking a break from
dating? Stick to it
with these easy steps

Love Hunter,

If you wanted to take a break from dating, how would you go about staying out of relationships?

Well, first determine why you feel like it would be best not to date. Then, once you have figured it out, make a vow to yourself you will not date until the issue has been resolved. This is just like any vow that one would make to one's self. It can easily be

broken if you let it. Just like that crazy dad diet you had about last summer: how did that go? Probably not too well. If you're not careful, this vow won't turn out as different.

You need to find a way to keep that vow. One way is to get a friend or friends involved. That way if they see you over some guy, they can put you in line. Something else that might help is to try and wait for that Mr. or Mrs. Right. Make sure that the person you think you have an interest in is the right person for you, because it is so easy to be attracted to someone who isn't right for you when you're trying to hold off on dating. When you make that vow not to date, make sure it's really what you want. If you're half-hearted, then you are only asking for failure. Be firm in what you feel is the right thing to do.

Remember that if you do give in, you're probably going to make things rougher for yourself in the long run. What will happen is that you will get too hasty and not be able to wait for the right moment, and you will be stuck with someone who you have no interest in being with for any extended period of time.

The next thing you know, you are probably having the same troubles that caused you to take a timeout in the first place. The only problem is, now you are even more frustrated because you wanted to take a break to get away from whatever it is that you needed to get away from and now you're right back to square one. If you do start falling for that special someone and you aren't ready for it, just wait. If that person really is your "special someone" then things will work out. If you are unsure about waiting, in fear of him or her being snatched up, talk to them. They will understand if they are the right person for you. You shouldn't have to rush what you feel is the right thing to do. You take a considerable amount of time of ruining something that could have been better by going into it without being ready. But instead of taking the little extra time, you rushed in and maybe ruined a really good thing. Just remember that when you are thinking of jumping the gun. If you think highly of this person the least you can do is wait until you are ready to go before jumping in, because you have to prepare yourself for dating. Make sure you are doing it for the right reason. You don't want to date someone just because they are there. That is just asking for disaster.

If all else fails and you still don't want to date anyone, just don't take a shower and you should be okay. However, if you're messy and dirty and someone still wants to date you, I'd snatch them right up. There are not enough people out there who would put up with that kind of stuff.

Just make sure that your intentions are pure and your heart is in the right place and you should be all right.

Love,
Hunter

P.S. You all can send any of your love inquiries to me at theapslovehunter@yahoo.com.

Bounce back from splitsville

You won't miss him much longer. Alison James' new best-seller is the perfect guide for breakup survival

By MELISSA TYNDALL
Copy Editor

Perhaps you are dreading the approach of Valentine's Day, whether due to the overrated commercialism of it, or because (once again) you are single. Perhaps you haven't bounced back since your long-time boyfriend dumped you in

the car "Say Anything"-style. Maybe you are still flabbergasted at why your relationship failed and wonder how you will ever get over the man you loved. If this sounds like you, Alison James, the author of "I Used to Miss Him...But My Aim is Improving Not Your Ordinary Breakup Survival Guide", is the woman for you.

James penned this breakup survival guide, not only because people had always told her she should write, but also in order to help other women.

You might ask, "What makes her the expert?" After a few tough breakups of her own, she realized, "In the end, I just want to help people. When I was going through it, it

didn't matter if it was the janitor in the lobby if he could help me get through it. The source is unimportant."

After the publication of the book, both her friends and strangers approached her with their experiences. In talking with other women, James found that there are many similarities among women who have experienced a bad breakup.

While the author finds that many women have made the same mistakes, she also can relate to the women who have written three-page "why" letters to their ex or broken into a boyfriend's e-mail while he was in the shower.

While James' advice to women about breakups could be boiled down to the classic "it gets better over time," she has valuable advice to offer up to the modern, dating woman. "You need to have something that makes you happy on your own that is important to you before a relationship," she said.

"A guy is not going to fulfill every need. There will be expectations that can't be fulfilled. A lot of women make the mistake in thinking that a relationship will fix all their problems." The author also suggests

women break out of their molds once in awhile. If you usually date a certain type of guy, give someone that you normally wouldn't date a chance. If you are usually attached, stay single for awhile (and visa versa).

Did the book affect Alison James' dating life? Yes, but not in the way you would expect. She met her fiancé before the book was pitched, and when she told him about it, he thought it was hilarious. When asked if she thought one gender had the upper hand over the other when it came to dating, James thinks it shifts in a good relationship.

One week, the woman might think she's great and the man she is with loves her, the next week, the man feels that way.

"Sometimes I look at him and think, 'I am so lucky,'" James said of her fiancé as she laughed, "Other times, I see him sitting around on the couch in his boxers and think, 'What a dork. He is so lucky to have me.'"

Look for Alison James' second book, "The 10 Women You'll Be Before You're 35", available in March 2005. For more information, go to <http://www.improveyouraim.com>.



CONTRIBUTED IMAGE
Alison James' book not only offers emotional survival tips to contemporary women, but also presents ideas on how to seek out healthy relationships that can prevent heartbreak before it starts.

Keep your resolution by exercise and moderation

By MEGAN GREGORY
Staff Writer

It's only a few weeks into the year, but how many people have already given up on their New Year's Resolutions to lose weight or get in shape? The truth is that the same thing happens to millions of people every year. But it's not too late! Here are just a few small changes that you can make to your everyday life that will help you shed those holiday pounds you put on over break.

First of all, exercise. There really is no way around it, and the benefits are countless. Exercise, for one, releases endorphins, which make you feel good. Endorphins are the same chemicals released when taking recreational drugs such as ecstasy, only getting off the couch

gives you a safe high. Also, the more muscle you build, the more fat your body burns, so you'll lose weight faster.

This doesn't mean you have to run five miles every day; just do some sort of aerobic activity for at least 30 minutes a day, six days a week.

Try things you want to do anyway, such as intramural sports, martial arts or dance workouts. The popular Dance Dance Revolution can be found at video rental stores, which often carry XBOX systems for a nominal fee if you don't already own one.

If nothing else, jogging in place while watching your favorite TV shows will suffice. The next time you sit through an episode of Scrubs, just think you could be

done with your daily exercise!

Secondly, watch what you eat. Being a college student, it is often difficult to fulfill the demands of the daily food pyramid, but there is a simple and healthy way to keep your metabolism going and keep you burning fat: don't skip breakfast. Studies show that the body's metabolism exponentially slows unless you start the day with a meal including both protein and carbs.

Then, every two to three hours, consume about 300 calories, including beverages. Don't go any longer than five hours, or your body will begin storing fat to use for energy later.

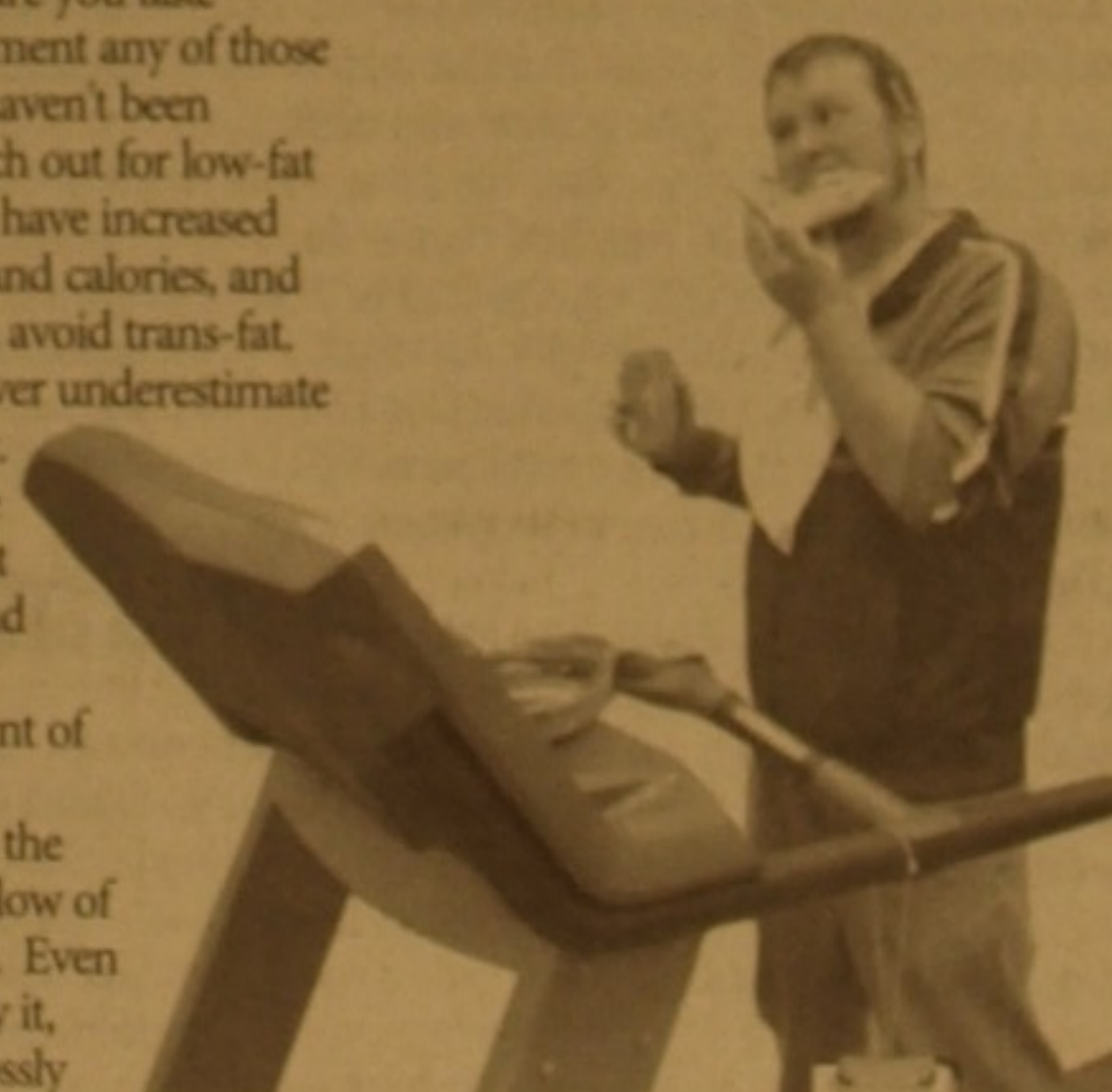
By giving your body this schedule, you allow it to completely use the energy you intake without having to store fat. Best of all, you

can afford to have a candy bar if you want. Just make sure you take vitamins to supplement any of those fresh veggies you haven't been eating. Try to watch out for low-fat items, which often have increased numbers of carbs and calories, and whenever possible, avoid trans-fat.

Finally, never, ever underestimate the power of water. This calorie-free beverage goes great with every meal and helps burn fat and decrease the amount of digestion time.

Not to mention the beautiful healthy glow of well hydrated skin. Even celebrities swear by it, alongside their grossly

overpriced miracle creams.



KRISTIN CRANDALL/STAFF

Exercise, eating healthy, and drinking water is the key to weight loss.

Foreign films come to Clarksville

Mid-Cumberland Arts League hosts film festival in February

By CANDISE McCAIG
Guest Writer

Craving something foreign? If so, Clarksville can help you satisfy your appetite.

The Mid-Cumberland Arts League will be hosting a foreign film festival in Feb. Award winning films from Germany, France, Cuba and Finland will be shown.

Each Friday night in Feb. a different film will be shown in the auditorium of the Customs House Museum & Cultural Center located on Second Street in Clarksville. The films begin at 7 p.m. with light refreshments being served at 6:15 p.m. This is a casual event; no ties required fellas! The cost to attend is \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public.

There are 191 fixed seats and at least 4 wheelchair accessible seats available. Ms. Tammy Dohner, coordinator of the event, believes this festival provides a great opportunity for individuals to "experience life in a different perspective."

She feels students majoring in language or education could definitely benefit from attending such an event.

This festival will provide the community with the chance to explore other cultures and another aspect of art. The Mid-Cumberland Arts League's mission is to promote the arts and artists. They are expecting a large turnout, especially among the student community, for this event.

The festival provides students with the opportunity to try something new, a chance to be exposed to cultures and beliefs different from the everyday norms. It is also local; therefore, the festival is easily accessible to students. All the films are modern films, with the oldest one dating a mere 8 years.

The other three films are all from 2002 and back more recently. Don't speak another language? Have no fear! All the films come complete with large, clear subtitles. The theme for the festival is comedy; however, keep in mind that comedy may be defined differently in other cultures. Everyone, regardless of age or ethnic background, can relate to these films. So come out with an open mind and prepare to enjoy some culture, diversity and fun. For more info, contact Ms. Tammy Dohner @ (931) 648-1673 or at tdohner@charter.net.

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Govs look forward to Tiger match-up

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Governors had a tough weekend as they dropped two Ohio Valley Conference road losses to Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri, but the Govs are now looking ahead to another OVC rival as they face the Tennessee State Tigers at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday in the Dunn Center.

Despite the Govs' recent skid, TSU head basketball coach Cy Alexander will not underestimate this Thursday's match-up.

"Austin Peay is the defending conference champion and is coming home this week after a pair of tough road losses," says Alexander.

"But they will be at home and we know they will be ready," he said. "We have to see if we can mentally rebound from our loss to Murray State and get ready for Austin Peay this Thursday."

APSU has won the past three contests against the Tigers. However, TSU is one game ahead of the Govs in the OVC and have gained valuable court experience this year against top-ranked opponents, such as No. 14 Louisville, No. 22 Alabama, Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

"Playing tough non-conference games are huge," Govs' center Zac Schlader said. "The experience really pays off and can be a big advantage."

The Govs have also had their fair share of experience on the court, as they also have played Louisville and Vanderbilt this season.

"I think the reason we try to play top teams with our non-conference schedule is so when we play OVC games we are not surprised by them because it is nothing we haven't seen already," senior Govs guard Levi Carmichael added.

However, one question still remains: How confident is the APSU men's basketball team after two straight OVC

losses? Schlader and Carmichael both agree that they are still confident in their ability to win games.

"We have been close in every game we have played this year, but for one reason or another we haven't been able to execute down the stretch," Carmichael said. "We are a little shaky, but coming back home will be the medicine we need."

"Obviously we are a kind of shaky," Schlader added, "but at the same time we are confident that we will rebound from our losses and come back even stronger. We just have to stay after each other and keep working hard. We can only get better."

The Govs return to the court against the Tennessee State Tigers in OVC action Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
The men's basketball team huddles up inside the packed arena before the game.

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

Maintaining a high GPA is a hard, but attainable goal for most Austin Peay State University students. Now add being a main contributor to a Govs' basketball team which is trying to make it back to the NCAA tournament. Combining those seems like a hard job, yet junior Zac Schlader is doing just that. After his first two seasons, which were more like a valuable learning experience, Schlader has moved into a very important position, and he was ready for it.

"I knew my role was going to change this season so I had to come ready to play," he said.

Schlader's numbers have improved dramatically since last season. His scoring went from 4.3 points per game to 12.5, and he went from averaging three rebounds per game to leading the Govs this year with 6.9 per game.

"This past off-season, I was in the gym putting up plenty of shots a day," Schlader said. "I also hit the weight room hard. I gained strength to help improve my inside game."

Schlader's strength has been evident this season as he is leading the team in free-throw attempts, free-throws made and blocked shots with 26. He has also been named Austin Peay State University Athlete of the Week twice this season.

Schlader's improvement on the court has not gotten him off track in the classroom. He is a two-time member of the

Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0 GPA), was a member of the Dean's list and also earned a Presidential Scholarship to APSU.

"It's hard work, but it pays off," he said. "It's something I have to do, and I don't really think it's anything out of the ordinary."

Schlader and the rest of the Govs' basketball team will have to play out of the ordinary if they want to accomplish his goals.

"I want us to give a run at the regular season championship and make the NCAA tournament," Schlader said.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Question and Answer

Name: Zac Schlader

Class: Junior

Hometown: Columbia, Mo.

Sport: Govs' Basketball

Major: Biology

After College: Graduate School

Favorite Place to eat: Blackhorse

Role Model: Dad

Favorite team to play against: Missouri

Interesting Fact: During high school, Schlader gained national recognition for holding future NBA first-round pick Amare Stoudemire to 12 points, while scoring 13 points against him.

Best Part about being an APSU student athlete: Hanging out with teammates and being part of a winning program.

Junior Zac Schlader posts up in practice against freshman Justin Hunter. Schlader is a two-time Austin Peay State University Athlete of the Week.



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Quarterback Brian Baker throws for a pass during his days as a Governor.

Govs' own tackles Arena Football League as a Dorado

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

Former Austin Peay State University Govs' quarterback Brian Baker is now showcasing his talent in the Arena Football League.

He was announced on Dec. 15, 2004, as the newest member of the Rio Grande Valley Dorados.

Baker, a native of Loganville, Ga., was an All-County football and baseball player at Loganville High School.

From there, Baker committed to the APSU football team in 1998 and continued his ascent toward success.

"I first went on a recruiting trip to Cumberland University," Baker said, "but once they told me that they wouldn't be throwing the football that much I went on up the road to APSU and visited with coach (Bill) Schmitz. He really sold me on his offensive schemes, so I committed as soon as I got the chance."

Baker attended APSU from 1998-2001 as a health and human performance major when he broke 15 Governors football program records.

As a sophomore in 1999, Baker became the

first APSU quarterback to throw for 2,000 yards in a season as he netted 2,809 passing yards. As Baker's APSU career came to an end, he was the Governor's all-time leader in career passing yards with 5,587 and 48 touchdowns on 490 of 838 passes complete (58.5% completion percentage).

Brian Baker made his debut in the Arena Football League last year as a member of the Cape Fear Wildcats in Fayetteville, N.C.

Baker, a 6-5 240-pound quarterback, compiled a 111.6 quarterback rating, completing 16 of 27 passes (61.9% completion percentage) for 133 yards and five touchdowns in six games.

Baker greatly attributes his recent success in the Arena Football League to his experiences during his stay here at APSU.

"The offensive scheme that Coach Schmitz ran really helped me a lot when I came to the arena league," Baker said.

"Arena football is really fast-paced and has a lot of quick reads," he added. "Being at a non-scholarship program made me realize that if you start from the bottom then you have to work a little harder than the next guy to move up the ladder."

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Lady Govs count on strong home performance

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University women's basketball team will look to improve their Ohio Valley Conference standing by hosting the Tennessee State Tigers on Thursday. At this point in this season, both teams are within only a win or a loss apart. It is imperative that the Lady Govs win with only eight more OVC games left on the schedule.

"We are going to come out and prepare for them and hopefully come away with a win," junior Kera

Bergeron said.

Leading Tennessee State in scoring is Kendra Bailey, who averages 11.1 points a game. Newcomer LaKisha Clay averages just shy of her teammate with 10.9 points.

The Tigers have three players over six feet tall, while sophomore Missy Booker is the only Lady Gov who reaches past the six foot mark.

"It will be tough, but we will have to match up the best we can," Bergeron said.

The Lady Govs suffered two road losses last week. The first defeat came

on Thursday against Eastern Illinois University, 78-76, and the second loss happened against Southeast Missouri University, 84-52.

At home the Lady Govs have been more successful, winning 6-of-8 games. On the road they have gone only 2-of-9. Last week didn't help, as they posted two more losses in the records.

The meeting against Eastern Illinois was the second of the season. In the first contest, APSU defeated the Lady Panthers; however, the second meeting proved unsuccessful for the

Lady Govs.

In first half against Eastern Illinois, the Lady Govs quickly fell behind and had to fight a 15-point deficit with 5:44 left in the game. After scoring six points in less than one minute, as well as four consecutive free throws from freshman Ashley Hardaway, the Lady Govs cut to the lead down to the single digits within two minutes left of play.

But in order to stop the clock from winding down, the Lady Govs were forced to foul. Eastern Illinois would take advantage the free shots,

producing 9-of-10 from the free throw line, clinching the victory.

Bergeron led the team in points with 17, including four three-pointers from behind the arc. Junior Carden Cobb, senior Cassandra Peek, and Hardaway all finished with 13 points a piece.

Pam O' Connor led all scorers with 26 points and Megan Parks added 22 points.

The contest with Southeast Missouri would not be anything resembling the close match from the EIU game. In fact, not one time in

the contest did the Lady Govs chase the lead.

The Lady Govs turned the ball over 36 times, and no players scored in double figures, producing a 32-point loss.

Tatiana Conceicao led the way for Southeast Missouri with 27 points and Katrisha Dunn added 18 points.

This season has produced the most OVC games that the Lady Govs have lost in the last two seasons combined. On the road, the Lady Govs post a 3-1 record, while at home it looks more promising. ♦

Watson leaves mid-season

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

It's been one blow after another for the Austin Peay State University women's basketball team this season.

The resignation of junior Alicia Watson may be the final straw for the defending OVC regular season and tournament champions. This announcement follows other season mishaps, such as sophomore Missy Booker quitting the team briefly before returning to the line-up and freshmen Robin Leslie being sidelined due to academic ineligibility.

"We've had a lot to rebound from this season," teammate Kera Bergeron said. "Everyone loves Alicia, and this wasn't entirely unexpected. But we're going to keep working hard and keep doing what we need to do to get better."

Watson, a junior from Memphis, Tenn., was generating career-best averages in scoring (2.6), rebounding (3.8) and minutes (15.4) this season as a key reserve.

She played double-digit minutes in all but one contest this season (at Middle Tennessee). Only freshmen Ashley Hardaway and Kellea Reeves were averaging more minutes off the bench.

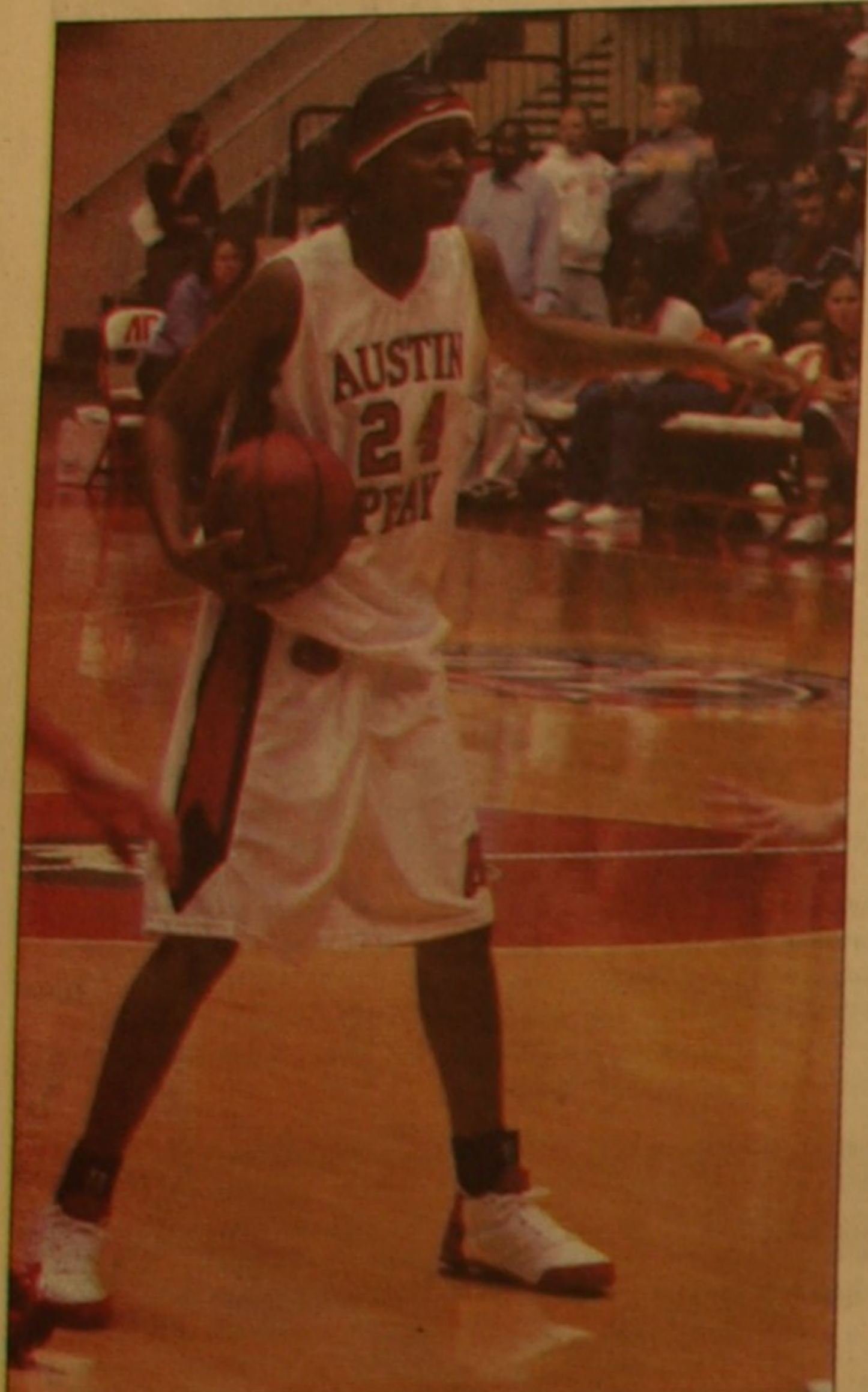
In conference play, Watson was averaging 2.7 points, 4.3 rebounds and 15.7 minutes per game.

"We will certainly miss Alicia," head women's coach Andy Blackston said. "She provided us a spark off the bench. However, we are going to have to come together as a team and rally around one another to fill the gap she leaves behind."

Watson is already looking ahead to life as a former Lady Gov.

"I'll miss my teammates and playing basketball," she said, "but I'm going to stay at APSU and get my degree."

"One day I'd like to become an entertainer of some sort," she added. ♦



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Junior Alicia Watson looks for an open player on Nov. 13 in the contest against the Tivine All-Stars. Watson averaged 2.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 15.7 minutes per game this season.

Cheering and athletics: the age-old question answered

By MANDY WHITE
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Okay, it's time for the big question...is cheerleading a sport? I've got your attention now, don't I?

So, this is the question I've posed to myself: can I, being fairly sporty myself, look at cheerleaders and call them athletes with a straight face? Well, what you may not have known is that besides being athletic, I also consider myself quite the detective, which is precisely why I decided to get to the bottom of this matter.

Let's start with a little bit of comparison. I played volleyball. Actually, I also played basketball. But I played volleyball better, so we'll go with that. I defend volleyball as a sport because there was lots of running and jumping involved. Hmm...this isn't going too well. Okay, another thing that makes volleyball a sport is that we lifted weights to get stronger... Um, did I mention I also played basketball? In basketball we did all of those things like running, jumping and lifting weights, but we had to make a big orange ball go into a medium-sized hoop way up in the air. I mean, come on, that takes talent!

After lots of asking questions, scrounging around and "detective" work, I finally found out what the Austin Peay State University cheerleaders had to do at their tryouts last spring. Obviously, yelling out a cheer was one requirement. However, what many people may not know is that right along side of cheering, the candidates were supposed to have mastered loads of other funny-named stuff.

As far as tumbling and jumping goes, girls

were responsible for a toe-touch, a standing back-handspring and a minimum two-trick tumbling pass. Guys were responsible for a standing back-handspring or a back tuck.

Now I'm not sure what any of that means, but it sounds intense. Those trying out for cheerleading also had to acquire a skill for several stunts, including the toss chair, toss hands, toss/press extension and cradle. I am no more familiar with these terms.

What I did find out is that APSU cheerleaders practice at least twice each week and many times call special practices to work on upcoming routines. They are also expected to work out on their own, lifting weights and running, in order to make the team better as a whole. Their season continues year-round, beginning with football, working through basketball and preparing for camps and competitions during the summer.

And just like in "real" sports, injuries are also common in cheering. Flyers can be dropped and elbows can be thrown into faces, causing anything from black eyes to bloody noses. Sometimes these injuries are so serious, emergency room visits must be made.

So, as I write this, I think I'll label my investigation closed. These so-called "leaders of cheer" fit the profile of an athlete down to the letter. Dictionary.com (<http://dictionary.com>) says a sport is an activity usually involving physical exertion. Well, in that case, even *The All State's* editor in chief is an athlete... I don't know how many times I've seen him dash to the first slice of pizza at the office on Monday nights! ♦

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