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Lady Gows win first OVC game

The Lady Gows volleyball team beat Southeast Missouri 3-2 on Friday.

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Foul play not suspected in student death on campus



Montgomery County Paramedics Tandy Redd and Rita Peters sign police department documents concerning the student death on campus with Officer Andrew Hurst.

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Memorial donations being accepted in the APSU Philosophy Department

By ERIC MILLER
Assistant opinion editor

The body of an Austin Peay State University student was found in a Miller Hall dorm room last Thursday.

Nathan Dempsey, 21, Clarksville, was discovered by two residence life staff members while performing their assigned health and safety checks.

At present, the Clarksville Police Department does not suspect foul play and believe the death may have been of a natural cause.

The CPD is expected to release more information regarding the death in the future.

A meeting was held with the residents of Miller Hall at 5 p.m. that afternoon in order to offer counseling to any who may have needed it. Counseling is also being offered to the residence life staff members.

APSU President Sherry Hoppe, who was

off campus when the body was discovered, issued a notice via email later that afternoon informing students of the death.

According to the notice, campus police received a telephone call at approximately 12:30 p.m. from one of the residence life members that entered the room in which Dempsey was found.

Interim Chief of Campus Police Ron Szlosek immediately notified the CPD in accordance with the Nottingham Act, a state law that requires local authorities to be notified when a medically unattended death occurs on campus so that a joint investigation can be conducted.

Dempsey is the son of APSU Associate Professor Susan Koch and Peter Dempsey of McKenzie. In addition to his father, survivors include his stepfather Stephan Koch, his sister Asheley Skinner of North Carolina, and his fiancée Ashley James of Brentwood.

Visitation was held Sunday at McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the APSU Philosophy Department.

In 13 years as Director of Housing/Residence Life & Dining Services, Joe Mills said that this is the third non-suicide-related student death he has encountered.

"We've had a loss to our housing community and I ask that we keep our family and friends in our prayers," Mills said.

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Organizations encourage voting

By KRYSTAL RUTTER
Guest Writer

Since elections are less than five weeks away and the voter registration deadline is Saturday, student organizations on campus are hosting voter registration drives and encouraging voter turnout.

Dr. Warren, professor of political science and sponsor of the College Democrats said only half of people who can vote actually vote.

He is optimistic for a good young voter turnout this year. "It is not our style to have banners, flyers and bulletins on campus. I am very impressed with what is going on with the College Democrats and the College Republicans this year," he said.

The College Republicans and the College Democrats held a voter registration drive Thursday and Friday of last week, and will be holding another one tomorrow and Friday in the University Center from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Vice President of College Republicans, sophomore Krista Bristol said they registered fifty people last Thursday alone.

Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science organization on campus held a registration drive during Welcome Back Week, and the Feminists Majority Leadership Alliance have held a drive every Wednesday of September outside the University Center from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There have been voter registration drives on campus since school began, but students say it has not been publicized enough.

"There should be stuff everywhere," said Katy Rudolph, junior. "We are the age group that needs to be voting. There should be flyers and rallies all over the place. I haven't seen a thing around our campus. I also think that we should have a mock-election. I am curious to see what people think," she says.

These organizations have been active to promote voter turnout, but other factors remain. David Kanervo, sponsor of the College Republicans and of Pi Sigma Alpha said, "The war in Iraq could stimulate young voting, as well as the closeness of this election."

With the last month before the election closing in, the voter registration drives hope to encourage more people to vote.

Along with the College Republicans' and Democrats' drive, today is also "National Youth and Student Voter Registration Day."

Thousands of young people will come together on campuses, schools and neighborhoods all over the country to register other young people to vote. This is a nonpartisan voter registration day, and it is co-sponsored by over seventeen national organizations.

There will be registration opportunities on Saturday at the Montgomery County Election Commission from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, which is located right off of Madison Street in the Veteran's Plaza.

Early voting begins Oct. 13 and goes through Oct. 28. Election Day is Nov. 2. Dr. Warren recommends voting early. "It is a pleasant experience and does not take much longer than five minutes or so. One third of people who vote do so during this time."

Voting is also held at the Montgomery County Election Commission.

When making their voting decisions, it appears students know more about the opposition.

When asked why they are voting for their candidate, the response is usually about the other candidate. Katie Blakemore, a freshman, said, "I don't like George Bush. I believe he rushed into the war for the wrong reasons, because he has not found any weapons of mass destruction."

Seneca Lafayette Holloway, a junior, said, "I feel that Bush didn't do a good job. I don't think he is capable to be president. Each time a Republican is in office, there is a war. We are also in a recession, and I don't feel like I am getting a job because Bush is in office."

Robert Burns, a junior, said, "I think that Bush should have concentrated more on Al Qaeda. I think he is trying to finish something that his father started."

Monika Kincer, a freshman, said the reason she is voting for George Bush is because she wants to see him finish something that he started.

Some students have done some research before they will cast their vote. Jason Grammer, a freshman, states, "I am voting for George W. Bush because he stands for what I stand for, I have researched my issues. I don't know what John Kerry stands for because he changes all the time."

Other students admit they do not have enough knowledge to make an educated vote in November.

Phillip McKnight, a freshman, said that while he is registered, he is not going to vote. "I haven't paid attention to the election campaigns. I am not educated enough on the candidates," he said. McKnight also said that he has not seen anything about voting on campus. "Information should have started when we first arrived back to school," he said.



Higher ed survey shows APSU successes

The results of the Enrolled Student Survey reveals APSU proficient in 35 of 37 areas

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff writer

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission released data from the Enrolled Student survey to Austin Peay State University last week.

As part of the Performance Funding Program, colleges and universities all over the state administered this survey.

According to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission website, the enrolled student survey is administered during the first and fourth years of the 2000-05 performance funding cycle.

Institutions administer the survey to a representative sample of their undergraduate student population.

Two versions of the survey are available: one for universities and one for two-year institutions.

Both versions explore the perceptions of enrolled students regarding the programs, services and educational environment of the institution.

The survey includes 37 questions that range from educational experience to skills for employment.

For the seventh time, APSU academic and educational experience are rated high.

The items rated slightly below the state average are the social and cultural experiences. Students ranked some categories higher than students in other universities. APSU scored successful scores on 35 out of 37 items.

Nine hundred students were selected randomly in spring, 2004.

Psychology major Corrie Cecil said, "One major improvement would be if the administration especially would have met with racial equality on campus."

Candice Kirkland, English major said, "APSU could manage their money better. APSU has spent too much money on things the campus doesn't need, like on signs and trivial things, that constitutes money that could go to scholarships."

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Houston Davis said, "We are doing a nice job of making connections with the traditional age students and the traditional pattern of classes."

"I think we can only do more with the non-traditional. We need to think about doing an even better job for our adult population," Davis said.

TN First Lady Walks 600 Miles for Child Advocacy Centers

By DANI ORTIZ
Guest Writer

First Lady Andrea Conte will begin her two day walk in Montgomery County in support of Child Advocacy centers on Oct. 5. Conte will start at 1582 Vista Lane and end in Port Royal, which is a 11.5 mile walk.

The following day Conte will start at Mt. Vine Baptist Church and end in Robertson County, a 9.8 mile walk. Transportation back will be provided to those walking the full walk each day.

Conte kicked off her event Sept. 8 in Memphis with hopes to raise awareness and support for the 25 Child Advocacy centers located across the state.

The major goals of her walk are to raise awareness about the seriousness of child sexual and physical abuse, and to raise much-needed funds for public programs, educational materials, counseling and providing much-needed support to the victims of child abuse.

The First Lady has been a long-time advocate for victim's rights issues; when she became the First Lady in 2003 she made supporting

the state's Child Advocacy Centers a priority issue.

She has traveled throughout Tennessee raising awareness of the work that is done to help the victims of sexual or severe physical abuse and continues to do so with her statewide 600 mile walk.

Child Advocacy Centers are community partnerships devoted to a team approach to track down the truth in child abuse investigations and providing help to young people who have been victims of sexual or physical abuse.

They offer counseling and even investigational assistance by bringing together professionals from various law enforcement agencies.

All proceeds made to the Centers will be used to buy educational material, provide counseling and for operational costs.

For more information on Child Advocacy Centers or to make a donation, call Judy Covington (931) 553-5140, the CAC director in Montgomery County.

The registration fee for walkers is \$35. To register, visit www.andreawalks.com.



Governor Phil Bredesen and first lady Andrea Conte walk in support of Child advocacy centers.

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Workshops teach time management

By SARAH DAWN KIRCHOFF
Guest Writer

The Counseling and Testing Center is hosting a series of life skills workshops to equip students with the everyday tools needed to optimize their education experience and life success.

The workshops are Time Management, Strengthening Relationships, Strengthening Self Concept, Suicide Awareness, Addictive Behaviors and Cramming without Crashing.

"These workshops were inspired from a need expressed by students," said counseling and testing center assistant director and therapist, Dr. Lowell G. Roddy.

"The workshops are designed to develop more than just skills students need for school, but also skills needed for living. There is no cost involved; even services in the counseling centers are free to students. We also encourage family and friends of students to attend...the workshops are 45 minutes long and located in the University Center," Roddy said.

"Anyone could learn to use their time better. Generally freshmen have the most difficulties with time management. In high school, everything is so structured but when they come here it is basically, if you come to class, great, if not, no one comes looking for you," he said.

This workshop will show attendees techniques to get the most from the day and help alleviate

stressors. However, better preparation and time management are only some stress factors individuals encounter.

"Students may experience sweaty palms, increased heart rate, general uneasiness, fatigue, insomnia and fluctuating heart rates. These are all signs of stress," said Dr. Roddy.

Over time, continued stress could cause serious damage to your health. "A large number of studies on stress found prolonged exposure can be detrimental to one's respiratory system, digestive system and it can also create irregular appetites, and suppress the immune system - making a person more susceptible to the common cold," said Roddy.

The stress management workshop will inform people on ways to manage stress, ensuring a healthier future. Relationships may also be trying

on students.

The Strengthening Relationship workshop is dedicated to the dynamics of romantic and friend based interactions.

"The workshop starts out focusing on how we build relationships. We cover how to build genuine friendships. We also spend time talking about romantic relationships," Roddy said.

"My license is as a marriage and family therapist, therefore I believe this workshop to be most important especially because many college students are trying out new relationships. They are perhaps dating more seriously...even those who come with no immediate intention to marry at the moment can

benefit from this workshop," he said. "Keeping in mind there is a limit to what can be achieved in 45 minutes we can at least assist them [attendees] to know what to look for in pre-marriage counseling and friendships...FYI, pre-marriage counseling is free to students here and save \$60 off their marriage

certificate once advised," Roddy said. To register, please contact the

Counseling and Testing Center at 221-6162.

Fall Workshops

Strengthening Relationships:

Wednesday, Oct. 6 12:15-1 p.m. MUC 312
or Thursday, Oct. 7 1-1:45 p.m. MUC 312

Strengthening Self Concept:

Wednesday, Oct. 13 12:15-1 p.m. MUC 306
or Thursday, Oct. 14 1-1:45 p.m. MUC 312

Suicide Awareness:

Wednesday, Oct. 20 12:15-1 p.m. MUC 312
or Thursday, Oct. 21 1-1:45 p.m. MUC 312

Addictive Behaviors:

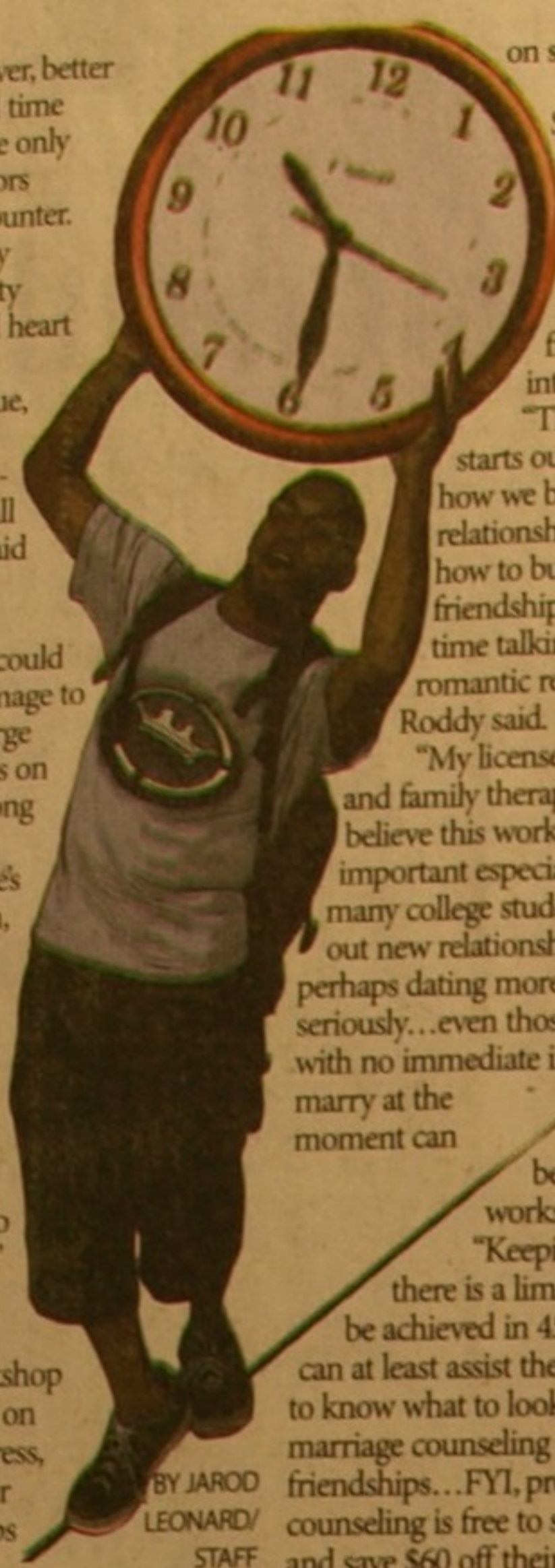
Tuesday, Nov. 2 1-1:45 p.m. MUC 312 or
Wednesday, Nov. 3 12-1 p.m. MUC 312

Stress Management:

Tuesday, Nov. 16 1-1:45 p.m. MUC 312 or
Wednesday, Nov. 17 12:15-1 p.m. MUC 312

Cramming without crashing:

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1-1:45 p.m. MUC 312 or
Wednesday, Dec. 1 12:15-1 p.m. MUC 312



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APSU Fair provides career opportunities

Students may receive networking skills as well

By CHAD WILKERSON
Guest Writer

Austin Peay State University's Career and Advisement Center is here to help with an upcoming Career Fair Monday, Oct. 4, in the ballroom of the Morgan University Center from 12:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It is set to include dozens of booths from companies and organizations looking for fresh graduates to put to work.

"The career fair is a chance for students to network with potential employers," said

Elizabeth Price, academic and career advisor for the Career and Advisement Center.

"These will not be interviews, but rather just the initial step of getting your foot in the door and finding out what is out there from different companies and job fields."

The fair participants include a wide variety of employers and graduate schools: everything from Gateway Health System to the Hopkinsville Police Department.

Students attending the fair will be able ask questions and rub elbows with professionals

who are knowledgeable in their respective fields, Price said. A full list of attending businesses is available at www.apsu.edu/careers/.

"This is a great opportunity for students to build relationships and connect with prospective employers," said Price.

"This is the first big step for students making the transition to from students to professionals."

Price said her hope was that students begin to see themselves as professionals.

That includes dressing professionally and bringing resumes to the career fair to leave the best impression possible.

Good Morning APSU!

Campus Community

G.H.O.S.T.

SGA is sponsoring G.H.O.S.T. this year Friday Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m. in the UC Plaza. If your organization would like to set up a table, please register with SGA in UC 214 or call 221-7262. For more information, please contact Candy Smith at csmith20@apmail.apsu.edu or 302-7053.

Feminist Film Series Kicks Off Thursday

The Women's Studies Program is kicking off its annual Feminist Film Series with a screening of "Real Women Have Curves" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, in Harned 240. The movie follows the story of Ana, a first-generation Mexican-American teenager torn between accepting a college scholarship or staying home to work, as her parents expect. Chocolate will be provided. For more information, please contact Jill Eichhorn at 221-6314 or eichhornje@apsu.edu.

White Water Rafting Trip Sign Up Deadline

Adventure Rec - the newest addition to University Recreation's programs. Oct. 9 have some fun on the Ocoee River. \$70 includes travel expense, meal and trip. For more information, please contact Kat Stanley at stanleyk@apsu.edu or 221-7564.

Phonathon Callers Needed

The Alumni & Annual Giving office needs student callers for the annual Phonathon campaign Oct. 4-28. New student callers earn \$16.50 and returning callers earn \$17.25 for each 3-hour session worked. New callers will be paid \$11 for a mandatory 2-hour training session Sunday, Oct. 3 from 1:30-5 p.m. Students must work a minimum of five sessions. Call 221-7979 for an application.

Fall SGA Elections Scheduled Oct. 13-14

The 2004 Fall SGA Elections have been rescheduled for Oct. 13-14. Senate positions are open for the College of Science and Math, Graduate Studies and Senator at Large. Applications will be accepted Sept. 24-Oct. 1 in the SGA office (UC 214). Applications are available online at www.apsu.edu/sga.

PRSSA Workshop

You are invited to attend our Workshop "Networking and Adapting" Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in UC-312. Please see the following website for more details: <http://www.apsu.edu/post/releases/shownews.asp?id=245>

National Student Nurse Association Meeting

The meeting of the National Student Nurse Association APSU Chapter will meet Monday Sept. 27, in McReynolds 129 at noon. Food will be provided. Bring your own drink. Nursing and pre-nursing students are welcome. For more information, please contact Janet Tracy at tracyj@apsu.edu or 221-6344.

Change of Date: Project BETCHA Greek Charity Auction

Participants are needed for the first Project BETCHA Greek Charity Auction, which will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27. We are asking all Greek organizations to have two representatives. The application deadline is Thursday, Oct. 7. For an application, contact Tamira Cole at tamira002@yahoo.com or 221-5013.

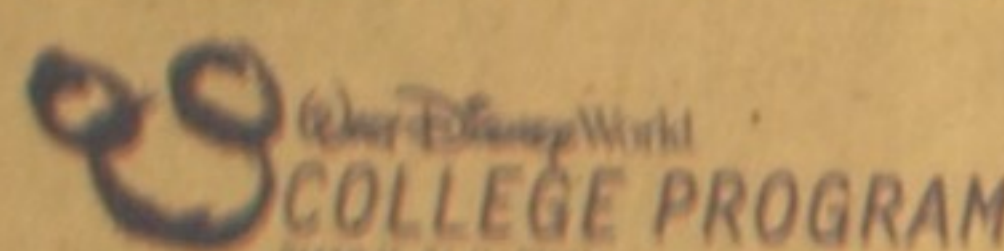
Learning Resource Center to Host Annual Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 6-8 The Learning Resource Center is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Oct. 6-8, in Claxton 104. For more information, contact Christel Beckner at becknerc@apsu.edu or 221-7546.

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Multicultural Events at APSU

Oct. 4: Multicultural Lunch and Learn in the UC Ball room from noon-1 p.m.

Oct. 15: Club 303 Party in UC 303 from 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 20: Caribbean Cooking Class in the BCM from 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 28: Caribbean Dance Series in the UC Ballroom from 6-8 p.m.

Nov. 17: Native American cooking class in the BCM from 5-7 p.m.

Nov. 19: Native American Dance Series in the UC Ballroom from 6-8p.m.

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OUR TAKE

Journalists must aim for accuracy

It is easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission. It is not, however, better to do so, especially when we apply the phrase to mass communication. The form that most often applies such flawed logic is found within television journalism.

The most recent and possibly best example of leaping without looking can be found in the controversy created by a report of documents, approved by Dan Rather, that cast a negative light on President Bush's service in Vietnam. The validity of the documents were challenged within a day, but it took almost two weeks before Rather admitted to a disbelief of the aforementioned validity.

The gatekeepers of mass communication are becoming too reckless. A gatekeeper is someone who fills a position where information is handled before it is communicated. At one time, journalism was to serve the public interest. However, the across-the-board advancements in mass communication are taking such a high-minded ideal and turning it into 'who can serve the public interest first.'

The problem with such a perception, if we may be so bold as to evaluate such abstract concepts, is that it allows for unhealthy doses of sensationalism to be injected into a story. Furthermore, with gatekeepers pushing information out into the public with little hesitation, objectivity is tainted by bias that remains unfiltered. That is undeniable.

dangerous.

Journalism is very focused on human interest. To expand our thinking, journalism deals with lives in a variety of ways and therefore accuracy is necessary. As reporters, we must be accurate for reasons beyond our own credibility. We have the power to influence public perception.

The other edge of the sword is that something so little as a poorly chosen word can damage the public image of a person severely enough to have ramifications on the personal and professional lives of the people in our articles and reports. Accuracy and fact-checking are our responsibility.

While we are not trying to worship at the shrine of print journalism, it can be argued that our fact checking is more thorough; print publications only get one chance per day or, like in our case, per week to be accurate. Having multiple daily broadcasts is not meant to be considered a safety net for corrections. Most broadcasters and cablecasters would say that we are stating the obvious. However, there are some, including Rather, whose actions are starting to drift from their words.

Inaccuracies in television journalism give a black eye to all of the other forms. By pushing a story past gatekeepers, a journalist is gambling with more than just his own credibility. We are all in the same boat which we all happen to be trying to rock without drowning. There is no room for carelessness.

New APSU 1000 class not optional or useful

The class is a collaborative effort, between many faculty members of various departments, to help incoming freshman with the difficult adjustments associated with starting college. Students learn all about college life from critical thinking to time management.

Kerrie Richardson, freshman, is very pleased with the program thus far. Richardson said, "It helps us see what the university is all about."

Students also learn about the different degree programs offered by Austin Peay State University. They are given information on the resources the school has available

for them as well. According to the First-Year Experience section of APSU's website, the school is worried about the number of students dropping out of college and this course is designed to bring that number down.

The theory is that if students learn early on how to manage their free time and use the resources of the university then they will be better prepared when they enroll in more difficult upper level courses.

Other universities have started up programs similar to the one at APSU and have seen an increase in the number of students finishing their degree programs.

This class has its merits and its flaws. The course can help students that are not sure what they want to do find a career path. Many incoming freshman are straight out of high school and have never lived away from their parents. They will learn skills in this class that will help them manage their time now that they have fewer rules and limitations set on them.

However, instead of enrolling in APSU 1000 students could take a course related to their field of study or a core requirement. It is hard enough to graduate in four years without APSU requiring freshman to take a course that is not related to their major or minor.

Some freshman are very upset about having to take this course. Chris Daniels is one of these students. "It's a waste of my time," Daniels said.

APSU 1000 may be helpful to some incoming freshman, but not everyone needs to know how to use the library resources effectively. The class should be optional so that students who already have a good grasp on stress management and college life can spend that time taking classes that will be more useful to their fields of study.

What is the point of cutting out a lot of core classes just to add courses that students may or may not find useful?

I know the Tennessee Board of Regents is to blame for the core cut down, but this class is not designed for every freshman, just the ones who are unsure of what they want to study and need help learning the discipline they will be without now that they are out of their parents' house.

APSU should really make this class optional so the students who can make the transition from high school to college successfully on their own can take other classes that would be more useful to them in the future.

Austin Peay State University employee picking up a sack full of bruised fruit and cheap bulbs. Another example of an expense made unnecessary by campus housing would have to be chairs. Chairs are nice. I have a four dollar camp chair from Wal-Mart. However, you can't sit on it for it broke a few days after I bought it, causing Cheez-Its to rain everywhere. So to boil it down, APSU housing edges out independent living in terms of inexpensive furniture possession.

You may go your entire college career without having to utter the sentence, "My chair doesn't work."

The two greatest advantages that campus living has over off-campus living both involve media.

The first is cable, glorious cable. Included within housing costs are a basic cable package to make mortal men swoon. All of the networks, Comedy Central and even a channel devoted entirely to cartoons are available at the touch of a remote.

The other advantage is a high-speed internet connection available to every student with the means to enjoy it in their very dorms.

Compare that to my situation. I pay \$12 per month for only the networks and the monthly expense for a cable modem is in excess of \$40.

Hindsight being 20-20, all things considered and all that, living on campus isn't the worst situation for a student.

So I guess there are two things I really want to say: chairs are good and housing would be great if it weren't for all the people living in it.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:

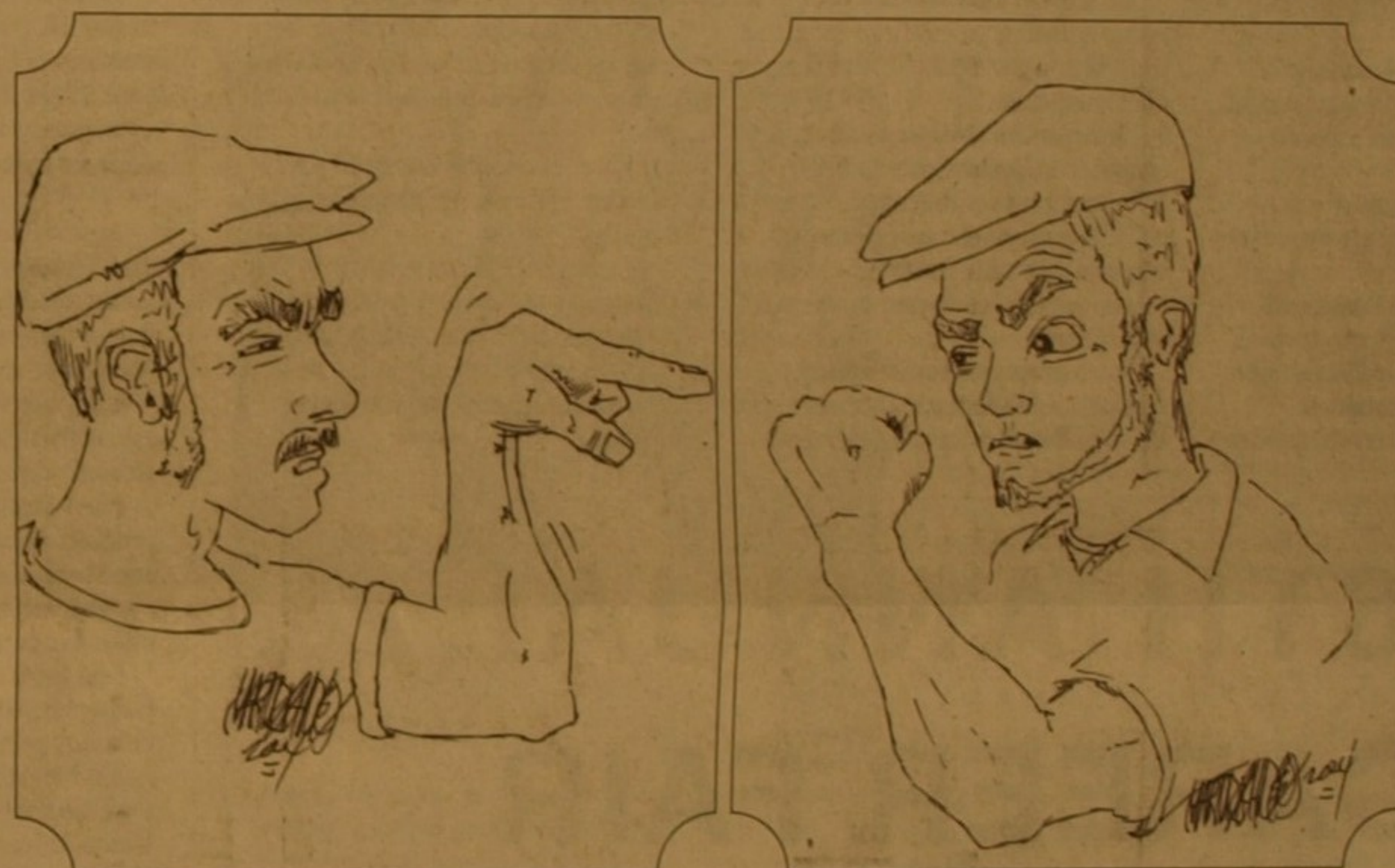
I've notice that every time I hear Peay pride mentioned it is in relationship to some sporting event. There is much more to it then this. The real pride is in helping to keep our campus looking good.

If a visitor were to come on campus in the early mornings and see all the dishes and garbage left around from the night before, what would they think? I have heard that some students believe that they are offering job security to our maintenance crew but since they don't come in that early and are not here all night the place looks a mess. Besides, they are not here to wait on us, nowhere on their job descriptions is the word 'maid.'

Another thing is attendance of the different programs offered. During the first 2-3 weeks of school I saw at least 6-8 different events with only 5-10 people in attendance. If Student Life and Leadership were to stop offering these events then I believe the students would start hollering.

So to my belief if we want to show school pride we all need to pick up after ourselves and to show up to some of the events that are offered and support the different organizations that are here on campus trying to give us all a chance to enjoy our college life.

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Senior
Social Work



2nd amendment in crosshairs

By MARTIN FOX

Copy Editor

Every time I hear a gunshot, go deer hunting or watch Keanu Reeves stop bullets in the 'Matrix,' I smile and thank God and Charlton Heston for my favorite right as an American citizen: the right to bear arms. Now one wouldn't usually expect to hear complaining about an amendment to the U.S. Constitution (giving the people a liberty or freedom) from the same over-zealous liberals who whine about not being given enough freedom, but it's been known to happen. Well, if it's not one thing, it's another. Guns are a necessary facet of the American dream.

Guns contribute to society as a mode of personal protection, theft deterrent and population control. So many say that guns lead to increased violence and higher crime rates. I don't know about that. Now it's been a while since I mugged someone, but from what I remember, I would rather rough a victim up if he or she wasn't packin' the heat. I wouldn't grab a purse out of a lady's left hand if she were brandishing a six shooter in her right. (not after that last time anyways) Hello, does this make sense to anybody?

Studies done clearly show that criminals are less likely to commit crimes knowing they may encounter gunfire. In *Armed: New Perspectives on Gun Control*, Florida State University criminologist, Gary Kleck writes, "In general, self-protection measures of all types are effective, in the sense of reducing the risk of property loss in robberies and confrontational burglaries... The most effective form of self-protection is use of a gun. For robbery the self-protection measures with the lowest loss rates were among victims attacking the offender with a gun, and victims threatening the offender with a gun. For confrontational burglary, attacking with a gun had the second lowest loss rate of sixteen self-protection measures, bested only by another mode of armed self-protection, threatening the offender with a nongun weapon." (p. 291)

Oh, and did I mention that it's our Second Amendment? Sorry, I don't think everyone should have a gun, those obviously not capable of that kind of responsibility should be restricted, kind of like they are now. By that same token, how do some of these morons on the road get their driver's license; there should be harsher restrictions on cars. I've been in three auto accidents and zero gun accidents. For those who feel that maybe gun regulations are too lax, have a word with Hale DeMar of Wilmette, Ill.

How ridiculous would it be if someone broke into his house, stole his stuff, and an antiquan ordinance left him legally helpless? What if, when he tries to protect himself, and his family from a burglar they charge him with a crime? No 'what if' my loyal readers, this was reported Feb. 6th, in the *Illinois Leader*. Guns are like the ice cream dessert to the three course meal of home and personal protection. ♦

By DAVE CAMPBELL

Opinion Editor

As most issues stand, the right to bear arms is no black or white matter. I would say it's gray matter. While Bush and Kerry argue over the issue of banning assault weapons, Bush has demonstrated a lack of concern in this area. A renewal of the ban on assault weapons is approaching and it is a concern that Bush may not sign the renewal. BBC News reports:

"Republican legislators refused to make time for a vote to extend it (the renewal)." They also add: "The move (or lack thereof) means that ordinary citizens will now be allowed to keep powerful assault weapons in their homes." Let's use some common sense about this. It seems logical that the means of acquiring guns and the technology of gun production should be much more scrutinized.

I am not for the banning or improper use of guns. So what would be the happy medium? Maybe it should be allowed for certain individuals and not others. So what might be the criteria for deciding that? Will a gun permit determine the mental stability of that neighbor who lives down the street and likes hunting pink elephants in your front yard at midnight? Obviously people should be held to more rigorous standards.

It is un-libertarian of me, but gun control is necessary. This is not to say (as Hitler did) that guns should be entirely out of the people's hands. It is worth noting that over two hundred years ago, some long dead landowners came up with a document called the Bill of Rights. We do have the right to bear arms, but unless interpreted thoughtfully, it could be used as a deterrent to a peaceful society and a catalyst for rampant drive-bys, hostage situations and other mishaps resulting from improper gun use. I am not arguing against the existence of the Second Amendment; but, in fact, proposing an amendment of thought on the matter. I am probably with Nader on this issue, favoring the Brady Bill, which would impose trigger locks, strict enforcement of existing gun laws, and the banning of certain weapons. However, Nader hasn't made this a focus of his campaign.

Something bothers me about smart gun technology. The National Institute of Justice has been working since 1994, attempting to protect law enforcement officials, in the event that their gun is stolen. If the technology was applied as introduced, it would equip firearms with the capability to differentiate between its users. This technology is prone to manipulation, and the citizen would be defenseless. In the event that America was to experience a Hitler, a faulty precaution would prove more than somewhat detrimental to the protection of the citizen. What about those cool guns they used to pummel people with in *Minority Report*. Instead of killing people with guns, maybe we could develop technology and knock some sense into people. ♦

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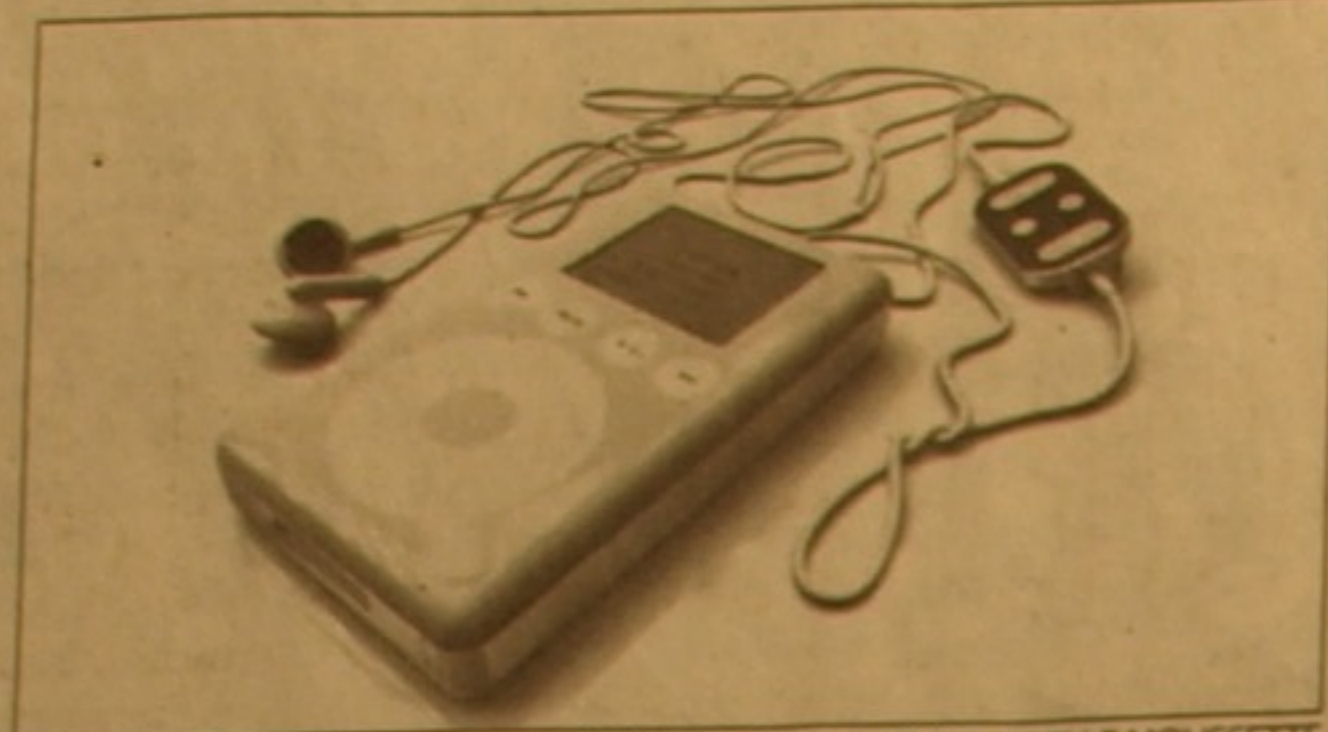
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Top three technology picks for fall



The Motorola V 220 camera phone retails for \$50 at Cingular Wireless.



And Apple iPod Music Player holds up to 40 GB of MP3's.

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Guest Writer

Fall has finally arrived, meaning that the technology industry is about to kick it into high gear! For avid techies out there, finding the perfect toy will be a walk in the park.

But how will the average consumer, who could easily find the plethora of selectable items to be quite overwhelming, know what to choose?

Here are three of the most sought-after pieces of technology this fall:

Top Cellular Phone: Motorola V 220 Camera Phone

Style, color and functionality neatly combined into a petite frame, the Motorola V220 camera phone is the 'it' cellular of the season.

It has a VGA camera used to take snapshots, is capable of using MP3 ringtones and a bright 65,000-color display. With the price tag of a mere \$50 through Cingular Wireless with a two-year contract, it's petite on the wallet, too.

Top Computer Hardware: High Speed Internet

No one likes to wait for things they want, and the internet is no exception. It's time to

throw out that old 56kbps modem and say hello to the immensely faster, more capable DSL and Cable modems.

Ranging in speeds from 300 to 3,000 kilobits per second, high-speed Internet modems turn what used to be a 15-minute song download into about one minute. There are tons of services that offer high speed Internet capabilities, and most range in the \$20 to \$60 price range per month.

Top Entertainment Hardware: Apple iPod Music Player

What type of list would it be without the slim, attractive, mobile music powerhouse? The Apple iPod isn't just a must-have for fall; it's a must-have for the year! Coming in 20 and 40-gigabyte varieties, the iPod virtually erases the need to lug around the old CD case.

The player also comes with built-in game and day-planner applications, and boasts a 10 plus hour play life through a rechargeable battery.

Depending on the model bought, the Apple iPod can run between \$300- \$500, but could possibly be found online for less. ♦

Students take tutoring one on one

Already struggling in class? APSU's tutor services have got you covered.

By MEGAN HARGIS
Guest Writer

Although it is only the beginning of the fall semester, some students are already struggling in a variety of classes.

Whether it be math, English or art, each subject can be targeted with a trained tutor through TRIO Student Support Services located on the third floor of Ellington.

The TRIO program is made up of three federal programs: Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services.

TRIO is a federally funded organization for students who qualify to receive their services.

"We strive to give students a well-rounded college experience by making sure students' needs are met," said Tutor Coordinator Daniel Christian.

TRIO makes its mark on campus by

serving 180 students a year.

Although qualifications such as family income and college graduate information must be presented, every student is welcome to pick up an application.

Each student is paired with a trained tutor twice a week for one hour each session.

A computer lab is available along with counseling, and the guarantee that you will be a part of the "TRIO Team" until graduation.

Freshman Sara Hixon is an art education major. She goes to TRIO Services for help with math.

"The tutors work one-on-one with you, and they really know how to make you understand what your problem is," said Hixon.

"It is a great program that helps me now, and will help me in the future, too," she said. Another tutoring option is

Academic Services located downstairs in the University Center.

"This is a free tutoring service provided for all students...no qualifications needed," said Academic Services Tutor Jeremy Sidnor.

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Many college students at APSU and throughout the country face academic challenges during their college careers. Do not settle for bad grades, these services are available for you - take advantage! ♦

APSU Celebrates Hispanic Culture

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a four week fiesta

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed every year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 18. These days are significant because they mark the days that several Latin American countries gained their independence. Sept. 15 signifies the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile was freed on Sept. 18.

Austin Peay State University Spanish Professor Ramon Magrans said, "This month means so much to me because after all the abuses the American government placed on Hispanics by taking half of their territories in Florida, California, Texas and New Mexico we are finally being recognized."

The observation of National Hispanic Heritage Week was first initiated in 1968, but it was expanded in 1988 during the Ronald Reagan administration.

Every year in early September, the president issues a proclamation inviting Americans to celebrate the traditions, ancestry and accomplishments of Hispanic Americans.

"This month shows that we have great individuals that need to be known by other cultures," said Magrans.

Let's focus on the achievements of a few loved and well-known Hispanics: Andy Garcia, Carlos Santana and Jennifer Lopez. Andy Garcia is an extremely popular actor in American cinema.

His breakthrough role came when he starred opposite of Robert De Niro and Sean Connery in the gangster flick "The Untouchables." That led to his Oscar-nominated role in "The Godfather III." Without actors like Andy Garcia, it just wouldn't be as fun to go to the movies.

The guitar-playing legends mix of blues, rock and Afro-Cuban rhythms has kept Carlos Santana in the limelight for over 30 years. After Santana's gig at a little festival known as Woodstock, Santana released his first album. In 1999, he won eight Grammys for his album "Supernatural."

A year after Woodstock and lots of platinum records later Carlos Santana is still one of the most prominent names in music.

Whether you know her as an actress, singer, or as a woman who gets divorced all of the time, Jennifer Lopez is one of the leading women of entertainment. She is most remembered for her role as Selena, the late Tejano singer.

APSU's Spanish Honor Society, Pi Nu is hosting several celebrations in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

On Sept. 25, they sponsored a Hispanic Festival at the Havana Café. People who attended were able to sample Hispanic foods and dance to a live band.

On Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. there will be a Hispanic dance at the Family Resource Center on Ft. Campbell Blvd. A live DJ and dancers from Club Caliente will be performing.

Magrans said, "People will enjoy the music and see that we're just the same as everyone else. They will understand the pride that we have as a race." For more information on Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations at APSU, please e-mail Ramon Magrans at magransr@apsu.edu. ♦

Love Hunter: distance may put a strain on your love

Dear Hunter,

What do you think about long distance relationships?

Having a long distance relationship requires a good deal of patience. There are many times when things do not happen quite when we want them to, but we still persevere. It takes a lot of patience to be able to withstand the time and temptation aspects of a long distance relationship.

The male gender, as a whole, has trouble with this because we think about the here and now. When it comes to temptation, let's be honest, in general we do have a little problem with occasionally taking bad advice from our friends.

Trust is required to build a strong foundation in a relationship. Every relationship, long distance or not, requires trust.

However, in long distance relationships, it is even more crucial. It would be miserable if I spent the whole summer worrying about what my girlfriend, who was 2,500 miles away, was doing.

I believe Van Wilder said it best in his self-titled movie, "Worrying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere." If there is a strong trust there, then it helps eliminate some of that worry.

Communication is another vital aspect of a long distance relationship. If you're not already an expert in communication, then try a long distance relationship.

You are forced to learn how to communicate effectively. Without communication, you don't really have much.

Lastly, if you are a person who needs a lot of sleep, then I would not recommend a long distance relationship.

The amount of sleep I got every night was drastically cut. We were on the phone a lot. For three and a half months, the phone was the lifeline of our relationship.

We didn't get a chance to talk much during the day, so I made every effort to take full advantage of my free night and weekend minutes.

I'm sure the phone company hated me, because in one month, I had over 6,000 minutes on my phone, but only used 400 anytime minutes. Taking into account all of those night and weekend minutes, that is a lot of missed sleep.

That is my spiel on long distance relationships. I hope it helped some. I could go on for a while about this subject, but I just don't have the room to continue writing about this. Just remember to smile and have a good rest of the day.

Love,
Hunter

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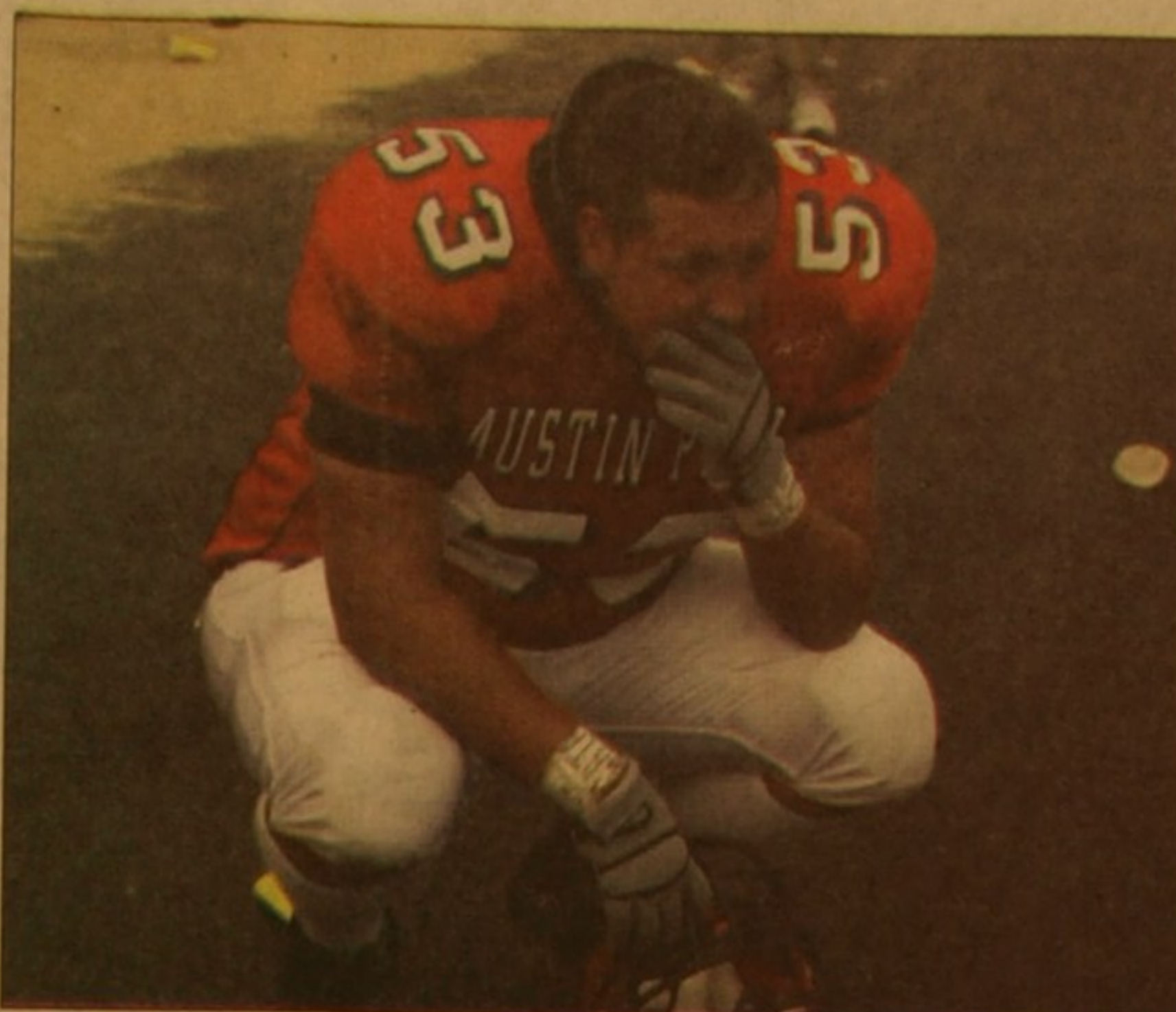
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Govs football unable to shake losing streak



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Senior offensive lineman Brad Sykes looks despondently onto the football field during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 40-0 loss to visiting Dayton.

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

Saturday's football game against the Dayton Flyers was going to be a tough one, and going into it the Governors knew the odds were against them, but they didn't expect to lose 40-0 at Govs Stadium.

It was a long 60 minutes of football for the Govs as both their defense and offense struggled to get things going.

The Govs were only able to get five first downs during the game compared to the Flyers 26 first downs. The time of possession was almost as lopsided, as the Govs controlled the ball for only 20:10 compared to the 39:50 the Flyers used to put up 40 points.

During the first half of play, the Govs seemed like they were going to be able to hang in there as they forced the Flyers to settle for two field goals and a touchdown, making it 13-0.

At one point the Govs had a chance of their own to put seven on the board, but a dropped fourth down pass by a wide open Carlos Crawford in the end zone kept the Govs at zero going into the locker room at the half.

"Carlos caught it all week in practice," Austin Peay State University head coach Carroll McCray said. "He will catch it again all week in practice, and next week in practice."

It was at that point that the Govs lost their ability to keep up with the Flyers. "Some of the air came out of the sail at that point," McCray said.

Whatever Flyers coach Mike Kelly told his boys in the locker room as they came out in the third quarter of play helped them put 21 points on the board.

Between the Dayton's great punt returns and the Govs inability to move the ball, the Flyers were able to score from the 41 yard line, the 25 and 15.

The game would end with a final score of 40-0 giving the Govs their fourth straight loss of the 2004 season.

Govs wide receiver Pat Curran could only express his embarrassment about the way APSU played.

"I am probably the most embarrassed I have been after a playing a football game," Curran said.

"As a whole, we did not come out and play well. Offense couldn't get anything

started. Defense did what they could to keep us in the game, but we just couldn't get anything going all game."

Earlier last week the Govs suffered another loss when senior linebacker Ryan Taylor was sidelined for the remainder of the 2004 season.

After practice on Monday, Sept. 20, Taylor had a blood vessel in his leg burst, adding him to the already long list of injured players.

The list also includes Matt Wade, Bruce Wipprecht and Todd Avery for knee injuries, and Adrian Parker for a shoulder injury.

The experiences these players bring to the team in these positions make it an even tougher task for McCray, his staff and other players to fill these positions.

"I think we are gaining ground in some aspects," said McCray, "but the injury situation is making things a little slower for us."

The Govs, still looking for their season's first win, will have a long week of practice before heading to Indianapolis, Ill., to play division PFL rival Butler at noon on Saturday. ♦

My Two Cents

By KRISTEN SCHABERT
Staff Writer

I'm sure everyone has heard of the recruiting scandals at the University of Colorado, Boulder. If you haven't, just know that there were many allegations of things like crazy alcohol parties and visits to strip clubs for the school's football recruits. Also, at least nine women have come forward with allegations of being raped at the recruiting parties or by the football players, dating back to 1997. The school has been hit with lots of bad publicity, to say the least.

As a sports fan, especially of football, this sort of news angers me. I hate hearing about the corruption of college athletics. While I am glad that things like this get caught and some punishment comes about, I hate to think that it happens at all.

I decided to look a little more into this, and checked out the NCAA's website for some information.

I found, just in the last year, many other violations that occurred with recruiting. A few examples: the University of Georgia was placed on four years probation for recruiting violations in the men's basketball program, and Villanova's men's basketball team was placed on two years probation for the same thing. Both of these violations involved money and illegal gifts to recruits. The University of Oregon's football program was placed on two years' probation for illegal contact with coaches, and the Auburn men's basketball team was placed on two years probation for similar reasons.

The NCAA has, however, recently adopted new rules to reform the way schools attract student-athletes to their campuses. According to Robert Hemenway, chair of the Division I board of directors, "Recruiting visits must be designed so that student-athletes can evaluate the entire campus environment to find the best academic and athletic program for them."

I found an interesting quote about the Colorado scandal, which has definitely gotten the worst publicity. According to CNN.com, Pam Penfold, the current editor of CU's "Coloradan" magazine, thinks it is unfortunate that an incident such as this, about college kids and alcohol, has gotten more attention than the achievements of the school overall. She says, "I don't mean to be paranoid, but it seems to me CU gets picked on when it's typical of every athletic department at every school in the country."

Every athletic department at every school in the country? Um...no. So tell me then, how does Austin Peay State University do it? The coaches and administration here at APSU have done an outstanding job of keeping the athletics department clean of these types of problems. And guess what? Our teams are still successful! We don't need things like drugs, alcohol, gifts or money to entice high-quality athletes to our school. We can win games and we can win championships and still hold our heads high, knowing that we're doing it the right way. That's the way it's always been done at APSU, and I'm sure that's the way it will continue to be done. And that's something that APSU students can be proud of. ♦

The Governor himself, unmasked

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

Behind every good athletic program there is a person who is charged with the duty of getting the crowd pumped and representing the school with pride. Austin Peay State University is no different.

With a new look and a man with experience, one can't help but notice the oversized character strutting his stuff at sporting events.

Although there is no change to the man inside the Governor, he does present a new look.

This look is designed with the intent of being more of a cartoon character rather than a big ugly man that scared away small children. With his oversized forehead, hands and feet that no man could ever imagine, the new Gov was born.

The overhaul was long overdue after the old Governor's 25-plus years of service to the APSU. Not only was the costume heavy and dirty, the look just wasn't what the university was looking for.

But the new look did not mean a change in character and so with the new look stayed the person who has played the character for the last year and a half.

Last year during homecoming, then sophomore Miles Mitchell was offered the job of the "Governor."

With his background in entertainment the broadcast media major knew he could handle it.

"I knew when they asked me to do it



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
The APSU Governor flashes a grin for the camera during last week's football game. With a new look, the man behind the mask is ready for action.

I was the right man for the job," Mitchell said.

Before he took on the role of the Gov, Mitchell worked at Chuck E. Cheese's

where he entertained both children and adults as Chuck E. the mouse. It was during his time as the mouse that he, as well as others, realized his talent. One big fan included the CEO of Chuck E. Cheese himself.

"While working for Chuck E. Cheese, I was voted the No. 2 mouse in the nation," Mitchell said. "That may not sound like a big deal, but when you can entertain the CEO of your company by being yourself and in a costume, then I think that is a big deal."

It has also been a long standing tradition that a Kappa Sigma plays the role as the Gov, so Mitchell decided it was his turn to do the honors.

"I do it not only as a job, but to represent the university, the students and because of the tradition with the Kappa Sigs," said Mitchell.

Mitchell also wants people to know that even though the job may seem like one full of fun and entertainment, it is still a job and requires work.

"This past summer I went to camp with the cheerleaders and learned a lot of skits and different walks. I brought what I learned back and worked on the character of the Gov," Mitchell said.

"Anybody who thinks this is an easy job is wrong. It gets hot in the costume and you can get dehydrated very fast," he added.

At times the costume can reach 110 degrees inside, making it an even tougher job to stay in character.

Along with acting as the character, one also has to be very flexible and spend time stretching before getting into the costume.

"Before the game I take a lot of time to stretch and get into character," Mitchell said.

"Sometimes, like any other athlete, I listen to music to get me pumped up because when I am pumped up, the players and fans are too. I feed off their enthusiasm."

As far as traveling with different teams, the Gov is allowed to travel to all OVC tournaments and one away game. In return for his work, Mitchell is considered part of the cheerleading team and is on scholarship.

"I really like this job because not only do I get to represent the school, but until now not many people knew who I was," said Mitchell. "That was great because I got to act stupid and nobody knew it was me."

Look for the man behind the mask coming to an APSU football or basketball game near you. ♦

Lady Govs softball tests talent in fall tourney

By ASHLEY SCHILLING
Guest Writer

The Lady Govs took the field at Dyersburg State on Saturday for a three-game tournament.

Their competition included North West Mississippi, Union and Dyersburg, which resulted in two ties and one loss for the team.

It was a wake-up call for the Lady Govs, as the competition proved stronger in this early test.

When head coach Jim Perrin was asked about the strategy he said, "We rotated all 21 players which gave us the opportunity to see who fit which

position. That way we know what we are working with in the future."

There are several incoming freshmen on this year's team.

"The freshmen add a lot of heart to the game," junior Brianna Venable said. "They have intensity, enthusiasm and a lot of excitement which really makes the game interesting."

Stephanie Eckard stood out in many eyes this weekend as she went 2-2 with a sacrifice bunt and made a diving catch in centerfield.

However, there were numerous times when the Lady Govs did not take advantage of situations, including an

early 2-0 lead during the game against Dyersburg.

"There were base errors and several defensive errors," Perrin said.

The Lady Govs tied with Dyersburg and Union, but lost to North West Mississippi, 6-2.

Sophomore Michelle Edmonds hit a two-run homer in that game to put the Lady Govs on the board.

Pitching was on top Saturday as pitchers Sarah Eggers, Natasha Anderson, Ashley Porter and older sister Lindsey Porter took the mound in front of a determined defense.

"The pitchers did really well

throughout the games, and they looked really good as well," Venable said.

"I am very pleased with Sarah Longmire's performance during the games. She played very good defensively and offensively, making great contact with the ball."

After all was said and done, the Lady Govs will begin looking ahead to the spring where they hope to find an Ohio Valley Conference championship in the works.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," Perrin said. "But we have laid the groundwork, and we will get there soon." ♦

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Lady Gavs volleyball split in OVC opening weekend

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Guest Writer

The Lady Gavs volleyball team beat Southeast Missouri 3-2 on Friday, despite not having much of a passing game. "We really struggled passing, so we couldn't gain any momentum. Offensively, we were better than them," head coach Cheryl Holt said. "It's a huge relief to win our season's first conference game."

Austin Peay State University not only beat Southeast Missouri in kills, 77-76, and blocks, 11-9, they also recorded a .259 attack percentage.

Two Lady Gavs, seniors Julie Burkhalter and Sarah Schramka, recorded double-doubles, with 17 digs each and 20 and 17 kills respectively.

In the first game, the Lady Gavs led the Ouhkians 28-27 before SEMO called a time-out and came back with three straight points to take the win. Game two was also close as APSU won by a margin of seven, 30-23.

APSU lost game three 30-27, but came back in game four, winning 30-27. In the final game the Lady Gavs recorded a .250 attack percentage and took the win 15-11.

"Overall, I'm really pleased," Holt said. "We are only going to get better."

In Saturday's game against the Eastern

Illinois Panthers, the Lady Gavs got swept 3-0. In game one, the Panthers beat APSU, 30-12. APSU fought hard in games two and three, but lost 30-22 and 30-20, respectively.

"We have to fix little things. We struggled passing and have to take a look at our blocking," Holt said. "They were better than us offensively and defensively."

Schramka, who had a prior commitment, did not play. Holt said the Lady Gavs played well, despite way too many mistakes.

"We struggle with teams that have quick offenses," she said.

Burkhalter led the Lady Gavs in kills with nine. She, as well as freshmen Kamaria Alexander and Kristen Kirch, all had double digits in digs. The Lady Gavs recorded a low attack percentage of .130, and were held to only 33 kills.

The Panthers had three players get double digits in kills and four players get double digits in digs. Erica Gerth and Mary Welsh led their team with 17 kills each. Eastern Illinois is now 2-0 in OVC play.

Because they are now in OVC play, Holt said

they will stay positive and look for places where they can improve. She realizes that every match is huge during league play.

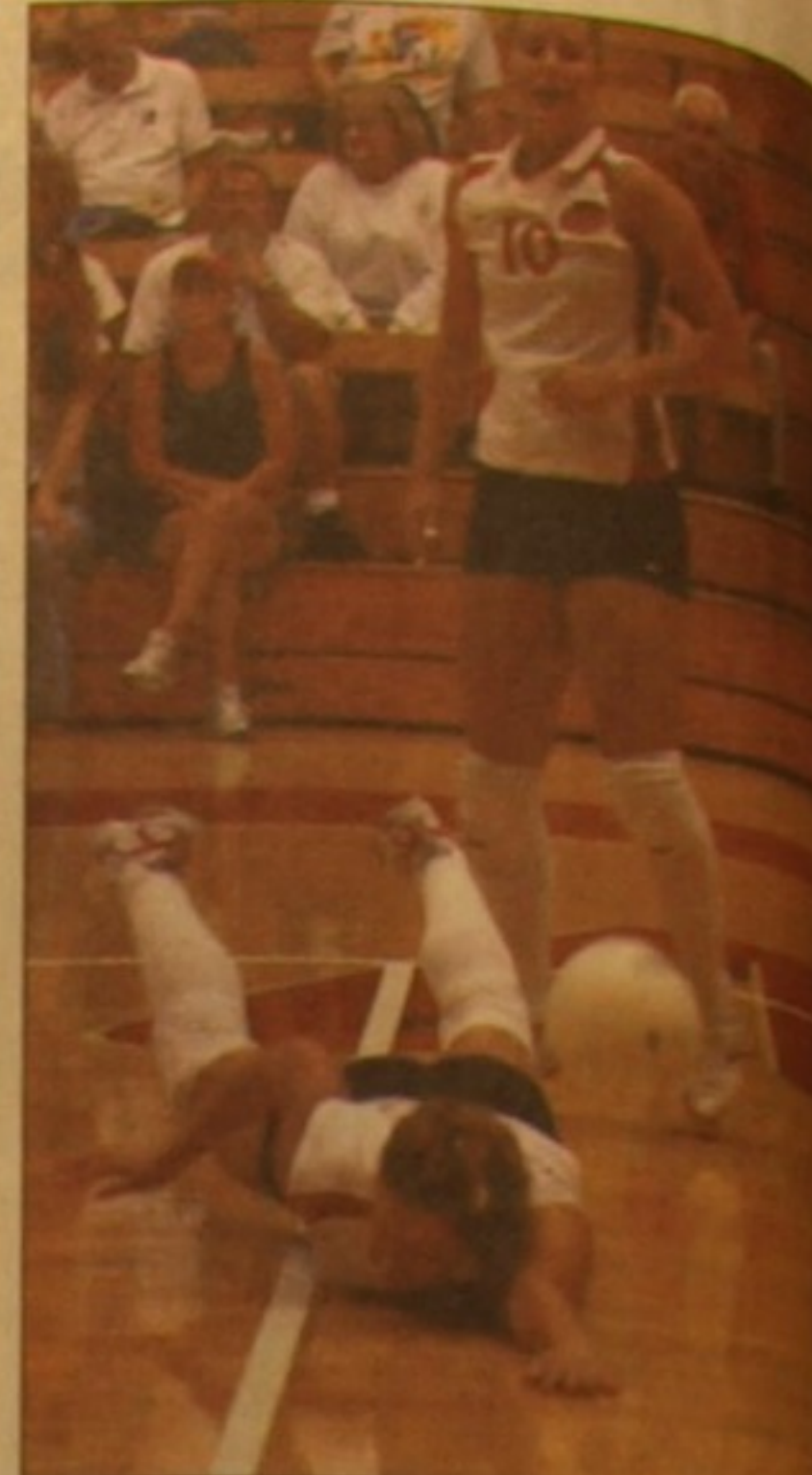
"It's still early in the season, but we have to be mentally ready to practice and play," Holt said. "We will be studying more game tape. We

want to get in the conference tournament and be a top six team."

The Lady Gavs will host OVC rivals Eastern Kentucky, 7 p.m., Friday, and Morehead State, 2 p.m., Saturday, as the Lady Gavs invite their families for Parent's Weekend. ♦



Sophomore Ashley Genslak hits a ball through two Southeast Missouri blockers as junior Amber Stein(2) and senior Jamie deTurk(10) provide coverage.



Genslak dives to the floor, picking up a SEMO hit as deTurk looks on.

Lady Gavs soccer runs out of steam, drops a pair of conference contests

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University's women's soccer team (5-4-1) opened its Ohio Valley Conference schedule with a 2-0 loss to Eastern Illinois on Friday, and a 1-0 loss to Southeast Missouri, Sunday.

"To open up your first OVC weekend against two of the top teams in the conference is always going to be tough," head coach Kelley Poole Guth said.

"I'm not happy we lost, but I think some good things came out of the weekend and it will help us to get ready for the next OVC game."

The Lady Gavs held both teams scoreless in their respective first halves, but was unable to keep up with their OVC competitors.

Against Eastern Illinois, the Lady Gavs outshot the Panthers, 7-6, in the first period, allowing only two shots on goal. However, the Lady Gavs allowed 13 shots in the second period, as well as two goals.

"We played an excellent first half," Poole Guth said. "The second half had its ups and downs, but Eastern Illinois held on to the upper hand."

Against SEMO's impressive defense, the Lady Gavs offense proved unproductive, managing only four shots in the game.

Sophomore Adonia Bivins landed two shots on goal, while Lady Gavs goalkeeper finished with four saves.

APSU will conclude their five-game homestand with a 7 p.m., Friday, match against Tennessee Tech. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Senior Erin Mitchell controls the ball in Sunday's 1-0 loss to SEMO.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Freshman Jessica Hosse battles with a SEMO defender as sophomore Lindsey McLaurin looks on.

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Guest Writer

Three years ago, Kaylee Yago was so busy winning high school state championships and earning academic honors that she didn't have time to think about college. Yago, a native of Greeley, Colo., jumped on the first opportunity to play soccer at the college level when she received a call from Austin Peay State University her senior year.

Kaylee was appointed team captain her freshman year because of her leadership capabilities and her relentless work ethic.

"One thing I can't complain about with Kaylee is her work ethic," said Lady Gavs head soccer coach Kelly Poole Guth. "(Kaylee) is one of the hardest working players we have. She gives 100 percent day in, day out whether in practice or a game."

In her three year career, Kaylee has only missed two starts, both during her freshman year due to an injury. During her freshman season, she was named to the All-OVC third team as she had 23 shots on the season with one goal and one assist.

Kaylee's sophomore season told a similar story, as she had 33 shots on goal with two goals scored. At this point, Kaylee began to establish herself to other teams as a dangerous player. "Kaylee's desire to want to make a difference," Poole Guth said, "is what separates her from other players. When she is on the field, everyone, especially other teams, knows she is a dangerous player offensively and defensively."

Along with soccer, Kaylee also excels in the Lady Gavs cross country program. When asked about how she balances her busy schedule, Kaylee said, "It's not really that bad since each sport is in a different season, but it is still really busy." ♦

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Right: Yago looks to score against Southeast Missouri Sunday. The Lady Gavs held SEMO scoreless in the first period before giving up two goals in the second.



Gavs cross country team runs one man short as Matt Rowe provides personal best time

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University men's cross country team was shorthanded at the Cross Country Only National Championships Saturday and did not post a team score as only four of five runners competed.

Freshman Josh Yeckerling led the Gavs effort for the fourth consecutive meet, finishing 33rd in the 94-man field with a time of 27:59.34 on the eight-kilometer course.

Freshman Matt Rowe rebounded from a disappointing finish at Western

Kentucky last weekend, posting a 47th-place finish with a personal-best time of 28:27.05.

Senior Matt Duncan (29:18.28) was 64th and sophomore Jimmy Clark (29:31.74) was 66th.

"Matt Rowe was our best performance today," said Gavs head coach Doug Molnar. "He ran consistently at every check point and rebounded well from Western Kentucky."

"Overall our performance was a

little disappointing - we talked about going out hard, and we didn't do it, we didn't get out hard enough to accomplish our goal for this meet. It'll be back to the drawing board to see if we can do it in two weeks at (Tennessee-) Martin."

APSU's men's team will take next weekend off before competing at the Skyhawk Invitational, Oct. 9, hosted by Tennessee-Martin, hosts of the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference cross country championships. ♦



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