

New renovations to refresh campus look

By **AMANDA COCHRANE**
Assistant News Editor

Austin Peay State University is going through renovations, and it has been for some time. In fact, improvements are being made all over campus.

The McCord building, which was closed down in January 2002, is on the list for a major overhaul. According to Michael Robinson, vice president of finance and administration, the project is out for bid and has been extended three times. The architect had to make changes to the drawings that took the time to do and as a result, the state fire marshal had to review those changes again.

The marshal has a one to two month time period to review the changes. "The bids are to be received on March 31," said Ben Pratt, director of the physical plant.

Robinson said, "That is when we will know whether or not the money that we have allotted for the McCord Building is sufficient to do the project right."

It is projected that renovation of McCord would not start until May.

The opening is projected for Fall 2006, making the renovation last for a 12 to 15 month time frame.

The Student Recreation Center is creating a domino effect according to Robinson. The Memorial Health Building is being renovated for its new residents (the ROTC program) by April 1. The area where the post office resided before the University Center was built will be their new home.

The original date for completion was March 15, but a two-week extension was given. The ROTC program and staff will move in right after the renovation is completed which should

take two to three weeks.

Approximately \$260,000 is going into the demolition of the armory. It will take 60 to 90 days to complete. The projected date to start is in July and will take 12 to 15 months to build.

"We hope that it will be open in the fall 2006, if everything goes perfect, no weather delays, construction problems, things of that (nature) occurring," said Robinson. The Hispanic Cultural Center has required minimal renovation.

According to Robinson, the furniture has been ordered along with four computers (one of the computers will have a Spanish keyboard). Other features of the space include a television, microwave and a fridge. The center is set to open on April 13.

Athletics is receiving some rejuvenation effects. The Dunn Center received major renovations for the 30th

anniversary of its opening. The bathroom project, tunnel and second level floor tile project are in design. Except for some training with the new digital screens, the Dunn Center is almost completed.

In addition, women's soccer is receiving a new field behind the tennis center.

The contract is in process at the Tennessee Board of Regents and to start within two or three weeks. Sight lighting for women's soccer and softball fields have already been bid on, designed and is close to completion.

Fort Campbell Center is in need of space and looking to expand. In regards to space issues, Pratt said,

"A lot of it reflects back to the space we have now not being completely large enough and doesn't meet the total programmatic needs."



Demolition of the Armory is to tentatively start in May. The building of the student recreation center is to start in July with a projected finish date of Fall 2006.

Gas prices pump up



With a price of close to \$2.10 per gallon for regular unleaded, The BP /Amaco at McClure Street and Riverside Drive posts some of the highest gas prices in the Clarksville area.

Gas numbers reach record high and expected to increase

By **NATALIE GILMORE**
News Editor

Higher prices in gas are causing financial problems for the country as well stirring opinions of some students on Austin Peay State University campus.

"Prices should continue to rise in the next few weeks on strong demand and supply problems caused by the transition to cleaner-burning gasoline mixtures as summer approaches," Trilby Lundberg, publisher of the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations across the country, told the Associated Press. "There are not any gas price factors that indicate anywhere but up," Lundberg said. The average retail price for all three grades increased 12.74 cents to \$2.13 per gallon between March 4 and March 18, according to survey results released Sunday.

The most popular grade self-serve regular was priced at \$2.10 a gallon, while customers paid \$2.20 for mid-grade. Premium averaged \$2.29 a gallon for the period.

That is the largest price hike since the run-up to May 21, 2004, when prices hit a previous record of \$2.10, Lundberg said. Prices reflect sharp hikes in the cost of crude oil in recent weeks, Lundberg said. "I do not think this is the end of the crude oil price jump."

"Even if crude oil prices don't rise further, it's very likely gasoline prices will continue to rise, at least short term." The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed last week to boost its output quota by 500,000 barrels a day, or 1.9 percent. The lowest gas price in the nation among stations surveyed by Lundberg over the past two weeks was \$1.91 for regular unleaded in Newark, N.J. The highest price was \$2.34 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

As for stations within Montgomery County, gas prices have jumped from \$1.99 to \$2.09 within a week.

APSU senior Melaina Tosch, geology major believes that as Americans, we should practice more of our independence. "We should fight urban sprawl and be less

"We should fight urban sprawl and be less dependent on fossil fuels and less reliant on foreign sources."

— Melaina Tosch, APSU student

dependent on fossil fuels and less reliant on foreign sources," said Tosch. When prices first began to rise, people across the nation boycotted stations, insisting lower prices, but stations do not profit from higher costs of gas.

"The infrastructure in America depends on interstate commerce. If fuel prices are raised, that means shipping prices are raised and that initially hurts the economy," said Jeff Pancirov, senior, geography major.

According to Lundberg, seasonal changes in the formula used to produce cleaner gas mixtures and building demand also will contribute to higher prices in the weeks ahead.

Two profs teach Muslim culture to 1st Brigade

Press Release

Austin Peay State University professors are teaching an orientation course on "The History and Religion of Iraq" for select members of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Albert Randall, professor of philosophy and religion, and Dewey Browder, professor of history and chair of the history and philosophy department, agreed to teach the course at the request of Col. David Gray, commander of the 3,000 soldiers of the 1st Brigade.

In January 2005, Gray told Browder he was preparing to take his brigade back to Iraq. He asked if Browder would put together an "educational package" that would enable his soldiers to better understand the Iraqi people.

Browder, knew Gray from the early 1990s when both were on the faculty of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Browder agreed to do so and immediately invited Randall, who has extensive expertise in the Islam religion and the Muslim culture.

Col. Jim D. Scudieri, incoming commander of the 101st Sustainment Brigade and a well-known military historian with a Ph.D., will assist in teaching the course.

Randall says, "When the word 'Islam' is mentioned, most Americans think of a religion centered in the Middle East that is characterized by fundamentalism, extremism and violence. Most Americans believe Muslims are Arab terrorists who worship Muhammed and that the Qur'an is an unholy book dedicated to war and the destruction of Christianity."

"All of these stereotypes could not be further from the truth. This course should shed light on the distortions of these stereotypes and also explore the fact that Islam is more than a religion."

Beginning in mid-March and offered free of charge, each class will begin with a presentation by Randall and conclude with a 30-minute discussion on how to apply class material to the Iraqi environment. Gray, who also has a Ph.D. in military history, will lead the post-lecture discussions. Browder will open the series with an historical overview.

According to Browder, this course also will serve as a pilot course for APSU's newly approved Institute for Global Security Studies.

Byrns Darden collaborates on Literacy Press

Press Release

Ann Waddle, literacy coach at Byrns Darden Elementary School, knew her idea of a partnership with Austin Peay State University was a good idea.

The Great Ideas Grant the project recently received from the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

The project-called The Byrns Darden Literacy Press-is a collaboration among the school and APSU's Creative Writing Program and Goldsmith Press.

Blas Falconer, assistant professor of English at APSU, and five creative writing graduate students will work with 100 fifth-graders at Byrns Darden to produce short autobiographies.

Then 25 of the autobiographies will be given to the Spring 2005 typography class taught by Cynthia Marsh. Her students will design and print an edition of posters using the works.

In addition, Byrns Darden art teacher Leo Adames will work with his students to create additional artwork for the posters.

"We hope to produce 30 sets of posters, which will be distributed to the participating schools and their administrators," said Marsh.

The project also will include bringing the Goldsmith Press and Rare Type Collection to Byrns Darden.

Students may have to score higher receive admission

By **ROBERT BUTLER**
Staff Writer

In the fall of 2006 Austin Peay State University may require students to have better ACT scores and a higher grade point average in order to be accepted. Scott McDonald,

director of admissions, says that APSU will still have developmental classes however.

"We want to increase the number of qualified students, and also because of the DSP

law," said McDonald. He wants to lower the amount of developmental courses that some students are required to take. "In the future students may be required to only take only one developmental

course in math instead of two or three," said McDonald. McDonald says for now nothing is in stone and the discussion is still in the preliminary stages. McDonald estimates that the new ACT requirement could possibly be a 20 and a cumulative 3.0 GPA or 21 and a 3.0.

APSU along with neighboring Tennessee State University and Tennessee Tech currently have similar requirements. "We are about in the middle," said McDonald referring to APSU current academic requirements.

Students currently need a score of at least 19 on the ACT and a 2.25 cumulative GPA at TSU compared to APSU in which requires a slightly higher GPA of 2.75.

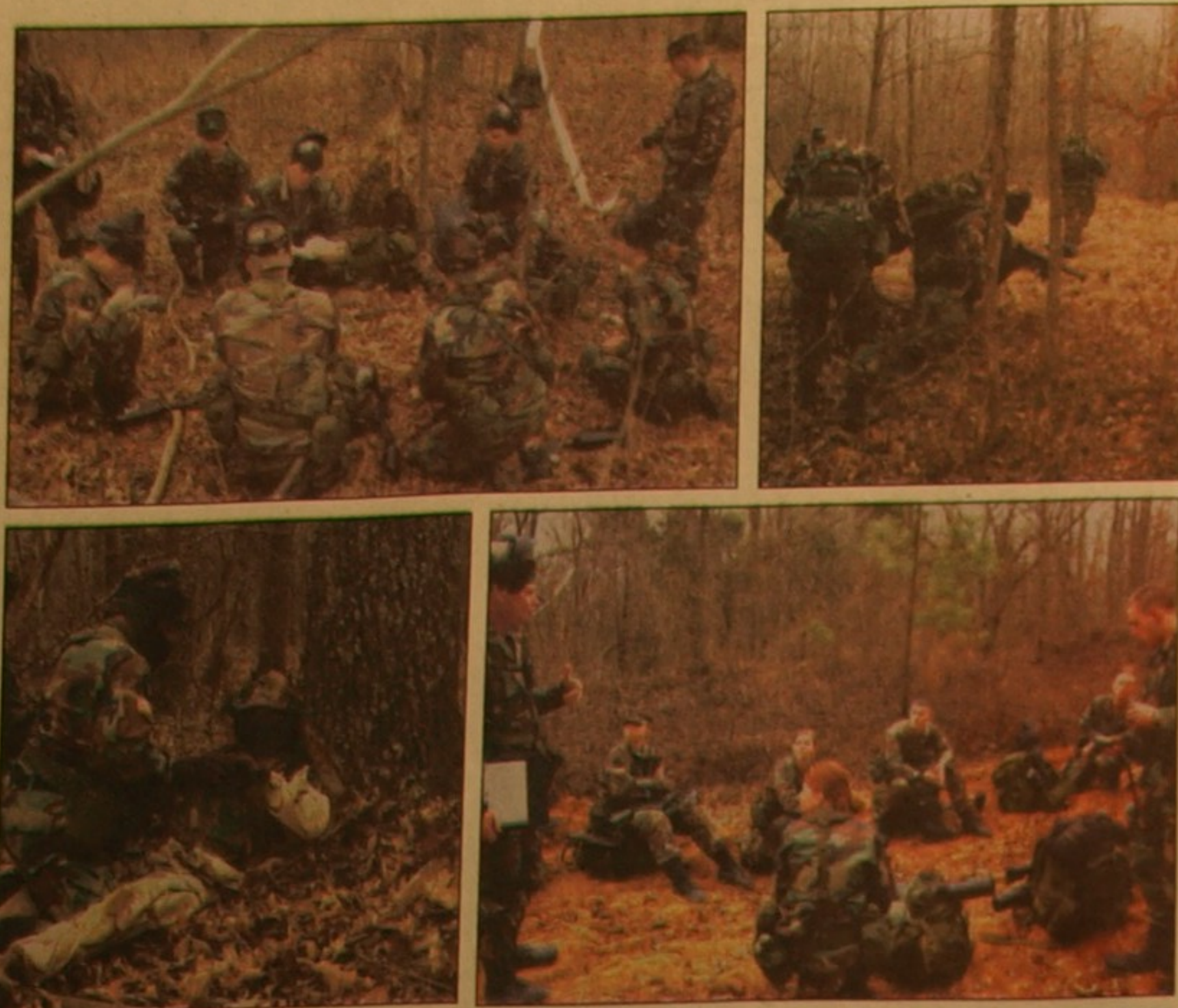
McDonald says that there will open forums on this issues such as opinions from himself, Houston Davis the assistant vice president of APSU, the Student Government Association, Sheryl Hoppe president of university and Richard Jackson senior advisor to the president (all of which will meet in the strategic planning committee some time in the next month or so to discuss these issues). "We will have to get it threw by this September in order to get the new policy in place for next year," McDonald said.

McDonald also says that the Tennessee Board of Regents will have to approve the new policy in order for it to be official.

Students have mixed feelings on the possible proposal for change. April McDonald, a freshman English education major, said, "Students may be intimidated by the new policy."

"They are going to be running out a lot of students because they are not going to fight to get in to school. I actually think that the current policy should stay in place," said McDonald. Jason Hart, a sophomore agricultural science major, thinks that the new standards would be a good idea. "It frustrates me and slows down the whole class when someone basically does not know how to read and write at the college level."

ROTC trains at Fort Campbell



Top left: Cadet Michael Knox (top center), issues the operation order giving the specific mission objectives to his squad. Top right: Using a technique called "scroll to the road," cadets cross an open trail. Bottom left: Cadet Christine Sheehan, searches an enemy soldier (Cadet Cmdr. Joshua Sisson) for documents. Bottom right: (l-r) Instructor Master Sgt. Kenneth Kio and cadets Christine Sheehan, Jenny Warram, Amanda Schoenwald, Justin Roman, Michael Knox and Thomas Rollins conduct an after action review.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Tennessee failing to report school truancy to feds

Associated Press
KNOXVILLE—The Tennessee Department of Education is failing to meet No Child Left Behind Act requirements in reporting school truancies to the federal government.

But the state says it would be pointless to collect the information until it establishes a common definition of truancy, and even then it lacks the technology to compile it at the state level.

"We do not track truancy at the department level," Education Department spokeswoman Kim Karesh said. "This is not something that we currently have, but it's something that we hope to implement with some new technology."

President Bush signed the act into law in January 2002. Reporting truancy is required, and failure to do so could eventually cost the state federal funding.

"Because they use the word 'shall' (in the legislation), you shall do it," said William Modzeleski, associate assistant deputy secretary of the federal

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

The act does not spell out how soon states must comply, but "they should be doing it now," Modzeleski said. Karesh said the department is trying to come up with a common definition of truancy whether it means one unexcused absence, several unexcused absences or something else.

The act does not define "truancy rates," Modzeleski acknowledges, and that is causing some states to have to start from the beginning.

Tennessee law requires individual schools to report to their district offices the names of students who have five unexcused absences. Knox County Assistant Superintendent Sharon Roberts, who oversees attendance for the 52,000-student district, said the state department has not asked her to provide schools' truancy rates.

"Basically, if that's something we're supposed to be doing and the state asks us for that information, then we'd do it," Roberts said.

TennCare payments up despite failures

Associated Press
NASHVILLE—TennCare is considering contract changes that could triple the pay for its drug management company, even though its performance has been questioned, a newspaper reports.

The state says, however, that a new contract for First Health Services Corp. would carry stiffer penalties for failure to perform.

The *Tennessean* of Nashville says information obtained through the state's open records law shows that TennCare may increase payments to First Health by \$30 million over two years.

Payments to the company, which began work a TennCare contract on Jan. 1, 2004, could grow from just over \$15 million to \$45 million, *The Tennessean* reported Sunday. Records show that numerous payments to First Health have been held back because of failure to meet terms of that contract.

First Health works with pharmacists to process drug claims and tracks prescriptions issued through TennCare's \$2.5

billion pharmacy program. Before getting its contract, First Health suggested it would cut TennCare drug spending by 17 percent, *The Tennessean* said.

TennCare drug costs are expected to increase by 18 percent this year to \$395 million. "I don't know anyone who would praise (First Health's) performance," said state Sen. Doug Jackson, D-Dickson, a member of the TennCare Oversight Committee. "The general consensus is that the pharmacy benefits manager is not doing the job."

Dave Goetz, state finance commissioner, said the company could face stronger financial penalties for failing to meet requirements of an amended contract.

As I talked to other states, I became satisfied that First Health is completely capable of running a satisfactory (program)," Goetz said. "And we're making sure that now that we've addressed those issues, there's no excuse not to perform."

Good Morning APSU Campus Community

"Life as a Twenty-Percenter"

Business ethics will be discussed by Kathleen Calligan, CEO of the Better Business Bureau. The event will be Thursday, March 24 in room 305 in the University Center. For more information or to RSVP contact Jennifer James at jamesj@apsu.edu or call 7431.

Need a resume to apply for a job?

Not sure how to create your resume? The Career & Advisement Center is offering workshops to help you prepare your resume. They will be Wednesday March 23 at 10 a.m. in UC 306 and Tuesday March 29 at 1 p.m. in UC 312. Please contact the Career & Advisement Center for more information or contact Allen Barger at 7896 or email argera@apsu.edu.

"Women Change America"

A reception honoring Professor Betty Joe Wallace, Department of History, and her contributions to the Women's Studies Program will mark Women's History Month. The Women's Studies Student Activist Award will also be announced. Wed., March 23, 3 p.m., Emerald Hill. For more information, contact Jill Eichhorn at 221-6314 or by email eichhornj@apsu.edu.

Soccer camps for boys and girls for all ages

Information is now available. To register now call camp director, coach Poole Guth. Discount for APSU students and staff. For more information contact, Kelley Poole Guth at 221 7972 or by email at poolek@apsu.edu.

Rivers and Spires Festival

Student organizations are invited to attend the third annual Rivers and Spires Festival April 9-16. Come out and show your spirit by participating in the Parade of Flags, Booth and Float Contest, April 14-16. This is a great opportunity to fundraise and show your spirit. The deadline to sign up is March 31. For more information, contact Amanda Talley at 551-9834 or by email at amandatalley@apsu.edu.

Housing yard sale

Housing is hosting its second annual yard sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at Hand Village Plaza. RAs on duty will facilitate the storage until the given date. Proceeds will go to the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. For more information, contact Joe Davidson at 5839 or by email at rawlinshall@apsu.edu.

"We women worry a lot about our husbands..."

Tuesday, March 29, 3 p.m., UC 307 Faculty Research Forum, by Dr. Joyce Avotri. Jointly sponsored with the Women's Studies Program. For more information contact, Tammy Delvendahl at 7676 or by e-mail at delvendahl@apsu.edu.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IS INTERVIEWING FOR A NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE



Students! Are you looking to become involved on campus? Are you self-motivated? Are you a leader? If so, the Student Government Association is looking for you. Positions are now available on the SGA Student Tribunal and we need leaders like you. Apply today!

Students must have a 2.5 GPA, be enrolled full time, a sophomore standing, no disciplinary records, and must complete a formal interview. Applications are due by April 6, 2005 into the Student Affairs Office at 4:30. For more information contact Chief Justice, Tamira Cole at sgacj@apsu.edu or ext. 7262.

BUSINESS MANAGER SCHOLARSHIP POSITION now available at The All State

Applications may be picked up in the Student Publications office (UC 115).

Deadline for applications is April 7.

Familiarity with Peachtree Software, Microsoft Office, and accounting are required.

Also seeking advertising representatives, writers, and photographers for Fall 2005.

Call 221-7376 for more information.



Opinions editor clears the air before hiatus

Editors are not supposed to write articles, or at least I've been told. However, given my love for the discipline, I just can't help myself, sorry.

That's why I took this position, though at the time I wasn't made aware that editors traditionally only write the collective editorial: Our Take. Along the way, we have had help from other staff members in this task, including the great and powerful opinion enforcer, Charles Bridgers.

Technical mistakes have been made in the editing process to his and other articles, and have reached such a critical mass that the mistakes demand redress. Other writers of this paper are concerned that these mistakes may reflect poorly on them.

So let me take this opportunity to reassure you. In case you weren't aware: editors make mistakes too. As an editor, I have had to grow from my position making many mistakes along the way—it is how you learn. I was intimidated by the computer program that we use here my first semester.

Yet, it has grown with ease and made my job easier as I've adjusted to its usage. When I assign stories to writers, I intend to promote pieces that I think students want to hear as well as subjects that interest them. This is not an easy task, and I have not succeeded so well in

Writers write better when they have subject matter that is of interest to them, so I have to decide that with comments on what students want to hear. In my third semester as Features Editor, I still haven't quite figured out how to tap into the students' collective psyche. Letters to this page are very helpful. Please utilize this outlet; it's there for you.

For mistakes, there have been quite a few this semester as far as layout and content is concerned. Late Monday night, or early Tuesday morning, is a tough time to be

correcting grammatical and stylistic errors. I do what I can.

The most recent issues concern articles by Jose Toro and Kurt Niesner. The headlines were swapped to the wrong articles when adjusting the layout on the page.

Computer literacy and layout is not one of my favorite areas of focus. I focus more on the actual content.

Martin Fox, our editor in chief, received a copy from me that contained versions of a corrected copy and the previous copy of my pages which contained pre-final versions, and the wrong one was sent to him. He finalizes the layout, but we failed to notice that a couple of articles contained the wrong headlines. Oops. Needless to say, the focus will shift.

Here are some editing goofs that my writers have had to bear with me as their editor:

Daniel Plunkett had his article on "God and the Tsunami," and unfortunately we couldn't fit all of what he had to say on the page. I plan on assigning word counts each week to fit the necessary space allotted, and sometimes I am not so quick to tell writers that they have only so much space to fill. Regardless of the seeming futility of the task, it is an essential one.

I know what you're thinking: "Can't you just edit what they send you?" Yes, but it makes it much more taxing on the writer's article to have to cut significant amounts of their argument for space's sake.

Phil Grey has also had to deal with my goofs as I have tapped in a headline that did not quite fit the meaning of the article. Headlines are tough because there are certain requirements for those as well; they have to contain an action verb and yadda yadda yadda, be catchy at the same time, all that good stuff.

Needless to say, I will be focusing on my errors more as I trudge along hopefully learning from my mistakes. There seems to be a lot of things that need correcting in my life and a lot of things that I need to edit out. Good thing I have my trusty sidekick Charles Bridgers to come behind me and do damage control.

As such, I leave the Opinions page in his trustworthy hands while I am on hiatus as Opinions editor. Be well and keep those letters coming, Austin Peay. ♦

OPINION EDITOR
Dave Campbell

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OPINION

Daniel

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Of course,

environmentalists,

who have been fighting the

drilling in ANWR for years. Now, don't

get me wrong; I'm all for protecting the

environment, but when push comes to shove, I

realize that people are more important than animals.

I believe that doing severe damage to the

environment can ultimately be damaging to

drilling in ANWR is not some sort of

environmental disaster. At worst, it may

disturb the mating habits of a few caribou. Oh

well, not that!

In case you didn't know, ANWR covers

approximately 20 million acres of land. That's

approximately the size of South Carolina. Is it

necessary to set aside that much land

for one, including most of these

environmentalists, have ever been

just so that we can say that we have 20

million acres of undeveloped frozen tundra?

I mean, this isn't like drilling in the middle

Assistent steps forward

By CHARLES BRIDGERS IV

Assistant Opinion Editor

A couple of weeks ago, our editor in chief

that the incomparable David "Soup"

was taking a break from his job as

editor. I was temporarily promoted

assistant Opinion editor to full-time.

That basically meant was that I would

stay at the office longer on Monday

I could talk about how hard that day was,

I would rather reflect on a modern-day

When I was a mere Features writer,

editor introduced me to a quiet kid named

who would be writing music reviews for

section. I didn't really think much of him;

he looked like a weakling who would fall over

away out of The All State and he was just

being started.

During my "break" from the paper, I

watched the shy Dave Campbell grow from a

Features writer to an Opinion writer, and

eventually become editor of the whole section.

I was blown away (and was a touch envious at

the time). I talked to Dave over the past few

semesters and figured out what an incredible

guy he was.

When I came back to the paper, I refused to

write for anybody but Dave. I have written for

quite a few editors, but none as influential in

my life as him. He fiercely seeks the truth, but

is compassionate towards others at the same

time. No one I know has worked so well with

their writers; Dave makes all of them feel like

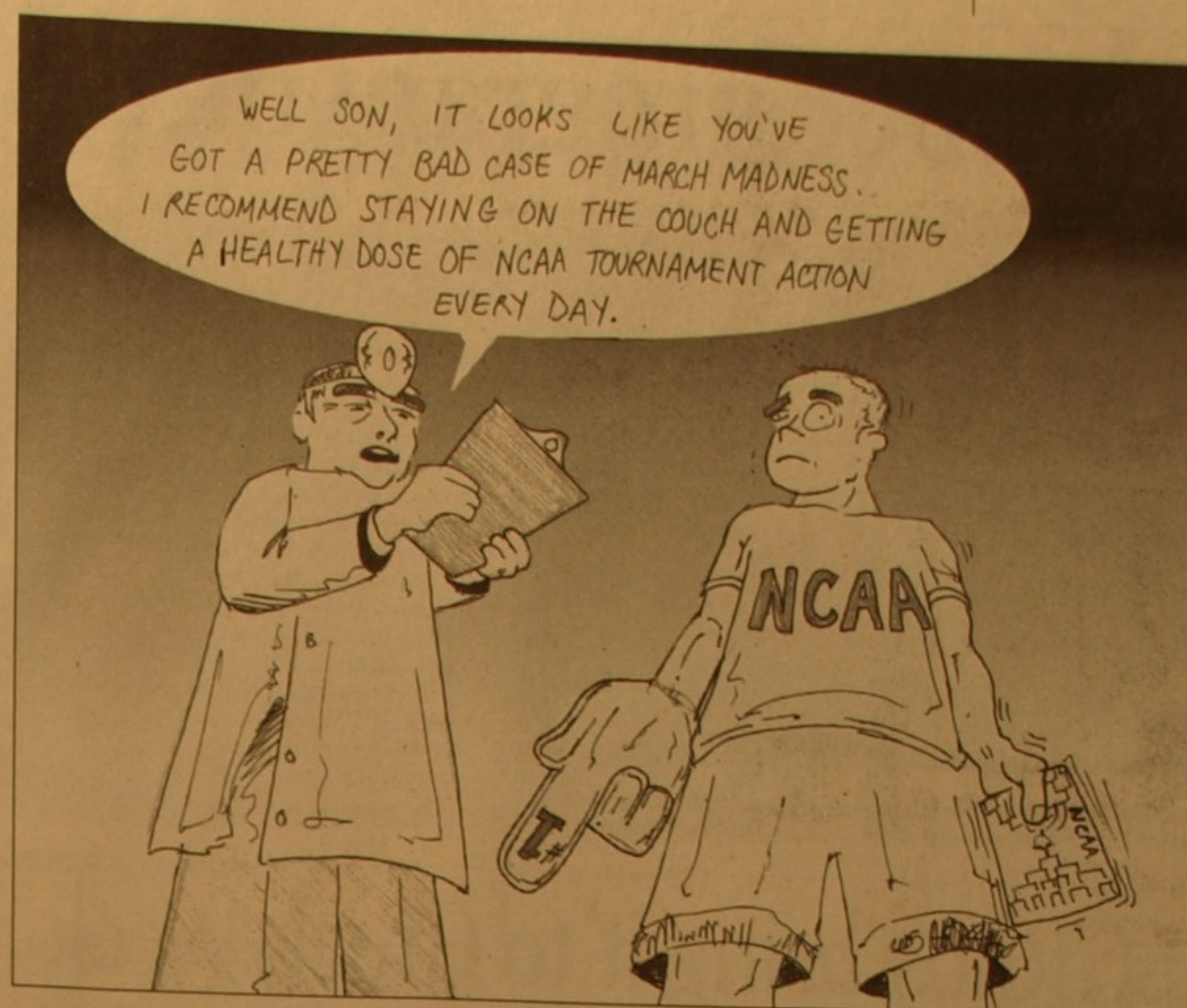
they are part of a family known as the Opinion

section.

I can't pretend to say the paper is in better

hands while he is gone. Let's just say Dave

doesn't have to worry about job security. ♦



By MARTIN FOX

Clinging to limited energy sources will prove ruinous

I'm sure most of you have felt the sharp sting of gas prices lately. It's rather unsettling how one day I can pay \$1.69 per gallon, and a little over a week later, I almost run off the road when I see California-reminiscent prices of about \$2 per gallon.



OPINION
Kurt Niesner

Soon enough, I'll be hit with even more nostalgia when the entire nation adopts the old Gulf War era, California-borne, rationing system of correlating odd license plate numbers with odd days for the opportunity to buy gas. Even more terrifying is the projection of the mere availability of fossil fuels.

According to many oil experts and geophysicists, we've reached the midpoint of oil production. Unsure as to what exactly the "midpoint of oil production" is? It means that we've used half of all the world's oil supply including discovered and undiscovered

sources.

Apparently, we're on a short road to complete oil depletion. That stated, one would expect our president to have a decent and effective energy plan, right? Well, you make the judgment as to the decency of the president's energy plan.

According to Yahoo Daily News, Bush's energy plan includes five main goals: offer billions in tax incentives and credits for energy conservation and renewable energy sources, open a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife

Refuge in Alaska to oil and gas exploration, review existing gasoline and anti-pollution standards, provide tax incentives to promote the sale of nuclear power plants as well as re-examine nuclear fuel processing technology and make it easier to re-license hydroelectric dams.

Let's see here, that means more tax cuts (which is presented in three of the five goals), more wildlife decimation, time-wasting efforts to re-examine already stringent pollution laws and more accrual of an existing superfluous cache of nuclear waste (which takes thousands of years to decay and is very poorly stored).

Wow, I don't know about you, but that sounds like a wonderful plan. Psych!

Perhaps a more rational approach may include allocation of federal funds for the research and introduction of novel energy sources. According to many projections of the world's oil supply, we will be nearing total depletion around 2050.

If we don't find some new energy source soon we're all screwed. Common sense will tell you—along with any sociologist or economist—that when a society based on energy loses its energy source, chaos will ensue.

That's right all of you anarchists: utter bliss. Do anarchy, famine, death and homicide frighten you? The aforementioned dangers will face us in the near future if we continue to rely on an exceedingly limited energy source.

We may be able to prevent such horrors by protesting the exacerbation of Bush's energy plan and lobbying for an increase in innovative energy research.

Remember, sporting a bumper sticker or writing an opinion article doesn't change anything; only action can change something. Best wishes. ♦

Anti-semitism and anti-zionism are non-partisan

President Bush's nomination of Paul Wolfowitz to head the World Bank has served to highlight more than Bush's talent for antagonizing his opponents or his opponent's penchant for reacting on cue like Pavlov's dogs; it has brought forth from the fringes of the left the latest display of barely disguised anti-Semitism.

Particularly among some of the blogs that have mushroomed over the past year or so in a sort of weird arms-race of hate between left and right - a hate which is as fervent on one side as it is on the other, and which is denied as fervently by one side as the other.

For those people for whom the term "Liberal" does not have an automatic negative connotation, who understand the very great part that traditional liberalism has played in the formation of the best of American traditions and institutions, there is a truly frightening aspect to this.

Whereas you have to go very far to the right side of the Internet spectrum - to the cuckoo-land of KKK and neo-Nazi websites - in order to find downright anti-Semitism, it is much easier to find on the left as it inches closer and closer to the center under the guise of "anti-Zionism."

Websites and blogs like Democratic Underground and Daily Kos - which are becoming more mainstream in terms of readership and their connection to the fringes of the Democratic Party (due to the demographics of that readership) - have in the past year become vehicles for an ever-increasing volume of anti-Jewish material, albeit primarily among their readers since, in fairness, most of the hard-core anti-Semitism can be found in their discussion forums and comments sections.

Nonetheless, it is incumbent upon the moderators or

owners of these sites to either delete or to discourage the worst of this stuff.

That they do not do so leads one to the inescapable conclusion that "silence is consent."

When Paul Wolfowitz is described as "that filthy Wolfowitz," be assured that Jewish people are as attuned to the meaning inherent in the use of the word "filthy" as are African-Americans to the terms "uppity" and "shiftless," since certain words seem to crop up inordinately in racist or bigoted discussions of certain groups.

The same goes for the "anti-Zionist" dodge. Judaism and Jewish nationhood are inextricably intertwined and always have been - always - just as anti-Semitism has always been made up in varying degrees of the twin hatreds for each of these elements of Jewish existence.

Thus anti-Zionism, for the most part, never strays very far away from standard anti-Semitism.

This is not to say that there is no room for legitimate criticism of the policies of the nation of Israel; no country or government is sacrosanct or immune from that.

However, a definite line is crossed when, beyond all reason and sense, extended discussion is allowed regarding the kinds of conspiracy theories that have forever been an integral part of the lexicon of anti-Semites, from the blood libels of the Middle Ages to the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" to the possibility that Israel was really behind the attacks of 9/11 - a staple among far-left blogs during the lead-up to last year's election.

The leadership of the Democratic Party needs to take a hard look at the long-term effects of cozying up to the kind of people who spew this brand of verbal sewage.

Whatever they might contribute monetarily, in the long run their hate is as an acid that will eat away the last of the liberal core values that constitute the party's best hope of recapturing the center - without which it is simply a party of disparate groups of angry people.

That is the path to marginalization, and a little further on from there lies the dead-end of irrelevancy. ♦



OPINION
Phil Grey

WE WANT YOUR OPINION

Send your letters to the editor in a Word document to theallstate@apsu.edu by noon on Friday. Please include your name, classification and major or job title.

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Softball opens OVC play at JSU



The Lady Gobs split with Jacksonville State during play last Saturday. They dropped Sunday's contest, 8-2.

JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Lady Gobs fall to 1-2 in conference, will look to improve against EKV this weekend

Amy Hale slides into third base during APSU's 3-1 victory over Lipscomb last week.

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University softball team played a three-game series last weekend. The Lady Gobs won the first game 4-1, but dropped the next two to the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (16-10, 2-1 OVC) 4-0 and 8-2.

The Lady Gobs (8-18, 1-2 OVC) opened the first game of the double-header by scoring one run in the third inning as catcher Fallon Felts drew a lead-off walk and scored, as third baseman Amy Hale reached on a fielder's choice. The Lady Gobs added to their lead in the fifth as they strung together four hits, including a two-run home run by shortstop Jennifer Simpkins, to score two more runs and up the lead to three.

In the seventh, the Lady Gobs finished off their 4-1 win with a Natasha Anderson solo home run.

On the mound for the Lady Gobs was Anderson, a sophomore, who pitched seven innings giving up one run on two hits and eight strikeouts.

However, the Lady Gobs dropped the second game of the double-header as Jacksonville State scored two runs in the first and sixth innings to go on to a 4-0 win.

Junior pitcher Lindsey Porter was on the mound for APSU as she pitched six innings and

gave up four runs on 13 hits and two strikeouts.

On Sunday, the Lady Gobs fell again to the Gamecocks, 8-2. The Gamecocks jumped to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning as JSU catcher Melinda McDonald drew the leadoff walk followed by third baseman Becky Carpenetti's single to put two on with no outs. Two batters later, left fielder Maigin Alexander homered to clear the bases.

The Gamecocks added to their lead, scoring two runs in the third and sixth innings, off seven hits, and a home run by right fielder Daniela Pappano made the final score of 8-2.

Natasha Anderson (6-3) and Ashley Porter (1-6) pitched for the Lady Gobs as they combined to allow eight runs on 11 hits and four strikeouts. Anderson was named the OVC Pitcher of the Week after she fanned 44 batters in 28 innings.

"Natasha does a good job," APSU softball coach Jim Perrin said. "She has her days when she is not quite as sharp as others. I think that is what happened Sunday. I thought she really pitched well on Saturday, but she wasn't herself on Sunday. As a matter of fact, the team sort of responded differently on Sunday altogether. It was not the same team that showed up Saturday."

Anderson was also a great asset at the plate this weekend as she went 5-11 with two RBIs and a home run. Simpkins also led the Lady Gobs, as she was 4-11 on the weekend.

The Lady Gobs will go back into action this Friday and Saturday as they play Eastern Kentucky in a three-game home series.

"We need to go into this week with a lot of focus," Simpkins said. "We need to be confident and know that we can play with them and just concentrate on what we need to do individually to help the team win."

JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Go, Greeks, go!

Social fraternities and sororities make sports events fun

By ASHLEY SCHILLING
Staff Writer



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At the first home baseball game of the season, I couldn't help but notice a group of guys sitting on the left field hill on a couch. A couch at a baseball game is not something you see everyday, so it caught my attention. So the curious, investigative side of me had to ask, "Who is that?" But not two seconds after the words had flown out of my mouth, I saw a giant flag that had the Greek letters on it. The letters meant Pi Kappa Alpha.

I wondered what it would be like if all the fraternities and sororities came out and watched a baseball game while making their presence known. If one heckler can make a mom mad and the crowd laugh, think of how it would be if a whole group of students came out and had a good time. It would be an event that no one on this campus would want to miss.

As long as they would come, it would not matter whether they parked on the hills outside the fences or brought chairs and blankets to sit on behind the opposing teams' dugout. If there is any heckling of the other team, then so be it, but the main point is that it would be fun and entertaining. I like baseball, so many people think that I just want to see more fans come to the games. However, the only thing I really want to see is all the Greeks hanging out to support their teams. I don't care what sport it is.

Back in the fall, I went to soccer game where a big group of guys who were in Sigma Phi Epsilon brought several couches and set them on the sidelines. During the game, all you could hear was these guys yelling at the officials and saying some of the funniest things to the other team. It was so funny that many of the people came to another game just to see these guys. If Greek organizations can be this funny during more games, do you know how many more people would attend just to see them and hear the things that they say?

It's funny to think about. I hope that more Greeks will come to sporting events and let their teams know that they are behind them. So, the next time you see someone who is in a fraternity or sorority, ask them if they are going to the next APSU baseball or softball game.

Gobs to end 21-day road trip

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University baseball team canceled its games last Sunday and Monday against Indiana State and Martin Methodist due to scheduling problems.

The Gobs (10-7) were currently part of a six-game, 11-day road trip that was broken up by the Indiana State and Martin Methodist games. With the new cancellations, the Gobs now extend their road trip to 10 games and 21 days that began immediately after their doubleheader on March 8 with Indiana State and won't end until March 29 when the Gobs take on David Lipscomb.

"We cancelled Georgetown earlier this season and Martin Methodist on Monday because we overscheduled a couple of games," said Bat Gobs Coach Gary McClure.

"We always over-schedule just in case of rainouts, but we haven't had any this year," he said. We want to make sure that we don't get to the end

"We have the pitching and hitting and all the tools necessary to go to Morehead and be successful."

— Chris Poynter, APSU first baseman

and have to cancel somebody."

The Gobs are currently 5-7 on the road this season and 3-3 on this particular road trip. The last games of the Gobs' road trip occur Friday and Saturday, where they will face Morehead State in a three-game series to kick-off OVC play for the 2005 season.

The Morehead State Eagles are coming off a 14-40 season (7-20 OVC), in which they finished their 2004 campaign tied for ninth place in the OVC. The Eagles returned eight starters and five pitchers, including senior outfielder Travis Rima, who led

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the team last year with 70 hits while batting .330, and junior second baseman Lance Seator, who led the team with 10 home runs and 41 RBIs while hitting .316. The Eagles were picked to finish 10th in the OVC this year and are currently 7-13.

The Gobs, however, were picked in the preseason to win the OVC and are physically equipped to take on almost any opponent.

"I definitely think we are prepared to go to Morehead State and come out victorious," senior first baseman Chris Poynter said. "We have the pitching and hitting and all the tools necessary to go to Morehead and be successful. It's all about playing as a team and playing together as one."

"I don't think we have all the kinks worked out yet," senior Jared Walker said, "but I think as a team coming together, we have gotten a lot better since the first game of the season. We still have more to work out though."

Tennis to face Morehead State

By BRIANNA VENABLE
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University tennis teams are looking for big wins Wednesday as they face Morehead State on their home courts. The Gobs and Lady Gobs are coming off tough losses against Eastern Kentucky last weekend as they fell 5-2 and 6-1, respectively. A win against Morehead would give the Gobs a record of 2-3 in conference play and would practically clinch a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, while a win for the Lady Gobs would give them their first conference win of the season.

Both the MSU men's and women's teams will be tough to beat, as they boast records of 9-1 and 8-1, respectively. The Eagles have won seven matches in a row, with their only loss early in the season to Chattanooga, while the Lady Eagles' only loss was to Louisville.

"We really need to come out strong and get a few doubles points against them," men's senior captain Wesley

Pancho said. "We also have to make sure we keep each other pumped-up and stay intense throughout the match."

Winning that first doubles point would give the Gobs the much-needed momentum heading into singles play. This might be hard for the Gobs, as they have been moving the doubles teams around trying to find the right combination. They hope to have everyone paired up by the conference tournament.

"We just need to stay focused, work hard on every point and make sure we have fun," junior Ankur Singla said.

Playing outdoors might give the Gobs an advantage, especially playing on their home courts. "Morehead is a good team, but playing outdoors can even things up," Pancho said.

"We need to use the weather to our advantage and get some points against them. You never know when they're going to have a bad day."

The Gobs and Lady Gobs begin play at 2 p.m.

Bracketology: putting the 'madness' into March

Man (dy) on the Street

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Just me, or has everyone else seen the abundance of NCAA brackets floating? They always do this time of year. But what's the draw? I've never seen a March Madness Bracket, and like many of you out there, have no idea why anyone would want to rack their brain as they attempt to read the College Basketball Galaxy.

How hard to predict the winner? Usually, one team is clearly better than the other, right? Is bracketing an art, or is it more accurately described as a cult? I went out into the lives of several readers and got several different answers on this perplexity. Now, perhaps the rest of us will find out what, the big deal is.

Class: Junior
Major: Chemistry

No. 1 Pick: North Carolina

"I enjoy getting into the mix of the NCAA and seeing the different outcomes."



Alison Sanders

Class: Sophomore
Major: Communications

No. 1 Pick: Wake Forest

"It's disappointing when your team gets out. But I play for the bragging rights that come with winning!"



Cheryl Reece

Class: Freshman
Major: Political Science

No. 1 Pick: Michigan State

"I like to fill out a bracket for fun to see how I compare against other people."



Mike Dunn

Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre

No. 1. Pick: Duke

"I don't do it for money. I love watching the immense talent of these students. It's not affected by the money that NBA players see."



Jason Walker

Class: Junior
Major: Communications

No. 1 Pick: Wake Forest

"It's fun because you really get into the tournament more and are more aware of what's going on."



Houston Davis

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

No. 1 Pick: Oklahoma State

"It's fun to see if you can pick the upsets and gain bragging rights."



Clint Johnson

Class: Senior
Major: Health Specialization

No. 1 Pick: Illinois

"This has been my worst bracket ever. I was going in with some of my friends, but one of my final four teams is already out."

Announcing: APSU graduate Josh Perigo

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Assistant Sports Editor

The experience that an internship can give a student is a truly rewarding one. It is like the best of both worlds. Besides performing hands-on learning, students can get ahead of the competition in the field while still in school.

Just ask any student that has had an opportunity to take part in an internship. Josh Perigo, for example, during his three-year span working with the communication department, has gained priceless training and understanding in the field of broadcasting.

"The experience is invaluable and I am truly grateful for the opportunity I've been given," the graduate student said.

Perigo graduated from Austin Peay State University in 2002 with a bachelor's in communications. For the last three years, he has been interning with the APSU communications department providing radio play-by-play for mostly men and women's basketball. He's branched into other areas as well, doing some broadcasting for the baseball and football teams. In addition, he's been working with radio



Josh Perigo, an APSU graduate student, has been broadcasting with the communications department for the last three years.

station WTX, working with high schools around the community. Some of Perigo's responsibilities include traveling with the women's basketball team to all of their games and

helping train some of the newer students in the field. He also has forged a strong liaison between the communication and athletic departments. Although it may seem like

Perigo has been doing this his whole life, he in fact has not. When Perigo first started school at APSU, he wanted to pursue elementary education in hopes of being a high school basketball coach.

After realizing how difficult getting a career started would be, he began to chase after a childhood dream of broadcasting sports. He explained his problem to a communications professor, who was able to point him in the right direction. He has continued to have a love and passion for it ever since.

"My most memorable experience is when our men's basketball team played Kentucky last season on New Year's Eve," Perigo said. "It was just very special to me because I grew up in Kentucky. In order to truly understand, you have to grow up in Kentucky."

This year Perigo is a graduate assistant in the communications department, as he is trying to wrap up his last year of graduate school. Upon graduation, he has plans to pursue a career in the field. "I hope to get a job with another university working in the communication department or with a radio network broadcasting sports after graduating," he said. ♦

The All State weekly Sports Trivia Questions

"What baseball team won the first-ever World Series, which took place in 1903?"

The first five people to e-mail allstatesports@apsu.edu with the correct answer will each win one free game of bowling at Skyline Lanes!

Congratulations to those who answered last week's question correctly!

Last week's answer:
Baseball legend Joe Dimaggio married Marilyn Monroe.

Johnson and Genslak lead Lady Gobs to top finishes in VU's Commodore Spring Classic

By ASHLEY SCHILLING
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University track and field team competed at Vanderbilt University this past Saturday in the Commodore Spring Classic.

The Lady Gobs finished three times in first, while new additions to the men's team, Matt Rowe and Josh Yeckering, finished in the top 20 for their first meet.

"I'm pretty excited about our efforts today," head coach Doug Molnar said. "Despite the tough, windy and cold conditions, we had an outstanding meet with three victories, two silvers and four bronze efforts."

Finishing in the top spots were junior Sherlonda Johnson in the triple jump and long jump and freshman Ashley Genslak in the high jump. Johnson finished with a leap of 38-05.00 in the triple and 19-06.25 in the

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long jump. Genslak, also an APSU volleyball player, finished with a distance of 5-02.25 in the high jump.

"Johnson was leading the entire way until the second to last jump when Lauren Maul from Illinois State passed her," Molnar said. "But on her last jump, she once again showed that she is a just an unbelievable competitor. That is the fourth or fifth time this year she's gone into her last jump behind, and still pulls out the win."

Junior Kaylee Yago made a second-place finish in the 2000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8:23.63. Throughout the meet there were several third-place finishes, including those by freshman Danja Yates in the 100-meter hurdles and sophomore Tia Hendricks in the 400-meter hurdles and the javelin throw.

Men have not competed in APSU track and field so far this year in either the outdoor or indoor seasons. Rowe and Yeckering are both freshmen this year and competed in cross country. In competition last Saturday, Yeckering set a personal best time in the 5000-meter run with a time of 16:07.24 and finished 10th. Rowe followed with a time of 17:16.41 and a 16th-place finish.

"Overall, I thought we did an excellent job getting out there and competing hard under some tough conditions and against some good teams," Molnar said.

"Next week, we'll have to step it up a notch when we head to North Carolina State for the Raleigh Relays," he said. "It's one of the biggest meets in the country with over 2,000 athletes from all over the country. The ACC, SEC, and the Big East will all have teams entered." ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

Tennis is an easy sport to play. That phrase is a huge misconception, according to junior Isabel Rzeznicek.

"People think this sport is easy, but it's really not," Rzeznicek said. "It's a whole lot harder than some might think." The Canadian said she loves tennis and is glad she got the opportunity to continue playing the game at Austin Peay State University.

"I met a recruit who was from Canada, and she told me all about Austin Peay, and the rest is history," she said. "I wanted a good American education, plus I got a chance to play the game that I love."

While Rzeznicek loves APSU, she said it's a completely different culture compared to Canada.

"The accents, fried food and weather make for a true southern experience," she said.

Rzeznicek worked hard in the off-season to improve. Even after a rough start at 2-7 this season, Isabel said the hard work is going to pay off. "I really worked on my double tactics, and my forehand," she said. "I just want to continue getting better as the season progresses. I'd like to continue being a star student and win Most Valuable Player on the tennis court."

Rzeznicek said she loves Canada and misses her family, but is taking advantage of living in the United States by making connections with her business professors.

She also said that once people figure out how hard tennis really is to learn, they can sign up for lessons from her because she is a certified tennis instructor. ♦



Isabel Rzeznicek, a junior from Canada, plays No. 3 singles and No. 2 in doubles for the women's tennis team.

Question and Answer

Name: Isabel Rzeznicek
Class: Junior
Hometown: Oshawa, Ontario
Sport: Lady Gobs Tennis
Major: Business
After College: Own a Corporation
Favorite Place to Eat: Johnny's
Role Model: Sister
Favorite part about being an APSU student-athlete: Having a new experience in a different country, and warm weather
Interesting Facts: Rzeznicek is Polish, loves going to Nashville and cookies and cream ice cream.

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It is almost time for SGA's **Peaylympics** community service project on **April 1st 2005**. This event is targeted toward the **Austin Peay Community children**. SGA would like for your organization to come sign-up to host a game for the children. There will be lots of **fun, food, and prizes** for them. Look on the announcements on the web for the next sign-up during those times please stop by the SGA office to fill out a registration form.

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