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APSU receives money for scholarships at luncheon

By JENNIFER TYSON
Staff writer

A charitable luncheon was held Nov. 16 and Austin Peay State University was given a large donation in the amount of \$2.1 million from the trust and estate of two former Clarksville residents, Howell C. Smith, Sr. and Howell C. Smith, Jr.

Smith Sr. and Smith Jr. were both former Clarksville residents who were known in the community for donating both their time and money.

With the death of Smith Jr. in January, eight years after his father's death, the Smith estates made monetary donations to various organizations in the community.

Among them were: Dream Factory (\$250,000), Vanderbilt School of Law (\$250,000), the American Heart Association (\$250,000), Progressive Directions (\$232,629), the Scouts of America (\$232,629), Clarksville-Montgomery County Library (\$2.3 million), the House Museum and Cultural Center (\$250,000), Gateway Health Systems (\$250,000) and the American Cancer Society (\$250,000).

This does not include organizations that were not in attendance or that chose to remain anonymous.

The luncheon was hosted by Courtney Hall, an estate administrator and others to present designated organizations with their donations from the Smith estates.

Sherry Hoppe, president of APSU and Roy Gregory, executive director of APSU's University Advancement were presented with two checks by AmSouth bank.

One check was from Smith, Sr. and the other was from Smith, Jr.

The two checks combined totaled \$2.1 million.

Hoppe said APSU is very excited about receiving the checks. "It is not everyday the university gets a gift of this magnitude," she said.

Hoppe said the money will be used to give scholarships to students attending APSU and the scholarships will be given in the memory of Smith, Sr. and Smith, Jr.

"The scholarships will be a living testimony to the generosity of two gentlemen," said Hoppe.

Gregory said APSU is very grateful. It will make a difference in the advancements of a lot of lives he said.

"It will benefit students for generations to come," said Gregory.

Howell C. Smith, Sr. (known as Smitty) was

held in respect in the Clarksville Community and was known to be outgoing and kind. He was a member and past President of the Kiwanis Club in Clarksville.

He was involved in the American and Tennessee Bankers Associations, the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and was an active member of the Madison Street United Methodist Church.

Howell C. Smith, Jr. was an alumni of both APSU and Vanderbilt University Law School. He practiced law in Clarksville and served as Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk and Criminal Court Clerk.

In addition, he served as Vice President of the Montgomery County Bar Association, and Montgomery County State Representative in the 80th and 81st General assembly of the Tennessee Legislature. Smith, Jr. was a member of the Clarksville Chapter of the Kiwanis Club, the Madison Street United Methodist Church, and the YMCA.

Smith, Sr. was quoted at the luncheon by Carolyn Pierce, Clarksville city president as saying, "Get out and meet your community get involved and give to your community. There are many ways to give. You can give monetarily or you can give of your time."



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
APSU received \$2.1 million for scholarship s at a luncheon Tuesday. The money was from the trust and estates of Howell C. Smith, Jr. and Howell C. Smith, Sr.

Student brings privacy charges

By NATALIE GILMORE
Assistant News Editor

A pending case against an Austin Peay State University student could change the way privacy policies at Tennessee universities, according to senior advisor to the president, Richard Jackson.

According to Montgomery County court documents, Danielle Diaz, a 20-year-old psychology major, was charged with observation without consent.

Her former roommate accused Diaz of setting up a digital web cam in their dorm room.

The former roommate said in court documents that APSU campus police told her Diaz was using the camera to try to see if she was stealing.

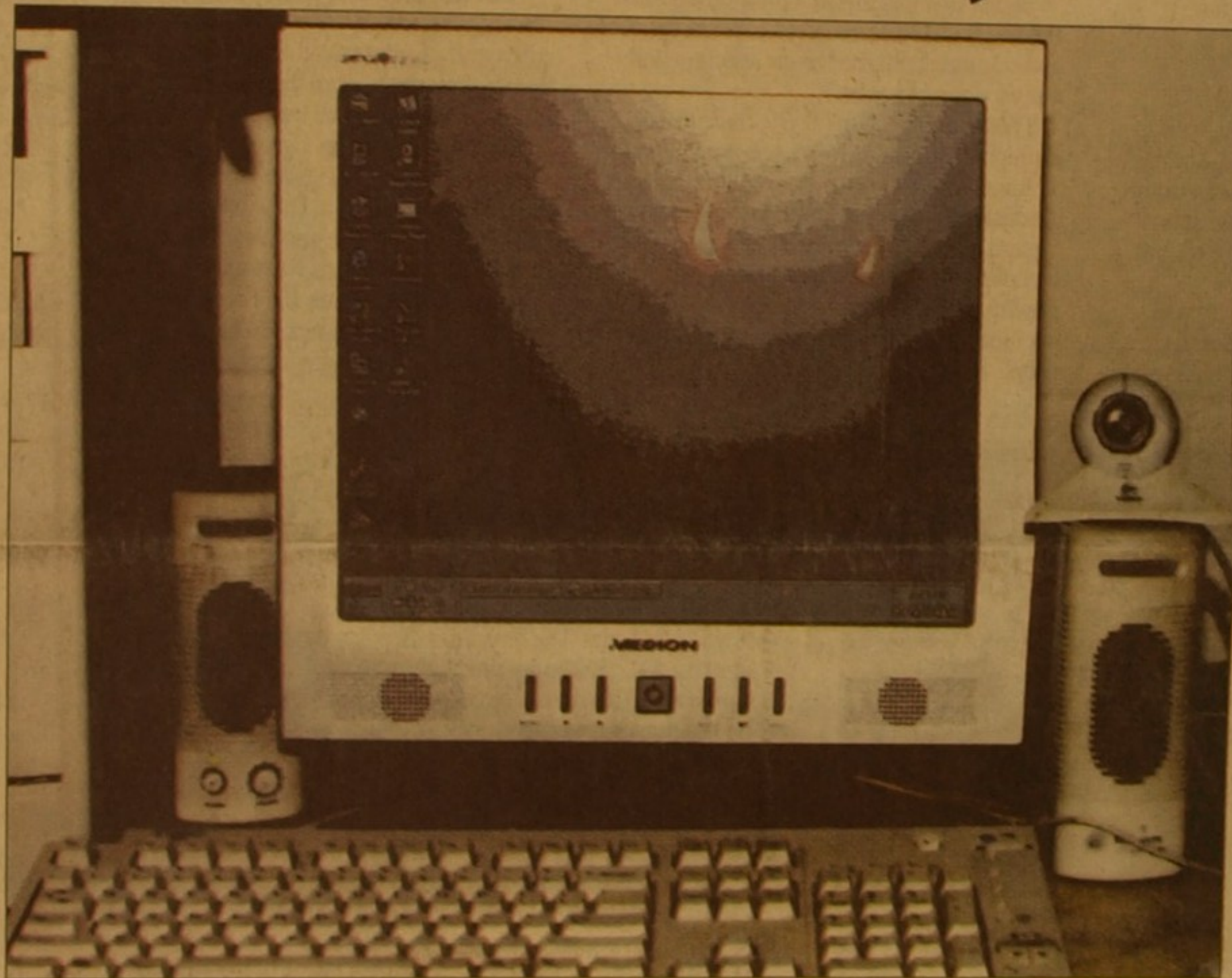
Tennessee law defines observation without consent as when a person knowingly spies upon, observes or otherwise views an individual when that individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Jackson said this case is unique because many universities haven't caught up with technology as it applies to privacy policies and codes.

"Web cameras are a fairly new innovation," said Jackson.

"They are sort of a technological leap forward. Universities haven't really considered the ramifications of the ability to set up a fairly inexpensive, innocuous surveillance device with two people sharing the same living space," Jackson said.

According to APSU's student handbook, students have a



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right to privacy including confidentiality of records that are governed by The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Jackson said the APSU handbook is not very different than what you would find in other universities.

with what uses are permissible in dormitories and what is not," said Jackson.

A motion for hearing in this case has been set for today and a trial date has been set for Dec. 22, 2004.

There is very little additional definition of what FERPA's right to privacy involves or does not involve.

The code of conduct published in the student handbook also includes violations of federal and state law.

According to Jackson, observation without consent has two prongs that have to be considered when trying the case.

The first test, Jackson said, is whether "the conduct offends or embarrasses the person being photographed." The second test, he said, "(is whether) the photographing is done for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification."

Both of those tests have to be answered in the affirmative, based on what the law says would establish a violation of that law.

"This will probably end up being the discussion at conferences that deal with student codes and policies

Woman alleges MTSU pres McGee acts 'offensively'

Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.-Middle Tennessee State University president Sidney McPhee has been described by a second woman as acting inappropriately in the office.

The new allegation against McPhee arose out of a lawsuit brought by his administrative assistant at MTSU, who accuses him of sexual harassment.

That lawsuit says he made inappropriate sexual comments during office meetings and golf games, tried to kiss and touch her and created a hostile work environment.

The Tennessee Board of Regents found in December that McPhee had sexually harassed the woman.

He was suspended without pay for 20 days and took a \$10,000 cut in pay for a year.

In a deposition for the civil lawsuit, another woman who worked for McPhee in 1995 and 1996 when he was at the University of Memphis said he acted "offensively" and made her feel "uncomfortable."

The second woman says McPhee would stand and lean too close to her and his body language made her uncomfortable.

"I would get up and leave and stay gone, hopefully long enough until I thought he was out of the office, and then I would come back," she said in testimony.

That woman never filed a complaint with the university.

In testimony, McPhee countered that the woman who worked for him the mid-1990's had trouble performing her work duties.

The depositions, taken earlier this year, were released this month to The Sidelines campus newspaper after previous requests were denied. Trial is set to begin Feb. 7.

Increased enrollment brings more books

Due to an increased budget, the library will be allotted more money in the budget for books.

By DANI ORTIZ
Staff Writer

Recently the Austin Peay State University's Library was given \$90,000 due to a budget increase.

The money was given to the school because of increased enrollment.

\$60,000 was given to the departments for faculty to select books.

\$10,000 was given to enhance the reference collection. \$10,000 was given to the librarians to select books under represented areas of collection.

\$10,000 was used to purchase OmniFile, a full text multidisciplinary database for undergraduate studies.

"Now student's will have what they need to support their studies and class assignments," said Deborah Fetch, director.

In the October budget revision, the library made eight requests totaling a quarter of a million dollars.

They feel fortunate to have received four of the requests. In addition to the \$90,000 received for books they received \$70,000 to replace all the chairs in the library, \$45,000 for 12 more computers in addition to the 18 they already have, two printers and the furniture and infrastructure needed to support the computers; \$3,600 was given to replace broken study carrels.

"I am just delighted. APSU has gone through some hard times. Its good to be able to have the money to provide the resources that students and faculty need for their studies and research," said Deborah Fetch, director. The library has almost 70 databases accessing over 9,000 full-text electronic journals and over 43,000 e-books.

"I think students should be aware that the library has made great strides in providing electronic information," said Fetch. "We love to have students in the library, our staff is very service oriented."

SGA Forum invites students to voice opinions

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff writer

Last Wednesday in the University Center lobby, members of administration and the Student Government Association executive committee opened up a forum for students to voice their opinions about upcoming improvements to the campus.

Most of the buildings in question were McCord, Marks, McReynolds and the New Recreational Center. According to Mitch Robinson, vice president of Finance and Administration, the ROTC program will be moving from the Armory into the Memorial Health building between the end of January to early February 2005. The projected dates to start demolition of the armory are mid to late February to March.

The center construction will start late March or early April. The projected opening date is Fall 2006.

Due to the lack of capital funding for three years, it has been out of use. McCord has been closed for five years.

After the renovations nursing, geography and geology will be moving into the building. The master plan will show what happens to other buildings on campus including Marks and McReynolds.

In dealing with parking, 250 spaces will be temporarily displaced until the building on the center is complete. After the center is complete, 150 spaces will become displaced. The university is actively pursuing new property for parking including those on Ford, Eighth and Farris St.



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Empty shelves are making room for the new books coming as a result of a budget increase.

"I Love You" seminar rituals promotes parent-child bond

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff writer

Austin Peay State University's Child Development Center and Programming Department sponsored a seminar called "I Love You Rituals."

Deborah Perez, program director from Mid-Cumberland Child Care Resource and Referral Network came to speak to students about ways to connect to your children based on the book "I Love You Rituals" by Becky

The Mid-Cumberland Child Care Resource and Referral Network is a non-profit agency that gives parent referrals for childcare along with resources on services in the community. The CCR&R also provides childcare provider training and a reference library where parents can come to check out books.

The goal of the presentation was to show parents how to set up routines and rituals with their children and give them consistency in their lives. For instance, start a routine with your child when they come home from their daily

activities. See what they did and praise them for the good things they have done during the day. Making a connection with your child is the goal in your rituals.

Provide a sacred space that is to be designated for togetherness and unity. It should produce a calming effect.

At least one in 20, or as many as three million young people, may have a serious emotional disturbance that impairs his or her ability to function at an age-appropriate level.

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learning potential of your child is increased through touch and create stronger bonds between adults and children.

It also lays the foundations of mental and emotional health.

If you have questions about "I Love You Rituals" or would like to learn more about the Mid-Cumberland Child Care Resource and Referral Network call 931-648-3695 or stop by at 1300 Madison St. Clarksville, TN 37040. To learn more about the Child Learning Center, call 221-6234 or <http://www.apsu.edu/~clc/>

Obesity increasing in America

By CANDISE S. MCCAIG
Guest writer

Americans are now, on average, one inch taller. On the same note, many more Americans are either overweight or obese.

The weight gain trend is typically reported as what portion of all children and all adults are overweight, according to Laura Meckler, associated press.

Body mass index (BMI) is the typical tool used to determine if one is obese or not. This scale takes height and weight into account.

A BMI reading of over 25 is considered overweight; a reading of over 30 determines obesity. In the 1960's the average male weighed 166.3 pounds; by 2002 the average had risen to 191.

Females' weight fluctuated from 140.2 pounds to 164.3 pounds.

Obesity has been linked to likelihood to develop diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and other health

related problems.

When asked if they believed there was an issue with obesity on campus, most students responded "no." Sean Newman, sophomore finance major said, "Ultimately, individuals are accountable for their own health."

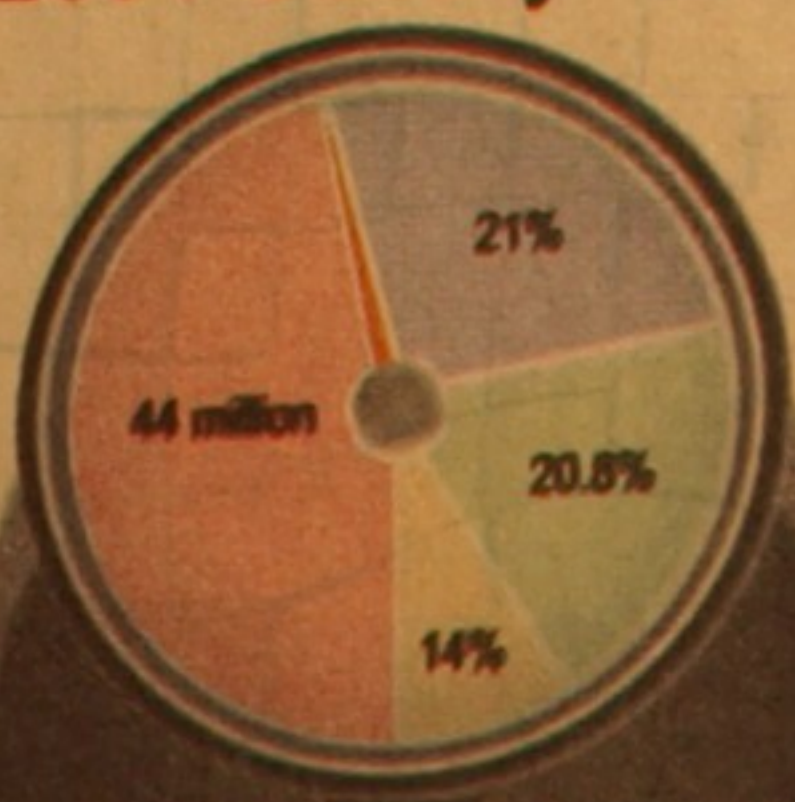
The students surveyed all hold a similar view. However, they agree the fitness programs on campus are not promoted well.

Very few dorm rooms have kitchen areas; therefore, the closest most students come to a home-cooked meal is a microwave dinner.

Students have mixed opinions on the quality of food selection provided on campus. Some feel there is plenty of selection; whereas, others feel that the dining services are lacking truly well balanced meal selections.

"When it comes to eating healthy on campus there's salad and fruit, that's it," said Michelle Holder, junior medical technology major.

2001 Obesity Facts



Americans classified as being overweight

American men classified as overweight

American women classified as overweight

18-29 year-olds classified as overweight

Kristen Randall

Morehead police make drug busts

Associated Press

MOREHEAD, Ky. - Sixteen people were arrested in a drug round up at Morehead State University on Monday morning, authorities said.

Dan Smoot, law enforcement director for the anti-drug task force Operation UNITE, said arrest warrants were obtained for 21 people on and around the northeastern Kentucky campus.

Five additional arrests are anticipated. "A college should be a safe haven for students to prepare for the future," Smoot said. "A place to grow and learn and expand their minds, not destroy their future with illegal drugs."

Madonna Weathers, the university's vice president for student life, issued a statement, but gave no indication if students were among those arrested.

"The actions of a few can have a great impact on others, and we hope that by working with Operation UNITE those who are dealing drugs will know that they are not welcome here," Weathers said. "We're grateful to the task force for helping us identify those individuals who are dealing drugs on our campus and making sure it is put to a stop."

Smoot said UNITE is proud to get the dealers off the university campus.

"Those dealing drugs are doing nothing more than trying to enslave this region's future by trapping our brightest stars in the downward spiral of addiction," said Smoot.

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Study Abroad in Mexico, Summer 2005

Need credits to cover a foreign language deficiency this summer? Want to learn Spanish and earn a minor in a summer plus a class? Learn how you may go for free! Come to our info meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1 in Hamed 108. Watch a short video on the great places you will visit. Can't make it? Contact Dr. Magrans for a personal presentation. Languages and Literature Dr. Ramón Magrans magransr@apsu.edu 931-221-7847

APSU Holiday Gift Assistance Program

Help an Elf is a holiday gift program for the children of APSU students. The gifts are purchased by various APSU departments, student organizations and individuals. Over 30 families are ready to be adopted. Please consider adopting a family and help make their holiday brighter. To adopt a family, please come to Student Affairs, UC room 206 or contact Beverly or Vanessa at 221-7346 or at fountainv@apsu.edu.

SGA Student Tribunal Applications

Applications are now available for Associate Justices on the student tribunal. Students must have a 2.5 GPA, sophomore standing and no disciplinary records. Pick up application at Student Affairs in UC 206. Applications are due by Dec. 1. For additional information please contact Tamira Cole at 221-7262 or at sgacj@apsu.edu.

Student Tribunal Associate Justice Alternate Positions Available

Pick up an Associate Justice Alternate application from Nov. 16-Dec. 1 in Student Affairs UC room 206. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Dec. 1. For more information please contact Tamira Cole at 7262 or at tamira002@yahoo.com

Counseling and Testing Center Fall Workshops

The Counseling and Testing Center invites you to our informative fall workshops. Topics vary and include information to enhance all areas of campus life. Tips for improving your grades, how to manage the stress of college life and personal growth areas are addressed. Join us! For more information please contact Loreta Duncan at duncanl@apsu.edu or at 221-6162.

Recreation Center Survey

We respectfully ask that you take a moment to participate in an online survey. Senior marketing students, in conjunction with faculty, are conducting a survey to determine students' interest and feelings towards the new Recreation Center scheduled to be built here at APSU. For more information please contact AJ Taylor tayloraj@apsu.edu or 221-7578.

Sex Cells

Sex Cells has moved to next week to Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center lobby. This program is sponsored by the Leadership 3000 class and is a campus wide event. For more information please contact Melinda Simmons at (931)249-8983.

Have a great Thanksgiving break!

Tennessee grad named one of 32 Rhodes Scholars for 2005

By JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

A recent college graduate from Lookout Mountain, Tenn., who spent much of the past year working in public health in Haiti, was among the 32 Americans selected Sunday as Rhodes Scholars for 2005.

"Everyone experiences shock, not really having known what to expect, and all of a sudden hearing your name called out," said Justin Mutter, a 2003 University of Virginia graduate.

"After that it's this sense of gratitude, not only for being offered a scholarship but for the community, the experience of the whole process," Mutter said.

Mutter plans to study how global religious communities confront problems like poverty and disease.

Other Rhodes Scholars were a Paralympic basketball gold medalist who has campaigned to improve access for the disabled in the developing world and a scientist-turned-political philosopher who worked on ways to control the invasive kudzu plant.

The scholars, chosen from 904 applicants endorsed by 341 colleges and universities, will

enter Oxford University in England next October. The scholarships fund two or three years of study.

"I'm still having trouble putting into words how it feels," said Jennifer Howitt of Georgetown University, a member of the U.S. wheelchair basketball team that won a gold medal at the Athens Paralympic Games.

"In a lot of ways, it felt kind of like winning the gold in Athens. It kind of put this smile on my face that I couldn't take off."

Howitt, who lost the use of her legs in a hiking accident when she was nine, plans to study development and to continue work to improve conditions for the disabled in developing countries.

Others selected include Jeremy Farris, a senior at Georgia Tech who discovered a pathogen to help control kudzu and plans to study political theory at Oxford and Andrew Kim, a University of Chicago graduate from New Jersey who plans to study international relations, particularly conflict resolution and refugee issues related to Africa.

"At Oxford, what I'm hoping to do is to show how important it is, not just for the altruistic feeling, but also in our nation's

interest and the international community's interest, to focus attention on Africa," Kim said.

Harvard University had the most selectees with five, followed by the U.S. Naval Academy with three the most for that school in one year since 1929, said spokesman Cmdr. Rod Gibbons.

The three midshipmen learned of their selection a day after they received their service selection.

Joseph Preston had just been selected to train as a pilot; that will now be on hold while he studies at Oxford.

"It all came together at a pretty good time," Preston said. "Now we get to come to the class and celebrate both the service selection and our very good fortune."

This year's selections also include three immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Anastasia Piliavsky, a Boston University graduate who plans to study anthropology at Oxford, came to the United States from Ukraine when she was 14 and spoke no English. She has filmed and translated a documentary about the indigenous Sahariya people of India.

Eugene Shenderov, a senior chemistry major at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, came to the United States from Ukraine at age six. Lev Sviridov, also a chemistry major at CUNY's City College, immigrated from the former Soviet Union as a young boy.

Sviridov, who will pursue a graduate chemistry degree, was homeless for a time in New York and learned English, in part, by playing softball in Central Park.

The American students will join scholars selected from 18 other nations. About 95 scholars are selected each year.

The Rhodes Scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist and diamond magnate Cecil Rhodes. Winners are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes. Past Rhodes Scholars include former President Bill Clinton, U.S. Supreme Court justices Byron White and David Souter, singer/songwriter Kris Kristofferson, former presidential candidates Bill Bradley and Wesley Clark and James William Fulbright, creator of the Fulbright Scholarships.

AP DINING SERVICES Thanksgiving Hours of Operation:

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Trailer	7:30-1	closed	closed	closed	closed
Peay Pod	7-10	closed	closed	closed	6-10p.m.
Austin's	10-3	closed	closed	closed	closed

Donations at risk

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Fogelman family would like to change the purpose of a \$312,500 endowment given to the University of Memphis, but state law will need to be changed to allow it.

The Fogelmans gave the money in 1986 to establish a chair of excellence in real estate.

But there are so few real estate majors that the family would like to shift the money to a scholarship fund.

But the state attorney general's office says the law that established the chairs of excellence at state universities does not provide for reallocating the money. So Memphis businessman Avron Fogelman and university officials are working on a plan to change the law.

Fogelman, who owned several pro sports teams in Memphis and was an owner of the Kansas City Royals baseball team in the 80's, did not return calls to *The Commercial Appeal*. But the newspaper acquired an e-mail exchange between Fogelman and John Pepin, dean of the Fogelman College of Business and Economics, that outlines the proposal.

"We are preparing our strategy to have the legislation changed during this session which begins in January," Fogelman wrote. "The first step is to have the endorsement of the chairs of excellence committee."

The real estate chair of excellence has been empty since 2000, and the real estate major was consolidated within the finance umbrella this fall.

"For the last five years, we have averaged conferring degrees on seven real-estate majors per year, which is a pretty small number," Pepin said. "It's more advantageous to the university and the students to utilize the structure as a scholarship fund." Tennessee Higher Education Commission executive director Rich Rhoda said his organization would review all the chairs of excellence beginning this spring. There are 25 chairs of excellence at the University of Memphis, though not all are filled. If there are still slots available, other business students could qualify. The scholarships would range from \$7,000 to \$15,000 annually. Students would have to maintain a 3.0 GPA to keep them.

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OUR TAKE

SGA stagnates

We are less than a month away from the end of the semester and the Student Government Association has yet to produce any legislation for the betterment of Austin Peay State University students. Furthermore, *The All State* has been ill-informed of events regarding the SGA, which means we have not been able to cover very much regarding the organization at all since Gavin Roark, former SGA president, graduated.

SGA President Zach Pelham explained that students entirely new to running an organization like the SGA are currently representing the Executive Committee and further pointed out that there was no training period to allow for a smooth transition. It can be very difficult when simply handed a burden of responsibility with no clear direction. However, the semester will be ending in less than a month and all the SGA has done is sponsor Homecoming, G.H.O.S.T walk and a few other events.

It's nice that the SGA traditionally assists in these events, but the SGA is not a social organization. Its purpose should be to not only

protect student rights, but also provide legislation that will work toward fulfilling student needs.

Pelham pointed out that, according to the current SGA constitution, the organization is focused more toward sponsoring programs rather than legislation. This needs to change. The organization should be doing what is implied in its very name: governing.

The SGA speaks with the collective voice of the student body and carries enough weight to influence changes in university policy. That voice has been silent this semester. The Executive Committee will be using the winter break to evaluate and change the constitution in order to place the organization's focus on governing, which is what they should have been doing all along.

The SGA has had more than enough time to find their footing. Pelham, whether he realizes it or not, is intimidating a sweeping change from what we have come to expect from the SGA. *The All State* will be closely observing whether or not the students regain their voice next semester.



By MARTIN FOX

YOUR TAKE

Dorm rules less strict today

I recently read the article "Tradition endures decades of change" by Kristen Duncan and was very proud to see the picture of Harned Hall. I was a resident of Harned Hall during 1970-1972. Students today really don't know what it was like to be a student at Austin Peay State University during that time. We had a curfew every night of the week. We had to sign out when we left, telling what time we left, who we were with, where we were going and when we would be back. Harned was a social gathering place because it had the big living room space in the lobby. Boys were allowed in the lobby but not upstairs in the living area. In the basement we had washers and dryers and a small kitchen where we could cook supper for our boyfriends but we had to bring the food to the lobby to eat.

My room was on the third floor. If a repairman came to work in the bathroom, he would be escorted by an upperclassman to the top of the steps where they would stop and yell "MAN ON FLOOR." That meant if you were not dressed to get in your room and close the door.

We had to walk down the hall to a bathroom with about six stalls and four showers. There were two bathrooms on the floor. The big excitement was when there was a "party raid." Then everyone had to get in the hall and sit on the floor with our room doors closed.

We had a dorm mother and she was in charge of everyone in the dorm. Any problems we had we took to her. She was our mother away from home.

During my last year at APSU, we were allowed to have our boyfriends in our room for about two hours on

homecoming, between the parade and the ballgame.

School spirit was very much alive back then. I was in the band and the whole time we were marching we were swinging our instruments and cheering "Let's Go Peay." The only time we did not cheer was when we were playing the music, which we were required to memorize.

Yes, things have changed, but the school spirit is still the same for some of us. I have not missed a homecoming since I left APSU. When my children were growing up, I always took them, and now I take my grandchildren. I am very proud to say that one of my daughters now attends APSU.

Lois Jeanne Sager
Elementary Education Major
1970-1972

Have a nice gay

Same sex marriage is a controversial topic; one that has been fiercely debated in the past few months. It was one of the cornerstone issues of the recent election. George W. Bush wanted to pass an amendment defining marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman, while Kerry and Nader were both against it. Right before the election, Bush tweaked his stance, supporting same sex civil unions and left the definition of marriage to the state governments.

On Nov. 2, 11 states voted on whether homosexuals would be able to walk down the aisle or not. Each state responded with a resounding "no!" In the United States, 22 percent of the

states have now defined marriage as an exclusive activity for one male and one female. Whatever happened to the days when gay people were supposedly seen as fully accepted individuals in a tolerant United States of America?

Homosexuality was largely ignored until 1948, when Dr. Alfred Kinsey published the eye-opening "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male." When the book suggested that 10 percent of the population was gay, people paid attention. The sexual revolution of the 60's showed a country tired of being quiet about fornication. The 1980's brought an increase in homophobia because of the AIDS epidemic (formerly called GRID, or Gay Related Immune Disease).

The 90's, however, were an era of education and awareness. When celebrities like Magic Johnson were tested HIV positive, it helped people see that anybody, regardless of their sexual orientation, could contract AIDS. People were now more open to discussing matters of sexuality, more than previous decades. Over the past few years, homosexuals have been making advances towards equality. Sodomy laws have been overturned and hate crime legislation prosecutes violence committed due to sexual orientation. Most notably, the media has helped bring gay America into the homes of the Bible belt.

MTV's "The Real World" not only pioneered the era of reality television, it also gave the country a glance at gays and lesbians

for the first time on the boob tube. These were just average humans who acted like everyone else, not the sexual predator stereotype painted in the culture. Other shows like "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy", "Will And Grace" and "South Park" continued to win audiences over with their positive depiction of homosexuals.

Television wasn't the only form of media that spread acceptance of all sexual orientations. Musicians like Elton John, Melissa Etheridge and Freddie Mercury helped spread tolerance when they came out of the closet. Their music had won over so many fans that people started to think it might be okay to be gay. If gay people could create such incredible art, then maybe they were humans after all. After decades of oppression, homosexuals had finally found acceptance. Or had they?

Americans had a chance to show how much they accepted their gay brothers and sisters. Eleven states could have proved how far along they had come in the realm of tolerance. All they had to do was make a vote for equality in marriage for people of all sexual orientations. Yet, when push came to shove, all of the states decided same sex marriage was wrong and shouldn't be allowed. In an era where gay people are more popular than ever, why did 22 percent of the states still flinch at the thought of two men exchanging vows?

Could it be that America isn't as tolerant as we were once led to believe? Perhaps we still aren't that accepting of those different than us. We won't say anything rude to them in the street, but in private we want to keep them from equal citizenship. We are as politically correct as we can be in public, but when the chips are down some of us still deal with prejudices towards diverse groups of people.

Personally, I believe that homosexuality is morally wrong. However, I don't believe in letting my beliefs hinder the rights of others. I've always figured that, unless murder is involved, morality is an issue between a person and their deity, no one else. It's none of my business what you practice; only God can judge us.

Exit polls revealed that the most important issue of the election was moral values, placing it above the economy, war and even terrorism. Of the people who cited moral values as their main concern, 79 percent also happened to vote for Bush, the candidate who was lauded for his unyielding stance against same sex marriage.

This evidence suggests that we aren't as far along as we once believed in the arena of civil rights.

Appreciate all parts

You know the world is wildly out of order when the best golfer is African-American, the tallest basketball player is Asian, the biggest rapper is Caucasian, The Red Sox have a World Series victory, President George Bush is re-election, and wait...vagas are now talking? That's it, pack up your travel Bibles, photo albums and water bottles, because apocalypse is coming!

Seriously, at beginning of this month I was walking around the Morgan University Center only to find a couple of flyers promoting International Vagina Appreciation Month. Then I happen to discover that it correlates with an event called The Vagina Monologues. What is going on here?

Digging deeper into the matter, I found that the Vagina Monologues was first performed by author Eve Ensler in 1996, evolving into a national phenomenon. The purpose was to pay homage to women and unravel the mystery of the vagina's silence, neglect and misunderstanding.

According to Organon International, women want a more open and enlightened public dialogue about the vagina, and nine out of 10 feels that society regards the "baby's exit" as shameful.

I find this absolutely comprehensible, but statistics show that the U.S. continues to have the highest adolescent pregnancy rates among the industrialized nations. Now, if society really found it shameful, then that young girl would take a shower with her pants on, while that young man would follow in the footsteps of Boy George, singing "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me."

Then again, I would be ashamed too if I were a statistic of the Health Services STD Program, which is working to reduce the rate of young adult women for with Chlamydia, currently at 40 percent. So to see a vagina with Chlamydia saying, "Goo-goo gaga," is not a conversation I would like to hear.

To have a month dedicating solely for vaginas is an unusual thing. In Genesis of the Bible, I thought there was Adam and Eve, not an asexually reproductive Eve. So where is the International Penis Appreciation Month?

If the vagina could speak, then the penis should be able to sing. It would only be fair and make sense. The penis could have Chlamydia as well. Now we can have diseased sexual parts representing America as political diplomats negotiating a treaty to Iraq. What a solution!

To have a month to appreciate monologues ranging from topics such as hair, orgasms, taboos and the myths surrounding the vagina is just something out of the ordinary. In my perspective, appreciate it everyday, and keep it to yourself or to others at your discretion.

There are getting to be so many things or events to be grateful for in one month that soon a month of unloading feces from your rectum is going to be appreciated.



OPINION
Jose
Toro

Battling expectations: myths and realities in Iraq

For the past few days, I have watched the media frenzy regarding the Kevin Sites video of a marine shooting a prone insurgent in a Fallujah mosque.

The incident is brutal - no argument. This is what war looks like and it is disgusting, soul-killing, mind-numbing and whatever other adjective you'd like to tack on. If it makes you sick; if it makes you desirous of a government that will only engage in war as a last resort and not as a means of social engineering, good for you. But before you condemn out of hand the young marine in that video as a murderer, try if you can to grasp this simple fact: that marine, prior to the

shooting, had spent days in a high-intensity combat environment fighting against a group of people for whom there are no rules - none whatsoever, of any order layers upon layers of nuance, having to digest and implement rules of engagement that are often mind-bogglingly legalistic, the enemy he fights is under no obligation whatsoever to observe any law or standard in its operations against him, which is why I cannot lose it every time I hear some blithely "expert" bringing up the Geneva Convention in the context of this incident.

It is somehow impossible to understand that the

people we are fighting are neither signatory to, respectful of, nor bound in any way to respect or adhere to the Geneva Convention or any other standard of behavior? If anyone doubts what would be the fate of any marine or soldier who had the bad fortune to fall into the hands of the other side, I refer you back to the incident of April 2004 in which four contractors caught in Fallujah were burned alive, hacked to pieces and hung like slabs of charred meat from a bridge. I guarantee you that there isn't one American fighting in Fallujah now who does not have that picture indelibly burned into his memory.

Despite this, the fact is that American soldiers normally abide by Geneva Convention standards whether or not the other side is legally bound by them. In a day and age where the media is everywhere, Americans in particular are bound not only to observe the written rules, but indeed a host of unwritten ones, the product of public opinion and the result of adjusting to the reality that a good many journalists operate, apparently, much in the same way as pro-wrestling referees. Somehow they seem to have amazing powers of observation when it comes to the misdeeds of Americans, while the transgressions of the other side mostly escape their notice. Indeed, quite a lot of people absolutely believe in the existence of a double standard among journalists, one that emphasizes any wrong committed by our soldiers while minimizing or even ignoring blatant atrocities committed by Islamic extremists. I myself believe it exists, although not for the reasons many others would point to.

While the following explanation may raise howls of protest; nonetheless it makes more sense than to simply dismiss all journalists as anti-American. I

believe that the difference in the way certain events are covered are simply the result of an ingrained, deep-seated, unspoken and very real prejudice among western journalists, to wit, there is simply no expectation among the majority of them that religious fanatics can or will behave in a "civilized" manner. This same prejudice may well extend even to the decision-making apparatus of major news outlets, and so the answer to the question as to why they do not show atrocities committed by Islamic extremists may simply be that they don't consider these events to be news.

By the same token, if it seems that every violation of the rules by Americans is treated as a major story deserving of maximum saturation coverage, it is possible, even probable, that in the case of American soldiers the expectations of a certain standard of behavior are simply higher. In some ways the standard seems to be unrealistically high. For that, our soldiers can thank our own government and its astounding capacity for propagandizing every American action as noble and selfless. Beginning with the campaign that prepared the ground for this war, followed by the misbegotten tag of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" that was placed on it for historians to cluck over in the years to come, and continuing on through the major combat stage of the war, trumpeted as the most humanitarian war in human history with its comparatively low level of physical damage and civilian casualties, we deftly painted ourselves into a corner from which we now desperately want to escape.

The problem is that those who took us as far as we word did so to a degree that made the normal brutality of war, inevitable under the best possible

circumstances, seem so much worse than it might have otherwise. Our enemies, those who prayed for our failure on the other hand, merely smiled at the stupidity and naiveté of the whole concept of "humane war" and simply waited for the cold wind of reality to come along and knock down the whole house of cards.

This is not an argument about the right or wrong of the war in Iraq. This is a warning for a nation living in a dream world from which it must wake up, soon. In the quest to make war more palatable to people who don't care to think too deeply, a quest spurred on by those in our government who find themselves frustrated at the slow pace and often unsatisfactory results of negotiation and who seek clear victories untainted by that dreaded word "compromise," the idea has been to clean up war's image with the purpose of making it easier to pull the trigger, to put war near the top of the list of options rather than at the bottom.

The problem is war remains what it has always been - brutal and destructive, destructive not only of lives and property, but also of cherished notions. Rather than ameliorating the violence of our adversaries, war more often makes us more like them. Eventually, no amount of public relations can change its face, a face that was captured in 10 seconds of video in a mosque in Fallujah.

If in the course of events war must come, let it come, but let it come without illusions as to what it is. Let it be understood that there is no such thing as a "humanitarian war." In the idiot blindness of the notion that war can ever be anything other than cruel and painful lies the way to hell, every inch of which will be paved with good intentions and bad policy.

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R.A.D. fights the war against rape

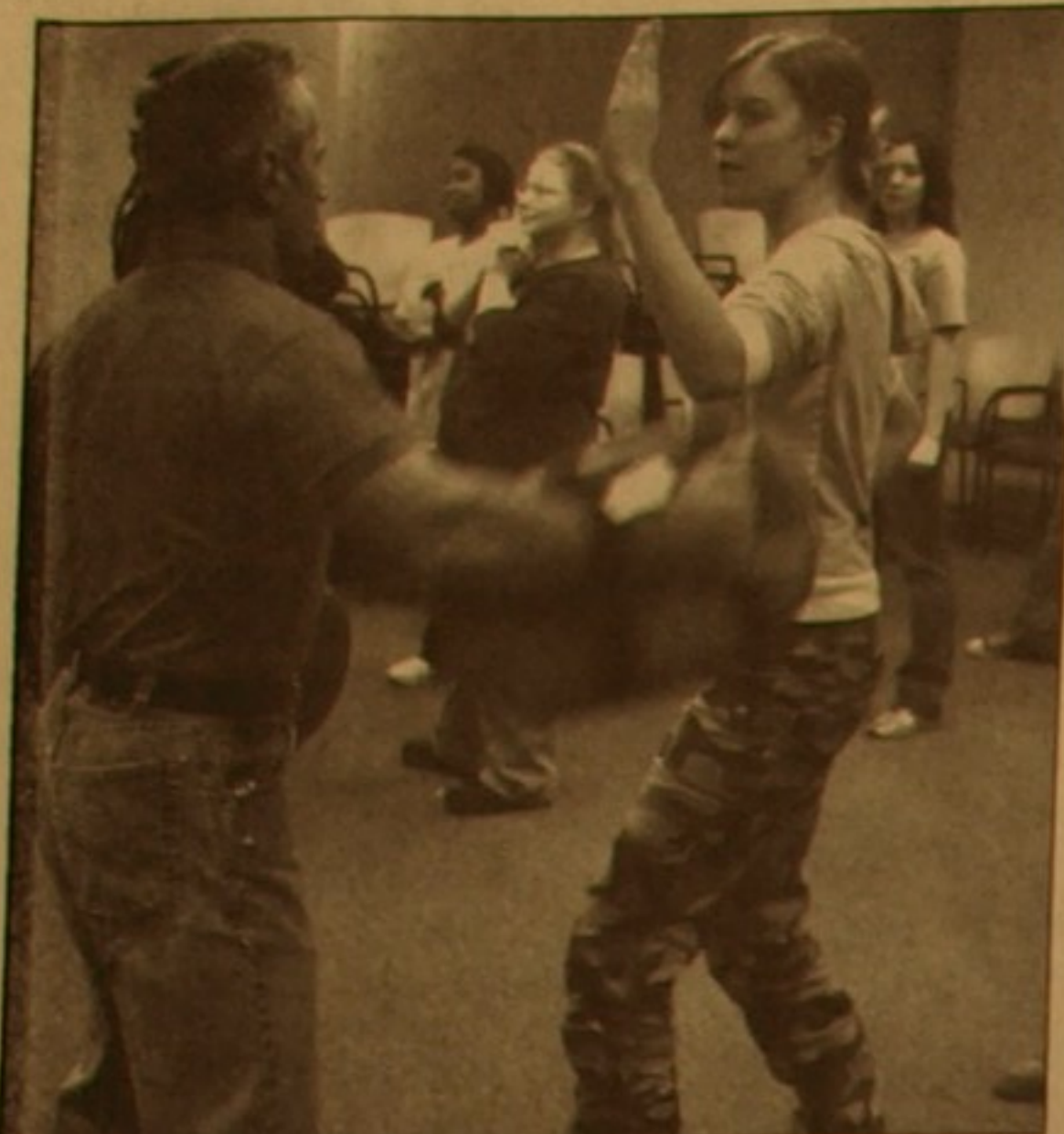


PHOTO BY THOMAS VAN HOOSER
Officer Jim Knoll and Sarah Bullock, freshman music major, practice blocks in the self-defense course.

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

Rape is a crucial problem that occurs in the United States daily. According to www.rainn.org, in 2002, there were 247,730 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.

A statistic that is even more alarming is one out of six American women have been the victims of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

A woman in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area became a statistic recently. A Kenwood High School student broke into her home, raped her, and then stole her vehicle.

Luckily, the rapist was caught, but many women aren't so lucky. But the Clarksville Police Department is taking steps to prevent this act from occurring more frequently through the Rape Aggression Defense program.

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) program is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against an

assailant by using easy and effective and self-defense tactics.

Ginger Fitting, Cheryl Anderson and Jim Knoll, members of the Clarksville Police Department, recently conducted a R.A.D. workshop at Austin Peay State University.

Cheryl Anderson, a sgt. for the Clarksville Police Department said, "R.A.D. has been in effect in Clarksville a little over two years. We've done classes throughout Clarksville, but this is the first time that we've done it at the university. The class is free if you can provide space for us, but we can provide the space for you."

Universities such as the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Maryville College, Tulane University and Clemson University are implementing R.A.D. in their orientation curriculum for the female student body.

Meda Rollings, coordinator of student activities in the Office of Student Life and Leadership said, "We knew that this program was becoming a campus-wide incentive. Women need to learn to defend themselves and know what a huge issue rape is."

Female students at APSU are taking strides to

prevent this awful act from happening to them.

Knoll said, "This group of girls is the most advanced and intense group of students that I've seen in a long time."

In this class the girls learn never to underestimate their physical power.

Fitting, detective in District 2 said, "You take a basic self defense class at the police academy. I was able to do it, but the classes at the academy were geared more towards male strength."

"Females feel more confident in this class because it's geared more towards the strength in your hips. It's just simple three step techniques to defend themselves," she said.

Christina Webb, senior, said, "Everyone should learn to defend themselves because you never know what problems are going to come up."

If you are interested in forming a group for this class, please contact Ginger Fitting or Cheryl Anderson at gfitting@clarksvillepd.org or canderson@clarksvillepd.org.

Fitting said, "A lot of females don't want to give up nine hours a week for the class, but it ends up being worth it." "Many people come back because they enjoyed the class so much." ♦

Vivid art "liv" at the Front Page Daily News Deli, real life portrayed

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

The cycle of life is the key element used in "Liv" an Austin Peay State University senior art display located in the Front Page News Deli.

Allison Daniell and Shea Halliburton both created two vastly different outlooks on human existence and how they are affected by it.

European influences and architecture adorn Halliburton's works. For the Clarksville native who self-describes herself as a "naive farm girl", a trip to Europe was her inspiration for the pieces. According to her artistic statement, she says, "I discovered that a weed by definition is simply a plant growing where it doesn't belong." She goes on to inform the viewer that she felt herself growing up as a person in her new surroundings, although she felt out of place. She collected various things such as trash, tickets and subway maps to accompany her images of famous landmarks, such as the Coliseum and the Arch of Constantine.

The colors are bright and vivid in this particular display, and the use of everyday materials scanned in with global influences made the digitally formatted photography personal and meaningful.

In Daniell's artistic expressions, however, the facet of life takes on

an entirely diverse spectrum of that encompassing Halliburton's, as she emphasizes the organic over the concrete.

First, a video is shown to the observer to help enhance the overall effect of the collection, and the Bible verses of Isaiah 40: 6-8 are strewn in to add additional synopsis. You then continue to her artistic statement, which explains how she received her inspiration for her art by witnessing the life cycle of smoke, and how that correlates to our own lives. "Both examples (humans and smoke) grow, expand then disappear, and I just wanted to touch on that," Daniell said.

Grass was an integral part of her showcase, being used either by the color, shape or physical aspects of the plant. Polaroid pictures were also cleverly inserted as well, depicting the life cycle of various things such as a tree, a human and a building. "Polaroids are such a snapshot of life; they don't show anything staged, just life in motion," she said. Overall, Daniell's visions led to a more reflective and thoughtful look on the subject of living.

One particular subject that was shared between both of the girls' showcases, however, was religion. Halliburton and Daniell, both devout Christians, intuitively placed visual and literal references of faith throughout their projects. "Liv" will continue to be on display at the Front Page News Deli until November 30th. ♦



PHOTO BY JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Allison Daniell, artist, next to one of her vivid works. "Liv" will be on display at the Deli until Nov. 30.

Bread and Words brings more than a slice to the table

By ELIZABETH JENKINS
Staff Writer

"We have done this event for ten years. We started very small, with just poetry and fiction readings. It was in the third year that we decided to do something more," said Barry Kitterman, the founder of Bread and Words.

That "something more" turned into a popular charity event that encompasses entertainment, food and kinship amongst students, faculty and members of the community.

"Every penny we take in goes to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Clarksville," said Kitterman.

"Loaves and Fishes serve between 100 to 150 hot meals everyday and it only cost a dollar a piece to serve those meals," he said.

Bread and Words has raised somewhere around five-thousand dollars for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

The event requests a five-dollar donation, but in the sincere nature of this charity, those who cannot afford that will still be admitted in, free of charge.

Professors and students in the department of Language and Literature prepare the food. The menu consists of warm soup and hearty bread.

"We have some very good food, it is very simple but everybody gets enough to eat," said Kitterman.

The entertainment portion of the evening is eclectic, and tailored so that everybody will find something pleasing to the ear.

"There will be three poets and two fiction writers. In terms of genre, we hand picked students so there will be a balance between



PHOTO BY STEVE WILSON/APSU WEB DESIGNER
Associate Prof. of English Barry Kitterman, Assistant Prof. of English Blas Falconer, Creative Writing Scholarship Student Benjamin K. Scott and Graduate Student Alicia Casey Baum

that invites the community to celebrate the arts and to give to a worthwhile cause: Loaves and Fishes.

This informal event gives families and students alike a chance to get together in an informal environment and appreciate the things we have.

"It is a necessary thing to have in this town. It is just before Thanksgiving, when we are all getting ready to go pig out at our parent's house. It's good to think about people who don't have enough," said Kitterman, on the important event he has created.

Bread and Words will held on Tuesday, Nov. 23 in the U.C. Ballroom. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and readings will be held at 7:30 p.m. ♦

genres," said Blas Falconer, M.C. of the event.

Those speakers include Michael Blumenthal, Barry Kitterman, Benjamin Scott, Eileen O'Grady and Alicia Casey Baum.

Chuck and Barry, a jazz duo, will provide the music for the evening.

Bread and Words has grown to be a quaint and compassionate event.

It is an evening

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So what I'm saying is,

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will happen.

I wish you the best

Love Hunter.
Meeting someone is often as easy as saying "hi"

Love Hunter, how does someone go up and talk to girls?

Well, it is very simple. First, try to walk up to them without making yourself look dumb. Then, once you get to her, say "hi".

After that, ask her how she is doing. And there you go. You have just walked up to a girl and talked to her.

You see, it's as simple as that. There is not much to be said. Just be friendly (not too friendly) and smile and say hi.

It is a simple task, but you know that somehow we, as guys, make this out to be much harder than what it should be.

We get nervous and worked up and act like we are trying to recite Hamlet to our twelfth grade English teacher.

We stumble over our words and sound incompetent.

If we aren't nervous and stumbling over our words, then we sound like we are feeding them a line. They can see right through it.

Most girls won't care all that much, because they think it's cute and if they even have somewhat of an interest in you they will be flattered. But for the girls who are hard to impress, it is annoying.

However, the best way to hit on a girl is to not hit on a girl. Be friendly. Be attentive and listen to her.

Smile. Just be you. Walk up to her and talk to her like she is your friend. Just have a good conversation with her and at the end, get the digits.

Have fun. Don't make it look like you are trying to hit on her.

Another piece of advice I have is to just relax. Be yourself, because she is going to find out sooner or later.

Be you and don't worry about it. If she is even somewhat attracted to you then you are good to go, but if you go and try to hit on her then she will be more apt to be pushed away.

Also, when you are trying to make conversation with her, don't let it sound like you are trying to make conversation with her.

So what I'm saying is, don't over do it. Just be friendly and hopefully good things will happen.

I wish you the best of luck.

Love, Hunter

P.S. Here's a tip: if you respect them, they will come. If you have any questions, e-mail me at theapsulovehunter@yahoo.com.

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Local "Trump" achieves success Charlesworth calls himself a musical bartender

By ELIZABETH JENKINS
Staff Writer

Everyone has their own idea of what success encompasses, but most people would agree that owning your own business would top a list of achievements. Former Austin Peay State University student David Charlesworth has accomplished this goal. With the aid of his wife Traci, David is now the new owner of C.D. Warehouse on Madison St.

"Experience taught me a few things. One is to listen to your gut, no matter how good something sounds on paper. The second is that you're generally better off sticking with what you know. And the third is sometimes your best investments are the ones you don't make," said famous entrepreneur Donald Trump. David's business philosophy is almost parallel. He

was a music major at APSU when he decided to take a job at C.D. Warehouse. Flash forward two years, and he is running the Madison St. location.

"Having a good relationship with your bank is key in owning a business," said David. His wife Traci said "persistence" is a valuable asset. A lot of changes are already under way for the Madison St. location, making it tailored for college students. On Wednesdays college students with their identification receive 10 percent off sales items, and festive posters in C.D. Warehouse inventory are perfect for dorms room walls. There are also shipments of new C.D.'s being sent out frequently. "We are musical bartenders," said David. And much like Donald Trump, to get ahead in the business world, one such entrepreneur will satisfy the consumers taste. ♦



Lady Govs start season on bright note

SPORTS
SCHEDULE
AT A GLANCE

Friday

Women's
Basketball
vs. Butler,
St. Louis
Tournament
8 p.m.

Saturday

Men's Basketball
vs. Wichita State,
7 p.m., Dunn
Center.

Women's
Basketball
vs. St. Louis,
St. Louis
Tournament,
Time TBA.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Women's
Basketball
vs. Alabama
A&M, St. Louis
Tournament
Time TBA.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Next Week

Dec. 1
Men's Basketball
vs. Vanderbilt,
1 p.m., Nashville,
Tenn.

Women's
Basketball
vs. American,
South Miss.
Tournament
1 p.m.,
Hattiesburg,
Miss.



By MICHAEL TAYOR
Assistant Sports Editor

There is no "I" in team.

In order to receive a victory, everyone must do their part to produce a win. On Friday night, the Austin Peay State University's women's basketball team had five players reach double digits in points, which propelled them to a 79-64 win over Troy State in their season opener.

"I'm very excited of our play as a team," said head women's basketball coach Andy Blackston. "We've got a lot of players that we can turn to who are able to get the job done. This season we have more depth than last season and there is still so much room for us to improve."

The Lady Govs' bench alone had 38 of the points scored, which is almost of the half of the total 79 points that were put on the board.

Junior Ashley Haynes led the way, ending the first half with 13 points, and provided only one basket in the second to finish with 15 points for the Lady Govs.

Junior Carden Cobb and freshman Ashley Hardaway each added 13 points.

Cobb shot six of eight from field goal range while Hardaway shot perfectly from three-point range out of two attempts.

Post players sophomore Missy Booker and freshman Robin Leslie finished the game with 12 points each. Booker only played 11 minutes, but still managed to finish the game in double digits in scoring.

Leslie remained scoreless in the first half, but scored all of her points in the second.

"Leslie has been consistent for us since the beginning of the season and she's only a freshman," Blackston said. "She has a great attitude and she will continue to grow as post player."

During the last 10 minutes of the second half, the Lady Govs held Troy scoreless with the exception of four free throws. Through this run, the Lady Govs out-scored Troy 19-0, pushing a 23-point advantage.

Troy tried to ignite a spark in the offense in the final minute, scoring nine

points, but it wasn't enough time to capture the lead.

"We played strong and allowed our defense to speak for us," Blackston said. "That diligent effort is what won us the game."

Troy's Audrey Muse led all scorers with 18 points and Amy Lewis trailed behind with 16 points, grabbing nine rebounds as well.

The victory kicks off a seven-game away schedule for the Lady Govs until they return to the friendly confines of the Dunn Center, Dec. 28, when they host Evansville.

"We are going to have to be mentally tough and focused," Blackston said. "It's going to be a challenge but we are looking forward to it."

Friday and Saturday, the Lady Govs will travel to Saint Louis, Mo., to compete in the Saint Louis University Tournament.

They will match up with Butler, Friday and Saint Louis and Alabama A&M, Saturday. ♦

"We've got a lot of players that we can turn to who are able to get the job done."

-Andy Blackston, head coach

PHOTOS BY JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Left: Sophomore Missy Booker attempts a difficult shot over two Troy defenders. Booker was one of the five APSU players to score in double digits with 12 points in Friday's season opener.

Right: Freshman Ashley Hardaway dribbles the ball, looking for an open teammate. Along with Booker, Hardaway also produced 12 points as the Lady Govs claimed their season's first win.



My Two Cents

By KRISTEN SCHABERT
Staff Writer

Last week I wrote about professional athletes getting away with too much. Well, after that basketball fiasco in Detroit a few nights ago, and the suspensions that followed it, perhaps some justice will finally come for athletes misbehaving.

Three of the NBA players involved in the basketball fiasco as I have heard it called, have been suspended-one for the entire season, and two others for a total of 55 games. That's awesome. Hopefully, this will set a new trend into motion.

But, enough about that. I believe I made my point and maybe someone even listened.

For this week, I want to talk about the BCS. I have heard many complaints about it so I decided to check into it further and see what it is all about.

The BCS is the Bowl Championship Series for Division I college football. I have now decided that the whole BCS thing is nothing but confusing.

I checked out the BCS website (bowlchampionshipseries.org) to see what it could tell me. According to the website, "The BCS was established to determine the national championship for college football while maintaining and enhancing the bowl system that's nearly 100 years old. The BCS has quickly become a showcase for the sport, matching the best teams at the end of the season."

The BCS is made up of four bowl games: the Rose Bowl, the Nokia Sugar Bowl, the Orange Bowl and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. These four bowls rotate every year as to who hosts the national championship game.

Personally, I enjoy watching bowl games. But I don't think that one should decide the national champion! I think that bowl games should be fun, extra games that the teams could play to earn extra money and compete against teams they don't normally compete against. Also, they get to play in places they don't normally play, allowing fans all over the country to see their favorite team or local fans to travel to other places to follow the team.

But I think the national champion should be decided somehow other than using computer rankings and the like to pit the teams against each other in one game.

Every other major sport in college athletics has some sort of championship series, but they're decided the old-fashioned way: by playoffs. Why does it have to be different for one sport?

Actually, it's not even one sport-it's one part of one sport. The Division I-AA, Division II, and Division III football teams all go to the playoffs to determine their National Champion. So why does it have to be different for Division I?

While I can't offer a solution to the problem (that has to be left up to the experts) I can offer my opinion-keep the bowl games fun, but decide the national champion with a more competitive and tougher type of system.

Then I'll be convinced that the National Champion really did earn the title. ♦



Sophomore Shauna Haskin shoots a 521 in Sunday's match at Jacksonville State.

COREY HASTY/STAFF

Rookie impacts sooner than expected

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

After only two practices with the Lady Govs rifle team, sophomore Shauna Haskin competed in her first ever rifle competition.

Due to an unexpected illness suffered by Kim Howard, one of Austin Peay State University's top shooters, Haskin joined her remaining three teammates in two matches over the weekend. Haskin shot a 495 at the Panther Invitational, in Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday and improved that score by 30 points at the Gamecock Invitational, in Jacksonville, Ala., on Sunday.

"I was completely surprised and amazed that I did so well," Haskin said, "and the other girls were, too."

"Shauna did really well," head rifle coach Howard Wooster said. "She improved so much even between the matches on Saturday and Sunday. We did a little fine-tuning and gave her some last minute pointers, but basically she just got thrown in there with a baptism of fire."

Haskin is optimistic about the future of her rifle career.

"I can only improve," Haskin said with a laugh. "Hopefully with some more practice I can become one of the top shooters for the Lady Govs."

APSU returns to action after a short break when they face Morehead State, Dec. 4, in Morehead, Ky.

"We need a good, solid week of practice to get Shauna and the rest of the girls ready," Wooster said, "and then we'll be ready for Morehead State." ♦

Volleyball ends season achieving goal

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University women's volleyball season came to an end Sunday evening in a 3-1 loss (31-29, 23-30, 22-30, 21-30) against No. 1 seed eastern Kentucky at the O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament.

"Kids played hard, best performance of the year," head coach Cheryl Holt said.

APSU won the first game in an overtime thriller. Unfortunately the Lady Govs could not keep the momentum going, losing the next three games. In game three APSU had a seven point lead but could not capitalize on it.

"We had the lead, but we didn't perform as well as we needed to," Holt said. Senior Sarah Schramka recorded 14 kills, and a .059 attack percentage in her final game as a Lady Gov. She finishes her career as APSU's all time leader in kills 1,530. APSU finished the season with a 15-16 record.

"We had a good year. We struggled initially but came back hard," Holt said. The Lady

Govs started the season 0-7, but steadily improved as the season went on, and even went on a couple of winning streaks.

"Our seniors did a good job of leading our team," Holt said. The Lady Govs had four seniors on the team: Sarah Schramka, Julie Burkhalter, Jamie deTurck and Krystal Keepers.

"Our goal was to finish in the top four and we reached our goal. Sure we are disappointed about not advancing to the championship game but we had a great year," Holt said.

"I am sorry it's over, but the girls should be proud of what they have done this year," Holt said.

With this season over Holt is starting to think about her plans for next year. "We already have two who have committed, and have one more scholarship to award," she said.

"We want someone who is a good athlete, and can gel with the team," Holt said. "We have a few people in mind, but it's probably going to take a few weeks, or a couple of months." ♦

Govs go 1-2 in tourney

By MATT HEISS
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For the first time under Dave Loos, the Governors did not play a preseason exhibition contest before heading down to the University of the Virgin Islands for the fourth annual Paradise Jam tournament and it was evident that the inexperienced squad had room for improvement.

After running the Ohio Valley Conference table in the 2003-04 season the Govs showed that losing four starters will affect a team's play. With their only returning starter, senior guard Anthony Davis, out with a severe ankle sprain suffered in a scrimmage at Lipscomb the Govs were looking at an uphill battle.

Though they placed fourth out of six teams in the tournament the loss of Davis was felt and just as expected many Govs attempted to step up to the next level of play but in the end the Govs would fall short twice.

The Govs opened the tournament with a stunning 52-45 overtime victory against the St. Louis Billikens.

Though the Billikens were one of the favorites to win the tournament the combination of junior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton and senior guard Levi Carmichael proved to be just too much for the Billikens.

Both Hampton and Carmichael hit crucial three pointers in the game. First Hampton dropped in a 25 foot three pointer to send the game in to overtime at 44-44. Then Carmichael would combine an NBA range three pointer of his own along with some late free throws to give the Govs the win.

The Govs held the Billikens to just 26.2 percent shooting and allowed Reggie Bryant, the Billikens only double-figure scorer, to score 14 points. Instead the Gov would end the game with two starters putting up double figures.

When the time ran off the game clock

Hampton finished the game with 21 points while Carmichael would put up 17 of his own. Junior center Zac Schlader stepped up to the challenge as he posted his career best 12 rebounds for the Govs.

However, in their second tournament match up against Eastern Michigan proved that the Govs still had some kinks to work out as the Govs lost 73-59.

With only 24 hours to recuperate from the overtime game the night before, the Govs showed signs of fatigue.

"We just couldn't stop their dribble penetration," said Loos. "They got into the heart of our defense and we didn't react well. We have to do a better job and that is something we have to continue to work on."

Schlader continued to lead the Govs with four assist and to build upon his stats as he posted a career-best 20 points on 9 of 14 shooting.

This time it was senior forward Will Durdenwho stepped in to the spotlight as he posted his first ever double-digit scoring effort, 13, and posted 10 rebounds making it his first double-double.

The Govs' third game, however, looked more like a YMCA basketball game as the Winthrop Eagles held the Govs to only 36 points to give the Govs a fourth place finish.

In the history of the program this would rank as the Govs second fewest points scored in a game as they were held to only 35 back during the 1948-49 season against Delta State.

Of the 36 total points once again it was Hampton who "squeaked" in 13 points of his own while Schlader would contribute 10 of his own.

The Govs will look to get revenge against the Wichita State Shockers after the Shockers beat the Govs 62-47 in the 2003 ESPN Bracket Buster. The Shockers are coming off an 83-57 win against the Athletics First. This time the Govs will look to defend the Dunn Center in a 7 p.m. match-up on Nov. 27, 2004. ♦

Tennis memberships offered

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

If you ever wanted to freshen up on your tennis lessons or have never played tennis and would like to try, now is your chance. Austin Peay State University's tennis center is offering a chance to enjoy tennis all winter long.

"It's open to the public," head tennis coach Ed Dickson said.

Along with Dickson, assistant coach Kurt Kujawa and tennis center manager Bob Faires are determined to improve tennis activities this winter. Tennis center memberships are now being accepted. Annual memberships are \$125. However, non-members may use the courts, but will be charged \$16 for one hour. All participants will be able to get help from professionals.

"All lessons are going to be taught by me, local players and assistant coach Kujawa," Dickson said.

Tennis clinics and lessons by certified professionals for both adults and children are also available. Additional private lessons are available at \$20 for one half hour and \$30 for one hour. The money raised will help run the indoor courts and help improve them.

"We would love for this to do well," Dickson said. "It would be good for the tennis center and the budget." ♦

Location:

The Austin Peay tennis center is located at the rear of the Armory parking lot beside of the practice football field.

Governors provide baseball players for professional leagues

By MICHAEL YOUNG
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In the history of the Austin Peay State University baseball team, there have been over 40 players who have advanced their game to the professional level. Many play a few years in



COURTESY OF SEATTLE MARINERS BASEBALL TEAM
Former Gov George Sherrill throws a pitch as a Mariner.

the minor leagues or in leagues in other countries in hopes of advancing to a higher level. However, due to injuries, bad breaks or some other reason, very few players make it to the actual major leagues.

Two former APSU Govs have beaten the odds and are currently professional baseball players. Jamie "Cat" Walker is now in his fifth season in the major leagues (his third with the Detroit Tigers) and George Sherrill was just recently called up from the minors to join the Seattle Mariners bullpen.

Walker pitched for APSU from 1990-92 while Sherrill pitched the 1998-99 seasons. During their stay, both players established themselves as talented pitchers, yet almost exact opposites in terms of personality.

"Cat Walker was a kid who was never afraid to speak his mind and expected a lot out of his teammates," said APSU baseball coach Gary McClure. "But he was very professional about the things he said and he performed up to his words. George, on the other hand, was a very quiet guy. He pretty much kept to himself and let his performance speak for itself. Both players were genuinely respected by their teammates."

The two pitchers are also very different in their statistics during their tenure as Bat Govs. Walker ranks fifth on the all-time records list with 17 career wins, first in shutouts with three, third in complete games with 54 and eighth in innings pitched with 243.0. During the 1992 season, Walker posted a 9-5 record with two shutouts and a 2.74 ERA earning him the OVC Pitcher of the Year Award. With such impressive statistics, Jamie Walker was inducted into the APSU Athletics

Hall of Fame on Feb. 8, 2003.

In contrast, Sherrill's statistics are not quite as striking, as he acquired an 8-14 career record with no shutouts, 12 saves and a 4.52 accumulative ERA. Sherrill's 12 career saves, however, displayed great potential for him to become a closing pitcher.

One thing the two did have in common was a strong work ethic.

"They were both guys who had an extremely good work ethic," McClure said. "That is one thing that I can say without a doubt that stuck out about both of them. I think that has been a huge part of their success as professionals. Both of them came (to APSU), got better and eventually progressed into dominant pitchers."

In 1992, Jamie Walker was drafted by the Houston Astros and was later picked up by the Atlanta Braves when he became a free agent. The Braves then traded Walker for future baseball star Jermaine Dye to the Kansas City Royals. During the following season, Walker was sent down to the minors where he gained experience while playing for the AAA Omaha Royals in the Pacific Coast League. Kansas City finally traded Walker to Cleveland and was again traded a few months later to Detroit where he was called up to join the Tigers' bullpen. Jamie Walker is now in his fifth season as a professional baseball player where he has appeared in 261 games while he has netted an 11-12 record with a 4.24 era.

George Sherrill has lived a very similar life in professional baseball. He began his career displaying his talent in leagues around the world. Sherrill has played in the Independent League, Frontier League, Canadian League, for a professional team in South America, the Arizona Fall League and the Triple-A Seattle affiliate in Tacoma. In Tacoma, Sherrill had a 4-2 record and 2.32 ERA with 13 saves in 36 appearances and was selected to the Pacific Coast All-Star Team. On July 15, 2003,

Sherrill was promoted to join the Seattle Mariners bullpen where he appeared in 21 games posting a 2-1 record and a 3.80 ERA in 23 2/3 innings.

"You never know how far a guy is going to get because the process of becoming a professional baseball player is so long," McClure said. "You have to put up numbers consistently, you have to get some breaks and you have to stay healthy. George and Cat both had the advantage of being left-handed and their consistency, with a little bit of luck, carried them to the big leagues."

Sherrill and Walker are the only current players from APSU playing in the major leagues. However, they are not the only two in professional baseball. Former APSU catcher A.J. Ellis is currently in his fourth year in the minor leagues with the Single-A Los Angeles Dodgers affiliate the Vero Beach Dodgers. The 6-3, 240-pound catcher fought his way through the 2004 season with a .219 batting average and two home runs.

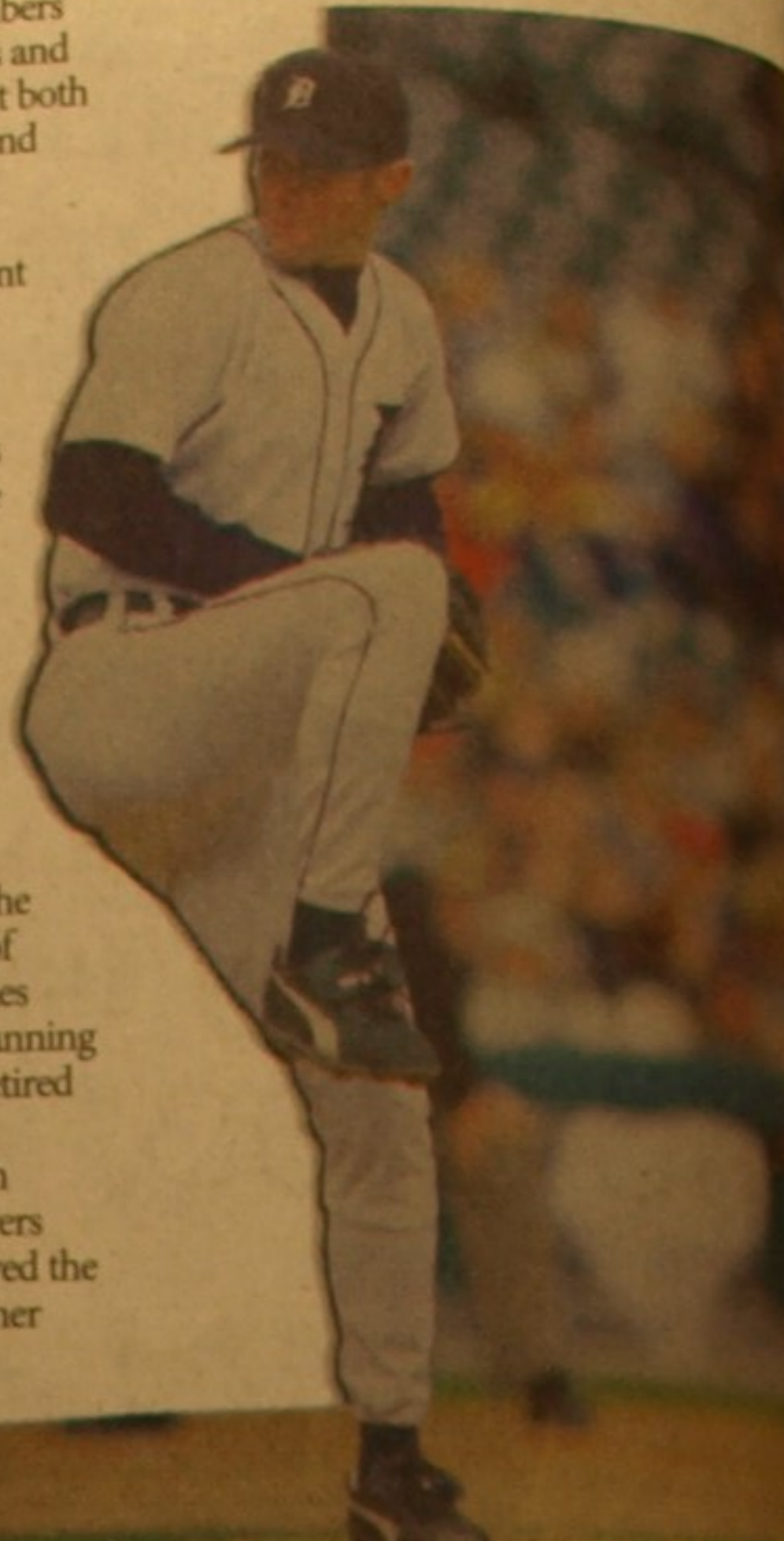
Such players as Chuck Abbott and Nate Manning are two examples of former APSU baseball players who had plenty of potential but never made it to the majors. Chuck Abbott played a couple of years in the minors but a plague of injuries kept him from advancing while Nate Manning followed a similar story until he finally retired in Double-A.

While Abbott and Manning were high prospects their entire journey, some players who were never projected to go pro proved the odds wrong. One prime example is former APSU shortstop Jimmy Wagner.

"Jimmy was one of those guys who everybody felt wouldn't make it," McClure said. "Every year nobody would give him respect and

every year he would earn his spot and prove them wrong."

Wagner went on to play a few years in the minor leagues and was eventually promoted to the Oakland A's where he played alongside such stars as Jose Conseco and Ricky Henderson.



COURTESY OF DETROIT TIGERS BASEBALL TEAM
Former Gov Jamie "Cat" Walker winds up for a pitch in major league baseball as a Detroit Tiger.

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

As a senior basketball player for Lincoln County High School in Kentucky, Cassandra Peek could only hope and pray there was a college that could use her on their team.

Peek's prayers were answered in May 2001 when she signed her recruitment papers to become a Lady Gov for Austin Peay State University.

"I was recruited by Coach Gardner," Peek said, "and it was something that I prayed about and felt that this was where the Lord wanted me to be."

Peek didn't see much playing time her freshman year, averaging 11 minutes of playing time per game. However, her strong will and a great work ethic boosted her performance in the upcoming years.

"(Peek) is a real team player," said APSU women's basketball coach Andy Blackston. "She is always willing to do whatever it takes to help the team. She comes to practice every day ready to work, and she takes personal pride in her improvement."

During Peek's sophomore year she improved her on-court performance in every statistical category. Two notable improvements would be her increase in playing time to 23.3 minutes per game and her improvement in field goal percentage from .324 her freshman year to .377 her sophomore year.

Peek's junior year was a similar story as she improved even more in each category except free throw percentage. She averaged 30.6 minutes of playing time per game and had 214 points as opposed to only 75 points during her freshman season.

With the start of Peek's senior year, Blackston, along with the rest of the women's basketball team, holds high expectations for Peek.

"We're really expecting her to run our team on the floor," Blackston said. "She is the only senior on the team, and if she can step into the leader role, then I believe we have a shot at going back to the NCAA tournament." ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Cassandra Peek, the Lady Govs' only senior, drives past a Troy defender during Friday's 79-64 victory. Peek is expected to take the reins and lead the team this season.

Name: Cassandra Peek

Class: Senior

Hometown: Kings Mountain, Ky.

Sport: Women's Basketball

Major: HHP/Teaching

After College: "I want to get my masters degree and coach basketball while I teach."

Favorite place to eat: "At home with my family."

Role model: "God and my family."

What is something that gets you focused before a game?

"Thinking about the different plays and preparing myself mentally for the game."

What is a game you are looking forward to?

"Eastern Kentucky University because it is my last game close to home."

What is the best part about being an APSU student?

"Getting to know other people on campus."

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