



Former RA arrested for aggravated burglary

New lead on Two Rivers and Emerald Hills robberies emerge after CPD indictment revealed

By AMANDA JEWEL WADLEY
Staff Writer

Joseph L. Gooden Jr., an elementary education major and former resident assistant at Emerald Hills, was arrested on Friday, Jan. 28 and charged with possession for sale of unlawful drug paraphernalia, carrying weapons on school property and theft.

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Upon searching Gooden's apartment, officers found a Dell Notebook, an APEX Portable DVD player, numerous DVDs, six bags of marijuana weighing over half an ounce, digital scales, a 9-millimeter semiautomatic pistol and a 22 caliber revolver.

Once the illegal drugs had been discovered on the premises, Clarksville drug agents were called out to retrieve the evidence. Clarksville Police Detective Shane Dortch, said Gooden had a prior record of burglary. "Mr. Gooden was arrested May 13, 2002, for burglary in the third degree, in Madison County, Ala.," he said.

According to Joe Mills, director of Housing and Residence Life, Gooden was hired as an RA for Emerald Hills on Dec. 19, 2004. Applying for a RA position requires the applicant to be both interviewed as well as submit letters of recommendation from APSU faculty and staff members. Once hired, an RA must be trained on how to address any issues that may occur. No background checks

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were required during the time of Gooden's employment and housing was unaware of any prior arrests. "There is no way to predict what a staff member will do," Mills said. "It's probably not unlike any professional position that we hire.

I think we're just a very trusting environment. We always encourage folks to lock their doors.

Based on this incident...we don't really know the details on what's going on with Joseph, but I know that we're going to institute background checks on all the staff that we hire." According to campus police, Gooden is a suspect in the four break-ins that occurred in the Two Rivers/Emerald Hills Apartments area.

Szlosek, who is still investigating the case said, "Once I saw that the indictment was for burglary, and that he lives in building nine, the little flags went up, because I knew I had done a report for burglary in building nine."

"This is too close; we've got to look at it. We've got to look at him as a suspect," he said.

"We're still working on it, and we're gathering a lot of information and trying to compile it and put it all together."

There may be more warrants...We've got to see where we stand once we get all of the information," he said.

Doll creates controversy



(Above left) Ricky Denton, APSU painter reaches for the doll in front of the the Morgan University Center as students stand below watching. (Above right): Lt. Loris Ellsworth holds the Spider-man doll in her hand.



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An inflatable Spider-Man doll found hanging from a tree outside the Morgan University Center drew protests from some who believed it may have symbolized something more sinister than just a teenage prank.

The action figure was discovered on Monday, Jan. 31 and was first reported to University Police as being a bound, black doll. Police immediately removed the figure and discovered it was actually a blow-up Spider-Man doll weighted down with golf balls.

A briefing was held on Feb. 3 to discuss the ongoing investigation of the doll incident.

APSU Chief of Police Lantz Biles, who began his new term on Feb. 1,

wrote in an e-mail sent Feb. 3 to the entire university that all parties involved are treating the matter with the seriousness law enforcement agents and public safety officials feel it deserves.

Officials still don't know whether the incident held a symbolic purpose but said they are continuing their investigation with state and federal agencies.

President Sherry Hoppe responded to the incident in an e-mail on Jan. 31, after initial reports identified the figure as a black doll.

In her e-mail, Hoppe wrote that the university was contacting the Montgomery County District Attorney, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and FBI to aid in the investigation.

Hoppe also requested that anyone with information about this incident

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contact university police. She also reinforced that there are state and federal laws which prohibit intimidation and hate crimes.

Cindy Nugent, an APSU student said, "It did not look like a Spider-Man doll to me when it was knocked down. It looked like a black guy

with his hands behind his back bound in electric tape."

Sarah Green, junior pre-veterinary medicine major at APSU, said, "It seems to me it was a stupid college prank to get attention."

"It is an immature college prank that has been blown out of proportion," said Jessica Gilbert, sophomore education major at APSU.

Jessica Eddings, freshman business marketing major at APSU, said, "If anyone protests, it is a waste of their time and energy."

Biles requests anyone with information about the incident, ownership or possession of the Spider-Man action figure, or information on seeing the figure on or before Jan. 31 to contact him at apsupolice@apsu.edu or by phone at 221-4848.

Examining fate of AACC

By CATHERINE FRAZEE
Guest Writer

Racism. Affirmative action. Diversity. These words resound in the recent controversy surrounding Nancy J. Dawson, former director of Austin Peay

State University's African American Studies, and have created recent national attention for APSU.

This controversy is part of a bigger issue. It spans nearly three years for APSU and more than 30 years for Tennessee. Three years ago, APSU's budget cuts resulted in reduced wages and lost jobs for faculty and staff, and created allegations of discrimination.

One specific case of reduced wages impacted Jackie Wade, director of the African American Cultural Center. She went from a 12-month salary to a nine or 10-month salary. The center closed for the summer to cut spending because the administration said it was not being used enough during the summer months to justify keeping it open. Wade left APSU because of these changes, according to APSU officials.

Seven cases were filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against APSU claiming budget cuts fell disproportionately on African American faculty and programs.

"Faculty complained that we hadn't made any cuts from the top," said Bruce Speck, vice president of academic affairs.

"We knew Joe Filippio was retiring soon and we were not going to replace him. We were looking at becoming more efficient and, for fairness in cutting, we were looking to see if we could combine things."

Filippio was vice-president in charge of the Office of Enrichment Programs including Wwomen's studies, International studies, and the African American studies. Filippio, though retired, continues to teach in the communications department.

Because all but bur Dawson were already instructors in other departments and it was, as what Speck said, a simple matter of eliminating the vVice- President position and putting faculty members under the departments where they were currently teaching. A department would have had to be found for Dawson.

"Her academic background was interdisciplinary," Speck said.

To be in a department, a faculty member is required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to have an MA plus 18 hours in the subject.

Because Since Dawson's degree is interdisciplinary, it did not lend to 18 hours in a particular subject, but Speck said she was strongest in history.

Speck also wanted to place the AACC under student organizations instead of keeping the center with the African American studies program.

"Because the center provided so many educational events, we felt it needed to be kept together," James Diehr, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Letters said.

The center would remain with

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V-Day AIDS clinic

By KATIE BELL
Staff Writer

The Urban Resource Center, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi will host an AIDS clinic workshop at in the African American Cultural Center on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

Jaqueline Fleming Hampton of the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church-First Response Center of Nashville will give a presentation about awareness, education, prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

"We just want students to be a lot more aware of their activities...students have to know that their actions come with a price tag," said Terry McMoore, director of the Urban Resource Center.

The organizers chose Valentine's Day for the event because of the tradition of the holiday, McMoore said. "Valentine's Day is the day we want to recognize loved ones. I just want people to come and be conscience of the facts," he said.

The students of the various organizations are aware of the spread of AIDS throughout the

black community, which is why they are hosting the event. "We decided to have it during black History month because of the AIDS epidemic that is tearing through the black community," said McMoore.

We just want people to be aware that it's out there and take proper precautions," said Bruce Shanks, Jr., president of the African American Students Association.

The First Response Wellness Center, who is sponsoring the clinic, is one of the oldest ministries of the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church.

According to McMoore that the church teaches abstinence but also deals with facing the problem that is already there. He also said that the church is becoming more progressive in terms of AIDS prevention and treatment.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in 2003, the white, non-Hispanic population had an estimated number of 12,222 cases while the black, non-Hispanic population had 21,304 estimated cases.

The Hispanic population had 8,757 estimated cases.

13 college consortium trains DCS staff

By AMANDA COCHRANE
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Thanks to the changes brought by the Tennessee Department of Children Services to a higher level. According to a press release on Feb. 1, the consortium was formed in May 2000 against Governor Foy Kohers, Commissioner of DCS, for his efforts to protect the approximately 10,000 children dependent on DCS for care and protection.

As a result of the lawsuit, a 13-member university consortium will provide training to the Tennessee Department of Children Services. Austin Peay State University is a member of this consortium.

James Carter, director of APSU's social work program, was elected the chair of the consortium which consists of the following accredited social work



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programs: Austin Peay State University; Belmont University; David Lipscomb University; East Tennessee State University; Freed-Hardeman University; Lincoln Memorial University; Middle Tennessee State University; Southern Adventist University; Tennessee State University; Union University; University of Memphis; University of Tennessee at Knoxville and University of Tennessee at Martin.

According to a news release on the DCS website, Viola P. Miller said, "Thorough and consistent training is essential in DCS's efforts to improve the lives and well-being of children in Tennessee."

"The development of the university consortium marks the implementation

of desperately needed consistency in the training of our employees," Miller said.

The contract is worth up to \$16 million in its first year, and renewable over the next five years. MTSU was chosen to lead the Tennessee Social Work Consortium to implement the program. The training for Department of Children Services workers started Jan. 1, 2005.

According to Joanne Zambo, a trainer, case managers go through eight weeks of on-the-job training. Thirty trainers teach on even weeks, while on-the-job training occurs during the odd weeks.

New case managers are being instructed, and a roll out will possibly happen in the summer.

A roll out consists of 3,000 to 4,000 current DCS staff becoming certified through this curriculum. Each employee has until February 2006 to

do this. The curriculum focuses on three outcomes: safety, well-being and permanence.

Zambo also cites changes to the program being more family-oriented instead of child-centered. This helps families to focus on their strengths.

APSU hosted its first training Jan. 10-14 with 88 in attendance during that week.

The training that week was on TN KIDS, which are data systems that track progress for the foster children in state care.

In-house training is given at MTSU, while each university has distance learning for their participants.

After 30 minutes of training, participants are allowed to call in questions to the main site and the trainer will answer as many as possible. Specialized training is given at certain times.

Briefs...

African American Film Series "Just Another Girl on IRT"

This movie deals with the consequences of pre-marital sex and the issues of a young single mother-to-be. It provides a sassy, in-your-face account of an intelligent yet flippant Brooklyn girl who lives in the projects and dreams of college. Following the movie there will be a discussion headed by Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and Black Men Emerging. This event will be held on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center.

"A Woman Called Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth"

The Roxy Regional Theatre presents an intimate evening presenting Sandra Fenichel Asher as Sojourner Truth, an incredible African American woman sold into slavery. The dates for this event are Feb. 10-12, 17-20 and 24-26 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at The Roxy Regional Theatre located at 100 Franklin St. For more information please contact Tom Thayer (931) 645-7699.

"Ludie Amos Dolls"

Mrs. Amos will do a "show & tell" of her dolls that will be on

exhibit during African American History Month. This event will be Feb. 12 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center, 200 South 2nd St.

"Gospel Explosion Song and Praise Fest"

This is a special occasion that acknowledges our ancestors would not have been able to survive with the power of God through song. Extraordinary choirs will come from a First Missionary Baptist Church, Greater St. James Church, Greater Missionary Baptist Church, Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, of Nashville, and Austin Peay's Voices of Triumph. Our own Dr. Shirley Rainey will be presiding! This event will be Feb. 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Clement Auditorium.

African American Cooking Class

Student Life and Leadership will be hosting African American Cooking Class. Recipes will be compile into a Multicultural cookbook at the end of the semester. If you have any recipes that you want to share with us, please send them to me along with the culture it represents. The class will begin at 5 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center.

The Peay now takes plastic

By JENNIFER TYSON
Staff Writer

Debit and credit cards are now accepted at the dining areas of Austin Peay State University.

APSU staff members from dining services and student services decided during the fall semester of 2004 to install merchant processing equipment in the dining areas on campus.

Merchant processing equipment was installed in the food court during the first week of the spring semester and in all other dining areas one week later.

Crissy Grooms, who is from the dining services at APSU, said, "We had requests for it the acceptance of debit/credit cards."

Currently, the cafeteria is the only area that does not accept debit or credit cards. Plans are being made to install merchant processing equipment in the cafeteria. Grooms said, "Hopefully it will be over the summer."

Treva Gordon, senior corporate communications major at APSU, said, "I think it's good to have credit card availability in case students do not have cash or their meal card on hand."

Robin Pryor, senior corporate communications major at APSU, said, "I think it's great. When you have no cash and you want something to eat but do not have a Bank of America account, which is the ATM on campus, you can use your debit card and not worry about fees. Most of the time I just go



Ben Culberston stands in line beside the Mastercard/Visa logo display in the food court. This is one of the many places in the U.C. that accepts credit/debit cards.

credit card because there is no access to use a pin number. There are several dining services at APSU. The majority of them are located in the Morgan University Center.

The food court is composed of Bene Pizza & Pasta, Montague's Deli, and Chick-fil-A. It also has garden salads, snacks, fountain drinks, bottled drinks, and coffee. Also in the UC there is Café, and Java City and Austin's is a dining area located in next to the Harvill Bookstore. ♦

without." Gordon said, "Precaution should be used because students already have a lot of debt. I would only use mine as a last resort."

Christy Shippers, freshman pre-dental hygiene major at APSU, said, "I probably won't use it because it is easier to just use my ID card."

The plus dollars are already paid for and I don't want to waste that." Grooms said, "We've had no problems. Everyone was glad to see us start to take them."

"We will implement checking IDs when someone uses a card."

Using a debit/credit card does not cost anything for students and faculty at Austin PeaySU. Grooms said the service comes at no expense to APSU and is provided by Nova.

The dining services at APSU accept MasterCard and Visa credit and debit cards. However, American Express cards are not accepted. The cards must be scanned as a pin number.

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AACC: Outlook on diversity continues

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the African American studies minor, but both would still be reorganized under the history department. However, Dawson objected to the move. She wanted the program to maintain its autonomy.

"The African American studies is its own discipline."

It is an interdisciplinary program," Dawson said, "Professors work according to standards within their given disciplines so the student can get the best education according to the standards throughout the country. We just don't work outside our disciplines like that," she said.

Speck disagreed with Dawson, "I did some of my own research about where the African American

studies was positioned."

According to Speck, the minor was placed under different departments at various universities.

Dawson said APSU needed to follow TSU's example. TSU places their African American studies major under an interdisciplinary department.

An African American studies major is something both Dawson and the APSU administration said they were working toward.

Dawson was hired two years before the reorganization to develop the African American studies program.

At the time, APSU offered courses in African American studies from different departments: for example Africa to 1800 in the history department, and in the English department,

African American Writers.

Twelve courses were offered for the African American minor under various departments.

Only one course was offered under the African American minor heading.

Then came the Introduction to the African American Studies Program. Under Dawson's leadership, seven new courses were added on an experimental basis to develop the minor.

"I was working to establish the core in the discipline and then a student could pursue a concentration in History, Literature or Women's studies," Dawson said.

"In two years the program had grown 300 percent," she said.

Dawson had completed two dossiers under the Enrichment program, but did not complete a

dossier underwith the history department.

According to Speck, TBR said it was an unusual occurrence and decided to consider Dawson's uncompleted dossier as if APSU had rejected her dossier.

This allowed Dawson one year to search for another position culminating in her departure on Jan. 31.

The loss of African American faculty, the loss of the AACC director, the fight to keep the center and studies combined, and the reorganization under the history department led Dawson to question the administration's support for the program.

Dawson said the administration would not listen and claims of racism made the national news.

"Diversity comes from here," she said. ♦

Good Morning APSU
Campus Community

RoadKill 6 (RK6) - APSU vs. Murray State BB Game
RK6 is the 6th Annual 8-Ball Road Trip, sponsored by the Offices of Housing/Residence Life and Student Life & Leadership. This Saturday, the Racers and Lady Gobs visit the MU. contact Kenneth Maddox at maddoxk@apsu.edu or by phone at 7444.

STEAs & NAACP Sponsor Black History Bowl
Students are invited to participate in a Black History Bowl on Feb. 22 in Clement Auditorium. For more information contact Kathleen Eason at 1242.

Mr. and Ms. Peppermint Affair Contest and Ball
The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are sponsoring their annual Mr. & Ms. Peppermint Affair Ball on Feb. 11th. For more information please contact Jenna Lewis at jlewis17@apmail.apsu.edu or by phone at 931-503-8198.

Candlelight Ball Scholarship essay deadline March 1

Essays are being accepted for the Candlelight Ball Scholarship. For more information please contact Sharon Silva at silvas@apsu.edu or by phone at 7199.

Networking Workshops

On Feb. 9 from 10-11 a.m. or on Thursday Feb. 10th from 1-2 p.m. discuss how to effectively network. Please contact the Career & Advisement Center with any questions by phone at 7896.

Corrections

"DSP makes a proposal..." (Jan. 26, 2005)
CORRECTION: Academic Support Services director Harriet McCune is not Henry.
"Campus Internet goes wireless" (26, 2005)
CORRECTION: TAF not TAFT. MFA address: Media Access Control. Desk is in Browning 212.
"Abortion is Genocide" (Feb. 2, 2005)
CORRECTION: Genocide misused. Dictionary defines as the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political or cultural group.
We regret any errors.

COMING HOME 2005

MONDAY, FEB. 14

9-4: COME TO THE UC LOBBY WHERE SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE SELLING ITEMS FOR VALENTINES DAY

12-1: MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY DREW HOLCOMB IN THE UC LOBBY - FREE SUBWAY REFRESHMENTS

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

12-1: MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY JENNIFER DANIELS IN THE UC LOBBY - FREE FRONT PAGE DELI REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

12-1: MUSIC PERFORMED BY BAND POPULAR GENIUS IN THE UC LOBBY - FREE CAFE 541 REFRESHMENTS

5:30: RAD - RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE CLASS IN UC-303 (FIRST NIGHT OF A FOUR NIGHT SERIES) FOR THE FIRST 30 WOMEN WHO SIGN UP

THURSDAY, FEB. 17

ALL DAY: RED, WHITE, AND BLACK DAY! SHOW YOUR PEAY PRIDE BY WEARING RED, WHITE AND/OR BLACK TODAY!

11:30-12:30: MUSIC PERFORMED BY BAND THE BUTTER & SUGAR SHOW IN THE UC LOBBY - FREE PANINI'S REFRESHMENTS

12:30 - BASKETBALL PEP RALLY IN THE UC LOBBY - PRIZES AND MORE!

4:30 - COMING HOME TAILGATE PARTY AT THE DUNN CENTER PLAZA/STEPS. FREE PANINI'S AND WENDY'S REFRESHMENTS. FREE AP SKILL CAPS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST - MUST SHOW A VALID APSU ID.

COMING HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

5:15 - COME WATCH YOUR LADY GOVS PLAY SAMFORD! FOLLOWED BY MEN'S ACTION AT 7:30!

COMING HOME SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST - MUST SHOW A VALID APSU ID. ITEMS GIVEN AWAY INCLUDE: RED AND WHITE POMS, COFFEE MUGS, INSULATED CAR COFFEE MUGS, SMALL BASKETBALLS AND MUCH MORE!

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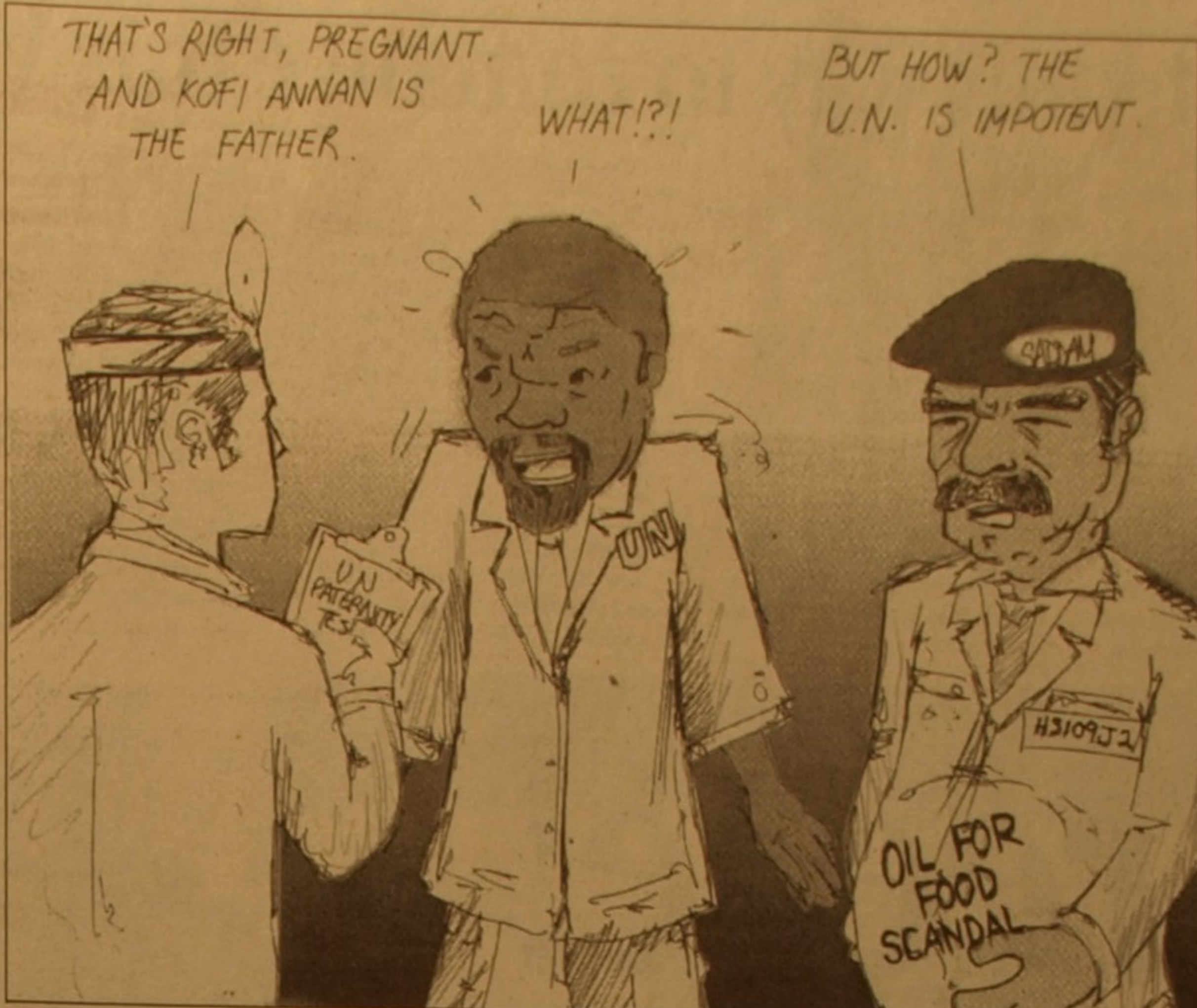
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OUR TAKE

African American history is pertinent to campus unity

Every February, African-American History Month reminds us of the opportunity that we have been given in celebrating cultural identity. This opportunity should be one that is grasped not only in February, but every day of the year. As soon as March 1 rolls around, we return to the 11 remaining "white history months" of the year. This needs to change. We've all heard the complaints that African-American History Month isn't enough. Indeed, we should continue to push forward anything that removes away residual impressions left by past mistakes. There are some problems that even the down of civil rights may not have been able to remove. It is worth noting that slavery has deeply caused bitterness and scars left by perpetuating its detestable actions. This goes as well for other specific cultures that have a strong history in this nation. However, whites do not share the same shared rights to recognition of a specific culture because their struggle did not require them to be unshackled from chains and inhuman treatment. Other cultural groups (the African-Americans) have earned this need for recognition considering the hard road that they have traveled to get where they are. While it is important to recognize that we should always be aware of cultural identity separately, we should eliminate race from the equation. This changes our vocabulary slightly. Instead of saying "black" we should be more culturally aware and say African-American? This is not for desire to sate any politically correct concerns, but to ignite proper respect for cultural identity. Some may ask why there is an African-American Cultural Center. It would be for the same reason that Hispanic-Americans were given a cultural center. Cultural awareness is at the heart of this, not racial awareness. The two are separate. There was a controversy a few semesters ago when it was suggested that the AACC should be moved into the Multicultural Center. People

felt that having just an AACC was unfair to Hispanics and Asian people. As you can see, there are growing efforts in cultural awareness here on campus. Still, this is African-American History Month and this culture has more than earned a legacy and a place in this country. However, racial tension is alive and well in the United States. It even extends its clutches into Austin Peay State University's campus. Prior to this semester, a professor of African-American heritage, intent on teaching here, refused due to the allegations facing our university concerning Dawson. Issues such as these should no longer be occurring. Why is there such a problem with African-American culture? African-Americans have struggled for their voice to be heard for decades. Through protest, and fighting tooth and nail, African-Americans have struggled to get every inch of recognition they could. Consider what could happen if we ignored the struggle that African-Americans faced at first in America. Without the African-American Cultural Center, many students wouldn't have a positive place to get together and learn about the culture. Is it really so hard to believe that African-American people want a recognition of their unique cultural past? What is more, without history as a reminder, are we not inclined to repeat mistakes of the past? It is certainly laughable to highlight differences in skin tone. It does nothing but aggravate tensions that still exist; the chains of slavery still drag in the minds of descendants of those oppressed. Unless people make an honest effort to truly learn African-American culture, it will never be taken seriously. Supporting causes relative to those who have struggled to earn an identity in this country, is only one more step toward equal rights for the diverse and many peoples in this country, and this is something that we should never neglect in a land that touts the slogan: justice for all.



By MARTIN FOX

YOUR TAKE

ABORTION IS NOT GENOCIDE

Recently I read the article "Abortion is genocide," written by Daniel Plunkett. At first glance I read the repetitive phrases "abortion is immoral, abortion is wrong and abortion is genocide." I respect the author's opinion and am glad that he had the courage to submit his article on this controversial subject. However, there was something he said in his article printed on Feb. 2 that infuriated me. "If a woman becomes pregnant, she's already made her choice." This statement is not only sexist, but also ignorant. I truly believe though that the author meant this to apply to situations regarding voluntary impregnation. Now, I'm not a feminist, but I don't think that if a woman is about to be raped she could say, "Oh, let me get a condom first because I would hate to have to go against my moral and ethical values and abort a child." Life just doesn't work that way. And if you think it's a woman's fault for being raped regardless of the situation then talk to a rape victim, about of all women are one. And if abortion is considered immoral, as the author states, then so is the morning after pill administered by a physician after a rape examination. Or what about women who do take precautions to avoid pregnancy and do conceive? Though it may be the author's preference, abstinence, adoption or parenthood are not always options for everyone. If the union of an egg and sperm creates a fetus and it's immoral to dispose of a fetus because it is living, then is it wrong to use contraceptive measures to destroy

sperm and egg cells since they are living organisms, too? There is also an issue with those women who take certain medications that cannot be discontinued for medical reasons such as depression or epilepsy that may cause deformations or death to the fetus. Should they be forced to forgo their own health or even the health of their child because of their illness? If so, why don't we just have breeding camps and force men and women to conceive according to their health and status quo? I think the point I am trying to make is that women do not always bring pregnancy on themselves. It is as much of a man's responsibility to choose to have intercourse which, if I remember my biology right, is the means for impregnation. If anyone actually believed that pregnancy is strictly the woman's doing, then one could also say that women those women who choose to or cannot conceive bring breast cancer on themselves given that this greatly increases breast cancer risk. The abortion controversy, as many may not be informed, is not only one of religious standings. If we were no longer at liberty to abort a fetus, an organism that needs the support of the mother's body to survive, then could we dispose of a tumor? Both are groups of rapidly dividing cells that cannot live on their own. I know some claim that the situations are different because the fetus has a soul and is a human being. But a tumor is human because of its genetics, but not considered to have a soul. If ET came to APSU would it be legal to dispose of him because he may have a soul but isn't

human? We can't physically prove the existence of a soul either. A soul is an idea generated commonly from religious beliefs... beliefs that not everyone shares. I truly do respect those individuals who disapprove of abortion as well as those who are for it. It is one's right to have an individualized opinion and belief system as long as it does not encroach on the rights of others. It is also a right in this country for a woman, if not a couple, to make a choice to bring life into this world. It is participant's DNA, the woman's body, the parent's financial provisions and chosen value system. I hope that the author and the readers remember pro-choice in the U.S. is widely accepted because of our belief in the right to freedom of religion and freedom of choice. If the tides turned and the country was forced into a single religious/moral belief such as that practiced in early European cultures, do you the reader really think that abortion or any other controversial act would cease to exist? If so, then we as a nation might want to stop and think about why this continent was even settled in the first place. Please continue to practice your belief system but do so in a gracious and respectful way. I implore readers to refrain from using ignorant excuses and statements to protect their belief system. Every capable individual is responsible for their own actions and inactions regardless of what excuses they provide or dream up.

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Chemistry/Biology

Goodwill pushed back into black over PBS coverage of holocaust

I hope that more than a few people on campus were aware of the recent PBS special on the Holocaust - "Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State." PBS fund-raisers aside, this was one of those programs that, like the Jack Johnson biography which aired a month ago, covers a multitude of sins and nearly instantaneously pushes my goodwill toward public television back into the black. PBS still does some things better than anyone else; certainly they do history far better than their nearest competition, the "History Channel," which has sadly lost its way and now only occasionally comes up for air from the polluted stream of pseudo-history, "weapons-of-war" techno-orgasms and the increasing spew of non-history-related bilge they've been swimming in these past few years. I hope that far more people saw at least some of "Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State" than my inner pessimist tells me actually did, if for no other reason than that watching this might have helped a few people to discover some context for their overblown rhetoric, particularly those whose utter incomprehension of the reality of the Holocaust allows them to blithely carry "Bush = Hitler" signs to proclaim the fact. This kind of moral equivalency has gone a long way towards trivializing nearly everything. Unfortunately, the mindless theft of moral power is not a victimless crime. It may well be that the next wave of cold-blooded genocidal killers will walk right through the gaping holes rent by intellectually lazy people who, feeling the need to elevate their own cause d'jour, have increasingly resorted to "borrowing" the emotional talismans of far greater issues and events. Rather than bolstering their own cause the borrowers end up reducing the great crimes of history to misdemeanors before the bar of public opinion. This is not about Left or Right, but rather Right and Wrong, about how far any group or individual can properly go in making comparisons of their own situations or causes to other events the magnitude of which must not be diminished by casual usage. When college conservatives invoke the memory of "Jim Crow" by way of making a point about their perceived lack of free expression on some campuses, they do so in ignorance of what that term truly conveys to black Americans whose collective memory has

yet to emerge from the shadows of lynching trees and night-riders. When other activists scream "genocide" in reference to wrong-headed policies that negatively impact certain groups but which contain no overt threat of violence, they strip the word of its meaning, to the point where the word no longer conveys anything beyond describing for the listener a state of irritation and inconvenience. This criticism does not disqualify the complaint, which may be real enough. It does, however, diminish the person who leaps to inappropriate comparisons by burying their credibility under a slag-heap of their own hyperbole. It also diminishes the well from which they continually and illicitly draw their moral authority, eventually reducing even powerful words like "slavery" and "holocaust" to mere rhetorical devices which can no longer convey anything like their true meaning. The word "crisis" has ceased to define a problem of great severity. Carelessly invoked by politicians and supporters of every imaginable cause for years on end, "crisis" has become merely a synonym for "problem." The point is that language is a useful tool only so long as it maintains its edge; constant usage can reduce words like "rape," "racism," "genocide," "tyranny" and "massacre" to dullness in the same way that constant repetition of certain prayers can reduce a concept as awesome as that of God to the point where awe gives way to indifference. We, all of us, would do well to think hard before expending verbal cruise-missiles at mice and gnats and save some ammunition for lions and dragons. There are only a few words of true power and descriptiveness - the warning sirens of language. To use them as throwaways is to ensure that when the alarm is sounded in earnest at some future time of emergency, no one will so much as turn around or look up from whatever it is they are doing, not until the time for doing anything is already past. The dissolution of the power of language may already have hit a point of no return. "Never Again" was the cry that emerged from the ashes of the Holocaust, and yet it happened again and again in Cambodia, Rwanda and Kosovo. It is happening now in Darfur in the Sudan. While a very small group of journalists and activists attempt to shake the world into realizing the tragedy that is unfolding, the United Nations unlimbers its own arsenal of words, words that have been used by that organization so often, so inappropriately, and so appallingly casually, that they no longer have the power to inspire one concrete action. In the silence of the room where I sit typing this at two in the morning, the realization of that fact leads me to the thought that I may have accomplished - in the past two hours - precisely nothing.

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Social security solution is up to you

One of President Bush's main goals for his second term in office is, as he explained in his State of the Union address, to fix social security. Of course, most of us in college haven't even started our careers, so ending them in retirement, moving to Florida and collecting a social security check seems like a long way off. However, the social security crisis really involves us more than anyone. There is plenty of money in the system to pay benefits to people who are already in retirement age, but what's uncertain is if there will be anything left for us when we're ready to get out of the rat race for good. I'm no economic guru, but with the raging controversy over this issue, I've been able to learn enough over the last few days to form an opinion. The problem with social security is that the ratio of workers putting money into the system to those drawing money out of the system is shrinking as the baby-boom generation retires. Right now there's a surplus, but eventually more money will be taken out than is put in, the surplus will shrink and at some point (estimates say around 2042) the money will run out and benefits will be reduced drastically. President Bush's plan is to allow citizens to privately invest some of their social security taxes. I am in favor of the president's plan, because it would give citizens

control over more of their own money. How nice of the government to consider allowing us to do what we want with our own hard-earned money. The plan would be implemented in phases; by 2011 everyone would be eligible to participate. The plan is voluntary, so no one who doesn't want to would have to participate. Those citizens who do participate will be able to invest in the fund of their choice (several different funds will be available), and the return will be much higher than the return on the traditional, government managed social security fund. Also, the government will not be able to touch the private funds, meaning that they may be passed on as an inheritance, unlike regular social security benefits. The private accounts will not provide a total solution to the problem with social security, but they would offset the lower incremental increases in benefits that will probably be necessary to keep the system going indefinitely. The President is showing a great deal of responsibility in wanting to do something about the problem now so that we don't have to deal with it later. The democrats, on the other hand, know the facts but insist there is no crisis, even though democrats like Al Gore and Bill Clinton have warned of the danger many times before. I suspect that the democrats simply don't want a republican to solve the problem—if the problem is solved, what would the democrats complain about in their campaigns? Private accounts are good because they put power and choice in the hands of the individual citizen rather than in big government. In a socialist society, the individual is dependent upon the government to provide for his or her needs, and such a system has never worked, and never will. In a democracy, power belongs to the individual.

FCC wrongly redefines nudity

Michael Powell, chairman of the United States Federal Communication Commission, recently announced that he will be resigning in March. This may not seem like cause for celebration, but it is. Since Colin Powell is his father, politics have likely been heavily influencing the FCC. Michael Powell had been pushing for deregulation of internet and broadcasting. This would allow companies to own a large number of media companies in various categories—meaning big businesses win and eventually have monopolies over all the media in large areas. Powell has also enacted extremely harsh fines for indecency in the media. He played a part in the \$550,000 fine Viacom received for a particularly revealing performance by Janet Jackson last year. So where should the FCC go from here? The lines need to come way down. The point is a fine is to make the company realize that the FCC will not tolerate indecent behavior in the media, not to bankrupt the company. What about Europe? Can we give their way of thinking a try? Nudity isn't bad. Apparently, naked bodies are something we should be allowed to see somebody naked on television because heaven forbid they figure out what a

naked body looks like!). The FCC freaked out about a nipple when most European countries would have shrugged it off. The real problem is not just the FCC. Nudity is considered taboo in this country, and that is part of the problem. No one should be ashamed of his or her body, but most people in the United States are. So, you don't look like a pop star. Who cares?! Naked bodies are beautiful, (but even I get embarrassed when I see a naked person in a movie sometimes). Our society has told us nudity is bad and so we listen unquestioningly. If the FCC would change their policies on nudity on television, then maybe Americans wouldn't be so freaked out by it. They would eventually get used to it and accept it as many other countries have for a long time. Violence on television seems to be something everyone is concerned about. Violent shows do not create killers. I'm not saying a three-year-old should be allowed to watch horror movies, but everyone sees violence. The FCC can't change this by taking it out of shows. The funny thing is that it is more difficult for me to watch the news than it is for me to watch a crime show. Children just need to be taught what is real and what is not real. This doesn't mean that they won't grow up to be criminals, but it seems better than just letting nature take its course. You just can't keep violence completely out of a child's life. The FCC really needs to get their priorities straight. Nudity and violence are not their enemies, big businesses are. Their current situation is going to explode in their faces if they don't fix it immediately.



OPINION
Phil Grey

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OPINION
Erin Cruys

Digest your way to romance this V-day season

By MEGAN GREGORY
Staff Writer

It is that time of year again, when love is in the air and just about everyone seems to be struck in the heart by one of cupid's arrows. This year, however, he may just aim for your food.

Aphrodisiacs, named after the Greek love goddess, Aphrodite, are mysterious "love potions" said to arouse the senses and put you and your partner in the mood for love. The scents of buttered popcorn and pumpkin pie are said to arouse men, and licorice and vanilla do the same for women. Foods like oysters and

chocolate are rumored to be powerful arousal tools. But is that all it is? Just a bunch of rumors? Discovery Health claims that it's a lot more than that. It's science.

All five senses are subject, especially smell and touch, but taste seems to be the most popular. The chemical makeup of some foods can set off a chain reaction leading to an aroused state. First, the limbic lobe of the brain is stimulated. It uses the nervous system to tell blood vessels in the genitals to dilate, sending a rush of blood to the erectile tissue. Vessels then constrict so the blood cannot flow out.

When this occurs, the brain releases hormones like norepinephrine and dopamine, which create a feeling of pleasure and arousal throughout the body.

Foods rich in nitrous oxide, the chemical responsible for stimulating erectile tissue in both sexes, take a more direct approach. One common food used as an aphrodisiac is the oyster, which studies show is responsible for the release of nitric oxide. The famous Italian love, Casanova, is said to have eaten dozens of oysters daily and used their consumption for seduction by passing them from his

lips to those of his lovers.

Spicy foods, like chili peppers, contain Capsaicin, which stimulates nerve endings and makes us sweat. Capsaicin is also known for triggering the release of endorphins, which give the body a natural high and a feeling of euphoria that is necessary for romance.

Popular phallus shaped foods are now known to be chemically potent. Asparagus, for example, is rich in vitamin E, which stimulates the production of sex hormones.

Finally, chocolate is said to be the most arousing of all the foods. Not only is the silky texture sensuous,

but also it is rich in caffeine—the drug that stimulates the nervous system and provides a short energy rush. "This quintessential lovers' gift contains a stimulant called Phenylethylamine, considered to be some researchers as the 'love chemical' as it gives you a feeling of well-being and excitement that is very similar to the endorphins giving us a natural high," according to an article on the Discovery Health website. There are a lot more aphrodisiacs out there, so go find what they are, and this Valentine's, romancing your sweetie may be a whole lot easier. ♦

Love Hunter: Watch your step; an ex-lover can ruin your rep

Love Hunter,

How does one deal with an ex-girlfriend?

Well, dealing with an ex-girlfriend isn't much different from dealing with a ticked-off gorilla; just watch your step, and try not to make them too upset. Basically, that's it.



HUNTER

However, for those of you who think that you might have trouble with this, here are some useful tips. First, don't burn any bridges. Girls like to talk, especially when they are upset at something or someone. An ex-girlfriend can ruin your reputation faster than anyone can. If you do something to her that she feels is hurtful, I can almost guarantee that she will tell her friends.

Depending on the circumstances, this could really hurt your reputation with numerous potential dating prospects.

Second, try to keep things civilized. Just remember, this is someone who, at one time, you probably cared about a lot. In some circumstances, this may be hard, but be persistent and stay the course.

Try to be a gentleman when dealing with everyone; this includes ex-girlfriends.

You should always try to take the high road. Trust me, because the low road takes you places that you really don't want to go.

Always try to be a respectful gentleman. Treat her as if you still cared a lot about her.

Third, stay away. Now, this doesn't mean you should be rude. All it means is for you not to make the effort to be friends or to hang out at first. Give it time. Let the emotion dwindle down a bit before you try to become best friends.

If you try to have a friendship right off, then it will cause many confused emotions and a lot of hurt. Every time the two of you talk, it will be the breakup talk again.

You will argue about the same stuff you argued about before. It's no fun. Just try to cordially ignore the ex-girlfriend.

Lastly, don't do anything dumb. Stop and think before you act. That means don't do things like pee on her car or parade your new girlfriend around for her to see.

Also, if you do talk to the "ex," don't talk endlessly about how there are now so many new girls in your life and how they all want you.

That just makes you look dumb and immature.

But probably the two worst things you could do is, one, date the best friend, and two be one of those stalking ex-boyfriends. Neither are very cool.

Best of luck,

Love,
Hunter

P.S. "Keep on keeping on." And if you need help, just let me know at theapsulovehunter@yahoo.com.

Greece!



Ruins of the ancient world and foreign landscapes are among the many sights experienced by students in the study abroad program.

Interested in taking your education to an even higher level? Study abroad in Greece and immerse yourself in a visual encounter of history, sand and sea.

By DANIEL MAURER
Guest Writer

What are you doing this summer? If you haven't decided, why not consider going to Greece? Timothy Winters, professor of Classics at Austin Peay State University.

Winters is in charge of the Study Abroad to Greece trip. There are several reasons why a student would want to study in Greece.

"The best reason to do any study abroad is that it opens up a student's horizons, it exposes students to different intellectual and cultural horizons that person

could never see inside the classroom," Winters said.

He explained that Greece offers students the rare opportunity to witness, first-hand, the comparison between the ancient and modern world.

Greece is an active and vibrant land, which still boasts some of the world's most legendary historical and archaeological sites.

The first two weeks of the trip are spent in the city of Chania on the Northwest coast of the island of Crete.

There the students do some intensive studies of the history of

Greek art and archaeology, and the beginning studies of the Modern Greek language. The class begins in the morning and ends midday, after which the students have some free time to soak up the ambience of the local culture. The hotel where they stay is near a beautiful, sprawling, white-sands beach.

After the first two weeks, the classroom crash-course is over.

The students hit the road, touring between 40 to 50 different archaeological sites within the next three weeks including Sparta, Olympia, Delphi and, of course, the many familiar monuments in

Athens.

In addition to the ancient sites, the trip includes sites associated with the Byzantine period, the Middle Ages, the nineteenth century and even the modern period (up through WWII). There are also some extra non-academic side trips such as a few vigorous hikes.

So, what's the downside? Well, as with everything in life, the trip has a cost.

The fortunate thing is that between the available student loans and the scholarship offered by the Gilman Foundation, students

should have little trouble finding the money to make the trip of a lifetime become a reality.

The estimated fee for the program is \$4,180, which includes a deposit of \$350 due upon acceptance. It seems like a lot, but the experience may very well change your life.

If you are interested, contact Winters in room 212 of Harned Hall, call 221-7118 or fill out the application form available online at <http://www.apsu.edu/winterst/>. Time is running out on this incredible opportunity, so don't delay! ♦

Social work club gets 'Holiday Hero' award

By CANDISE MCCAIG
Staff Writer

On Jan. 27, 2005, the Social Work Club on campus received an award from Youth Village.

Youth Village is a non-profit organization located on South Riverside Drive that provides care for children in Tennessee state custody.

Late last year, the club was approached by Ms. Monica Causey, the clinical supervisor at Youth

Village, about participating in an activity. The club gladly agreed and chose to give Christmas gifts to the children living in the facility. When Causey approached Sandie Herman, the club president, about the project she took the idea to her club and they eagerly agreed to take on yet another community service.

Once it was decided to give Christmas gifts to teenage girls between the ages of 12 and 18, they then had to raise the money for the

project.

Money was raised primarily through donations from Jennifer Herman and Pillar Gilbert.

The young women of Youth Village received gifts such as scented lotions, scented soaps, jewelry and electronic diaries. They loved the gifts, but more importantly, these ladies were reminded that they haven't been forgotten by the community.

It touched their hearts and "made

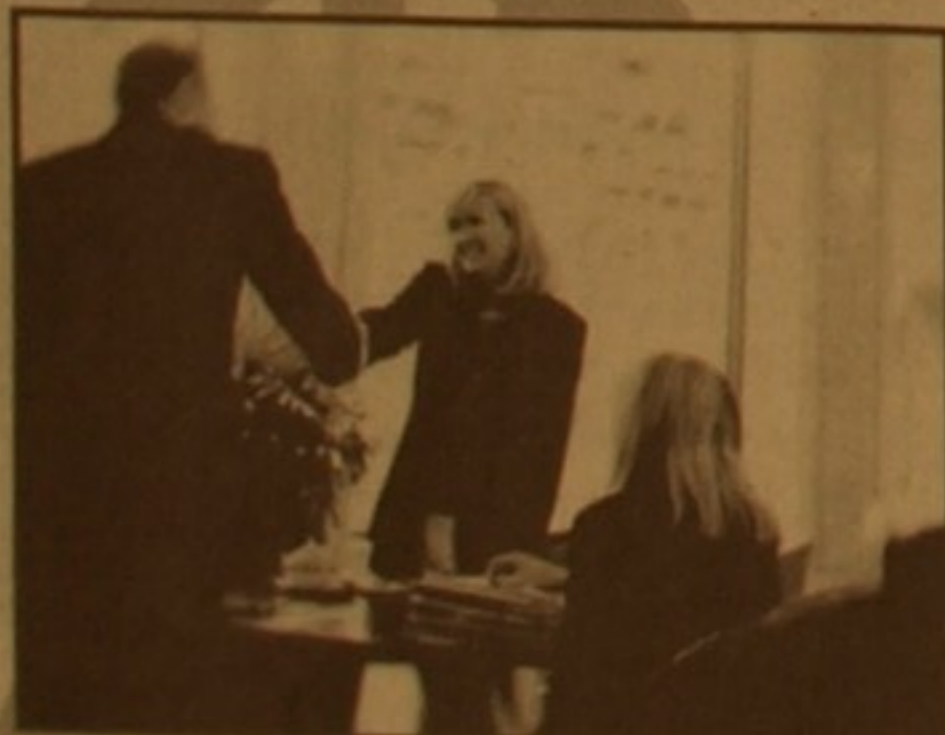
the holiday for these girls," said Causey. When asked why he chose to do this type of work, Causey says that she was inspired at a young age by life experiences and family.

Youth Village gave the club the "Holiday Hero" award because they "were impressed by the genuine effort to make Christmas special for the girls," said Causey. The Social Work Club is very active among the community.

They have taken part in such

activities such as Safe House, Riverfest and Urban Missionary. Members from the organization agree that the most rewarding part of the activity knew their gifts reminded the girls that the community does care and that they had not been forgotten.

In March, the club will be hosting a Foster Care panel in the University Center to help promote the importance and need for foster parents. ♦



February is National Financial Aid Awareness Month. In honor of this event the Office of Student Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs is hosting a Financial Aid Awareness Fair. There will be many opportunities during the month of February for you to learn more about financial aid as well as meet representatives from Bank of America, EdFinancial, SallieMae, Suntrust, US Bank and USA Funds. Staff from the Financial Aid Office will also be available. We hope you will take a few minutes and plan on attending one or all of the events listed below. The 2005-06 FAFSA's are available now at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Apply now!

February 14

Financial Aid Open House in Ellington, Room 216
Financial Aid Awareness at Fort Campbell Education Center
1-4:30 p.m. (Lobby)

February 22-23

Financial Aid Awareness Fair
(Lenders and Financial Aid Representatives Available)
10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Morgan University Center Lobby

Debt Management & Loan Repayment Workshop
Noon Morgan University Center, Room 305
Hosted by SallieMae and USA Funds—(light snacks provided)

Inexpensive V-day alternatives for money savvy college students

By MELISSA TYNDALL
Copy Editor

While some dread the pink hearts and red, ribbon-donned chocolate boxes that appear on the supermarket shelves shortly after New Year's Eve, others see Valentine's Day as the most romantic day of the year.

Legend has it that this February holiday celebrates a mysterious figure, Saint Valentine, who performed "underground" wedding ceremonies for secret lovers in the days of knights and fair maidens.

Despite the lack of proof of the existence of this saint, society clings to the Romeo and Juliet-esque romanticism of the holiday.

Each year, women dream about what their special someone will surprise them with—they might imagine romantic scenarios, candlelight dinners or having flowers sent to their offices.

Whether you are a man trying to live up to your girlfriend's lofty, romantic dreams or a woman racking her brain about what to get your "man's man" for Feb. 14, there are a variety of gifts and gestures perfect for a college student's budget.

If you are shopping for a woman, flowers or heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are the usual (cliché) Valentine's Day gifts that can often empty your wallet (the usual dozen roses runs anywhere from \$20

to over \$100) before you have even considered dinner plans. Instead, consider purchasing your honey's favorite candy or a bouquet of flowers other than roses—preferably her favorite flower.

This will not only show that you pay attention to what she likes and prefers, but it may earn you bonus points for being original. If you decide to splurge on an elaborate bouquet, consider making her dinner.

A night in will be more romantic, allowing you to plan the atmosphere, insure a quality date and allow you to avoid the 45 minute to an hour wait for a table at a local restaurant. Besides, a woman loves a man who can cook

(well).

If your cooking skills are limited to popcorn and other microwave snacks and you want to do more for her than take her to dinner, write her a love letter.

As for those of you shopping for the man in your life, try to avoid purchasing stuffed animals. While there are exceptions to every rule, most men probably don't want a small, fuzzy friend covered with hearts.

Keep in mind that you are shopping for him, not buying the teddy bear you wish he had gotten you. Consider making, or purchasing, love coupons for your special guy that are redeemable for shoulder massages after he plays

basketball with his friends, a home-cooked meal or even a night out on the town on your dime. After all, it is 2005, and there is nothing wrong with a woman footing the bill on dates.

Keep in mind that Valentine's Day gifts don't have to be red, heart-covered or have anything else to do with the holiday. Most of the time, a guy would be just as satisfied (if not more satisfied) with the "Chappelle's Show" DVD he's been wanting than a chocolate heart.

For other Valentine's Day gifts and romantic ideas go to www.lovingyou.com. For ideas on where to take your special someone, go to www.citysearch.com.



AP PHOTO/KATHY WILLIAMS
A heart-shaped solid milk chocolate candy box houses fine chocolates produced at Jacques Torres' Chocolate Haven Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, in New York.

'Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine'

Library Assistant, Carol Kimmel, takes advantage of a rare day of sunshine Friday for a quiet picnic lunch. Kimmel runs the interlibrary loan department. She has been at APSU since 1985.

THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF



Spiritual lectures inspire

By MEGAN GREGORY
Staff Writer

Albert Randall, professor of philosophy at Austin Peay State University, will present a series of free lectures on spiritual values based on the Beattitudes of the New Testament over the coming weeks.

Each meeting will include a lecture and discussion, and attempt to apply the Beattitudes to daily life. Randall will use multiple translations and consider the meanings of words used in the original Greek text.

"Over and over again, the world's great religions affirm the importance of values such as honesty, generosity, compassion, kindness and justice," said Randall. "For Christians, the most inspirational statement of these

spiritual values is the opening of the Sermon on the Mount, the Beattitudes, but the translations found in the King James and Revised Standard versions often are misleading and unclear."

Randall gave his first session, "The Poor in Spirit," on Jan. 19. The remaining sessions will be given on the following dates: "Those Who Mourn" on Jan. 26, "The Meek" on Feb. 2, "Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness" on Feb. 9, "The Merciful" on Feb. 16, "The Pure in Heart" on Feb. 23 and "The Peacemakers" on March 2.

Further investigation will also be made into the Beattitudes of other religions, such as Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. The sessions are open to the public.

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VALENTimes

APSU students and faculty share their plans for the biggest day of commercialized love of the year.

—compiled by Bridgett Buckler

Right now I'm single and I have plans to be at work that night.

Brian Hutcheon
Junior, Political Science



Valentine's Day is really just another day to me. Even though I usually always have someone to spend it with, this year I just want to hang out with my girls, you know, switch it up a little.

Iolandra Cox
Freshman, Administration



I plan to spend time with my family because I currently don't have anyone in particular I want to spend Valentine's Day with.

Ushita Parikh
Sophomore, Biology



I will be in physics class that night.

Kevin Kennedy
Junior, Chemistry



I plan to take my wife out. Afterward, we are going to a community concert.

Professor Kemmerly
Geology



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Women's Basketball at Murray State, 5:15 p.m., Murray, Ky.

Men's Basketball at Murray State, 7:30 p.m., Murray, Ky.

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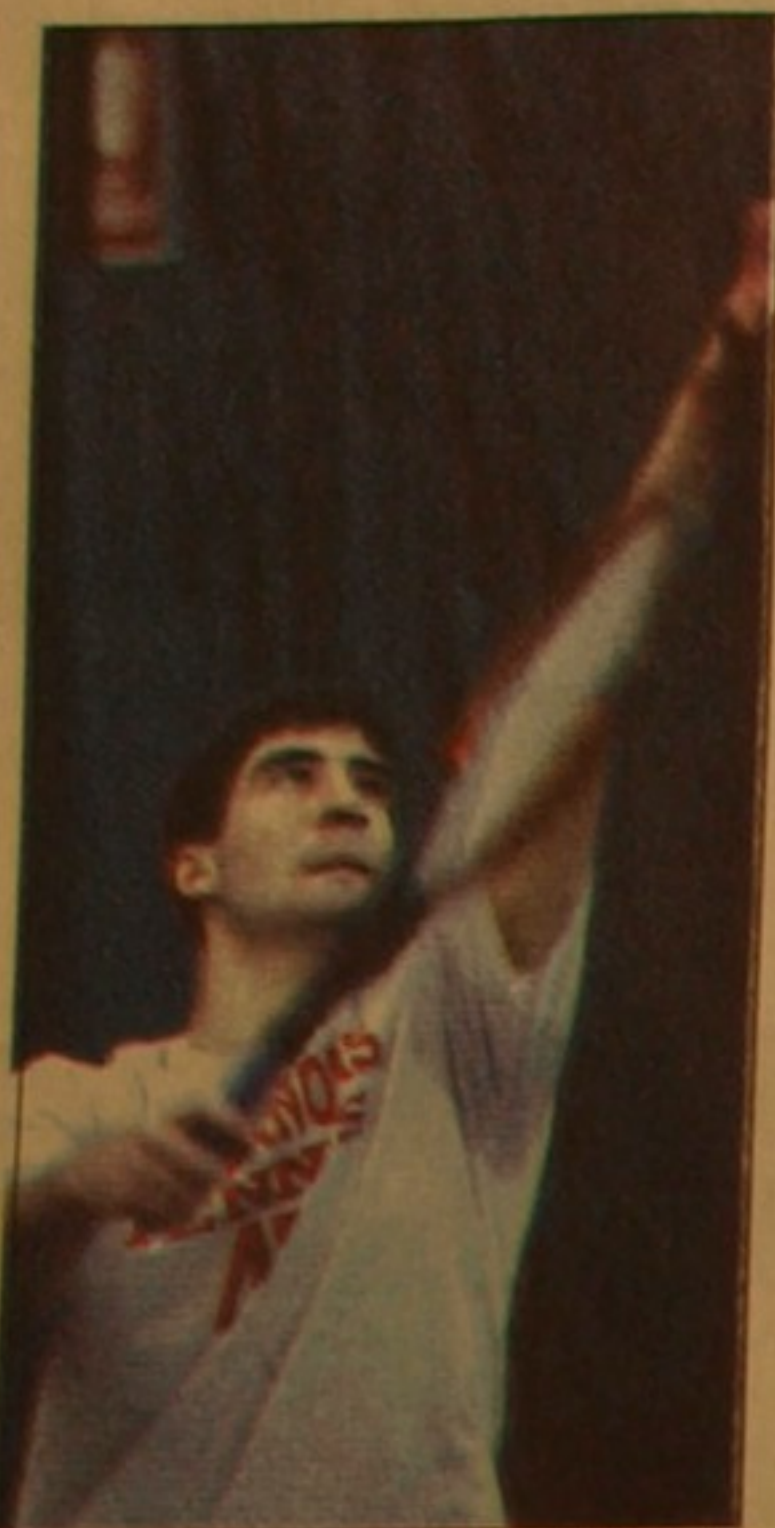
Feb. 17 Women's Basketball vs. Samford, 5:15 p.m., Dunn Center.

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Men's tennis prevails



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Senior Jonathan Brown serves the ball in last weekend's match against Southern Indiana.

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University men's and women's tennis teams competed last Friday and Saturday with the men hosting Southern Indiana and the women traveling to Western Kentucky.

The Gobs, after starting the 2005 season 0-4, grasped their first win of the season as they defeated Southern Indiana 4-3 on the Gobs' home courts. The Gobs opened the match with a loss to the Eagles' top-ranked doubles team Jarrod Epkey and Joe Epkey. However, the Gobs pulled out wins in the next two doubles teams as Nabil Lababedi/Wesleigh Pancho and Cody Wall/Brett Bolton defeated their Eagle opponents.

The Gobs then advanced to singles play where they split matches with the Eagles, 3-3. Pancho, Lababedi, and Patrick Puertolas each defeated their opponents to seal the win.

"I have been through a lot of matches like this," APSU head tennis coach Ed Dickson said. "This is great for the guys because it makes them that much better when they get into this same situation again. It will give them a little more confidence and I'm

sure this week's practices will be the best I have ever had here because the guys will be so fired up."

Despite the Gobs' win, Dickson believes there is still some areas the team needed work on.

Following the Gobs' home win, the Lady Gobs tennis team fell to Western Kentucky, 4-3, on the road. Like the men's team, the Lady Gobs opened their match with a 2-1 win in doubles play as Jessica Hawk/Elizabeth Whelpley and Isabel Rzeznicek/Alana Carere both defeated their opponents.

Hawk and Rzeznicek were the only Lady Gobs to win their matches as the Gobs fell 4-2 in singles play.

"We put a lot of effort into today's match," APSU tennis assistant coach Curt Kajawa said. "We had a lot of opportunities that didn't go our way. We have a lot of areas that need improvement. I think it was a wake-up call for the girls. But they worked really hard, so it wasn't for lack of effort that we lost."

The Lady Gobs (0-2) will join the men's team in defending the Governor's Tennis Center against visiting Jacksonville State on Saturday.

Road losses pile up for Gobs basketball teams

By LANDON SCOTT and MICHAEL YOUNG
Writers

The Austin Peay State University women's basketball team has been anything but productive on the road this season. The Lady Gobs (7-14 overall) have grabbed just one of those seven wins on the road. The struggle continues this week as the Lady Gobs will travel to Martin, Tenn. Thursday to take on the Lady Skyhawks of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Following Thursday's contest with UT-Martin, the Lady Gobs will stay on the road as they travel to Murray, Ky. to face Murray State.

The Lady Gobs hit the road last Thursday as they headed to Jacksonville, Ala. to take on the Lady Gamecocks of Jacksonville State. The Lady Gobs were led by Kera Bergeron, as she went 6-15 from the field and scored a team-high 21 points. JSU withstood a late APSU run to hold off the Lady Gobs 77-70, adding to the Lady Gobs' road struggles.

The Lady Gobs traveled to Birmingham to face the Lady Bulldogs of Samford University. In the end, the Lady Bulldogs proved to be too much for the Lady Gobs, handing them yet another road loss, 59-52.

While the women's basketball team fell twice, the men on the other hand, fell to the number one ranked OVC Samford Bulldogs 73-71 in overtime this past Saturday. The Gobs came out during the second half firing as they shot 64 percent from the floor to leave the Bulldogs 58-52 with 2:16 left in the game.

However, the Gobs allowed the Bulldogs to tie the game on a pair of free throws with 12 seconds left and with two missed shots by the Gobs failing to end the game in regulation.

In overtime, the Gobs rallied from another six-point deficit to pull the score to 73-71. However, the Gobs had to settle for a long three-point attempt with three seconds left in which came up short as time expired.

"I sort of have mixed emotions about the game," said APSU men's basketball head coach, Dave Loos. "To take the leading team into overtime on the road is something definitely to be proud of yet we were five points up with two minutes left and we couldn't maintain the lead."

The Gobs (8-14, 6-4 OVC) go back on the road this Thursday against the UT-M Skyhawks. The Skyhawks have had their problems this year as they are 1-8 in OVC play and have yet to win a home game.

"It doesn't really matter that Austin Peay has had trouble on the road," said UT-M men's head basketball coach, Bret Campbell. "A lot of people get good on our court. We haven't won a home game so I think we are the perfect medicine for teams who have trouble on the road."

On the other hand, the Gobs have only won one road game and it was against the last place Jacksonville State Gamecocks. "They are having a tough year," said Loos. "They have some really good players though and they have the ability to explode and put a lot of points on the board at any time."

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

Faster than a speeding bullet and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. No, it's not Superman, it's Sherlonda Johnson. Johnson, a junior at Austin Peay State University, is helping the women's track and field team to improve at every meet. Johnson continues to set new records for herself. Already this season, she has posted career and team-bests in the long jump, as well as in the triple jump. She also has been named APSU Athlete of the Week, (and earned the award twice last year,) and also qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Regionals.

In last weekend's meet at Southern Illinois, Johnson led the Lady Gobs to a tie for seventh place at the McDonald's Invitational, as she scored 22 of the team's 36 points. She finished second in the triple jump and captured first place in her specialty, the long jump. She leaped 19 feet, 1.5 inches, dominating the event. She also placed seventh in the 55-meter dash.

Johnson says she would not have run track if it wasn't for her mother.

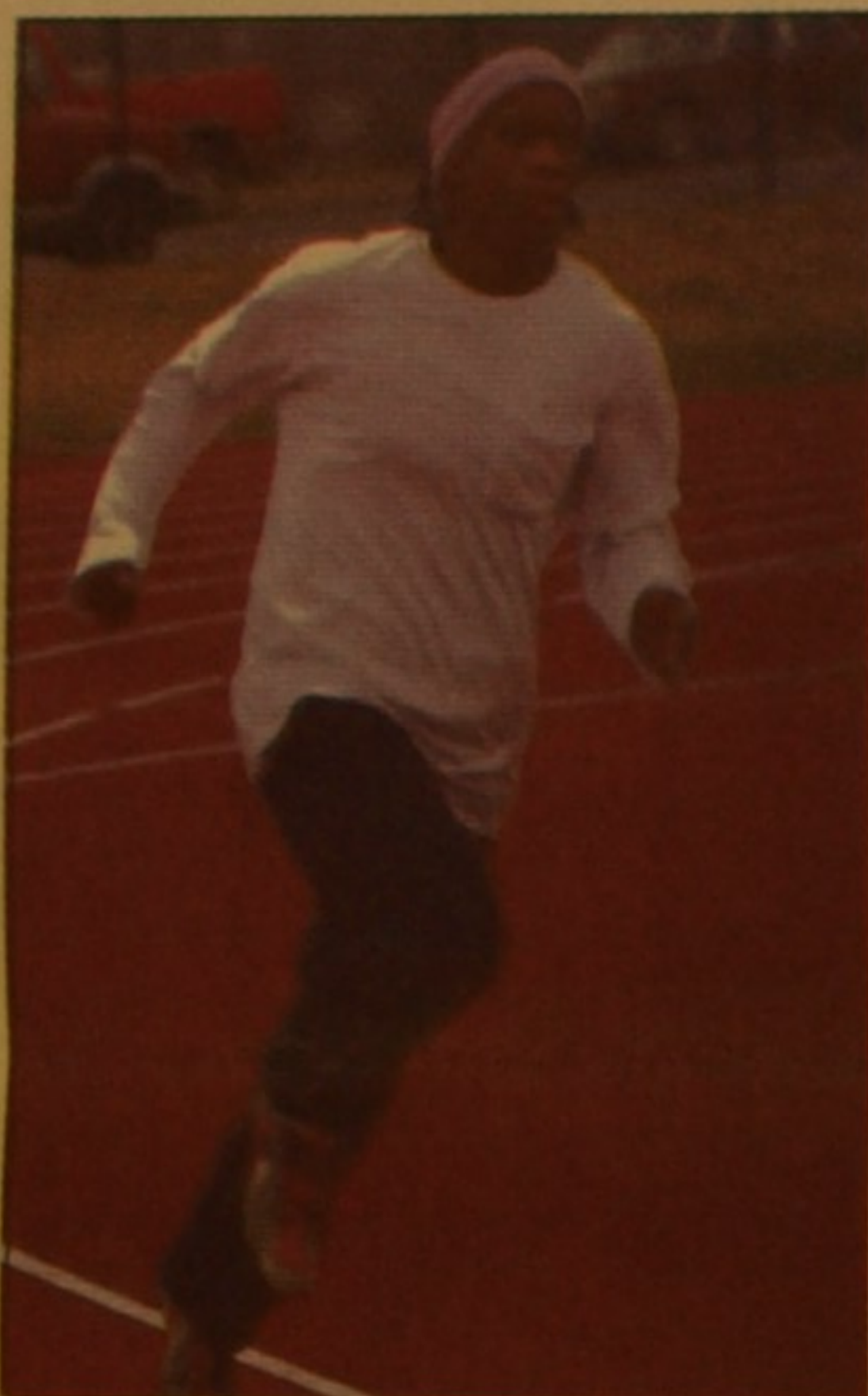
"My mom told me to get off the couch and stop watching TV, so I started running."

Even after running in high school and placing in both the district and regionals, she was not planning on attending APSU, or any college for that matter.

"My mom and dad told me I had to go to college," she said. "They thought it would be a good opportunity to get an education and maybe even receive a scholarship. I was planning on working at Taco Bell and living with them."

One person who is glad that she chose to go to APSU is head coach Doug Molnar.

"Sherlonda really fits the definition student athlete," Molnar said. "She is a hard worker on and off the track. It's a real pleasure to work with her."



THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

Johnson pulls her best Clark Kent imitation in the classroom, maintaining a 3.0 GPA. She also has plans for the future.

"I want to maintain my GPA, keep improving on the track and try and make regionals," she said.

Question and Answer

Name: Sherlonda Johnson
Class: Junior

Hometown: Ft. Hood, Texas

Sport: Track and Field

Major: Accounting

After College: Get a job

Favorite Place to Eat: Taco Bell

Favorite Movie: "Willa Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"

Sherlonda Johnson posted 22 of the team's 36 points at the McDonald's Track Invitational last weekend naming her APSU Athlete of the Week #19. Johnson finished second in the triple jump, won the long jump, and finished fifth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.19 seconds to lead her team.

Rifle ready for sectional

By BRIANNA VENABLE
Staff Writer

The Lady Gobs' rifle team keeps on improving. They shot their highest score of the semester Saturday against the University of Tennessee at Martin. But the Lady Gobs still think that they can shoot better.

Molly Thomas, Jessica Benson, and team captain Corey Hasty all shot personal bests at practice the day before the match against UT-Martin, each improving by 20 points. Although they did not shoot their best scores at the match the next day, the three new shooters stepped in and shot their highest scores of the season, contributing to the final team score of 2148. The score was not enough to defeat UT-Martin, but the team is not discouraged, focusing on the positives.

"We're really proud of the new girls shooting their best scores and making improvements," Thomas said.

The new rifles could be credited with the Lady Gobs' improvement this season. Unlike the old rifles, there is no pumping needed with the new compressed air rifles, so the Lady Gobs are not as likely to fatigue during a match. As well as increased accuracy, the look of the new rifle gives the Lady Gobs more confidence at matches.

"I think that the new rifles have really helped the team morale because of the new look," Benson said.

The Lady Gobs are looking to keep the momentum from the UT-Martin match and use it when they travel to Murray, Ky., for the NCAA Sectionals on Friday.

"I'm really excited about sectionals," Benson said. "Everyone's scores have gone up, so we're feeling pretty positive."

The sectional match is competitive, especially because of well-respected teams like Murray State and Tennessee Tech. The two Ohio Valley Conference rivals are usually the teams who advance on to Nationals, and Murray State is always a strong contender for the national title. Ther Lady Gobs is at a slight disadvantage against teams like Murray, as they usually consist of out of state recruits who have been shooting for a majority of their lives.

"It's hard when you face teams who have been shooting since they could walk and talk," Benson said.

Despite the hard road ahead, the Lady Gobs are looking for still more improvement at Sectionals, with a goal of beating their season best of 2203.

"We're going to do great, especially if everyone is shooting their best," Hasty said.

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