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University closes door on budget

University officials are in the process of planning for the 1997-98 budget, but have been reluctant to share those plans with the people they affect most.

At the last meeting of the Strategic Range Planning Committee (SLRP), over 200 university officials discussed budget proposals, an All State staff member was barred despite a law that makes such meetings open to the press and the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, APSU President Dr. Sal Rinella told a staff member the media would not be allowed to attend.

However, the previous day, the reporter who told the meeting would be open to the press.

Dr. Steven Pontius, vice president of academic affairs, told All State staff that he "probably could attend the meeting," but he referred the reporter to other officials. The staff member never received a definition of "press."

At the meeting, Rinella arrived first and alerted the reporter that she could not be at the proceedings because the committee voted at a previous meeting not to



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—Dr. Sal Rinella, APSU president

have the press present. However, an SLRP member told The All State there was no vote at the meeting Rinella referred to.

When asked about the incident Monday, Rinella said he "did not recall" whether or not the committee actually took a vote on the matter.

Rinella also told newspaper staff members that future SLRP meetings would be closed to the press.

According to Rinella, the committee "decided we would not allow the press."

Rinella said that, because the committee is not a policy-making body, it has the right to exclude the press.

"We did not feel it was advisable to discuss difficult budget issues knowing it was going to be reported on immediately," Rinella said. "There was a clear consensus that we didn't want to have the press there reporting on the budget process."

The Tennessee Open Records and Meeting Act, also known as the Sunshine Law, says that, with some specific exceptions, all meetings and records dealing with public business or money are required to be open for public inspection.

The law says, "Any public body which consists of two or more members with authority to make decisions for, or recom-

mendations to a public body on policy or administration" is subject to the Open Meetings and Records Act.

This law applies not only to government agencies, but to government-run institutions, such as state universities.

The Sunshine Law also applies to other groups that receive or spend public money. The SLRP committee is responsible for making recommendations concerning the budget to the President's Cabinet, who uses that recommendation to make budget decisions.

Several members of the SLRP Committee are also high-ranking university officials and part of the President's Cabinet.

According to the law, if the group is meeting to deliberate toward a decision then the meeting is considered open to the public.

In addition, public notice must also be given before a meeting can legally take place.

Faculty members were given notice of the meeting, which satisfies the notice requirement of the law.

The law also requires that minutes of the meeting be kept and be available for public review.

On Monday, The All State attempted to get minutes of the last SLRP meeting, which was held before spring break, but Rinella would not release them without first consulting members of the committee.

Also on Monday, Dr. Carol Kominski, director of institutional planning and analysis, was going to provide the newspaper with a copy of the minutes, but first decided to check with Rinella.

Before Kominski could get back with The All State, Rinella informed newspaper officials they could not have the minutes.

Records from meetings that are subject to the Sunshine Law are required to be open for public inspection at any time.

Rinella sent e-mail to committee members Monday to seek their opinions on releasing the minutes. At press time, results of the informal survey were unavailable. The next SLRP meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 10 from 2 to 5 p.m.

When asked on Monday if an All State representative could attend the meeting, Kominski said, "Yes, it's an open meeting."

Convenience store, media rooms part of UC renovation

BY DANNY PEPPERS
staff writer

Lack of space and a student vote to have first raised concern among managers at Austin Peay.

A sum of \$14,500,000 has been approved for renovation and expansion of the University Center, which will begin within a year.

Proposals have been made to remodel and expand the University Center, the Memorial Health Building and the Harvill Cafeteria Building.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Joe White, the state will arrange a bond that provides the money.

"Students voted to have their service fee increased from \$55 to \$100. This increase and enrollment projections are what the state bases

the bond on," White said.

"We have outgrown our facility,"

Director of Student Activities Andy Kean said. According to Kean,

30,000 square feet will be added to

existing structures. According to

the U.C. Expansion Committee, the

University Center will house a new

multipurpose hall, meeting rooms,

lounges, media rooms, information

center, dining areas, expanded food

court, catering services, bookstore, copy center,

expanded post office, computer lab

and department offices.

Harvill Cafeteria will be the new

home of the Student Development

Center, the Student Organizations

Center and a convenience store.

The Memorial Health Building

weight room will be renovated and

expanded to house an improved fitness

center.

According to the plans, the three facilities will be joined by a specifically designed landscape plaza for outdoor dining, lounging and special events.

According to Kean, the Ziegler Building, which houses the geography, geology and agriculture departments, will be torn down.

"The new U.C. will expand into the area where Ziegler is located," Kean said.

The expansions and renovations will serve students, faculty and staff. "Austin Peay is keeping up with a national trend towards improved student centers," Kean said.

The starting date for construction is still undecided. According to Kean, the final project has been approved but details need to be ironed out.

State cuts \$1 million from 97-98 budget

BY CARINDA BASSO and
KELLY WILKERSON

Austin Peay is in the process of planning the 1997-98 budget after recent proposed cuts to higher education in the state of Tennessee.

The Tennessee Legislature is cutting money from higher education budget due to sales tax revenues which have fallen below projection. Over \$40 million is being cut from the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) schools.

According to Carol Kominski, director of Institutional Planning and Analysis, Austin Peay is cutting \$121,500. According to Kominski, the Strategic Range Planning Committee (SLRP) made an interim recommendation that every division cut a certain percentage. Each division is cutting 10 to 15%.

All division heads, including the President, the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Finance and Administration, Student Affairs, Development and Auxiliary Relations, and the Athletics Director is currently working to determine what cuts should be made. When the cuts are decided on, the President's cabinet will meet to discuss what impact the cuts will have.

"What we're looking at now are ways to avoid negatively impacting the integrity of the academic program," said Dr. Steven Pontius, vice president for academic affairs.

The cuts were made proportional to each TBR school and were based on the size of the university. When the state legislature has made their final decision, Austin Peay, along with other TBR schools, will have to live with the budget based on unstable figures.

"We have to respond to what was proposed in the budget, but we don't know exactly what we're going to have to live with until the state legislature has com-

pleted its final session," said Pontius.

This decision may arrive as early as the end of March or the beginning of April. The budget planning committee is currently looking at the things required for the upcoming year such as faculty promotions. "Our first and foremost responsibility is to provide quality education to the students here at Austin Peay," said Pontius.

In examining changes on the departmental level, the committee is making sure all the necessary courses are provided for students, because the university holds "an obligation to allow a student to graduate within four years if they want to," said Pontius.

Sections may be trimmed, but the committee will attempt to meet student demand.

"Everything is being evaluated in terms of how it relates to the Strategic Plan," Kominski said. "The whole idea behind the budget process is to use the strategic plan as a guide and to not lose sight of the strategic plan even though the economic situation is not the best."

According to Kominski, there are certain strategies within the Strategic Plan that are being kept despite the cuts. These strategies will take \$40,000 from the 1997-98 budget and concern areas such as the Enrollment Management Task Force, establishing a student advancement system for freshmen and developing an institutional co-op clearinghouse to work with student internships.

There are also certain "mandatories" that have to be spent from the budget regardless of the reductions, including things such as utilities and money for student workers.

Budget planning is a continuous process with meetings scheduled throughout the semester. The next SLRP meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 10.

Students help choose Multi-Ethnic and International Services director

Students have the chance to help select the new director of Multi-Ethnic and International Services by interviewing the candidates next week.

The candidates will visit campus next week including Dr. Tech Wabnick, director of International Programs and Services at Middle Tennessee State University, and Dr. Samuel Fung, coordinator of International Services at Austin Peay.

Interviews will be distributed at the interviews. Those in attendance, including students, may fill out a questionnaire according to Dr. Donald F. Joyce, dean of student affairs and media services and chair of the search committee.

Interviews will be interviewed on Tuesday, March 25, from 1:15-2 p.m. Fung will be interviewed on Wednesday, March 26, in the Governor's Room in the University Center.

Students are encouraged to voice their opinions to search committee members who include Dr. Mickey Wabnick, assistant professor of languages and literature, Dr. Albert Bekus, chair of the department of languages and literature, Dr. Fredricka Hendricks, assistant professor of psychology, Mr. Adel Salama, assistant professor of the Fort Campbell technical program, Ms. Olga Moran, student, and Joyce.

Mr. Christian G. Iordachidis, director of International Programs at Green River Community College in Renton, Washington, visited campus earlier this week.

The search committee will make recommendations to Dr. Steven Pontius, vice president of academic affairs. Pontius will then make a recommendation to APSU President Dr. Sal Rinella, who will make the final decision. The new director of Multi-Ethnic and International Services will be announced on April 29.



Governor's pitcher Chris Shelton hurts one during APSU's 8-7 win over Morehead State on Sunday.
(photo by Scott Hoskins)

AP forced to impound funds from current budget

By KELLY WILKERSON
news editor

As a result of a request by Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist, all Tennessee Board of Regents schools have been ordered to impound funds from the current 1996-1997 fiscal year.

Austin Peay has been instructed to hold \$560,000. According to Dr. Steven Pontius, vice president for academic affairs, an impoundment simply means that the money is being set aside. The state may or may not choose to take the money.

The university is taking \$300,000 from the campus's 2 percent reserve, which stands at approximately \$820,000, to put toward the impoundment with the understanding that this money will be replenished in 1997-98. The remaining amount of \$360,000 is being shared across the university divisions, such as athletics, student affairs, academic departments, etc. Each academic area has submitted

reductions based on the proposed impoundment.

Academic departments was responsible for \$241,000 of the total impoundment. This money was taken from various areas within Academic Affairs. The college of arts and sciences provided \$97,360 to the total. The college of business gave \$16,380, the college of education gave \$14,460 and graduate and professional programs gave \$27,950.

The Library provided \$16,870, the Council for Enrichment Programs, which includes areas such as African-American Studies and the Honors Program provided \$17,834 to the impoundment, while Continuing Education, including the Fort Campbell Center, gave \$17,110 and the Office of Academic Affairs gave \$16,389.

The largest areas of the budget

impacted by the impoundment were Capital Outlay, Travel and Operating budgets.

Capital Outlay, which includes things such as equipment, cost approximately \$70,000. Travel, primarily professional and administrative, cost approximately \$46,000, while the operating budgets of the various areas within the university lost \$46,000.

According to Pontius, all areas within the university are being affected by the impoundment and every division is contributing money. One summer school class will be cut, although it is not certain which class will be removed from the current schedule.

"We want to make sure each department has an operating budget," Pontius said. Many departments with extra money gave to others with less money. "Our goal is to maintain the integrity of programs and course offerings," Pontius said.

Stop complaining; start speaking out

By
AMY
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guest writer

The common hour. Unfortunately, those who had opposition against the hour brought forth their opinions and complaints too late. But what's the cause of the delay in reaction? Defined as "lack of feeling" or an "indifference about generally exciting, interesting, or moving things," apathy can be found almost anywhere. From the classroom, to the workplace, and even at home, people are apathetic to their surroundings and changes that occur.

Apathy can affect personal relationships, our environment, academic performance, national civic issues and countless other avenues. It is not always easily detectable, but apathy has gained a steady growth in numerous areas of our everyday life.

Why? Why are people allowing this silent killer of personal expression to creep into their lives? Why are people giving away their voice? Some people have simply lost concern for what goes on around them. Some feel their one vote will not count or no one will listen to their small voice of opinion. Student Government Association Sen. Angela Neal suggests, "Apathy is a very strong word."

"I do not necessarily feel all uninvolved students are uncaring or unconcerned about campus events. Student demographics, especially at Austin Peay, have a lot to do with involvement. Many students have outside obligations and do not have the extra time to spend with school activities."

Many students are just too busy to be bothered with trivial school issues, while others just believe that regardless of their feelings the people on top will always have their way. SGA President Jeremy Faulk explains, "An individual's level of involvement with school-related issues does depend on their outside responsibilities. However, if they are not participating just because of their laziness or because they just do not want to, then those individuals need to question why they are even in college. They need to go to work at McDonald's where it's OK not to care a whole lot about your environment."

Regardless of the reason, Austin Peay is home to many individuals who fit the description of apathy. For example, when the student government elections were held in the spring of 1996, approximately 6 percent of eligible voters actually cast their ballots. SGA Sen. Nancy Washington feels, "Apathy is very evident. Had attendance at town hall meetings, low voter turnout, and even mediocre support at athletic events are all examples of how students fail to express concern for Austin Peay."

Faulk also says, "I believe apathy exists, but for a reason. Some people feel they are in college for one reason and it is to get an education. But what is an education without outside enhancement?"

However, apathy has its consequences. Most people actually have an opinion on a given issue when asked, but so many elect not to express it. Therefore, when only a handful of individuals speak out, only those people will be heard.

Take the controversial common hour issue. According to SGA Vice-President Lane Crawley, the com-

mon hour was "created to give opportunities to people who had evening jobs or children who need them at home in the evening. These people would now be able to get involved in campus activities during the common hour."

Crawley was on the student committee which worked to study the student perspective on the common hour. During the 1996 spring semester, students were asked through petitions, the newspaper, and fliers about their feeling on the common hour. Ample opportunity was given for any student's voice to be heard, but few chose to speak.

With what little response was given and research collected from other universities, the student government wrote a resolution in support of the implementation of a common hour.

The resolution was sent to the Academic Council for final consideration, along with strong persuasive arguments from past SGA President Angel Smith to put the common hour into effect.

So now during the spring 1997 semester, we are getting first-hand experience with the common hour, and so far it has gotten mixed reviews. APSU senior Chad Moore said, "I really like having the common hour. We can now have our club meetings during the day and get a much better member turnout."

Many students are pleased to have the break for lunch, club meetings or simple relaxation. On the flip side, students complain of ruined schedules, delayed graduation, and overall inconvenience. Jennifer White, a junior, argued against the common hour. "My work schedule has had to be totally altered. I have to wait an hour and a half of my day sitting in the U.C. doing nothing."

In response to this attitude, Crawley states, "Something has got to give, people have either got to start speaking out when they are asked or just stop complaining when it is too late."

For some students the word "doing nothing" does not fit into their lifestyles. Active in numerous campus events, Washington says, "It is very frustrating when you see the same group of people taking all of the responsibility. We have so many talented and capable individuals on this campus. I just wish more of these people would put forth the effort."

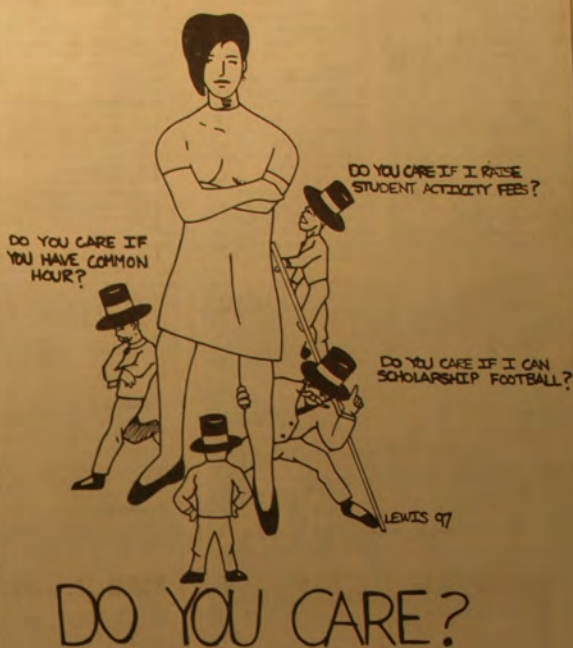
Neal said, "It feels as if sometimes only a handful of people in the world actually care about taking a stand and making a difference."

So the question remains — does a solution exist to this growing problem? What is the way to get students involved and make people interested in campus activities?

Washington comments, "If common hour activities are continued, I believe it will boost student involvement. We must work to encourage students to express themselves and participate."

Whatever the reason and whatever the solution, it is obvious that apathy is a hindrance that can affect each of us. Incremental changes can be obtained, but people must be aware of the situations and the options available to them.

Without expressing opinions or taking a stand, feelings can not be made clear. Consequences are sometimes irreversible, so each individual must take responsibility for what goes on around them.



Let's retire Social Security

By
JONATHAN
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staff writer

a.k.a. Franklin D. Roosevelt, provided the incentive and the opportunity for change. While the social security program that FDR first proposed was fiscally conservative, over time it has mutated into an uncontrollable monstrosity.

Of course some people do not see Social Security and its greedy brothers Medicare and Medicaid as having problems at all. Former Sen. Bill Bradley calls Social Security our "best expression of community solidarity." Social Security supporters feel that "monsters" (emphasis mine) charges in payroll taxes and benefit reductions are all that is necessary to keep the system going.

Unfortunately, there are far too many of these people who are walking around in rose-colored glasses. The federal government, with its myriad of social feed-good programs, is nothing more than an ever-growing black hole, a monster that won't be satisfied until it overruns every facet of our everyday lives. Columnist James Glasman calls Social Security a "monument in fear and ignorance, both of how financial markets work, and how individuals act responsibly when the state less than."

In short, "individualism" has turned into a four-letter word. There was a time in our history when we celebrated those Americans who revealed in their freedom and in their ability to make it on their own. You see evidence of this in American literature, song and film. Social scientist Charles Murray notes that this individualist spirit is disappearing in America, and that it is even fashionable to mock "individual freedom."

Freedom is the cornerstone of America. For the past

65 years, however, the federal government has been slowly chipping away at that cornerstone. Perhaps more shocking is the fact that many Americans accept as perfectly reasonable that the government has the authority (and the moral obligation) to confiscate a large chunk of their income and redistribute it as it sees fit (often to well-to-do retirees who have absolutely no need for money).

What strikes me as odd is that the government (and many people) obviously believe that most Americans are incapable of managing their own money. Yes, there will always be a small percentage of Americans who need help. I do believe that our country has an obligation to provide some assistance to those who can't help themselves. But this is a very small number of people (in relation to the population of the country) and can easily be provided for by a very small payroll tax.

Many advocates of self-regulation recommend we change to Personal Security Accounts. These PSAs would be self-managed and work very much like IRAs or 401-k plans work today. A small payroll tax would be taken out to provide for those who actually need the help. That would leave most of the money in our own hands to invest with as we see fit.

Maybe the federal government thinks that we are too stupid to invest our own retirement money wisely. Maybe that bloated bureaucratic behemoth that we call the Social Security Administration merely wants to grow and expand like all bureaucracies do. And then again, maybe I'm totally off base.

I do know this. If we fail to demand our rights as Americans, if we continually look to the government as the answer to our problems, if apathy runs rampant and we neglect to exercise those freedoms that were once so precious to our forefathers, then the federal government will all too gladly step in and run our lives for us.

While you may disagree with me on what our social obligations should and should not be, you would be wise to keep a close eye on Washington. Our government does not represent the people, it represents itself. Surely the old adage remains true: that the government that governs least governs the best.



GREAT CARTOON SKETCH OUT!!

The cartoons on this week's opinion page were submitted by potential cartoonists. The All State staff wants student input so let us know what you think. We will run more submissions in our next issue, and ultimately we want the students to decide who our next cartoonist is. Deadline for submissions is Friday. You can e-mail choices at allstate@apsu01.apsu.edu or you can call us next Monday at 648-7376.

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Govs find confidence on trip

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Austin Peay's baseball squad went to Florida looking to establish an identity after its 3-5 start to the season.

After sweeping all four games in Jacksonville, the squad seems to have definitely found its rhythm.

The Govs defeated Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Xavier, and North Florida while in Florida to put their record above the .500 mark.

The wins gave the Governors confidence going into the Ohio Valley Conference slate.

"It (the trip) definitely boosted our team's confidence," Govs coach Gary McClure said. "We learned how to win. There is no

substitution for confidence."

In the 18-6 rout of Western Michigan, Zak Doan picked up the victory for the Govs after going seven innings, allowing three earned runs.

Billy Mortimore went 3-for-5 from the plate, driving in two runs. Jon Huffman earned the victory in the 6-1 victory over Central Michigan.

Seth Massey and Glen Longhurst each went one inning for the Govs in relief.

Mortimore and Kent Brown homered for the Governors, while Greg Troy doubled.

Austin Peay pounded out 12 hits in its 8-1 defeat of Xavier. The win marked the third time APSU has defeated the Musketeers this season.

Craig Smith pitched a near-flawless game for the Govs, going six innings pitched and giving up just one run.

Brown, Mortimore, and Mark Turken each had two hits, while Aaron Sledz homered twice to lead the Govs.

Peay wrapped up the trip with a 13-11 victory over North Florida.

Chris Shelton earned the victory for Austin Peay, while Longhurst pitched the final third of the ninth to pick up his first save.

David Sloan had four hits on the day to power the Governors.

The Govs opened their OVC schedule last weekend by taking two of three games from Morehead State.

Smith almost had a no-hitter for APSU in the squad's 4-1 victory in

the first game. A Morehead homer in the sixth ruined his chance, however.

"Craig came out and did what he hadn't been doing consistently," McClure said. "He got ahead of the batters and threw a great game."

APSU dropped the nightcap 5-4. Huffman was tagged with the loss after giving up five runs in seven innings.

The Govs won the rubber match with MSU 8-7.

Benji Zimmerman had a three-run homer, and had the game-winning hit in the bottom of the ninth.

Longhurst got the win in relief. "A lot of guys stepped up for us," McClure said. "Kent Brown has had an exceptional year and Mortimore made a lot of plays."



Chris Shelton (27) winds up to pitch to a Morehead State player during Sunday's game at Hand Park. (photo by Scott Hoskins)

Austin Peay sports this week

Baseball

Today—Jacksonville State, 5 p.m.
March 22—at Murray State (2), 1 p.m.
March 23—at Murray State, 1 p.m.
March 25—at Cumberland, 3 p.m.

Softball

Today—Kentucky State (2), 2 p.m.
March 20—Tennessee State (2), 2 p.m.
March 21—at Martin Methodist (2), 3 p.m.
March 24—Morehead State (2), 1 p.m.

Track

March 22—Southern Illinois Outdoor Invitational, Carbondale, Ill., 10 a.m.

Tennis

March 21—at Evansville, 3 p.m., women's and men's teams
March 25—at Memphis State, 2:30 p.m., men's team only



An APSU player squares around to drop a bunt against Morehead State during the Govs' 8-7 victory over the Eagles. (photo by Scott Hoskins)

Lady Govs see improved play

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

After the Lady Govs softball squad's first six games were rained out, the team went 4-3 during the spring break trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

In the Gene Cusic Classic, the team defeated West Chester, St. Joseph's, St. Louis, and Pennsylvania, while dropping two games to Butler and one to St. Joe's.

Peay defeated West Chester by the score of 11-0. Vicki Phillips picked up the win for the Lady Govs.

Stephanie Baltz and Amanda Travis each drove in three runs in the victory. Shannon Johnson added two more RBI's for APSU.

Tanya Wright went 3-4 at the plate.

In the 4-3 triumph over St. Joe's, freshman Amanda Stout got the win. Baltz and Laundra Sanders had two hits each.

A four run fifth proved to be the difference.

In the losses to Butler (9-2) and

St. Joe's (5-0), the Lady Govs struggled on offense, going 0-5 in five hits in both contests.

Phillips and Stout were tagged with a loss.

The Lady Govs found their offense against St. Louis, winning 4-2. Phillips rebounded from her previous poor outing to record two hits for APSU.

Butler proved to be too much for the Lady Govs in their 4-2 loss. The Lady Govs recorded two errors in the loss. Stout pitched the loss.

Phillips got her third victory the week with the 2-0 shutout against Pennsylvania. The Lady Govs only three hits in the contest, made the most of their opportunities to run their season record to 3.

Stout set an Austin Peay record during the tournament by recording three saves. The old record this season was one save set by players during five different games.

She had a 1.73 ERA through week.

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Governors season ends without NIT bid

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

After the NCAA Tournament selections were announced on March 9, Austin Peay's coaches and players held out hope that the school would receive a bid for the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Coach Dave Loos never received that phone call, however, and the Governors' season ended at 17-14.

According to Jack Powers, NIT chairperson, the Governors were on the board until the end.

"They were on the board all night long."

he said. "The committee went to the RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) and strength of schedule and head-to-head and they just didn't measure up."

The committee uses the RPI rating to select teams. The RPI index takes into account the strength of schedule, victories, and margin of victory to determine rankings.

The NCAA also uses the RPI in selecting tournament teams.

Austin Peay's low RPI ranking undid them in the end. After starting the season 4-8 without OVC Player of the Year Bubba Wells, the Govs' RPI ranking slipped too low for the NIT selection committee.

The Govs' final RPI ranking had them at 199 out of 306 Division I schools.

After the Govs 88-85 overtime loss to Murray State University in the Ohio Valley Conference championship game, Loos stated that he thought Peay should get into the NIT.

"We have a fine basketball team with a great player. I don't know what more they could want," he said.

After the selections were announced, Loos was disappointed in the decision.

"I think we deserve to get in," he said. "I think we played a tough schedule and we played as good as we could under the circumstances. I guess it wasn't good enough. I

just don't think our league gets the respect it deserves."

"There were two teams ahead of us in the power rankings in the league and we beat both of them."

Originally the Governors were not even under consideration. That's when OVC Commissioner Dan Beebe stepped in and lobbied the NIT to consider Austin Peay.

The Govs were then placed on the consideration board.

With Wells back in the lineup and averaging over 30 points per game, the Govs went 15-6 and went on to share the regular season title.

'Long Ranger' named to GTE team

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor



Sibbitt

For the second year in a row, Austin Peay men's basketball player Joe Sibbitt was honored by being named to the GTE Academic All-District IV Basketball Team.

Sibbitt is a 6-foot junior guard from Paoli, Ind. A history major, he owns a 3.26 grade point average.

He averaged 13.0 points and 1.4 rebounds per game for the Govs during the 1996-97 season, breaking his own school record for 3-pointers attempted (241) and made (96).

Why won't they let us play with the big boys?

ports commentary
By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Scanning the brackets of the NCAA basketball tournament, I see that 36 teams came from just seven conferences, the so-called major conferences.

The rest of the college basketball conferences are known as mid-major, of which the Ohio Valley Conference is one.

What that means is that only 28 teams made the tournament from the mid-major conferences.

Does anyone besides myself see a slight discrepancy here?

Just because a school happens to reside in one of the major conferences, does that give the NCAA

Tournament selection committee the right to choose a school that finished the season 18-12 (Virginia) over a school that finished 24-8 (Southwest Missouri State)?

We all know that the Atlantic Coast Conference is more powerful than the Missouri Valley Conference. I'm not trying to fool anyone.

But if the selection process is to be truly fair, however, then shouldn't the geniuses who choose the teams give teams like South-west Missouri a chance?

Let's look at the results of the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Tennessee-Chattanooga has knocked off not one, but two teams from major conferences, the SEC and Big 10.

Coppin State beat South Carolina and lost by one to Texas. College of Charleston defeated Maryland and came close to beating Arizona.

Little Fairfield gave North Carolina all they could handle, as OVC Tournament champ Murray State did Duke, both ACC teams.

The ACC crawled out of the second round with only two teams from the original six, UNC and Clemson.

How about the all-powerful SEC?

One Kentucky has to carry the flag for the "super conference." The Big 10? One Top seed Minnesota.

So much for the major conferences.

It is my opinion that NCAA basketball should either be split into two divisions like football, or the tournament should be divided equally between the major conferences and mid-major conferences.

That would mean 32 teams from major conferences and 32 teams from mid-major conferences.

Radical, huh?

I also have a bone to pick with the NIT selections.

Looking at the teams invited, it appears that Connecticut at 14-14 is a better pick than Austin Peay at 17-14.

Notre Dame finished 14-13, while George Washington wrapped up the season at 15-13.

It appears only teams from major conferences with sub-500 conference records need apply.

That, and teams legitimately snubbed by the NCAA.

Teams like Austin Peay and MTSU probably never even had a chance, even though the Govs have a bona fide All-American in Bubba Wells that could benefit from the extra exposure.

Apparently, money talks and good teams walk in the NIT, though. For them it is better to let mediocre teams from major conferences in than genuinely good teams in from a mid-major conference.

College basketball, and college sports in general, has sold its integrity for millions of dollars. It has become a matter of big business, and the smaller school like Austin Peay will continue to suffer.

Governors golf team par for the course

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Austin Peay's golf team competed in the South Florida/Ron Smith Invitational recently.

The 54 hole tournament, held at the University of South Florida, involved 20 teams.

The Governors finished 14th in the field with a final three round score of 639, 37 over par.

The Governors were paced by Doug Petránek, who finished in a four-way tie for fourth with a score of 225, 12 over par.

Also participating for the Gov-

ernors were John Swartz, who placed tied for 59th with a three round score of 237 (+24), and Boyd Mickle, who finished tied for 66th at 29 over par.

Scott Newland and Dan Johnson placed tied for 76th and 79th, respectively, with scores of +29 and +31.

At the Frapp Island Men's Intercollegiate Tournament at Ocean Creek Golf Links, Peay completed the 54 hole event 16th out of 19th teams.

The Governors struggled to a 942 (809-311-324), 92 over par on the 6310 yard par 71.

Petránek led the Govs with a score of 230 (75-82-73) (+17), tied for 46th place.

Tied for 54th was Scott Crider with a score of 232 (+19), and Swartz placed 95th after shooting a three round score of 244 (+31).

Mickle finished 98th, Newland placed tied for 101st, and Greg Pansuett shot 39 over par.

Johnson went into the clubhouse with a score of 253 (+40).

At the William and Mary Spring Golf Invitational, the Govs finished 9th out of 22 teams. Their two round score was 615.

Men's, women's tennis in full swing

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

The Austin Peay tennis season began in earnest with the annual Spring Break trip to Hilton Head, S.C.

In a contest against the Billikens of St. Louis, Peay won six matches against three losses.

In singles competition, number one Damian Bromfield defeated Selim Gulmen 6-1, 6-2, while number two Robert Powell won 6-2, 1-0.

In doubles, Bromfield and Powell won, as did Nathan Rodich and Dominic Hall.

In the match versus Delaware

State, APSU won 7-0, as Peay's men won every match.

Jason Rodich and Nathan Rodich dropped only one game between them. They teamed in the doubles to win as well.

Against Denison the squad dropped two matches, as Denison's John Gintler defeated APSU's Powell 7-5, 6-2, and Nilsson lost 6-1, 6-2. The Govs won the match, however, to defeat Denison.

George Mason was one match better than the Govs, winning five matches to four.

Bromfield came from one set down to defeat Jonas Furusoma 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Nathan and Jason Rodich won

their matches, also, but the doubles competition decided the outcome of the contest.

George Mason took two of three doubles matches to capture the match. APSU's Rodiches were the sole winners of the doubles.

The women took on American University and Oral Roberts during the week.

The Lady Govs continued to struggle, losing both contests. American's women won 9-0, while Oral Roberts defeated APSU 8-1.

The sole bright spot for the Lady Govs tennis squad was Christy Wren, who defeated ORU's Ingrid Esbache 7-5, 0-6, 7-6.

1997 Spring On-Campus Recruiting

The following organizations will send recruiters to the APSU campus to interview seniors and graduate students for job openings and career opportunities during Spring, 1997. A large quantity of Seniors have been successful in getting employment with these organizations. For more information, come by Career Services located in Ellington, Room 217 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Schedules will be on a first come-first served basis. All students must have a Placement File, and Resume in order to schedule an appointment.

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Tennessee Division of State Audit will be interviewing for the position of Legislative Auditor I on March 19, 1997. You must be an Accounting major. May and August graduates.

Trane Company will be interviewing for Production Team Leaders on March 20, 1997. May and August Engineering Technology/Engineering Business majors will be accepted.

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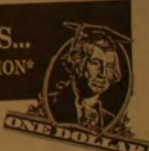
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Writer O'Brien to read to campus

Tim O'Brien will read his works Thursday, March 20, at 8 p.m. in Clement Auditorium.

A reception and book signing will be held immediately following the reading. O'Brien will also conduct an informal discussion session at 3:30 p.m. March 20, in the Harard Gallery. The discussion, reception and the book signing are free and open to the public.

O'Brien is the author of *Going After Cacciato*, winner of the 1979 National Book Award in fiction, and *The Things They Carried*, which was named by the New York Times as one of the 10 best books of 1990. He

received the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award in fiction and was a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

His most recent novel is *In the Lake of the Woods*, named by *Time* magazine as the best novel of 1994. The book also received the James Fenimore Cooper Prize from the Society of American Historians and was selected as one of the 10 best books of the year by the "New York Times."

Other books written by O'Brien include *If I Die in a Combat Zone*, *Northern Lights* and

The Nuclear Age. His short stories have appeared in *Esquire*, *Harper's*, *Atlantic*, *Playboy*, *Graffiti*, *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, *The New Yorker* and in several editions of *The O. Henry Prize Stories*. The Pushcart Prize and Best American Short Stories.

In 1987, O'Brien received the National Magazine Award for his story "The Things They Carried," which also was included in Best American Short Stories of the 1980s, and he has been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Students fall victim to 'date rape drug'

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

The following story, by Chris Gardner, originally appeared in the University of Iowa's Daily Iowan.

After spending her first night at a bar in downtown Iowa City, 19-year-old "Sara" woke up at 11 a.m. the next morning, lying on her back in the bathroom of a Coralville hotel room, naked, alone and confused.

It was January 1996. The bathroom door was open and Sara identified immediately her location as a hotel because of the two double beds, a television set and a Bible.

She gathered the clothes that were spread around her and dressed. She walked out of the bathroom to find the hotel room door open to a parking lot heaped with snow and only two cars. She was sure that she had been sexually assaulted, and was convinced the "date rape" drug Rohypnol was to blame for her condition.

Rohypnol, also known on the street as rophies, R2 or roches, is prescribed by physicians in more than 64 countries to treat patients suffering from chronic sleep disorders and is used also as a pre-anesthetic in surgeries. Its effects are comparable to the sleeping pill, Valium. However, Rohypnol has approximately 10 times the potency.

Rohypnol can be bought for around \$2 in one- to two-milligram doses. The effect can last anywhere from six to eight hours after ingesting a two-milligram dose. Hoffman-La Roche Ltd., a pharmaceutical company based in Switzerland, manufactures the drug, which is not approved for sale in the United States.

Friday Night

At the time, Sara was a college freshman in Des Moines, with plans to transfer to the University of Iowa in the fall. She had never experienced downtown Iowa City before, so she and a friend decided to drive up for the night, visit some friends and go out to the bars.

Sara and her friend arrived in Iowa City in the late afternoon and went to Hillcrest Residence Hall to meet two of their friends.

The four girls arrived at a popular downtown bar around 11 p.m. Sara was making her way around the bar when a dark-haired man, who she estimated to be 23 or 24, grabbed her by the arm.

Tim introduced himself to Sara and asked her if she wanted a drink. She accepted and took a

seat with Tim and his friends. He was there with three other guys, and they were engaging in "casual bar conversation" when two of her friends came up to her and told her they wanted to go back to Hillcrest to meet some friends.

Sara decided to stay there and hang out with these guys, knowing that another one of her friends was staying also, so she wouldn't be alone.

Sara was still talking to the guys when she said, "Ten minutes turned into an hour," and her friend was nowhere to be seen. By this time, Sara had finished her second drink, and Tim wanted to dance and introduce her to more of his friends. Sara followed him to the dance floor where he bought her another drink. She describes herself as an experienced drinker, not confused by the amount of alcohol she was consuming, although she was slightly buzzed.

However, making her way through the crowded dance floor, Sara said she started to feel very dizzy and disoriented. Tim whispered something in her ear, and she remembers tilting her head back to laugh, but after that, nothing.

"It's not like I remember bits and pieces after that, it's completely black," she said. "Everything seems to be erased from my memory."

Her memory is missing for the next 10 hours of her life, leaving her unaware how she got out of the bar, who she was with, or who took her to the Coralville hotel room.

Saturday Morning

When she awoke, she had vomit in her hair and bruises scattered around the middle of her back, on the back of her head, arms and thighs.

She knew alcohol wasn't to blame for how she felt that morning, because she had been drunk and hung over before. This was different. "I am convinced without a doubt that it was Rohypnol or some other drug with the exact same effects," she said.

Reaction

Not until she made it home to Des Moines later that day did she explain fully the events of the night to another person. She was dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, ready to go back to bed, when her roommate noticed the bruises that covered her arms and legs. Sara told her roommate everything she knew about what happened the night before, but she refused to go straight to the hospital or to the police.

"I just kept telling myself, 'I am just going to

forget about this and just go on because that's how I deal with it,'" she said.

One of the effects of Rohypnol is the amnesia-like state it produces, and in Sara's case, she was, and is extremely scared about what happened to her in the 10 hours following her last drink.

"I just felt all these things, so I wanted to put it out of my life and not go back to Iowa City for a very long time," she said. "I just wanted it to be buried and I wanted to live my life."

Regrets

Sara went to Planned Parenthood but refused to seek counseling there. All she wanted was medical attention and nothing more.

"My biggest regret is not calling the police the moment I woke up in the hotel room," Sara said. "It's the major thing in the world that I wish I could change."

Sara regrets also not leaving with her friends that night. However, she realizes regret is not going to change anything. Sara suspects she was targeted because she thinks she looked younger at the time and wasn't familiar with the bar scene.

"Guys who have the drug with them and plan on doing that to someone, I think are more likely to target girls who look younger and possibly girls who are acting all crazy and will talk to anyone," she said.

Sara, now 20 and a University of Iowa sophomore, has learned to be aware of possible dangerous situations after her experience. She still frequents bars, but she doesn't accept drinks unless she watches it from the time it's being made until it is in her hands.

Difficulty In Detecting Rohypnol

Since Rohypnol is such a potent drug, it creates problems with drug testing and investigation. Steven Eck, a criminalist with the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), said,

"It's a very potent drug. Therefore it requires such a small amount to achieve the effect, so it's harder to detect because there is less in the body." Eck said.

"The best advice is to go to the hospital as soon as it's practical and have the test," Beth Barnhill, director of Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, said. "However, for many people (it) isn't practical, given the effects of the drug."

Editor's Note: The names "Sara" and "Tim" in the article are pseudonyms.

Art Scene

Upcoming art events for March 19-26

APSU/Clarksville Community Concert Artist Series Performances — Ray Dorrorato and Gary Hammond

There will be a special community performance of classical, jazz and pop music by Ray Dorrorato, violin, and Gary Hammond, piano, at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. Admission is free to students. Another performance will be given March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. Admission to this performance is by Series membership. APSU students are admitted free of charge but must pick up a general admission ticket at the music ticket office before the concert. For more information, call 648-7876.

Fiction Reading — Tim O'Brien

Author Tim O'Brien will give a reading of his work March 20 at 8 p.m. in Clement Auditorium. A book signing and reception will immediately follow. For more information, call 648-7031.

Senior Recital — Melinda Oertner

Melinda Oertner will give her senior saxophone recital March 21 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

Border to Border No. 6 National Drawing Competition Exhibition

The Border to Border No. 6 National Drawing Competition Exhibition will open in the Trapham Gallery March 22, with a reception from 8-9:30 p.m. Competition juror Susan Krane will lecture March 22 at 8 p.m. in Trapham 401. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 648-7333.

Graduate Recital — Kate Yates

Kate Yates will present her graduate flute recital March 21 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

Senior Recital — John Knight

John Knight will give his senior voice recital March 21 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

Senior Recital — Jason Hutchens

Jason Hutchens will give his senior saxophone recital March 22 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

Senior Exhibit — Kevin Rupp

Kevin Rupp presents his bachelor of fine arts drawing exhibit March 24-27 in Trapham Gallery 108. The opening reception is March 24 from 5-7 p.m.

Junior Recital — Joe Heaton and Lori Gates

Joe Heaton and Lori Gates will give their junior french horn recital March 25 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

Pops series ends with community concert

A concert of classical, popular and jazz music will be featured in APSU/Clarksville Community Concert Artist Series performance March 20.

Violinist Ray Dorrorato and pianist Gary Hammond will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building, the final performance of this season's pops series.

Admission is by series membership, but a limited number of general admission tickets will go on sale to the general public at a ticket office at 7:15 March 20 preceding the performance. APSU students may attend free by presenting a student I.D. at the ticket office. The duo also will present an afternoon concert on Wednesday, March 19 at 3 p.m. in the Concert Theatre.



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Spending big bucks on books

By DANNY PEPPERS
staff writer

Each year college students buy required text books that range in price from less than \$10 to more than \$100. Full-time students may spend \$500 to \$600 for one year's worth of books.

Where does it start? According to Dr. James Lester, professor of languages and literature at APSU and author of 16 published text books, teaching changes require new text books.

"Theory, techniques and tools change; all of these things prompt new text books," he said. Lester, who had his first book published in 1967, said people advance new ideas and theories at national conferences each year.

"If there's a need for a new book or a new edition, publishers will look for authors on the subject," Lester said. Lester said if there is a market for the book, a contract to write the entire manuscript is agreed upon between writer and publisher.

According to Kimberly Threath, book ordering clerk at Austin Peay's book store, book stores

have no control over what books are ordered.

"Instructors have the final say in what the book store will order," Threath said.

"We compile a want list and send it to used book companies first," said Deborah Johnson, manager of the university book store. "We try to get as many used books as we can," she said.

"Used book prices have gone down at Austin Peay since Study-master opened in 1994," he said. "New and used book prices are lower than the national average at both book stores."

"We make sure we have the lowest mark-up of any Tennessee Board of Regents School," Al Irby, assistant vice-president of finance and administration, said.

Where does all the money spent on text books go? According to Irby, the university book store's profits go into the general fund.

"Any profits after operating expenses are put into the general fund to be used for salaries, scholarships and other university expenditures," Irby said. "Last fiscal year, 1995-96, the book store made a clear profit of \$137,000. Lowe

declined to comment on Study-master's profit.

Every semester is a gamble for students and the book stores. Book stores can get stuck with books made obsolete by new editions and end up selling them back to the publisher for as low as a quarter.

"Last semester we had books with a retail value of \$3,000 we couldn't get anything out of," Johnson said. Book stores try to only buy back books they can use the next semester. "We bring in an outside company, Nebraska Book Co. Inc., to buy books we can't use," she said. According to Johnson, the university book store cuts off buying during registration.

Study-master buys books back whenever school is open. "Several factors determine buyback," Lowe said. Demand, new editions and the general condition of the book are a few variables to determine what the students will get back.

"Generally, half the new price is given," he said. "Students' biggest complaint is about books they can't sell back at all." Lowe said the average life-span of a book is three years.

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Drawing exhibit opens at Trahern

Border to Border No. 6, the 1997 Larson Biennial Drawing Competition Exhibition, opens Saturday, March 22, at 8 p.m. at Austin Peay's Trahern Gallery, presented by the department of art and the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Preceding the exhibit, there will be a lecture by competition juror Susan Krane at 7 p.m. in Trahern 401. The lecture will be followed by a reception from 7-9 p.m. in the Trahern Lobby. Both the lecture and the reception are free and open to the public.

Featuring black and white and color drawings on paper, Border to Border No. 6 will feature 42 drawings selected from 465 entries from 45 states and Canada.

Border to Border initially grew out of APSU's designation as a Center of Excellence in Tennessee. Since 1987, however, the scope of the exhibition has broad-

ened through the support of Mabel Larson who has donated funds for the purchase awards in memory of her husband, Howard Larson. She also has become a partner in the educational programs APSU offers in the visual arts.

The drawings from this biennial exhibit previously selected for purchase awards have become a part of Austin Peay's permanent teaching archives, as will this year's purchase award winners.

Known as the Larson Drawing Collection, these selections are exhibited throughout the university, functioning as a resource for both art students and the larger campus community.

The exhibit will remain on display through April 11. Gallery Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

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We want to see our food and service through your eyes. After all, it's for you. That's why we're conducting a survey. Filling it out will help us to see your view - and get you what you want.

So take a look and tell us what you like and what you'd like to see different.

Next time, you'll like what you see even better

Harvill Cafeteria & AP Food Court

March 20 & 21

Help APEX in replenishing the blood supply in Clarksville.

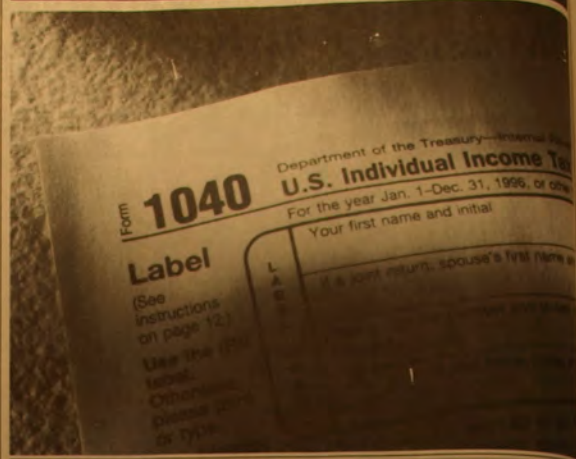
Donate Blood for the
'97 APEX Blood Drive!

March 24 - 28th
Interstate Blood Bank
331 East Union Street
(behind the downtown Post Office)

Donate and receive a
FREE T-SHIRT!

If you would like to donate or have any questions, contact Toby Schermer in the Student Activities office (UC 315) or call 648-7431.

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Community Fair

Wednesday, April 2
University Center Outside
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



X-treme Week 1997
University Programs Council



Toon into the X-treme
March 31- April 4, 1997

Monday—make your own video with Fun Flicks
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
In the University Center main lobby

Tuesday—Big Fun and Games, Gladiator Beam Joust, etc.
10: a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
In front of U.C.

Wednesday—Community Fair
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
In Front of U. C.

Thursday—FREE FOOD
Pic-Nic
11 a.m. to p.m.
In Front of U.C.

Friday Tracy Morgan from Def-Comedy Jam, Martin -Hustle
Mar. Apollo Comedy Hour, Uptown Comedy Hour, and
Saturday Night Live.
Free with Valid APSU ID/ \$2.00 without
Clement Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
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