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Student drivers prove to be the worst

By KALEN McELHENY
Staff Writer

A report published recently by the Quality Planning Corporation, reported students as the worst drivers in America, both for number of accidents and number of speeding tickets reported to insurance companies.

These students are in good company, as medical doctors and lawyers are likely to be on the scene, being the country's second and third worst drivers, respectively. This is according to an article featured in CNN.com's money section, in which QPC ranked 40 occupations.

QPC is a company that helps insurance companies rate driver risk. This study was done over a period of 18 months, researching 1 million drivers nationwide.

Worst Drivers

ACCIDENTS

1. Students
2. Medical Doctors
3. Lawyers
4. Architects
5. Real estate agents

SPEEDING TICKETS

1. Students
2. Enlisted Military
3. Manual laborers
4. Politicians
5. Architects

Information provided by CNN.com

"I know that student drivers definitely get the most tickets (at APSU)," said Jada Young, a senior studying business management. "Walking to class, I see plenty of faculty and staff, with the red sticker, speeding through campus and I never see them get pulled over

at all." APSU Campus police are responsible for citing traffic violations on campus. "Our jurisdiction technically runs from Eighth Street to College Street to North Second Street and it forms its course somewhere along Kraft

Street, but we don't police Lincoln homes," said Patrolman David Smith, of the APSU Campus Police.

"Anything that we deal with here usually deals with minor speeding violations, as the speed limit is so low," he said.

"Students aren't any worse with their driving habits than anybody else. Who spends more time on the road? Students."

The top five most accident-prone occupations are students, medical doctors, lawyers, architects, and real estate agents, according to the study. Frequent speeders were students, enlisted military, manual laborers, politicians, and architects.

Architects and students are the only two occupations to make the top five of both lists.

Students at APSU said elderly people seem to be more of a risk on

the road than other drivers.

"I agree that (students are) the most inexperienced drivers, and that would make them the worst drivers, along with elderly citizens who don't qualify with the physical," said Justin Roman, a sophomore public management major at APSU.

"Everybody speeds." Michael Lombardo, sophomore Corporate Communications major, agrees.

"I really think the worse drivers aren't really so much students. I think they are people who just got their license in high school or really old people because some people just can't see that well when they drive, or hear that well."

"I've only had two speeding tickets when I was in high school," he said. "I haven't had any since I've been in college. Some people do

like to speed when they're in college, but they are wiser about driving."

The study also showed that cell phone use was a major factor in the accidents researched. A spokesman for the American Medical Association said it is possible that medical students are simply fatigued. The reliance on cell phones in many of these professions may be a factor as well.

"Anybody around 18 or 19, is gonna spend the most time on the road. Anybody that is married, maybe has a family, a lot of them will spend more time at home. Those people that are 50 or 60 years old, most of their time is inside," said Smith.

"I remember when I was a teenager, putting 80 miles on my car in a weekend. I don't even know where I went."

Seminar alerts campus to rape

Women's studies and Alpha Sigma Alpha sponsor seminar

By CATI MONTGOMERY
Copy Editor

Recent statistics published in 2002 show that 42 percent of female college students experienced some sort of sexual assault on campus nationwide.

This statistic, and many others were shared in a recent seminar on Rape Risk Reduction: The 'R' you never learned about.

The seminar, co-sponsored by Austin Peay State University's Women's Studies program and Alpha Sigma Alpha, was held on Nov. 13, 2003.

Jill Eichhorn, Coordinator of the Women's Studies program said the program was important because "students get such mixed messages about sexuality and their relationships."

They get little or no help with negotiating sex.

I wanted to provide the opportunity for them to get honest, accurate information, especially about the legal definitions of rape."

According to speaker Rachel Elliott of the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center in Nashville, education is the key to preventing rape and sexual assault crimes.

College-aged women, between the ages of 16-24 are four times more likely to be assaulted than women of other ages.

A little known fact about these rapes is that many of them involve the most common rape drug - alcohol.

According to current law in Tennessee, having sex with a partner who is drunk can constitute rape, since a person

who is intoxicated is not capable of clear decision making.

Elliott's lecture included role playing scenarios and open discussion. She said that "it is very important to use the buddy system to protect your safety, on campus or in a social setting."

Don't walk on campus alone because you never know who's going to be out there. That sounds so scary and bleak, but that's what campus police are there for, so don't hesitate to call them if in doubt."

Scarlett Moore, a sophomore broadcast media and literature major, headed up publicity for the seminar, including it as an ASA event.

"It really made us see how important it is to have sisters around when going to parties, clubs, and social gatherings," said Moore.

"It may be that one sister needs help, and one of us can be that sister prepared to offer help."

Aaron Howard, a sophomore English major said, "it is important that all become educated on the facts about rape so that they may be of assistance to the women in their lives that may be affected by this atrocious act."

Elliott said that if you have been victimized, it is important to know that it is never too late to get help.

"It's never too late to come forward. [Rape or sexual assault] has such a devastating emotional affect on a person. Help is crucial."

By breaking the silence and telling your story, it empowers others to get help and breaks the cycle of abuse."

Eichhorn said that she hoped, "that women came away empowered to make decisions to protect themselves."

I hope men learned information that contradicts most of what society teaches them about sex."

For more information, you may contact the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center in Clarksville at 647-3632, or the APSU Counseling Center at 221-6162.

CORR stages student protest

By LOUISE MORALES
Editor in Chief

Members of a local civil rights group and others protested for the resignation of Austin Peay State University's President Sherry Hoppe on Monday.

"Hoppe has the wrong attitude as a leader," said Virginia Hatcher, president of the Commission on Religion and Racism (CORR) and one of nearly 10 protesters who held signs and waved at passers-by on College Street.

Hatcher was joined by several students, as well as members of the Clarksville community. The APSU protest was the kickoff for an "Inequality in Higher Education Resistance Campaign" that the Clarksville CORR chapter said they want to end with the removal of Hoppe.

At the APSU protest, CORR members and students passed out flyers that included a list of demands among which called for the "immediate dismissal of attorney Richard Jackson from the position of Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity, Affirmative Action and Legal Issues."

Jackson issued a statement Monday saying he had not been contacted by CORR in relation to this demand.

"While I regret that I have been singled out for attack by misinformed groups such as CORR; I am wise enough to know that when groups like this criticize in the media without first having attempted to engage in any discussions with me - their motives must be questioned."

Other demands included the reinstatement of all African-



Photo by Louise Morales

APSU students were part of Monday's protest in front of Browning on College Street.

American faculty and staff who had been "pushed out of APSU because of budget cuts and the reorganization [of several university academic programs]."

In a statement issued Monday afternoon, Hoppe said the university had "had no inquiries from, or interactions with CORR concerning any of the matters contained in the groups press release," which they received on Nov. 3.

CORR also made demands for public forums to be held on the use of Geier funds.

These funds are a result of the Geier Consent Decree, which is an agreement by the state to provide equal opportunity for black and white students in Tennessee colleges and universities.

They also demanded mandatory student representation from the African-American Student Association and the Timbuktu African-American Minor Association on any search committee related to African-American studies, the African-American Cultural Center or the recruitment and retention of African-American students, as well as mandatory university-wide forums on race relations that involve APSU faculty, staff and students.

Hoppe, in her issued statement, said the university "has not engaged in any discriminatory conduct," citing a recent investigation by the State of Tennessee's Office of the Comptroller.

The report, published in

September found racial allegations to be unsubstantiated, however, it did provide several suggestions for the university.

Those suggestions, Hoppe said, are in the process of being implemented.

The CORR group, which has a membership of 25-50 active members, has participated in several demonstrations in the Clarksville community, one of which was held last month.

According to a story published in *The Leaf-Chronicle* on Oct. 25, CORR protesters said they wanted the FBI "to investigate the treatment of inmates at the county jail, even though jail administrators have agreed to public communication about inmate complaints."

Failed wall project inspires organization

By MELINDA SIMMONS
News Editor

Last year's controversial Wall Project ended abruptly due to confusion and misunderstanding among faculty and students.

The project was meant to break down stereotypes and communication barriers on campus.

Students painted 'hate words' on bricks that were meant to be part of a wall, that would later be knocked down to symbolize the breaking of the barriers of oppression.

The project was halted because the unclear meaning offended some students and faculty prematurely.

The unfinished project has

inspired a group of students to create a new organization called APSUnite Our Campus.

This new organization has been created, according to its constitution, in order to "enhance the unity and community of Austin Peay State University's students, faculty and staff."

"I'm really hoping that this organization will be a starting point for uniting APSU and emphasizing differences that we all have and how those differences can be used as a learning tool," said Jason Jackson, the president of Unite Our Campus, and junior education major.

This organization will be "open to any APSU student who is interested without

regard to race, religion or national origin."

Members who are in good standing will have the opportunity to vote in elections, serve on committees and hold offices.

The Wall Project formed a committee last year after it was decided that the project would be postponed. Recently, it was decided the project will not take place anytime soon.

"When we as the Wall Project Committee met to discuss the direction of the Wall Project it was concluded that the campus needed to grow in its appreciation for diversity before a project with such an impact could take place," Jackson said.

"Our new organization will

attempt to push forward the growth of our campus community before the actual wall will be considered for construction."

"The primary goal of APSUnite Our Campus is to bring about a growth of understanding in our community."

He also said the Wall Project was not the primary goal of the new group.

"As a senior here at Austin Peay State University I really want to leave something behind so other students can get involved and be more concerned about campus unity," said Vice President Jennifer Price, an APSU senior communication major.

"There needs to be more interaction between students

of all race, color and creed. As a minority at APSU for four years now, I can honestly say that there are certain groups of people that have never spoken with me, yet I have seen them everyday for several years," said Price.

She admits it is partially her fault because she had never had the courage to walk over and start talking to them.

Price said she also rates the campus unity as a six or seven on a ten point scale.

Price and Jackson both agree that APSU has a way to go before the wall project can be considered for construction.

Unite Our Campus is still looking for members. For more information e-mail Jackson at jrj0438@apsu.edu.

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News

A city built on holes; groundwater contamination

By KATHY YUNG
Staff Writer

Clarksville is home to "one of the most environmentally delicate geologic settings that Mother Nature provides," according to Phillip Kemmerly, geology professor at Austin Peay State University. The nature of this geologic setting is part of the reason that ground water contamination in sinkhole areas is a growing problem, he said.

"Groundwater contamination is a problem primarily because with sinkholes you have an open plumbing system," said Kemmerly.

When water goes into a sinkhole after a rain, there is no delay time which would allow for the filtration and decomposition of whatever contaminants are in that water. It goes directly into the subsurface fairly rapidly, and Clarksville has very rapid ground water migration rates.

"In almost any other geological setting, other than ours, ground water migrates at a rate of a few inches to maybe 15 to 20 feet per day." This means that any pollutants that are introduced into the water are not carried outward very rapidly," said Kemmerly.

In contrast, the minimum ground water velocity Kemmerly has encountered in this area was 800 feet per day and the maximum was 1,200 feet per day.

Any introduced contaminant in this type of a system migrates very rapidly. This rapid movement affects the quality of the water at a considerable distance from where the contamination first took place.

"What we've got is essentially a swiss cheese three-dimensional geology that allows water and/or contaminants to go directly into the subsurface through these sinkholes," said Kemmerly.

"We have water contamination

in this area and we have water contamination in the subsurface under portions of this city."

The administration of Clarksville's storm water management program is a joint effort by several city departments, but it is primarily administered through the street department at a cost of \$2.5 million annually.

According to Jack Frazier, a civil engineer with the street department, due to new federal regulations the staff felt it was time to look at how storm water in Clarksville is handled.

"Historically, storm water management has been aimed at quantity, trying to keep people from getting flooded," said Frazier.

"We're going to have to start looking at quality also. We're going to have to look at what comes off our parking lots, what comes off the streets."

In April 2002 the Storm Water Program Advisory Committee was formed to assess the current storm water program, recommend improvements, assess funding alternatives for improvements and recommend steps to implement the program.

The wide-ranging group of citizens was appointed by then mayor Johnny Piper and included representation from the city council as well as the academic, industrial, real estate, contracting, engineering and homeowner association communities.

"We tried to get a cross section of the community," said Frazier.

"We wanted the community's input into what we are doing in storm water, what we should be doing, what we are doing [that's] good, what we are perceived as doing bad."

The committee was assisted in their analysis by the Clarksville Street Department and the consultant AMEC Earth and

Environmental, Inc., and looked specifically at the following issues:

- What Clarksville and other communities were doing in terms of storm water management

- Storm water related problems, issues, needs and opportunities faced by Clarksville

- What storm water priorities should guide Clarksville in improving its program

- What specific programs are needed, the cost to implement and ways to fund the programs

- How importance of storm water management should be presented to the city council and the general public

The committee particularly focused on the primary, secondary and root causes for physical storm water problems in Clarksville and also on public awareness and education.

According to Kemmerly, groundwater contamination won't affect those in Clarksville who get their drinking water from the municipal water supply, but those living away from the city and drinking rural water supply need to be concerned about what is happening in the area of their water source.

Kemmerly feels that as citizens and as part of the community we all should bear a civic responsibility in protecting the environment.

"If you get a lot of contaminated groundwater you're going to get a lot of contaminated streams," said Kemmerly, "and if you get a lot of contaminated streams, you're going to get a lot of biological effects."

One of the areas looked at by the committee was water quality. They determined that the primary cause affecting water quality was poor surface water quality.

The poor surface water quality was attributed to such factors as illegal dumping, poor agricultural practices, past development

practices and public awareness/education.

These factors were influenced by root causes such as lack of regulation, lack of funding, lack of inspections, lack of enforcement actions, lack of resources and lack of public education, according to Kemmerly.

He feels that Clarksville needs to find a way to develop responsibly, keeping the nature of our topography uppermost in mind.

"A rational approach to categorizing sinkholes and their risk of individual collapse needs to be developed," said Kemmerly.

This type of approach would require significant study involving data gathering and analysis.

Because so much of the area in our is experiencing peak growth is in some of the "very worst terrain imaginable to do it in," engineers, geologists, and government need to look at the situation and maybe begin to "rethink some of our development practices."

The committee completed its report in May 2003 and is waiting to appear before the city council.

"Some of it we could do at the staff level; a lot of it we need their blessing," Frazier said.

Next week, in the last of our series, we will take a closer look at how APSU is affected by Clarksville's unique topography, especially in terms of construction costs.

GOOD MORNING APSU

Campus Community

Blood Drive

Student Nurses' Association will be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Nov. 20 in UC Ballroom A. The times will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free T-shirts will be given away. For more information contact Lisa Mason at 249-0346 or e-mail lkm7853@apsu.edu

Study Abroad

There will be an informational meeting concerning the Study Abroad Program in Spain on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Harned Hall at 1 p.m. Miguel Ruiz-Aviles will answer students' questions concerning all aspects of the program and provide information concerning scholarships and financial aid for those interested in studying in Spain.

Fun Day in the UC

"Food, fun and entertainment before Finals! Dec. 2 from 5 p.m. to midnight in Java City and UC Lobby area. Each organization asked to bring an ornament for the tree. For more information contact Stacey Francis at 221-7431 or e-mail zetanu@apsu.edu

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Lottery Scholarship

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Lecture by Bryan Di Salvatore

Writer-in-residence Bryan Salvatore will give a lecture on the craft of writing creative non-fiction on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m., in Harned 307. For more information contact Susan Wallace at 221-7031 or e-mail wallacess@apsu.edu

QEP Open Forum

The SACS Leadership Team invites the entire campus community to share in giving final shape to our enhancement plan at the open forums on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1:30-3 p.m. in UC 303. For more information contact Bruce Speck at 221-7439 or e-mail speckb@apsu.edu

Fall Final Exam Schedule December 8-12

Undergraduate and Day Classes

Monday, December 8

8:00 - 10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 11:00
10:30 - 12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 2:00
1:30 - 3:30 All MWF classes which meet at 12:00

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 - 10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 8:00
10:30 - 12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 7:00
1:30 - 3:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 2:00

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 - 10:00 All T/TH classes which meet at 8:00
10:30 - 12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 10:00
1:30 - 3:30 All MWF classes which meet at 1:00

Thursday, December 11

8:00 - 10:00 All T/TH classes which meet at 9:30
10:30 - 12:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 12:30
1:30 - 3:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 3:00

Friday, December 12

8:00 - 10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 9:00
10:30 - 12:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 11:00
1:30 - 3:30 Open

Graduate and Evening Classes

Graduate Students will take exams at the designated time period during exam week. If taking an evening class, 3:30 p.m. on T/TH or 3:00 p.m. on MWF or later, the final exam is during the time the class normally meets during exam week. If the class meets two evenings per week, the exam is scheduled for the first day it is offered during exam week.

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Megan Alsop
Katie Cox
Joey Grisham
Deana Miles

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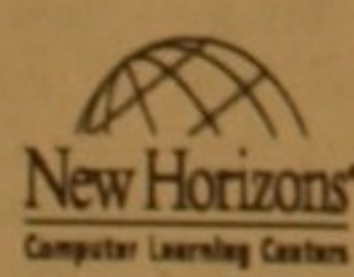
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Editorial

Loss of life in Iraq is growing

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer



CAMPBELL

The loss of life in Iraq is growing; and yes, we should be informed of these deaths as soon as we possibly can. It is our responsibility to keep up with how our men and women in the armed forces are faring during a time of war. We should expect no less. While the death toll hasn't reached the scale of the Vietnam War, if we don't bring our people home now, that is exactly what we can expect. With the time projected by the current administration necessary to remain and (let's not mince words) occupy these lands, we could very well be looking at another Vietnam. I don't want to seem a pessimist but we should be prepared for the very worst in a time of war. We have been told that we "need" at least another three years for our troops to stay in Iraq. There is no way we can know what may befall our men and women during this time. So yes, it is only right that we know of every death that occurs over there. However, it should be done in a professional manner and not sensationalized in the least.

Beside the fact that this was an illegal war and should never have taken place to begin with, there is another problem that I have had since the beginning of the war. Never before have we been given such an imbedded view of what is going on during such a time. Vietnam was more involved in showing the effects of war operations. The focus was on the casualties of war. However, this time around, as opposed to the first Gulf War, operations were shown as they happened. So as families gathered for dinner around the living room at night they could watch the war on TV. Think about that for a moment. We can watch people fight and possibly die on national and international television (AND YOU THOUGHT THE MEDIA WAS LIBERALLY BIASED) Ha! Give me a break. The media only caters to the two narrow spectrums of the masses; and those two

divisions indeed turn a profit. This has limited the range of responses to American mainstream media to two main infantile responses: "Duh! (We already knew that.)" or "Stupid! (How completely wrong can you be?)"

Think about what television was designed to do. Its sole purpose is to entertain. This entertainment ultimately generates revenue and ratings. Being that news has become a medium to stimulate our sensations and dramatize any form of human interest including tragedy, we can arrive at the conclusion that the war was broadcast to entertain us, in a particular manner of speaking. It should come as no surprise by now that I am vehemently opposed to use of military force unless used as a means of self-defense. This war was by no means a war of self-defense. It was, as we should all know, the first U.S. offensive war in the nation's history.

Best estimates on the total number of lives lost in Iraq tell the tale of a troubled country that was relieved of between 5,000-7,000 of its civilians lives whose responsibility ultimately falls on our commander-in-chief and those that held the power to authorize the war. These deaths of course do not include the 435 coalition deaths that have occurred as a result of the invasion. Yet I feel that it is more important to inform of the lives lost in Iraq. After all, we were expecting American lives to be lost, right? It was something we knew was going to happen, right? Do you think that all the people that died in Iraq were expecting to die?

Now ask yourself if you think that a forced democracy for people that have no experience with democracy is worth the lives of those that died and those who have yet to die in this conflict.

Suppose that the Soviet Union was the world's superpower, and they wanted to spread communism to the West.

How well do you think it would go over if they killed our people in the name of a system of government that we did not understand, on the condition that we accept it?

Not very well, I suspect. So are the deaths in this war justified? The answer is crystal clear, in my humble opinion.

War tragedies prompt reflection

By Katie Gordon
Staff Writer



GORDON

Like many Americans, I was horrified to hear of another helicopter crash, brought down by enemy Iraqis, which claimed the lives of more than a dozen of our men.

This incident was the highest casualty attack since the end of the war. Yes, it is a terrible tragedy, and being as I have a boyfriend serving in the infantry in Iraq, it scares me. However, when I think about what war is, and how it has always been, particularly for America, I would say that our military is doing quite well.

I submit that while no war is wanted, in this case it is justified and our military is to be commended on a job well done.

Now, I was not alive for the Vietnam War, and I was just a child during the first Gulf War, but from studying history, our casualties in this war (with the exception of the last) are dramatically lower than

war past. The reason Americans become frightened from hearing of one or two soldiers being killed each day is because this is by far the most visible war in the world's history. On D-Day alone, which is celebrated every year and as we know led the Allies to victory in World War II, we lost nearly 5,000 men.

I want everyone to wrap his or her mind around that number. Quite staggering for one battle, yes? Do we view this loss, and the thousands after it, as a victory? We do now. America lost over a quarter of a million men in World War II, and way over half a million in the Civil War. War has obviously changed in America's favor.

Did anyone really think Iraq stood a chance? Of course not. They are picking off our men one by one (and if they are fortunate, a larger number, as in the helicopter). Every soldier killed is a tragedy.

I know what it is like to lose someone like a spouse. But when I think about how many wives and children and parents never saw their loved ones return in wars past, I feel lucky that in something as ugly as war this occurrence is not as often and not as overwhelming.

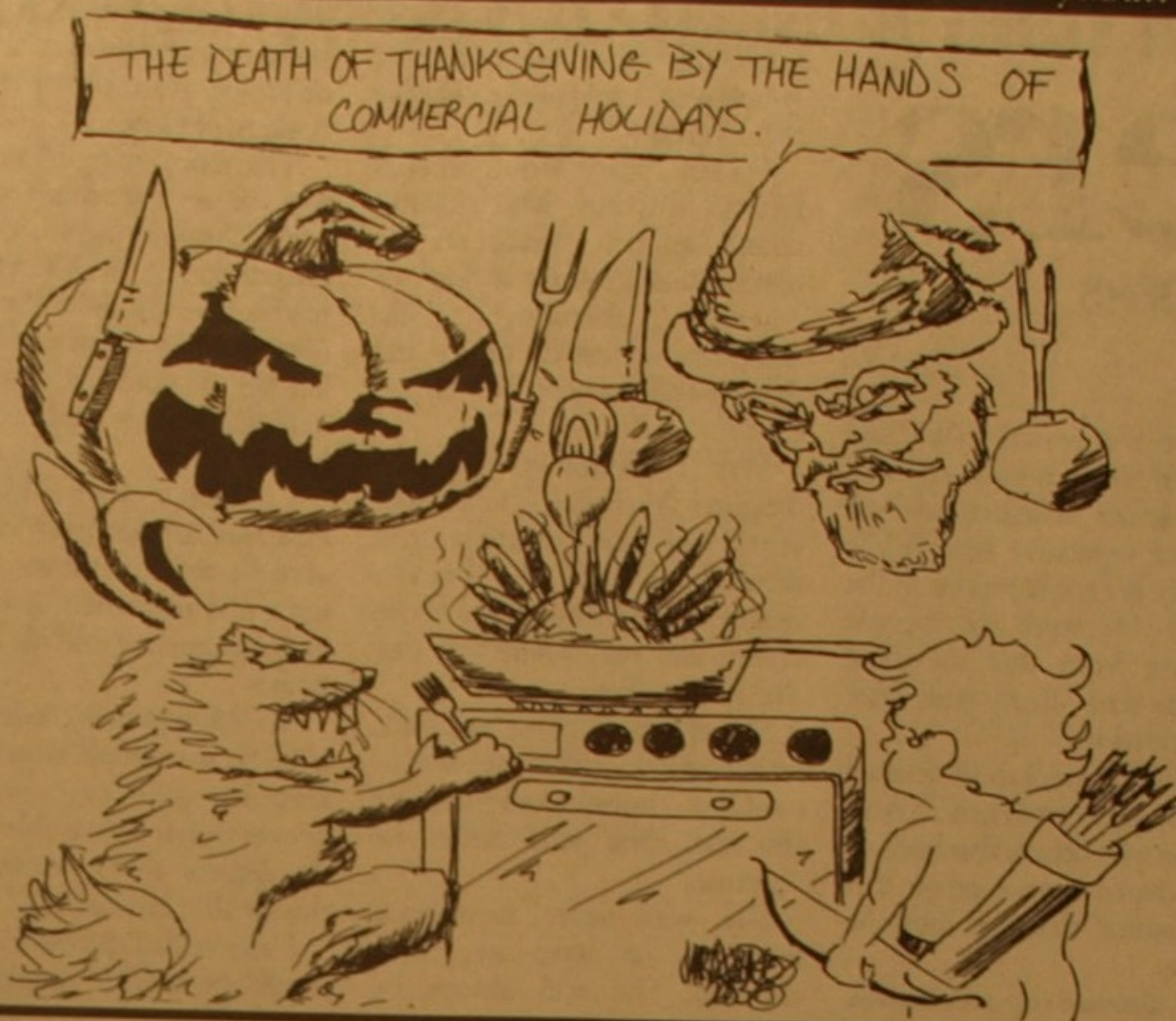
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Editorial Cartoon

By MARTY FOX



In Our Opinion

Last Saturday was AP Day. For those of you who do not know what AP Day is, it is a day when Austin Peay State University cordially invites high-school students from all over, to come and tour the campus. The staff arranges tours, seminars and meetings to showcase all that APSU has to offer. While this is going on, organizations, departments and clubs set up tables all around the inside of the UC to show prospective students what they have to offer. The students are free to wander from table to table and see if there is anything that piques their curiosity.

If you went, you saw *The All State* there. We had a table with past issues and photos of us in action, set up near the elevator on the second floor. We met many young faces and had a great time getting to know some of the future members of this campus, not to mention the fact that Student Life had a lunch and door prizes for workers. We had a lot of fun.

The APSU staff did a great job of attracting so many students and making the best of a rainy day. We overheard many of the participants remarking on

how impressed they were with what they saw here at APSU.

It is really interesting to see the campus through the eyes of someone who has never been here before. You notice things that you hadn't before. Many people talked about how pretty the campus is and how nice all the people they met had been.

We really do have a good little school here. Pardon my gushing, but we are small enough to feel like part of a real community (it is hard to go anywhere and not recognize someone) and big enough to meet a wide range of diverse people. The majority of the faculty are here for a love of teaching (it certainly isn't for the research money) and most of them have an open door policy if you have a problem. It's great to see other people come and admire our school. We do have a lot to be proud of.

If you have not had the pleasure of being a part of AP day in the past, you may want to take part of it in the future. Nothing makes you more proud of where you are than to see others appreciate it too.

Top 5 Bush-war bummers

By JESSICA WHITCOMB
Staff Writer



WHITCOMB

I don't mean to jump on the bash Bush bandwagon but... oh, who'm I kidding? Yes I do. I'd like to know what goes on in that dusty little head of his. Whether inventing his own words (strategy? underestimated?) or declaring war on Iraq because we were attacked by a guy in Afghanistan. Don't get me wrong, I'm pro-get-rid-of-Sadam by any means necessary, but not in the name of

9/11. It's insulting to the people who died, and where the hell is Osama Bin Ladin? Are you telling me that the most powerful country in the world can't find such an infamous person? Mr. Jihad himself? And talk about diverting our attention from the issue - just launch a war! The American people will forget why we started fighting in the first place! All that aside, there are really five things that bum me up about this war:

5. **Our allies don't support us in this war.** U.S. allies in the Middle East oppose a U.S. attack on Iraq. Our European allies have urged the U.S. to work through the U.N. An invasion of Iraq would isolate the U.S. from the rest of the world and shatter the principles of international cooperation and mutual defense that are key to U.S. and global security.

4. **A preemptive attack violates the U.N. charter.** Yes, a preemptive attack. If the U.S. puts itself above international law it will further encourage other nations to do the same.

An old quote or two for you...

"Happy, thrice happy shall they be pronounced hereafter, who have contributed any thing, who have performed the meanest office in erecting this stupendous fabrick of Freedom and Empire on the broad basis of Independency; who have assisted in protecting the rights of humane nature and establishing an Asylum for the poor and oppressed of all nations and religions."
- George Washington, General Orders, April 18, 1783

"This is essentially a people's contest... whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men - to lift artificial weights from all shoulders - to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all - to afford all, an unfettered start and a fair chance, in the race of life."
- Abraham Lincoln, Message to congress, July 4, 1861

"A fool and his money are soon elected."
- Will Rogers.

3. **Funding for education, environment and health care is already being cut in order to pay for the "war on terror."** Estimates put the cost of a war with Iraq at \$60-\$100 billion with ongoing billions for occupation and rebuilding Iraq.

2. **Thousands of people may die, including young American soldiers.** Pentagon estimates say that an invasion of Iraq could lead to the deaths of 10,000 innocent civilians. Many combatants will suffer physical and psychological repercussions for years after the war ends.

1. **War with Iraq won't protect us from anybody.** An unprovoked attack by the United States will inflame anti-U.S. sentiment and may stimulate more attacks by extremists.

An array of United States intelligence professionals, diplomats and former Pentagon officials have chastised the Bush Administration for its distortion of the case for war against Iraq. They include a former director of the CIA, two former assistant secretaries of defense, a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia and even the man who served as President George W. Bush's Secretary of the Army until just a few months ago. The agenda, according to George Bush senior's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Chas Freeman, is both highly political and profoundly misguided. (Oil, anyone?) I tend to think that Bush is just playing us for fools and now some of his own administration have turned against him. I want Clinton back. Scandals and all. Give me personal indiscretions over misguided bloodshed any day. Bush is a nincompoop of a president and has made an international mockery of our country. America, under Bush, is a danger to the world and I don't care who runs against him in 2004, he needs to go.

Wise politics

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH
Editorial Editor



HUNTER-GRAH

Yes, I am another bleeding-heart liberal. I want to talk about compassion.

Rush Limbaugh jumps to mind, at the moment. If he had used

some of the compassion he now hopes to receive from his fans he would not be in the news right now. It's not the fact that he had the human frailty to become addicted to drugs that landed him in the spotlight. It's the fact that for years he talked so harshly of other people in this predicament. I believe the quote is "send them up the river." That's one of the largest problems I have with conservatives, their inability to make compassion a part of their politics. Many of the problems plaguing our society can be boiled down to this lack of compassion. We have become so "me" oriented that we forget that our individual happiness is, in fact, tied to the happiness of those around us.

If your neighbors are happy with their jobs and their healthcare, chances are they're not going to feel tempted to come and steal your stuff. Another example is, if lots of people are homeless and without jobs in your city, your city will have high crime rates. It's not a coincidence that in times of prosperity crime rates go down. In fact, the more money you have, in comparison to how much your neighbors have, can actually create a problem. Now, I'm not saying that everyone's happiness is your personal responsibility, just that their happiness is actually a factor in yours. This also extends to an international level.

I probably don't need to point out that 9/11 happened, in large part, because our neglect of Afghanistan. We went in to prevent Russia from taking over, made a mess and left. We didn't see them as big or important; how could they have been a real threat? If we had looked at Afghani people with compassion, maybe we would have been a little more careful in the way we handled them. I know that hindsight is 20/20, but why aren't we learning from our mistakes? Look at Israel and Palestine. How desperate do people have to be to strap bombs to their chests and walk into markets? Instead of just calling them crazy and leaving it at that, why not try to see why these people are so desperate. One of the most basic instincts we have is the will to survive. Next in line is the desire to care for our children, and they are killing them too. Why? It is my tendency towards compassion that leads me to these questions. I am a part of this human race and it matters to me how others are treated.

If you look at situations through compassion, wisdom is usually close behind it. As a matter of fact, some argue that they are two sides of the same coin.

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Editorial

Letters

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

It was with great dismay that I read the editorial by Cati Montgomery regarding Terri Schiavo and her so called "right to die."

I believe that Ms. Montgomery has failed to consider the much deeper issues that would spring from society accepting the views she has espoused.

There are first some glaring errors in Ms. Montgomery's editorial that must be corrected. She stated "...brain scans and CT scans show Schiavo to have no brain function whatsoever."

If that were true then Mrs. Schiavo would in fact be dead as that is the legal definition of death. What she should have said is that Mrs. Schiavo is in a persistent vegetative state.

This is a condition in which the individual retains all or part of the functions of the brain stem and the hypothalamus.

To clarify this for the reader, it means that Mrs. Schiavo can breathe on her own and has regular sleep-wake cycles among other functions.

What she is not credited with possessing is the ability to think, feel, reason, or communicate as these are considered functions of the cerebral cortex, the part of the brain that is believed to be no functioning in these patients.

There is a reason that I said "believed to be non-functional." There is no definitive test for persistent vegetative state (PVS) and there are many reports in the medical literature of people emerging from this so called "hopeless state" many years after they entered it.

One of the issues to be debated is the issue of awareness. There are those who believe that because Mrs. Schiavo cannot prove that she is aware, that she must be unaware.

The absence of identifiable behavioral activity is not in and of itself sufficient to conclude that there is no awareness.

There is, in fact, no tool in existence today to confirm or deny the existence of awareness.

The most frequent argument used to support the withdrawal of support from those in a PVS is that they are unaware and yet we cannot scientifically conclude that this is the case.

It is merely a judgment based on observable behaviors which as we know have the capacity to be in error.

While I believe the previous points are vital in this debate, that alone did not spur me to write. What drove my fingers to the keyboard is the bold assertion by Ms. Montgomery that "...given the opportunity, no one wants to live like that."

How can you be so sure Ms.

Montgomery? How can you know that there are not some people who would prefer a life like that to death?

Under Ms. Montgomery's criteria anyone who cannot scratch an itch, decide on the dinner menu, ask for a drink or entertain themselves has absolutely no quality of life and therefore deserves to be allowed to die.

May I submit to you my daughter Michelle? She is eight years old and mentally and physically disabled. She is in fact unable to fulfill most of the above criteria and yet I assure you that she wants to live.

She is unable to sit up, walk, scratch, eat or drink unassisted, or maintain bowel and bladder function. She will never be "normal."

She will never experience marriage or have her own children. She will always be dependent on others to feed, clothe, and bathe her.

She will never have use of her body in a functional way. To those who don't know her it would be very easy to describe her as having no quality of life. She drains societies resources and can produce no real benefit.

Those who know her, however, know that she embraces life more fully than you or I ever will. Her smile lights up a room and she obtains joy from the simplest things.

This is where the danger lies in the Schiavo case. When we allow others to decide whether another human being has quality of life we open the floodgate for bias and error.

What quality of life is depends upon how it is defined by each individual. When we begin to believe that we have a right to

decide life and death for others based on our definition of quality of life we place ourselves in the position of God.

The funny thing about this is that we are not simply allowing Mrs. Schiavo to die; we are in fact directly killing her. It appears it has become less about her right to die and more about our right to kill her because we as a society have deemed her quality of life to be inadequate.

I believe if Terri Schiavo had expressed her desire not to be kept alive by artificial means in some form of a permanent record that we have the duty to abide by those wishes.

Ms. Montgomery stated that it is up to the people who want to keep her alive to "...prove the person with the life is able to make the decision that he or she wants the life that he/she lives."

I believe that the exact opposite should be true. It should be the responsibility of those who want to end her life to prove that she does in fact want to end it.

If there is ever an error to be made in the decisions regarding life and death, it should always be made on the side of life as one is reversible and the other is not. God help us as a society if we embrace Ms. Montgomery's views.

I would urge everyone, regardless of age to prepare a living will or medical power of attorney to ensure that your wishes that your wishes be followed, should you ever be in this situation.

Tamara Shoemaker
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Editor commentary

By LOUISE MORALES
Editor in Chief



MORALES

It is unbelievable that this semester is coming to a close. Fourteen issues of *The All State* ago, I thought I was not going to make it to

December.

But, I have been blessed to have a great team of editors this semester who value the importance of teamwork and an advisor who has encouraged us every step of the way.

Every night they show their dedication to *The All State* and APSU community by staying late on Monday nights, taking on extra loads of work and doing their best to report fairly and accurately.

They have demonstrated their commitment by standing together in the good and bad times.

It has been a very valuable experience serving *The All State* for the past year and a half. I hope that I have given to it as much as it has given to me.

On another note, I would like to discuss an issue that has come to my attention the past few weeks. It has come to my attention that some students feel that we have covered African-American students' interests on purpose or from neglect.

In one of last week's Letters to the Editor, a student said that I had offered a 'no discussion' on an issue that was important to her (the lack

of African-American students in the back page collage). She doesn't feel that it was the proper response for an editor in chief.

I can understand her point of view, however I don't want to give the APSU community the impression that I neglect the concerns of students, faculty or administration regarding matters that published or did not publish in the paper.

There is a proper way to address complaints or offer feedback to *The All State*.

I didn't feel like I could offer a proper response on the telephone when a student called and asked why there weren't African-American students on the back page collage. Especially, after hearing rumors that students and faculty are calling *The All State* racist.

If you write me an e-mail, I will be more than happy to respond to any concern you have.

If you include your name, classification and major, and follows the guidelines for submission as a Letter to the Editor, I will publish it.

Contrary to people's beliefs, we publish most anything, even if it's criticizing *The All State*, as long as it adheres to those guidelines published in the paper.

The All State is a forum for free speech. Use it to communicate your feelings about issues to the APSU community. Lots of students and faculty take it for granted. We complain about lots of issues.

Theoretically, I should be getting lots of Letters to the Editor. A better way to let your thoughts known to others?

Docs don't talk pot

Courts prescribe free speech for doctors, patients

By KEN PAULSON
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10.26.03

Call it professional courtesy. Last week, the nine most powerful figures in the legal profession let stand a decision upholding the free-speech rights of the medical profession.

In rejecting a government appeal, the U.S. Supreme Court left intact federal court decisions that gave doctors the right to recommend the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

It was an important development, freeing up physicians to talk to seriously ill patients about treatment options without facing punishment by the federal government.

In recent years, there's been a growing recognition that marijuana may have medical benefits for some patients.

A yearlong study commissioned by the White House found that marijuana can help AIDS patients recover their appetites and ease chemotherapy-related nausea for cancer patients, among other benefits.

Support for the medical use of marijuana has led to voter initiatives in nine states. Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have legalized the use of marijuana with doctor recommendations or prescriptions. Thirty-five states also have passed laws or resolutions acknowledging that marijuana may have medical value.

But the federal law has not changed. The federal government may prosecute anyone who purchases or distributes marijuana for any purpose. This means that a patient using marijuana in California won't be prosecuted by the state but can be charged by the federal government.

In an effort to undo the states' liberalization of marijuana laws, the federal government threatened revocation of federal prescription licenses of any doctors who recommend marijuana.

This had the effect of nullifying the state laws because access to medical marijuana generally

requires a doctor's recommendation.

This put California's doctors in an untenable position.

"By speaking candidly to the patients about the potential benefits of medical marijuana, they're losing their licenses to write prescriptions, which would prevent them from functioning as doctors," Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski wrote in a concurring opinion striking down the federal policy. "In other words, they may destroy the careers and lose their livelihoods."

Kozinski and his colleagues on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concluded that punishing doctors recommending the medical use of marijuana, the federal government violated the doctors' First Amendment rights.

The court affirmed the importance of allowing a doctor to speak freely with a patient. If a physician believes, based on medical research and study, that a patient's symptoms can be eased with medical marijuana, he or she has an absolute right to express that opinion without fear of punishment from the government.

Of course, the federal government can still prosecute a doctor who does anything more than talk or write a recommendation. A physician involved in buying or distributing marijuana could be charged.

The appellate court also pointed out that all Americans have a First Amendment right to petition the federal government for change of its laws, including decriminalization of marijuana on a national scale. "To hold that physicians are barred from communicating to patients sincere medical judgments would disable patients from understanding their own situation well enough to participate in the debate," wrote Chief Judge M. Schroeder.

By not accepting this case for review, the U.S. Supreme Court has preserved the right of a physician to speak freely about medical options and has protected the state's right to regulate its own medical community.

The decision also is a valuable reminder that the First Amendment doesn't just protect the news media, protests and provocative speech. It also ensures the free flow of information to those who need it most.

The merits of prescribing marijuana may be debatable, but the importance of access to medical information is not. Sometimes free speech is the best medicine.

First lady's speech is still relevant

Eleanor Roosevelt
defends civil
liberties to the
members of the
ACLU, Chicago, IL,
Mar. 14, 1940

Never before was it so important that every individual should carry his share of responsibility and see that we do obey the laws, live up to the Constitution, and preserve everyone of those precious liberties which leave us free as individuals.

One of the things that we have to be particularly alive to today is the growth of religious prejudice and race prejudice.

Those are two things which are a great menace because we find that in countries where civil liberties have been lost, both religious and race prejudice have been rampant.

I think it would be well for us, if we could define what we mean when we say that we believe in religious freedom.

I sat at a desk in a political campaign once. I was running the office dealing with women for the National Democratic Committee.

Over my desk came literature and material which I did not suppose any one would print in the United States, and much of it was written and published by people who belong to various religious denominations.

It seems to me that the thing we must fix in our minds is that from the beginning, this country was founded on the right of all people to worship God as they saw fit, and if they do not wish to worship, they are not forced to worship. That is a fundamental liberty.

When religion begins to take part in politics, we violate something which we have set up, which is a division between church and state. As far as having respect for the religion of other people and leaving them to live their lives the way they wish, we should teach that to every child.

Every child should know that his religion is his own and nobody else has the right to question it. In addition to that, I think we should begin much earlier to teach all the children of our nation what a wonderful heritage they have for freedom. For freedom from prejudice, because they live in a

nation which is made up of a great variety of other nations.

They have before them and around them every day the proof that people can understand each other and can live together amicably, and that races can live on an equal basis, even though they may be very different in background, very different in culture.

We have an opportunity to teach our children how much we have gained from the coming to this land of all kinds of races, how much it has served in the development of the land.

Somehow I think we have [also] failed in many ways in bringing it early enough to children how great is their obligation to the various strains that make up the people of the United States.

Above all, there should never be race prejudice here; there should never be a feeling that one strain is better than another. Indians are the only real inhabitants of the country who have a right to say that they own this country!

I think this is the reason that we should preserve freedom of mind on the things which are basic to civil liberties. And it should be easy for us to live up to our Constitution.

I am very much interested to find that in our younger generation, however, there is a greater consciousness of what civil liberties really mean, and I think that is one of the hopeful things in the world today, that youth is really taking a tremendous interest in the preservation of civil liberties. It is a very hard period in the world for youth because they are faced with new kinds of problems.

We don't know the answers to many of the problems that face us today and neither do the young people, and the problems are very much more important to the young because they must start living.

We have had our lives. The young people want to begin, and they can't find a way to get started.

Perhaps that has made them more conscious of civil liberties.

Perhaps that is why when you get a group of them together you find them fighting against the prejudices which have grown up in our country, against the prejudices which have made it hard for the minority groups in our country.

The other night someone sent up a question to me: "What do you think should be done about the social standing of the Negro race in this country?"

Well now, of course, I think the social situation is one that has to be dealt with by individuals. The real question that we have to face in this country is what are we doing about the rights of a big minority group as citizens in our democracy. That we have to face.

Any citizen in this country is entitled to equality before the law; to equality of education; to equality at earning a living, as far as his abilities have made it possible for him to do; to equality of participation in government so that he or she may register their opinion in just the way that any other citizens do.

Now those things are basic rights, belonging to every citizen in every minority group, and we have an obligation, I think, to stand up and be counted when it comes to the question of whether any minority group does not have those rights as citizens in this country.

The minute we deny any rights of this kind to any citizen, we are preparing the way for the denial of those rights to someone else.

We have to make up our minds what we really believe. We have to decide whether we believe in the Bill of Rights, in the Constitution of the United States, or whether we are going to modify it because of the fears that we may have at the moment.

Now I listened to the broadcast this afternoon with a great deal of interest. I almost forgot what a fight had been made to assure the rights of the working man.

I know there was a time when hours were longer and wages lower,

"It seems to me that the thing we must fix in our minds is that from the beginning, this country was founded on the right of all people to worship God as they saw fit, and if they do not wish to worship, they are not forced to worship. That is a fundamental liberty."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Features

Black Men Emerging, S.I.S.T.E.R.S U.N.I.T.E.D. dedicated to campus unity

By CHARLES BRIDGERS
Staff Writer

Innovation is alive and well at Austin Peay State University. Students are improving their future by taking it into their own hands.

There are two organizations that are not that old but were created for students by students. Black Men Emerging and S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. are dedicated to helping African-American students and people in general.

Established in 1999, Black Men Emerging rose out of a need for something positive in APSU's black community.

Although it seeks to uplift the entire community, the specific

purpose of Black Men Emerging is to train and raise up black men to become leaders in the world.

Members of the organization achieve this through programs that engage members in public speaking, service and social interaction.

"I am a part of Black Men Emerging because I believe in the purpose and the organization's mission, both of which describe my character," said Rodney Lyons, vice president of Black Men Emerging.

Black Men Emerging is about more than just action: they seek to be educated and prepared as well.

They have had speakers come to talk about what it actually means to be an emerging black man. Also,

Black Men Emerging held an African-American Leadership summit in the spring of 2002 in which students from other colleges came to discuss important issues.

This organization seeks to help the community as well: every Friday members go to a place called Headstarts, in Clarksville to read books to children who need a positive role model in their lives.

Black Men Emerging and S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. both got together to put on APSU's recent Unity Ball.

The event made more than \$400 that was donated to the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. is a

new organization that was formed at the end of Spring 2003.

Fifteen ladies got together to pioneer this brand new group into the thriving organization it is blossoming into.

During its first full semester, S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. is out to bring a sense of closeness between African-American females on campus.

While focusing on black women, S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. seeks to serve the community and promote harmony between all races.

Co-founder Janelle Jones saw a big need for a female organization like this one.

On campus, it seems that the

African-American female population is divided into their different social sub-groups, said Jones.

Along with teaming up with established organizations like Black Men Emerging, S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. is busy making a name for itself. The group has adopted a nursing home and is currently donating personal items to its residents.

They are drawing out plans for a program that will involve members actually visiting the residents and spending time with them.

While being fun, good student organizations are about trying to help others and instigate personal growth in each member.

"S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. is not a sorority or social club," said Jones.

Black Men Emerging and S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D. are two dedicated organizations that have more in mind than just talking it up and having a good time.

Student organizations are always stepping stones to successful real world organizations because college is a time of finding one's niche and where they belong.

"We are all on the same page and are about the group's purpose," Lyons said.

The future isn't what happens ten years down the road: it lies in what you do right now in preparing for those years down the road.

Student Life Corner

Kappa Delta Pi Membership Drive

Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society for Education, is accepting membership applications through Nov. 25. For an application please contact Dr. Gore at 221-7534.

Summer Leadership Training Course

Military Science and Leadership will sponsor a Summer Leadership Training Course. The 28-day course is the Army's 2-year ROTC program entry point. It includes confidence building and team building activities. It's a leadership-oriented, challenging, motivating and fun! For more information and eligibility please contact Captain Stuart Werner at 221-6149.

Adopt an APSU Elf

Participants are needed for APSU's Adopt an Elf Program. The children enrolled in the Help an Elf program are now ready to be adopted in the office of Student Affairs, Browning 115. Your help is needed to make these elves' holidays brighter. Please call Ann Reeves at 221-7341 for more information on how your organization, department or group can assist an APSU family this year.

Students Helping Students Program

The NAACP Collegiate Chapter is again sponsoring "Students Helping Students" to provide holiday meals to APSU students and families. Departments and organizations wishing to participate should contact Jada Young 221-1693 or Kathleen Evans 221-6842. Please help us help our students.

Teaching Self Defense

Sigma Chi Fraternity will sponsor a Self Defense Seminar on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. in the University Center. The seminar will be taught by the Clarksville Police Department. Refreshments will be provided after the event. For more information contact JC Garrett or Chris Smalling at 378-2631.

Group Jogs offered at Drew Simmons Fitness Center

The Drew Simmons Fitness Center will offer group jogs around the area on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 6:45-7:30 a.m. Interested participants should meet in front of the Drew Fitness Center by 6:45. For more information please contact Charlotte Geist 221-7439.

If you would like for your organizations event to be published in Student Life, please email us at theallstate@apsu.edu.

Midsummers Night's Dream Preview



The cast of a Midsummers Night's Dream prepares for the opening night at their dress rehearsal Monday night. Left: A scene between Oberon, Titania and the fairies. Right: Helena, performed by Britt White, recites her soliloquy to the director, Fantasia.

Cast brings Shakespeare to life

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

Theatre students of Austin Peay State University are ready to perform for their audience. The play that they are performing is an interpretation based on one of William Shakespeare's famous works, "A Midsummers Night's Dream, directed by Louis Fantasia.

Fantasia is a visiting director here at APSU and has been selected as Roy Acuff Chair.

Chris Futrell, a sophomore theatre performance major who is playing Lysander, said that it was indeed hard work in preparing for the play.

He said that the script was "difficult to learn due to the vernacular that was involved" and that Fantasia placed a major emphasis on the words of Shakespeare.

On this note, audience members will be able to tell that there is no deviation from the original script.

Junior theatre major, Mandy McDaniel, playing the role of Snug the Lion said, "I want the audience to come out understanding exactly what went on, because the language of Shakespeare can be difficult to understand."

Fantasia confirms that there is no linguistic deviation. He said that "the language is the same, but there has been an updating of interpretation."



HATCHER

"Take whatever you traditionally visualize about the play and leave it at the door, because you won't see it here."

The character of Philostrate is portrayed by junior theatre performance major and assistant director, Estelle Hatcher. She further elaborates on this shift in visual accompaniment.

"I expect the show to be a visually seductive and titillating performance," Hatcher said.

She also says that they "have a great cast and technical crew and that a lot of great work has been put into this."

Describing the play as a comedy about love in all its permutations, Fantasia offers his idea of what the play is encompassing.

The play is a definitive "romantic comedy" that is highly demonstrative of Shakespeare's "particular genius for plotting," according to X.J.

Kennedy and Diona Gioia, authors of "Literature: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, and Drama."

The play successfully intertwines the lives of five sets of lovers. These different sets include a broad range of characters in diverse settings, ranging from the 'young aristocrats' to 'supernatural lovers' who exist in a fairy realm.

If you are up for these dramatic stylings of Shakespeare then you are in for an evening spanning the distances of love and laughter utilizing the appeal of style and seduction.

Fantasia has said that he has enjoyed his experience working with the students here on campus and that everyone has worked very hard.

The theatre team has made the effort to put on an accurate yet original rendering for you. Jonathan Castile, playing Egeus, father of Hermia said that he has gained "a better understanding of how 'good' Shakespeare is supposed to be done."

Tickets are available in the theatre box office in the lobby of the Traham Theatre and they are only \$4 for students and children, \$3 per person for groups of 10 or more and \$6 for the general public.

The show times are Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 221-7378 for more information.



Photos by Louise Morales

Movies Cash In

By TAMIRA COLE
Features Editor

After intense waiting and anticipation, that time of the year has come...for holiday and romance movies! Though, the official holiday movie season takes place on Thanksgiving weekend, several Christmas front-runners have taken the lead last week.

"Elf" seemed to have been a crowd pleaser ranking in number one this weekend. The movie, starring Katie Asner and Will Ferrell has earned an estimated \$70 billion nationwide since its Nov. 7 premiere.

Sequels have a hold on movie goers as well. "Matrix Revolutions," starring Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, and Carrie-Anne Moss, has raked in a nice amount of dough. It consistently ranked in the Box Office Top 10 for the past four weeks.

The latest movie buzz centers around "Tupac Resurrection" which is a documentary of the late rapper's life. "Love Actually" is a romance comedy that intertwines 10 separate love stories.

Each week the Box Office Top 10 is released. See how your favorite movies fared.

1. Elf
2. Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
3. Matrix Revolutions
4. Brother Bear
5. Looney Tunes: Back in Action
6. Love Actually
7. Scary Movie 3
8. Radio
9. Tupac Resurrection
10. Mystic River

The AllState Staff's favorite picks are definitely, "Love Actually" and "Tupac Resurrection." Our prediction is that these two with rank number one and two by the end of the holiday season.

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Top American writer presents writing series

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

Turning from troubled times to a writing career can be a challenging task, but for Bryan DiSalvatore, it came naturally.

Austin Peay State University is privileged to have him as a guest of part of the visiting writer series.

He is known as one of America's greatest writers of nonfiction. At a low point in his life, DiSalvatore wrote an article that changed his situation considerably, as he landed a job writing for *The New Yorker*.

The article portrayed his softball team rooting for another team that was considered to be the underdogs. This was 1987.

He has come a long way since that time. DiSalvatore hit a home run so to speak though, in publishing his love for the game of baseball.

In his book, "The Clever Baseballist", DiSalvatore highlights the life and times of John Montgomery Ward, an administrator and superb baseball player who pitched the second perfect game in professional baseball's history. Themes of Unionism and personalities are explored in this biography.

DiSalvatore was sharing his experience thus far at APSU and said that it has been "glorious."

Since his arrival, he said that he "has been well taken care of, and that it has been as easy and welcoming as he could imagine."

While working here on campus, his focus has been a non-fiction writing workshop class in which he is working closely with Barry Kitterman.

His focus in this work has been to help students by reading papers, reacting to them and working with

their use of dialogue and pacing.

He also said that he offers his help by showing students some of the miscalculations that are often made in writing.

He gives these students alternatives or "detours" as he calls them to provide them with the necessary boost to enhance their writing. He often shares his own experiences to better help them by "telling stories on himself."

In his reading at the Kimbrough building on Nov. 11, he makes use of the term "shooters" to describe the repetition of a strange ritual that he has noticed along his travels.

It refers to the trees that are stuffed or draped with shoes. This phenomenon is something that seems to have caught his attention in many of the different places he has been.

If DiSalvatore were to offer a word of encouragement to aspiring

writers he says that a good way to get started is in student publications.

Yet he warns that the life of a writer is "not well paying" and that a successful career is a combination of "some talent and some luck."

He also stresses the importance of working at writing with close attention to detail. It is "very important to read, so that you can watch how information gets conveyed."

DiSalvatore also mentioned that he is "very impressed" with the students and atmosphere at APSU. He has noticed that our campus is one that is very friendly and inviting.

In his work he has expressed that it is "exciting to see the students' raw ability and that he hopes the students can get something out of their shared experience while he is here.

Features

Pea Soup helps students to express themselves

By TAMIRA COLE
Features Editor

Angry, upset, extremely happy or just have something you would like to say, then "Pea Soup" is just for you. "Pea Soup" is an event by students, for students though faculty, staff and administrators are invited to participate. "Pea Soup" is sponsored by the African American Culture Center (AACC).

Pea Soup started a few years ago when a couple of students wanted to express themselves in verse and song. With that in mind, the open-

mic program was just the platform for self-expression. "Pea Soup is a literary potpourri of poems, song, one act plays and dance," said Kenny Maddox, interim director of the African American Cultural Center.

After a long period of time without Pea Soup, the AACC's Student Program Advisory Committee requested that the program be resurrected.

With so much eagerness and willingness to make Pea Soup a success, the program was brought back with open arms.

Numerous caring students feel the success of and need for Pea Soup. Rodney Lyons, Senior Sociology Major is the host of Pea Soup. "Pea Soup" is more than just a way with words, it's a way with the SOUL.

"Soup provides students with an alternative method of expressing themselves," said Lyons.

"The genre of open mic poetry reading has a calming effect that fans long for."

The future of the AACC looks bright as well. Some of its upcoming events are the Kwanzaa

celebration, A Gospel Explosion to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the African American History Month celebration, which will be held in February.

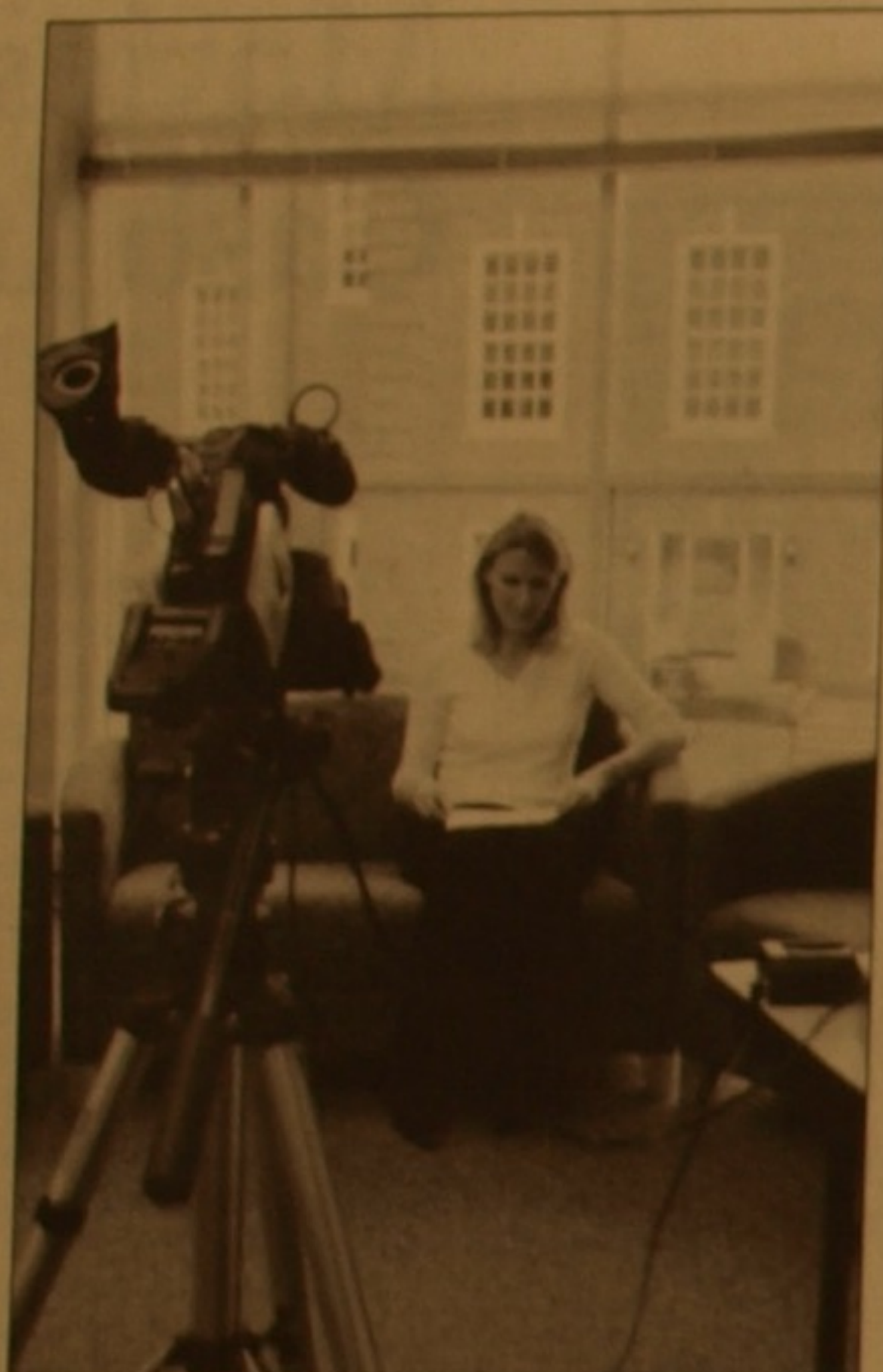
The Student Program Advisory Committee continues to stay active and busy planning events for the campus community.

They invite any program suggestions that students may want to see or be a part of. For more information about upcoming events in the AACC contact Kenny Maddox at 221-7120.



Students laugh and enjoy performances at Pea Soup.

DVD "Love Letters" shipping out for the holidays



Pictured Left: Mary Royer, adjunct professor in the political science department, reads a poem called "Our Love" for her husband Major Todd Royer, who is stationed with the 101st Aviation brigade in Iraq. He has been gone since February.

Austin Peay State University faculty and students of the communication and theatre department continue to record, "Love Letters," from families of U.S. soldiers.

Members of the APSU faculty are recording DVD holiday messages from family members during appointments slated for 10 a.m.-3 p.m., through Friday, Nov. 21, and Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 24-26, in the Morgan University Center.

The messages will be produced by Clean Cut Productions, APSU's student-run video production company. Each DVD will include a five-minute personal message following a brief greeting from President Sherry Hoppe.

The DVD greetings will be shipped to arrive in time for the holidays.

Photo by Alicia Middlebrook

AACC prepares for Kwanzaa

By KENNY MADDOX
APSU Faculty Guest Writer

The Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center is working hard to prepare for this year's annual Kwanzaa Celebration.

Nationally celebrated Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, the AACC celebrates the holiday during the first week in December; while students are still on campus.

This year events will take place Dec. 1 through Dec. 6. Events will vary from theatrical productions, lectures and discussions, to a community marketplace with children's village.

The goal of the Kwanzaa celebration is to educate students, staff, administrators, faculty and the community about the principles of this holiday.

Kwanzaa is a unique African-American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce and self-improvement.

Kwanzaa is neither political nor

religious and despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas.

It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture.

Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili, has gained tremendous acceptance.

Since its founding in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide, as reported by the *New York Times*.

When establishing Kwanzaa in 1966, Karenga included an additional "a" to the end of the spelling to reflect the difference between the African American celebration (kwanzaa) and the Motherland spelling (kwanza).

Moreover, given the continued rapid growth of Kwanzaa and the parallel expanded discussion of it and related issues, heightens the interest and participation in Kwanzaa nationally.

The AACC hopes to accomplish

this goal by providing a combination of educational and social programs focused on seven Kwanzaa principles.

Unity, the first principle, is strongly emphasized throughout the celebration.

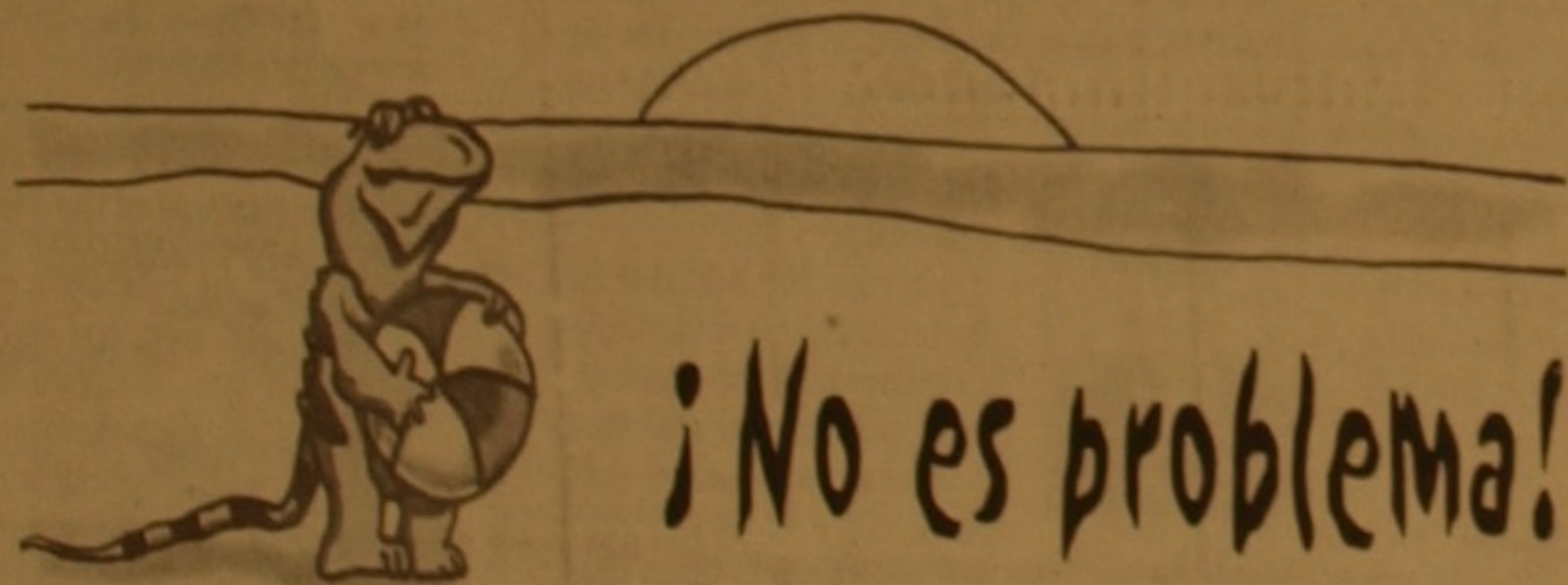
Kwanzaa is meant to give African Americans a spiritual renewal, sustenance and a means in which to connect to their rich cultural heritage.

There are seven principles that represent Kwanzaa: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity and beauty), and Imani (faith).

Nguzo Saba is a phrase used to refer to all seven principles and signifies guidance, mediation and daily living.

The AACC extends a warm welcome to you and your family. Please join us during Kwanzaa to prepare yourself for a wonderful experience.

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Sports

Volleyball team prepares for OVC Tournament

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

"The team that comes to the tournament mentally and emotionally prepared will come out on top." Those are the words head coach Cheryl Holt and the women's volleyball team will stand behind as they begin preparations for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament set to begin Thursday, Nov. 20 in Morehead, KY.

The Lady Gobs, who finished the season posting a 15-15 overall record are competing in their 18th consecutive OVC tournament as they will play Eastern Kentucky University (21-12) at 3:30 p.m.

The Lady Gobs have used this week to work on building on their strengths and weaknesses. They have studied their opponent and know how the Lady Colonels play because the Lady Gobs ended their regular season with a 3-2 win.

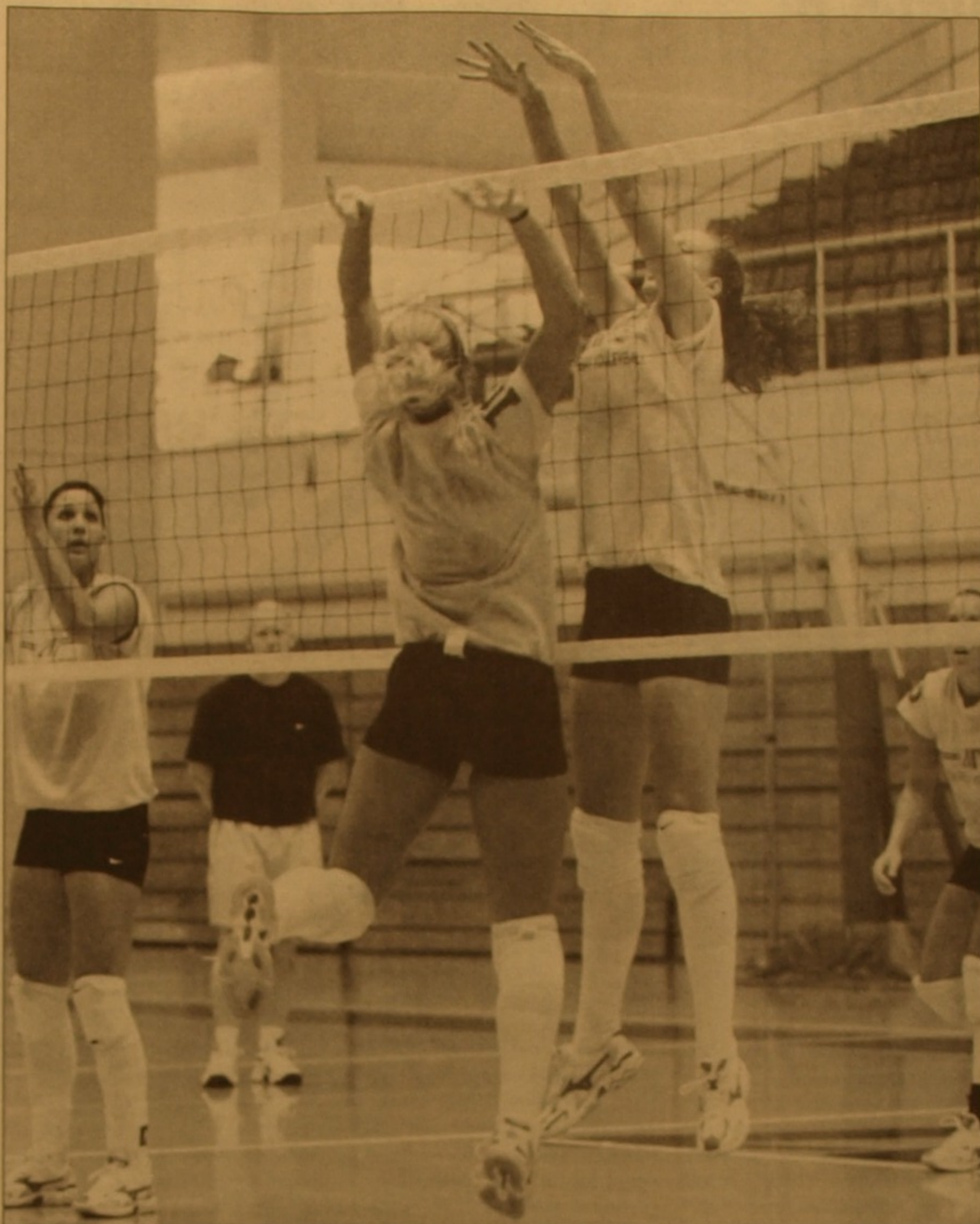
"Some coaches prefer to play a team back-to-back for the tournament, and some do not," Holt said. "I am going to make it positive for our team."

"Last Saturday's match was an emotional win, and it could have gone either way. We had a good win, but now we need to get ready for the tournament."

Holt and her coaching staff are counting on every player going into the tournament. She believes that the chemistry between the players, along with attacking will give them a chance at a win.

"Every player needs to be 'on' for the tournament. We can't afford for anyone to get down or hurt," Holt said.

With a win on Thursday, the Lady Gobs will go on to play the number one seed, Morehead State (21-9), on Friday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.



The Lady Gobs volleyball team practices in the Dunn Center. They will play Eastern Kentucky University in the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament.

Lady Gobs defeat Eastern Kentucky, 3-2, in preview of upcoming tournament

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University women's volleyball team slipped past Eastern Kentucky, with a 3-2 win, Saturday, to close out the 2003 regular season.

Junior outside hitter Julie Burkhalter recorded 39 digs against ECU, setting an APSU single-game match record. The previous all-time mark was held by Becky Sowinski (four games) in and the five-game mark was held by Danielle Waldrep (33 digs).

"Last Saturday's match was an emotional win, and it could of gone either way," head coach Cheryl Holt said.

The Lady Gobs thought they were going to have a quick one as they went up two matches to none early in the meeting. All they needed was one more to seal the victory, but the third win proved to be a little tougher than the first two.

Opening the match with 21-kill effort, the Lady Gobs would win game one, 30-20, while at the same time limiting ECU to just 16 kills.

The second game was a little rougher than the first, but senior defensive specialist Cindy Wall sealed the win with 10 consecutive points on her serve. The Lady Colonels would get no closer than 20.

It was in game three that ECU would turn up the heat in the Dunn Center and start to mount a comeback. Taking advantage of the sluggish Lady Gobs, ECU would march right back with a 30-20 win.

In the fourth game, the tables turned on the Lady Gobs again as they fell behind early and were just not able to keep up with the Lady Colonels. ECU recorded 22 of their 72 total kills in the fourth game and won 30-23.

With neither team jumping front in the beginning, game five seemed to be like a tug-of-war match.

Taking advantage of two critical errors by ECU, APSU was able to go ahead by one, 14-13. It was do-or-die for both teams, and senior middle blocker Amy Walk finished off ECU with a kill giving the Lady Gobs the win.

The Lady Gobs hope for repeated success at Morehead, KY in the Ohio Valley Conference as they will face off against ECU again, Thursday, Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m.



BURKHALTER

Lady Gobs soccer achieve milestones in 2003 season



Photo by Joseph Kerschner

The Lady Gobs soccer team closed out the 2003 season with five wins, all on their home field at Heritage Park.

By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

Despite a record of 5-13-1 and not making the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, Austin Peay State University women's soccer team made a dramatic improvement from their inaugural season last year, where the team posted a 0-13-3 record.

Head coach Kelley Poole led a very young team, which consisted of 11 freshmen, to five victories, including the season opener.

The Lady Gobs wasted no time in recording the school's first-ever win against Alabama A&M, 3-1, on Aug. 29. "That was a huge win for our team," Poole said. "It got the monkey off our back, so to speak. Of course, it was hindered by the injury to Stephanie (Shwetz). But it was definitely a morale booster. The team began to believe in each other." Unfortunately, the win came with a price as All-Conference sophomore midfielder Stephanie Shwetz went down with a knee injury. "It was difficult to cope with. The good thing was that it was early in the season and we were able to make adjustments on the field," Poole said.

With confidence levels high, the Lady Gobs were hoping to add to

their win total, but lost the next three games and tied against Belmont, 1-1, in double overtime.

APSU bounced back against Mississippi Valley State on Sept. 14 with a 2-0 victory at home, recording the school's first-ever shutout. The celebration would not last long as the Lady Gobs went on a five-game losing streak. "Our theme for the season was to get better each week," Poole said.

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"We struggled with consistency. Our opponents were very good and well-established programs during that stretch."

The Lady Gobs turned their losing frustrations on Oct. 10, crushing them, 9-0. Seven APSU players scored a goal, including sophomore Melissa Aquino, who became the first APSU player to score two goals in one contest. Freshman Lindsey McLaurin followed that with two goals of her own to become APSU's second player to score multiple goals in a match.

The winning continued as the

Lady Gobs gained victories against Morehead State and Brescia for the school's first-ever win streak. They also recorded their first-ever conference win against Morehead State, 2-1. Freshman Ashley Cannon stepped up in both matches, nailing two last-minute, game-winning shots. "That shot was like hitting the game-winning basket in a basketball game, or kicking the winning field goal," Cannon said.

Unfortunately, APSU could not get it together the remainder of the season, as the Lady Gobs endured another five-game losing streak to end the 2003 campaign.

Overall, Cannon led the team with six goals scored, while Aquino had five on the season. Defensively, sophomore goalkeeper Sarah Broadbent led the way with 129 saves in 19 games.

Kelley looks to improve on this season with more success as she turns her attention to next season. "We want to build on this season. We have a couple of seasoned players now. We'll have leadership and experience, and more confidence in conference games," Poole said. "Also, I think the incoming freshmen class will be strong. I look forward to them to make an impact."

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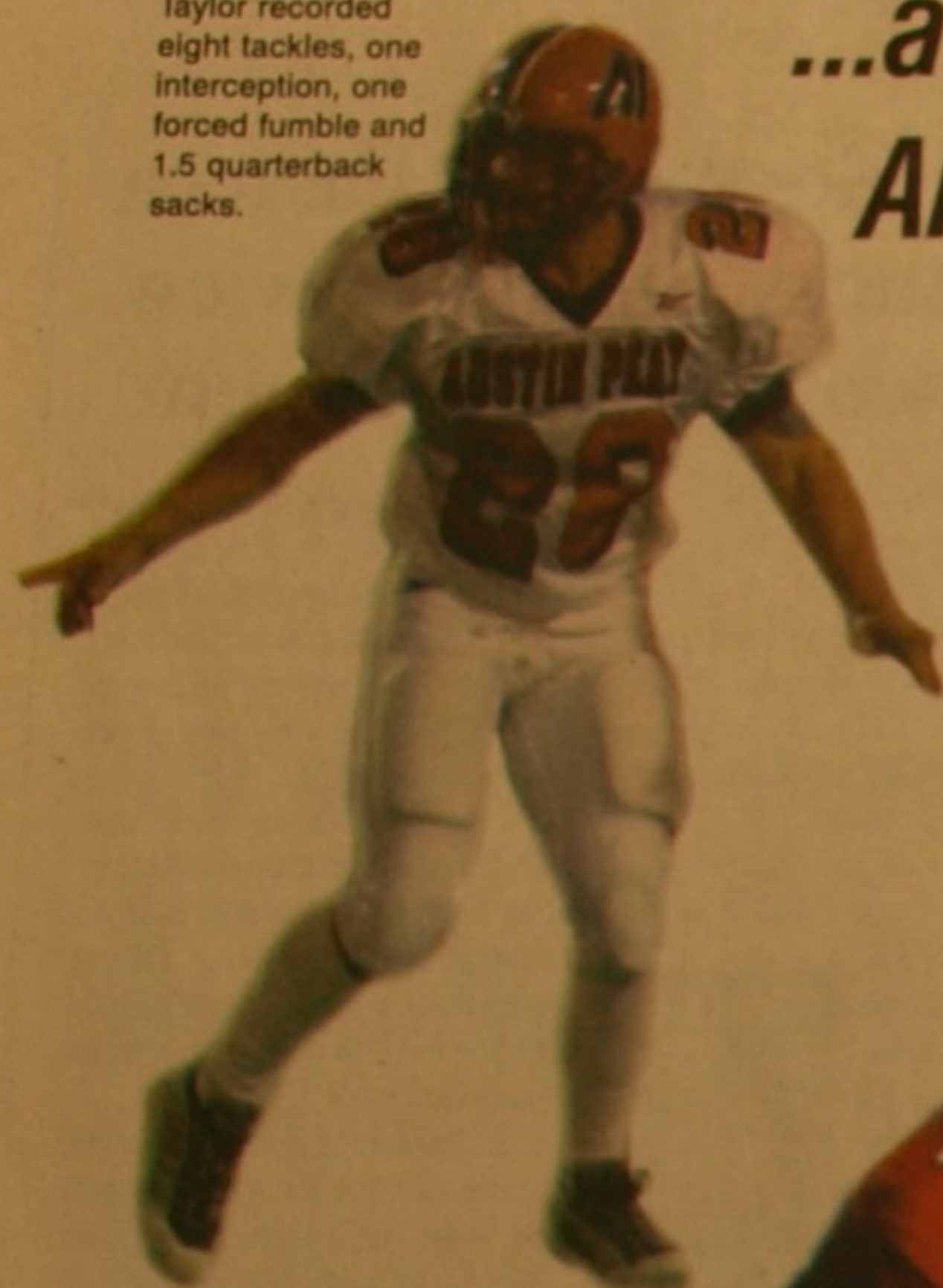
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Sports

The Golden Gobs

...a look back at
APSU's 2003
season...

Against Butler on Oct. 4, junior linebacker Ryan Taylor recorded eight tackles, one interception, one forced fumble and 1.5 quarterback sacks.

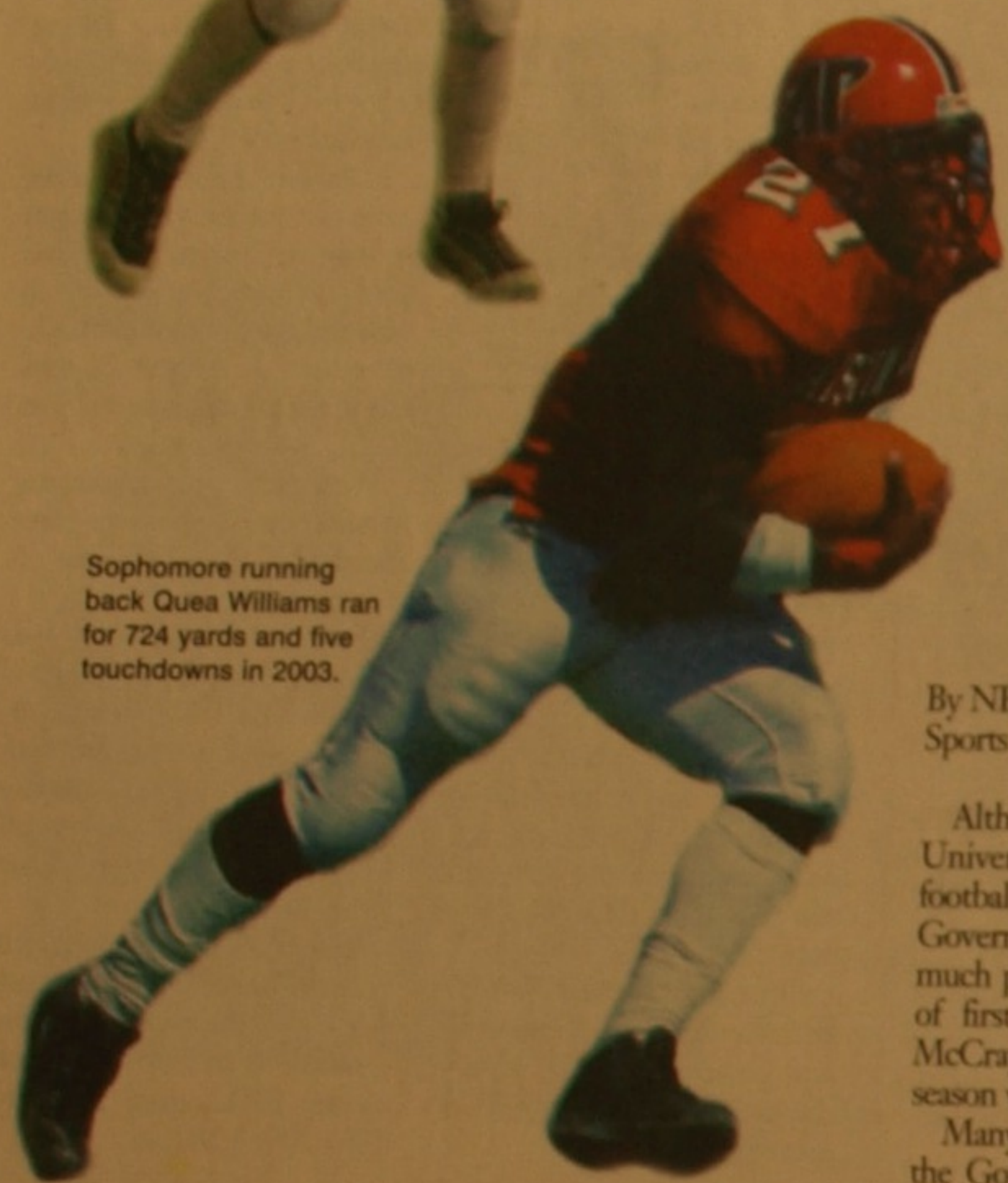


Carroll McCray won four games in his first year as Governors head coach.



Sophomore receiver Pat Curran finished the season with 56 receptions, tying him with Harold "Red" Roberts for the fifth-best single-season performance.

Sophomore running back Quea Williams ran for 724 yards and five touchdowns in 2003.



By NEIL BALADAD
Sports Editor

Although Austin Peay State University concluded the 2003 football season on a losing note, the Governors football team showed much promise under the direction of first-year head coach Carroll McCray, as the Gobs finished the season with a 4-7 record.

Many fans had their doubts as the Gobs got off to a rocky start, losing its first four contests.

But their next game against Kentucky Wesleyan on Sept. 27 had a different ending, as APSU won convincingly, 50-10.

Sophomore quarterback Jesse Kellogg had a breakout performance, setting the new school record for passing percentage in single game with 87.5 percent, completing 21 of 24 passes for 254 yards. The previous record was held by Tony Policare against Toledo in 1988 (he threw 22-of-27, 81.5 percent).

Kellogg secured the starting quarterback position when junior quarterback Pat Murphy, who never recovered from a preseason knee injury, departed the team later that week.

APSU won the following week against Butler, 28-7, on Oct. 4. The Gobs won consecutive games at home for the first time since the 1992-93 season.

The Gobs found their running game as junior running back Kenneth Ellison and sophomore running back Quea Williams ran all over the Bulldogs and combined for 243 total yards.

Shutout losses to Morehead State (0-49) and Jacksonville (0-30) ensured that APSU would have a losing season, as their record stood at 2-6.

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With just three games remaining in the season and with nothing to play for but Peay Pride, the Governors won two out of the three contests, including the 2003 Homecoming game, 17-0, against St. Joseph's (Ind.), sending off 16 seniors on the team with a last home win.

A week before that, they defeated Davidson on their home field, 31-21. Freshman running back Rafael Hill, stepping up for the injured Ellison, ran for 174 yards on nine carries, while Williams pounded 137 yards on 28 carries.

Unfortunately, APSU could not end the season on a high note, as the Virginia Military Institute Keydets beat the Gobs 48-7.

Overall offensively, Kellogg had 1809 yards passing on 50.8 percent passing and eight touchdowns.

Kellogg's favorite target was his roommate, sophomore receiver Pat Curran, who caught 56 passes for 707 yards. Curran's 56 receptions tied him with Harold "Red" Roberts for fifth on the all-time list. Williams led the running attack with 724 yards, averaging 5.1 yards per carry.

Defensively, junior linebacker Ryan Taylor was the core of the Gobs' defense with 71 tackles, two sacks, three interceptions, three forced fumbles and one blocked kick at the end of the season.

Freshman defensive back Chase Mitchell led in tackling with 84, followed by junior linebacker Andy Zachariasen (76 tackles) and sophomore linebacker Vernon Wright (74 tackles). Senior defensive end Joe Bell led with eight sacks while senior Demaro Isom caught the most interceptions with four and also led the team in pass break-ups with seven.

Sophomore quarterback Jesse Kellogg recorded an 87.5 passing percentage (21-of-24 for 254 yards) against Kentucky Wesleyan on Sept. 27, setting a new single-game record.



Isom, Richardson receive CoSIDA academic honors

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University safety Demaro Isom and defensive end Jordan Richardson have been selected to receive CoSIDA Academic All-District honors.



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comprised of schools in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan and Ohio.

The Academic All-District Team is part of the Academic All-America program sponsored by CoSIDA.

First-team selections will be announced Dec. 1. To be nominated for Academic All-America, a player must be a starter or key reserve in at least one sport during the season and maintain a minimum of a 3.2 grade-point average.

Isom, a senior from St. Louis, holds a 3.302 grade point average in business accounting.



ISOM

Athletics Director's Honor Roll (3.0 GPA+ per semester) and 2002 member of the Peay Football League Academic Honor Roll (3.0 GPA).

On the field this season, Isom was shifted to cornerback at season's start when injuries hit APSU's secondary. He returned to his natural fire spot just prior to the season midpoint.

In 11 games, he ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 69 (36 assists), had two tackles for three yards, led the team in interceptions with four (21 and pass break-ups (seven). He was credited with one blocked kick. As a junior in 2002, Isom was on the team in tackles with 80 solo, 30 assisted) and had two interceptions.

Meanwhile, Richardson, sophomore from Humboldt, holds a 3.706 GPA in biology.

He is two-time member of Dean's List and Athletics Director's Honor Roll. In addition, he was a 2002 member of the Academic Honor Roll.

In 10 games played this season, Richardson ranked ninth on the team in total tackles with 55 solo, 20 assisted). His six tackles loss (29 yards) ranked second on the team as did his five quarterback sacks (25 yards). He also forced two fumbles, had one fumble recovery and one blocked kick. As a freshman in 2002, he had 10 tackles, including one for loss.

Spend your Thanksgiving helping others! The local Loyal Order of Moose and the Salvation Army will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 27th, at the Moose Lodge, 224 Union St., Clarksville, and would appreciate volunteers. People are needed to help prepare and serve the dinner and deliver meals; they are looking for volunteers to lend a hand between 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Call the Moose Lodge at (931) 645-4149 to sign up and get more information.

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