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APSU students not prepared to pay off financial aid debt

By DAWN SMITH

Guest Writer

Austin Peay State University students may not be adequately prepared to pay off their college loans after graduating. When asked about plans for paying her school debt, Molly Thomas, a junior majoring in sociology and education, said, "Sell my soul. I have no clue; I don't want to think about it." Other students have plans, though they may not be concrete. "Certain school districts will pay off your loans if you work for them for three years. I am hoping to get a job in one of these districts," said Karen Mondary, a junior planning to be an English teacher. These outlooks on future payment agendas pay little heed

to increased tuition fees.

According to the College Board, tuition fees went up 9.6 percent between the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 school years across the nation. APSU's tuition fees for 2004-2005 went up 13.4 percent from the nation's average of 2002-2003.

"Due to the increase in tuition, I am going to have to pay for my summer classes—usually \$2,500—out of my pocket. My loans are maxed out for the year, and I only got a couple hundred back for books after paying off all my fees," said Mondary. "I had to pay more out of pocket," said Thomas. She attempts to keep her loan debts low despite the increase of costs; however, other students do not make a similar attempt.

"I will pay them off as soon as possible after college," said junior Larry Anderson, a junior.

The typical student now graduates with \$16,928 in federal student loan debt, according to Tracey King and Ellynn Bannon of the State PIRG's Higher Education Project.

The statistical debt is no surprise after seeing how much students borrow per year.

For example, Anderson every year takes the maximum amount he is allowed to borrow.

Anderson said, "I also have a job and a scholarship. I borrow the money to make sure that I am safe money-wise. I am here to get an education, not work and have an education on the side."

However, it is not that simple for everyone. Of all full-time students, 74 percent work while attending classes. Sixty-three percent of full-time students who work 25 hours or more report that they would not be able to afford college

if they did not work, according to King and Bannon.

Still, having a full-time job is not ideal if a student hopes to receive financial aid, because the income appears to be adequate enough to pay for college.

"It would be nice if I had access to grants or other student aid besides loans, but I am told, again and again, that I make too much money to qualify," Mondary said.

"What these people are not taking into account is that I have a mortgage, hospital debts, a car loan, monthly utility bills and a tuition that goes up every semester. Between all the bills and my accruing student loan costs, I am going to be living off of Ramen noodles for the rest of my life," said Mondary.

Maybe students avoid thinking about the future conflict of paying off their college debts because there simply is no other way to get an education but by taking out loans. ♦

Renovations to be completed soon

Some projects started in August are on schedule

By AMANDA COCHRANE

Staff Writer

According to Ben Pratt, director of the Physical Plant, several campus renovations will be completed soon.

The university signage project is approximately 95 percent complete.

Remaining signs are those mainly at the intersections and additional building signage will be installed soon. These signs include six campus maps, ground signs and lettering on the buildings. Also, 33 classrooms across campus have new tables and chairs instead of the tablet armchair desks.

Some of the materials for the video system are scheduled arrived on Oct. 19, with the remaining following approximately a week beyond that date. Austin Peay State University electrically needs to support the digital screens is being addressed through the APSU Physical Plant.

The Jumbotron will provide better viewing at graduations and sporting events.

Other Dunn Center improvements include replacing the seating on the north, south and east sections of the gym.

The walls have been cleaned and repainted and several rotted places in the gym floor are being repaired. APSU electrical needs to support the digital screens is being addressed through the APSU Physical Plant.

The lower level of the Dunn Center is receiving cushioned stadium-style seating to replace the bleachers.

The turf installation has been completed and the track installation is approximately 90% complete. The north section of the track remains to be sprayed with the track mix and the track needs to be completely lined in accordance with NCAA regulations.

The design and project specifications have been completed and will be bid out after the first of the year.



Workers strive to finish the Jumbotron by Nov. 9. The squares shown in the picture are actually screens which form a side of the Jumbotron. Each square of the screen retails for approximately \$5,000.

The project is on schedule for a completion in August 2005.

The Physical Plant completed many projects during the summer recess, including the paving of two parking lots and a roadway between Clement and Claxton, renovating the press box in the Governor Stadium, placing new site lights between McCord and McReynolds, renovating several offices and locker rooms, renovating the Governor's Stadium, stripping of the parking lots and painting the curbs campus wide, renovating the radio tower facility, renovating the Trahern Theater, the constructing of a residence student parking lot on Castle Heights, and many other smaller in-house projects. ♦



The seats in the Dunn Center are also on the agenda for a completion date of Nov. 9. The bleachers are being replaced with cushioned stadium-style seats.

University of Memphis wants out of Regents system

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Some University of Memphis leaders are pushing the governor and lawmakers to let the school run itself, independent of the Nashville board that runs most state colleges.

The move would require approval from state lawmakers, and configure Memphis much in the same way the autonomous University of Tennessee system is set up.

Gov. Phil Bredesen is familiar with the idea and "open to continued discussions," a representative said.

But the plan could face an uphill battle. Lawmakers would have to wrangle over the university administration bureaucracy that has taken years to develop, and some say the move may prompt others to follow suit, fracturing the Regents system.

"I don't know the likelihood of it occurring," said State Sen. Steve Cohen, D-Memphis, a longtime Memphis booster who favors the plan. "If Gov. Bredesen really gets behind it and pushes it, I think it'll happen. But I'll be surprised if he does."

The plan comes in part from the school's Board of Visitors, 44 business and community leaders who advise university officials and raise funds.

"We think it's something that would be good for Memphis and the university," said John Stokes, a Morgan Keegan vice president and member of the Board of Visitors.

Larry Papan, chairman of the Board of Visitors, said he would support a plan only if it has a chance of being approved by the Legislature.

"If there is a higher education bill, and the bill allows the University of Memphis to have stronger local governance, I think we would support that," he said.

Right now, the Board of Regents governs 45 institutions. The exception is the University of Tennessee system — with campuses in Memphis, Martin, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Tullahoma — which has a separate governing body.

Both report to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning called the plan a bad idea that wouldn't generate any more money for the University of Memphis.

"I don't see where it benefits Memphis. I do see where it disadvantages the state of Tennessee," he said.

The chairman of the state Senate Education Committee, Oak Ridge Republican Randy McNally, said Middle Tennessee State University is larger than the Memphis school and also might want out.

That could create a "slippery slope, a domino effect," he said.

But University of Memphis supporters say the Regents get in the way of the school's development.

"I think the feeling has been that being in the Board of Regents has stifled creativity, independence and productivity," said visitors board member Harold Byrd. "There is a philosophy and a mind-set that right now it's difficult to marshal the great creative, financial and academic minds of this community when often you can't get an answer to a simple problem." ♦

MTSU's attendance stunt not popular with students

Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP)—Some Middle Tennessee State University students are questioning the school's decision to pay \$82,500 for a post-football game hip hop concert that didn't prove as popular as officials had hoped.

MTSU officials paid Big Boi, half of the popular duo Outkast, to perform a free concert after the school's Saturday football game against Idaho. The goal was to fill enough seats at the game to boost attendance numbers and stay in Division I.

When the school moved up from the lower Division I-AA in 1999, the NCAA requirement was simply to sell at least 17,000 tickets. Now the number is lower, but the fans actually have to attend and MTSU averaged only 14,000 fans during its first two home games.

But the record attendance officials were banking on didn't materialize Saturday, at least partly because of gray skies and rain. Slightly more than 16,000 fans showed up to watch the Blue Raiders win. The outdoor concert was cut short by the rain.

"It doesn't sound like it was a good choice for spending that much money," said MTSU junior Josh Andersen.

Andersen didn't attend the game or the concert because he had to work, but said "odds were, if I wasn't working, I still wouldn't have went."

Some who attended disagreed. "I thought it was great," said sophomore Joey Robertson, who attends every MTSU home game as a member of the marching band. "I went to the concert," he said. "I thought it was really good for just 30 minutes." ♦

APSU flu shots only for certain groups

By JENNIFER TYSON

Staff Writer

Influenza season is here, but not everyone is able to the vaccine.

Usually health services at Austin Peay State University give influenza vaccinations to students and faculty.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, on Oct. 5, the Centers Corporation sent a notification that none of its influenza vaccine (Fluvax) would be available for distribution in the United States for the 2004-05 influenza season which will reduce the expected supply of the influenza vaccination available in the United States for this years influenza season by approximately one half.

The flu vaccination is in short supply. Leslie Nelson is health service's medical program facilitator at APSU.

"From what I'm gathering the company in England that was making the vaccine stopped making it," said Nelson. "We're focusing on giving the flu shot to priority groups."

Those included in the priority group are adults 65 years of age or older, those with chronic illness, women who will be pregnant during flu season, those in health services who come in direct contact with patients, out-of-home caregivers, those who have direct contact with children less than six months of age and children six to 22.

"I think the media's making much ado out of the shortage just because it is an election year," said Elice Goldstein, senior political science major at APSU. "I don't usually get a flu shot so it doesn't affect me."



Graphic by Jared Leonard

"The important issue is that those who really need the flu shot get it and that's being done," said Goldstein.

"I'm worried because I get sick a lot," said senior communications major Robin Pryor. "I get the shot every year, but I may not be able to get one this year."

Senior political science major Mandy Howle usually does get the influenza vaccine.

Howle said, "It concerns me. I don't want to get sick and miss class."

The influenza vaccine defends against the three most common strands of the influenza virus. It does not offer a defense against every known strand of the influenza virus.

Nelson said it has not yet been determined if or when the flu vaccination will be given to students and faculty at APSU that are not part of the priority group.

The Montgomery County Health Department is also giving the influenza vaccination to priority groups only.

Premier Medical has ordered a supply of the influenza vaccination, but has been told they will not receive any for possibly another week. Town and Country Drugs has been told to cancel their shipments of the vaccine because the company in Texas which supplies the vaccination to them has been shut down.

For more information about the distribution of the influenza vaccine contact the health services of APSU at 221-7101 or the Montgomery County Health Department at 648-5747. ♦

Outreach recruitment programs for Hispanics face challenges

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Four-year colleges in Kansas, eager to expand the diversity of their student body, are reaching out to Hispanic students across the state.

In many communities, though, the students aren't reaching back.

"I think in the Hispanic community parents don't want their kids to go away," said Juanita Garcia, 21, a student at Wichita State University. "They'd rather have them go to a community college instead."

Garcia, the daughter of Mexican immigrants, is from Garden City in southwest Kansas. The nearest in-state university is in Hays, three hours away.

"You don't see a major university out here, so you pretty much have to move out," said Garcia, who attended Garden City

Community College for two years before transferring to Wichita State. "And that costs a lot."

Hispanic students also feel out of place at a four-year school outside of western Kansas, Garden City High School principal James Mireles said.

"I'll be honest with you, it's culture shock for a lot of our Latino student to go to Fort Hays," Mireles said. "In Garden City, the Latino student is the majority now. At Hays or K-State, there's maybe 5 percent Hispanics. That's a shock to them."

State lawmakers attempted to fill the void last year by creating the AccessUS program and funding it with \$200,000.

The program allows Fort Hays State, Kansas State and Emporia State universities to work with six community colleges to offer

bachelor's degree programs in business, education and nursing.

A recent report to the Kansas Board of Regents, however, found the programs aren't drawing many students.

A business program at Dodge City Community College began in the spring with just over 20 students, some of whom later dropped out. And at Pratt Community College, only 11 students signed up this fall for a bachelor's program in technology leadership.

Fort Hays State dropped its nursing degree program after only seven students enrolled.

"They identified a need in the area," said the school's president, Edward Hammond. "But I think the numbers of people out there in the area are inflated."

Still, some educators remain committed to

the program although they want to see it marketed more, especially to Hispanic students. Mireles, the Garden City principal, would like to see more college recruiting done in Spanish so parents who don't speak English can be better informed about financial aid options.

"We would like a college night purely in Spanish," he said. "That's the key. The parents don't really believe the kids can go off to school and have it paid for. Their deal is it's just too expensive. If we can get colleges to send recruiters that can speak Spanish, we could do more."

College recruiters should also approach Hispanic students through their churches, Mireles said. "You have to go to them," he said. "They won't come to you, which makes recruiting them different from anyone else." ♦

Fraternity poker tournament draws full house

Associated Press
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - A University of Tennessee fraternity held its first-ever poker tournament, despite warnings from a state official the tournament constitutes illegal gambling.

"It's definitely wild around here," event organizer David Bell, a UT senior studying political science, said Saturday after he finished arranging the second round of play.

The event drew 240 players who helped raise thousands of dollars for Pi Kappa Phi's charity PUSH America, which assists disabled children.

"We just wanted to find a good way to raise a lot of money for our philanthropy," Bell said.

Each player paid a \$30 entrance fee and was given a commemorative T-shirt. After that, it took skill and a little bit of luck to advance.

Some players entered the tourney with

hopes of knocking out celebrity player Chris Moneymaker, the 2003 World Series of Poker champion and a former brother at UT's Pi Kappa Phi house.

But Moneymaker proved impossible to beat, winning the tournament hands down.

Pi Kappa Phi spokesman Steve Evans said the fraternity got clearance from university officials that the tournament would be OK.

Still, the director of charitable solicitations

for the Tennessee Secretary of State said the tournament was an "unlawful event."

Barbara Toms said poker games are considered a casino game of chance that are unconstitutional and prohibited.

Bell said the fraternity hopes to host an even bigger event next year and use the funds raised to build Ashley's Playground, a Knoxville play space devoted to disabled children. "We have big plans for this," he said. ♦

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Speech by General

Austin Peay State University will host a talk by Consul General Maria De Los Remedios Gomez-Arnuau of Mexico during an upcoming visit to Middle Tennessee.

Gomez-Arnuau, who is headquartered in Atlanta, will discuss "Mexicans in Tennessee: Opportunities and Challenges," at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, in rooms 303-305, Morgan University Center.

Prior to being appointed Consul General by Mexican President Vicente Fox Quesada in Feb. 2001, Gomez-Arnuau was the academic secretary of the Center for Research on North America (CISAN) from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

While in Clarksville, Gomez-Arnuau hopes to meet with local officials and the Clarksville Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to discuss the situation of Mexicans in Tennessee.

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Poet, novelist, essayist Michael Blumenthal will read from his work.

Michael Blumenthal, the recipient of this year's Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence, will read from his work at 8 p.m. in the General Auditorium. A reception and book signing will follow the event. Free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact wallacess@apsu.edu or 7031.

Flu Shot Availability

There will be flu shots given on Wed., Nov. 3, 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and Friday, Nov. 5, 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. or until supply runs out. Flu shots will be given to immediate family members of APSU students, staff, faculty who meet the following criteria: children, nine years of age or older and a CDC identified high-risk priority group, spouse in a CDC identified high-risk priority group, immediate family member defined as child/stepchild and/or spouse. The APSU student/staff/faculty member must accompany the family member receiving the shot and must bring a note from their health care provider stating that their family member is in a CDC identified high-risk priority group and that they may receive the shot through the APSU Boyd Health Services. (Both statements must be on the note from the health care provider.) NOTE: There is a limited supply of the flu vaccine; shots will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis during the designated times listed above. Vaccines will not be "saved" or "put back." Because of the limited supply of the vaccine some dependents meeting the CDC identified high-risk priority group criteria will not receive a shot. The cost of the shot is \$15.00 and will be billed to the sponsoring APSU relative's account. Please call Boyd Health Services for any questions. For more information, please contact Leslie Nelson at nelsonl@apsu.edu or 7107.

Homecoming Chili Cook-off

Please join Staff Council and help us eat at the chili in the UC Ballroom on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until it's gone. Winners announced at noon.

For more information, please contact Heather Legg or Steve Wilson at leggh@apsu.edu or wilsonst@apsu.edu or 6357 or 1294.

Erica Krampitz's "Abaddon's Vision"

Art student Erica Krampitz will offer an erratic cocktail of twisted wickedness with "Abaddon's Vision." "Abaddon's Vision" will be on display through Friday, Nov. 5. For mature audiences only. For more information, please contact Cindy Marsh at MarshC@apsu.edu or 7333.

Homecoming 5K Run

The Homecoming 5K Run will take place Saturday, Nov. 6 at 8 a.m. Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 day of race. The race will begin at the tent in front of Clement Building. Fee includes t-shirt, refreshments, prizes and cash awards. For more information, please contact Carolyn Britton at brittonc@apsu.edu or 7979.

26th Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament

The Homecoming Golf Tournament will be Fri., Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. at Swan Lake Golf Course. The cost is \$55 per person. Fee includes ditty bag, refreshments on course and light lunch. For more information, please contact Carolyn Britton at brittonc@apsu.edu.

Campus Cookout

The Campus Cookout and War of the Wings/Chariot Races, followed by the traditional lighting of the Bonfire, will be on the Intramural Field at 6 p.m.

Comedy Show

The Lights, Camera, Action Comedy Show will be in the Clement Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday. It is free to all students. Comedians performing include Pat Brown, Dan Mengini and Prescott.

Hollywood Blvd. Street Fair

The Street Fair is a 9 a.m. in the Stadium Lot on Saturday. It is free to students with valid student ID.

Brown expands faculty to stay competitive with other colleges

By MICHAEL MELLO
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Eager to compete for top scholars and students, Brown University is in the midst of its largest faculty expansion in decades. A key part of the hiring spree includes increasing the number of minority professors on campus.

The private university is more than one-third of the way to hiring 100 new teachers and researchers. About 30 percent of the new hires are minorities.

"It is a significant statement by Brown that it wants to stay competitive," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group.

Steinbach said a handful of other

universities have announced similar initiatives in recent years. Among them is Harvard University, which this week announced a major expansion of its engineering program, including a 67 percent increase in the size of the faculty and the possible establishment of a separate school.

Venkatesh Narayanamurti, dean of Harvard's Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences, told The Boston Globe he's working on a plan to boost the faculty from 60 to 100 full-time professors, which would cost about \$400 million.

Rajiv Vohra, Brown's dean of faculty, would not say how much Brown's expansion will cost. "The plan is part of a (fund-raising) campaign that will begin soon," Vohra said. "There's no doubt we need to do it ... we want

to move the university forward."

Over the past two years Brown has filled 37 of the 100 positions it plans to add.

Vohra said the new positions will boost all areas of the university's education and research efforts and make it more competitive in attracting top scholars.

A unique element of Brown's expansion is a fast-track program that will allow 25 of the new positions to be filled much quicker than the year or more it often takes for other positions to be filled. The university may aggressively pursue a candidate, for example, rather than post an opening and wait for applicants. "If you are looking for a world-renowned scholar in virtually any field, the competition is very stiff," Vohra said.

Having a way to allow candidates to be

hired in a period of months, rather than years, will help the university compete for top talent.

"It has to be someone who can add extraordinary value to the university," Vohra said. Brown, like other universities, is also eager to hire more minorities. Vohra cited, in particular, a growing Hispanic population on campus. "It is helpful to have role models on campus they can relate to," he said.

About 30 percent of Brown's 37 new hires to date have been minorities. Brown's 628-member faculty is 16 percent minority, slightly more diverse than the national average, Steinbach said.

Minorities nationwide hold just over 14 percent of higher education faculty positions, according to a year-old American Council on Education report. ♦

University of New Orleans tries to lure out-of-state students

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - The University of New Orleans has more than doubled its scholarship offers, and much of the aid is an attempt to lure new students from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Texas.

The school along Lake Pontchartrain now has 4,161 scholarships to offer for the next academic year, up from 1,680 this year.

Chancellor Timothy Ryan and provost Rick Barton wanted the added scholarships for two reasons: to give UNO the image of a school competing for the region's top students; and to attract new students to offset a possible loss of several hundred students next fall, as UNO and other state universities impose tougher admission standards.

The LSU Board of Supervisors approved Ryan's request for the scholarships on Friday.

The scholarships will be offered to students considering where to enroll next fall, and will mesh with a new "Interstate 10 corridor"

strategy to attract Gulf Coast students who might want to live in New Orleans.

UNO draws 80 percent of its students from the New Orleans area, and traditionally has devoted little effort to pitches in other states.

"New Orleans is a pretty easy sell. It's a neat place to come," New Orleans developer Roger Ogden, an LSU board member, said.

About 10 percent of UNO students come from out of state, Ryan said he wants to raise that to 25 percent. He said the school's programs chemistry, urban planning, creative writing, jazz studies, naval architecture and other fields already give UNO status on the national scene and should be able to draw students from nearby states.

The scholarship initiative could also ease UNO's cash-starved operating budget, officials said, because out-of-state students pay more in tuition. That new money, plus spending by new students on auxiliary services, could increase campus income by more than \$7 million a year

if the scholarships are put to full use, they said.

"We really think this strategically and financially is critical to the future of UNO," Ryan said, but cautioned that it will take years for the program's full impact to be felt.

Under the plan, UNO will increase scholarships for undergraduate, nonresident students from 490 to 1,525, or 211 percent.

The biggest jump, from 110 to 430 possible awards, will be in the St. Charles Scholarship, which covers nonresident tuition and fees, now totaling about \$7,000.

First-year students receiving the help must have a score of between 23 and 26 on the American College Test, out of a possible 36, and a high school grade-point average of at least 2.7 on a scale of 4.0. UNO will also increase scholarships for Louisiana students from 1,060 to 2,360, or 123 percent, with the aid targeting financial needs beyond tuition already covered by the Louisiana TOPS program.

Students at Portland State angered about new ID/debit cards

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Students at Portland State are upset about the school's contract with a Connecticut-based financial services company that issues student ID cards that can double as MasterCard debit cards.

The ID cards are mandatory, whether students choose to activate them as debit cards or not, and are stamped with MasterCard's double-circle logo.

Administrators have said the new system was chosen to improve how students receive financial aid.

Some students, however, are upset that their ID cards will link them with a credit card company, and angry that they weren't consulted about the change.

About 1,000 students plan to boycott the cards, on a campus of more than 23,000, according to Tony Rasmussen, 25, a senior from Idaho and communications director for student government.

"A public institution has to privatize some things ... but on this level, it's so extreme. You have to react to something like that," says Mike McGuffey, 18, a freshman from Dallas.

But administrators say, with state support for higher education dwindling, they sometimes have to turn to corporate support.

"Being a public university in this day and age requires you to work with corporations and through corporations," said Cathy Dyck, Portland State's interim vice president for finance and administration. "That doesn't

mean you sell your soul."

The new system primarily affects the 61 percent of students who receive financial aid through Portland State to pay for school and living expenses. It affects only the money left after Portland State subtracts tuition and fees, called refunds.

That money will now come to students via Higher One, a 40-employee company in New Haven, Conn., that will wire money through a Texas bank to students' accounts or will mail them checks, starting in January, students will be offered the choice of having Higher

One deposit the refunds into checking accounts linked to their ID cards, which would double as debit cards. The new system will free Portland State staffers from check processing

to better help students with other aspects of financial aid, administrators say.

The university pays nothing to Higher One, although breaching the five-year contract it signed in August would cost the school \$300,000. If enough students use the IDs as debit cards, PSU will receive a percentage of Higher One's earnings.

Southern Oregon University has signed a contract for similar cards. But Portland State students have cited several potential problems with the cards.

They say the Higher One Web site makes it difficult to opt out of using the debit card; that transaction fees are higher than local banks and that the out-of-state process will delay their checks. ♦

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OUR TAKE

Scholarships take their toll on APSU students

When we were in high school, our parents and teachers drilled the idea into our minds that if we worked hard, made good grades and excelled at standardized testing, that there would be a light at the end of the tunnel. A reward for all the effort that would come in the form of a scholarship.

What you aren't told, however, is that it isn't quite so simple for most scholarships. In fact, many come with a fairly peculiar catch. Not only do you have to maintain a certain grade point average, a very sensible requirement, but you also have to provide several hours of free labor per week to the university.

Let's recap. A person makes good grades and excels in school. In fact, the person is a shining example of academia. The student is rewarded with a scholarship for the work ethic said student displays.

However, if the student wishes to continue the worthy of the reward in which he or she

has already earned, that student must stack several hours of work on top of an already full-time class schedule.

No use in raging against the unfairness of it all. Instead, it is prudent to point out how many students are not helped as a result of such a practice. For however many students that actually get scholarships, there are countless more who do not. Furthermore, many incoming freshmen do not have a means of transportation and, as a result, cannot work anywhere off-campus to support themselves.

Unfortunately, having so many scholarship students working for free prevents some that need the money from getting work on campus. Let the students who earn their scholarships only be bound by academic requirements.

Fill the labor need generated by the revised scholarship requirements with an increase of work study positions for those who really need them. ♦

Aramark prices pick the pockets of APSU students

The Peay Pod, Austin Peay State University's convenience store, may have a great new location, but what about the prices? Is the convenience worth paying so much more? The prices at the Peay Pod are much higher than some of the local value stores. Many

items are up to four times more expensive than they are at places like Wal-Mart. Jeff Richardson from Aramark has an explanation for the higher prices. "We don't have the buying power of a grocery store," Richardson said. How do they decide on the prices?

Aramark sets the prices in the Peay Pod based on several different criteria. Since the Peay Pod is

small store, they have to pay higher prices than many of the larger stores in the area. This means that they have to pay more for most items. Aramark also looks at the suggested retail price for products and compares this to the prices charged by other convenience stores in the area. Through a combination of these processes Aramark

determines what to charge for each item.

Regardless of why the prices in the Peay Pod are so high, is it really worth paying up to four times as much as other stores in the area charge for certain items?

For those students who live on campus and do not have a reliable means of transportation, the Peay Pod is great. It is in a good location, which means if you are completely out of toilet paper in your dorm room then you can get some immediately. However, the value stores are still a much better deal if you have the time and transportation.

The convenience store carries many different items. They stock everything from toiletries to meals that can be made in the microwave. The selection is similar to other local convenience stores. However, they have no alcohol or cigarettes.

It is obvious that a dry campus would not permit the selling of alcohol on campus, but why don't they sell cigarettes? They would be able to make more money if they sold cigarettes. Then maybe they could lower their prices on other items.

If Aramark found some way to lower their prices they would get a lot more business. Students have to feel it is worth buying items there rather than driving to Wal-Mart.

Right now the prices are not low enough to be worth not taking a trip to a value store. Aramark needs to figure out some way to lower the prices on many of their items. ♦

Technology taking over

The time in which we live is an incredible age of information via technological advancement.

When I was born in 1983, Atari was starting to stride with cutting-edge games which featured colors in excess of twelve and floppy disks were not only floppy in a very literal sense, but also the size of my face.

Now I can play videogames on consoles that boast millions of colors, computer animated movies and feature voice talent of a quality that would not be uncommon in a major motion picture.

The Internet allows billions of people the chance to interact in a distanced manner of mass communication and serves as a convenient transference of information is possible.

Before we put on funny paper hats and pretend to be in the general direction of our lives, technology has had a curious effect on us and my fellow students: we have the attention span of an impatient cocker spaniel. I was never so aware of this fact until I

started college. Austin Peay State University has a wonderful collection of professors who are not only knowledgeable, but incredibly enthusiastic about what they teach.

In many cases, their enthusiasm is infectious and I go home, bring all of my books into the apartment, make a nice neat stack, select which I wish to scratch first, place the book on my desk, and open it. Five minutes later, I'm sitting on the floor with a controller in my hands, not so much wondering what the heck a 360 degree pop-shove-it maneuver is as much as I am certain that I want the digital Tony Hawk I am controlling to do it.

Studying for tests gets more difficult every semester. I have to remove myself to a secluded location like the top floor of the library (the batcave is usually booked) and struggle to focus on preparing while thoughts of checking e-mail, surfing the net, and a variety of more interesting activities than studying alone in a dimly-lit library.

The advanced technologies that we now utilize in our everyday lives are wonderful, but come with a responsibility that college students today must acknowledge in order to flourish. We do not study and learn in the same manner as the generations before us. The fact that I can play Double Dragon on my pocket-sized cellular phone is proof enough that technology also provides countless avenues of distraction.

It is the burden our generation must bear in order to acclimate ourselves to the benefits and vices of the modern world and such will be achieved through the exercise of personal restraint and trained focus. ♦

Pedestrians need to watch where they walk

By MEGAN GREGORY
Copy Editor

We have a problem. It affects each and every student and staff member here at Austin Peay State University. We all deal with it every day, and it's potentially deadly. It's crossing the street. Pedestrian deaths. Two young girls were struck and killed within two weeks. Not too long after, two elderly sisters were killed when a car ran over them. The women were holding hands as they crossed and they died that way.

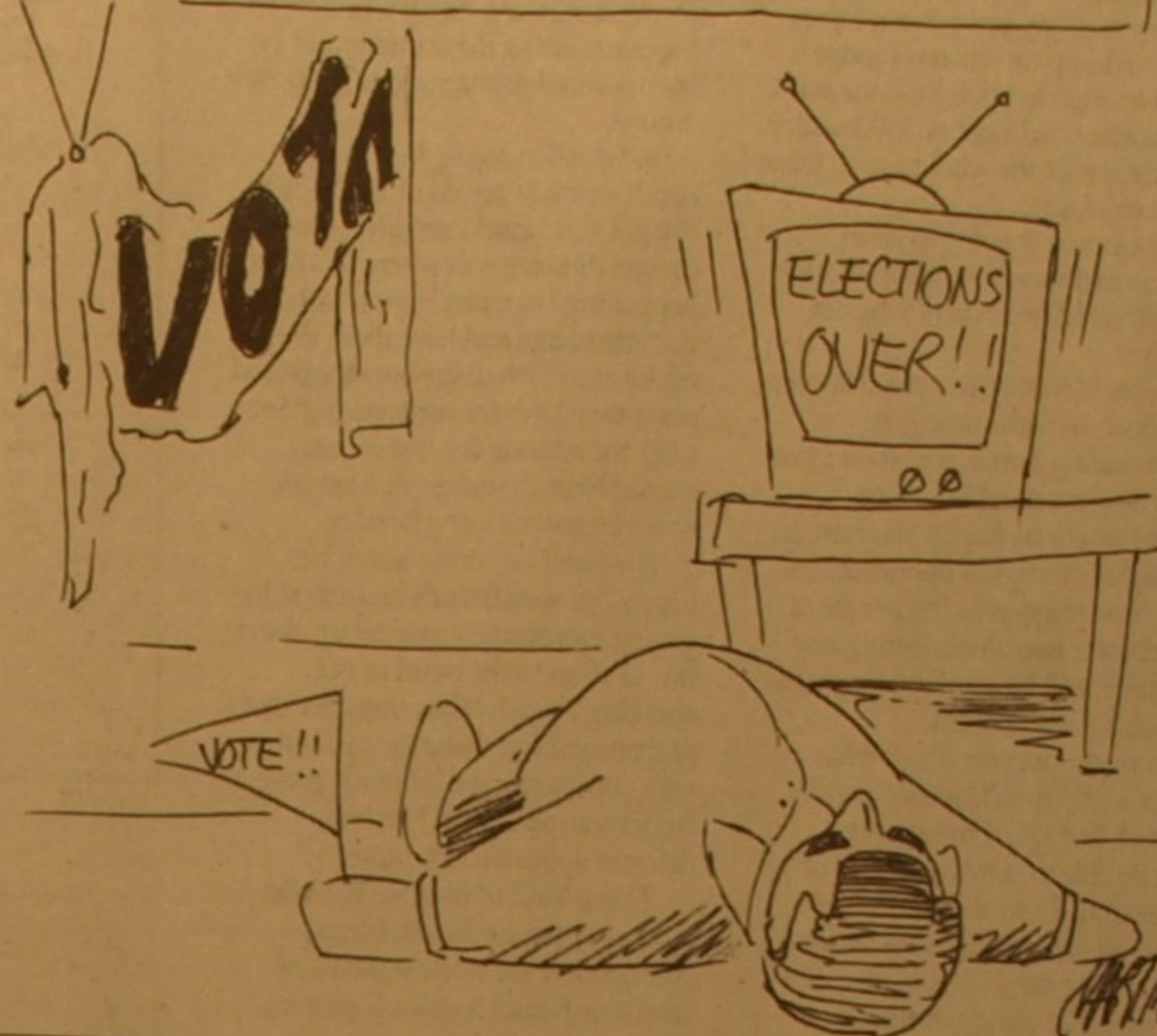
I can only hope that this problem does not spread to campus. The fact is, APSU students do not know how to use crosswalks. I've been to several other campuses in different cities and the problem is the same. From what I can tell, there are two groups of people who are impatient, and those who are not. The impatient group is the one who is impatient, and those who are not. I'll cover both of them. I am driving to work as usual, trying to speed just slowly

enough to appear legal, and I approach a crosswalk full of students taking their dear, sweet time to cross the road.

Some linger on the sidewalks, timidly stepping in and out of the street like squirrels. Some quickly cross. Some get halfway across and then stop to turn and wave for their friends. Pedestrians have the right of way. They do. But only in a crosswalk, and they are supposed to cross as efficiently as possible. That does not mean a student should never jaywalk, but it bothers me when they do it just yards away from a crosswalk and expect cars to stop for them.

Drivers are equally bad. I see pedestrians afraid to cross when they have the right of way because so many drivers speed past to keep from stopping. No, it's not convenient to stop, but it's the law, and only a few seconds out of your day. I encounter this problem daily. Crosswalk safety is something we all learned in grade school. People, kindergartners can do it. It's just a serious case of crosswalk apathy. ♦

AMERICA TAKES A WELL-DESERVED POST-ELECTION DAY BREATH.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:

I would first like to thank Eric Miller for his article on the Little Hatch Act. Acknowledging the slight (and hopefully minute) faculty hypocrisy and oppression, was overdue. Moreover, thank you for further explaining the true legalities in English for the student body.

Secondly, I would like to alert the staff to the reasoning behind the apparent lack of reader's participation with The All State. Perhaps if the staff presents topics that are less mundane and more directly affect the student body as a whole, more students would write in with their opinions. For instance, more controversial and passionate subjects (i.e. social, religious, political) would undoubtedly propagate more opinions that must be expressed.

Lastly, I cannot help but notice that the most appealing articles are written by guest writers. Along with the presentation of better topics, allow your staff writers better opportunities to select a wider variety of topics. Instead of giving them a list of topics from which to choose, allow them to present their own list of topics.

Kurt Niesner
Sophomore
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To the Editor:

Mr. Gregory, in his editorial "Library has Little Selection," is misinformed. Like so many other students, Mr. Gregory's perception of APSU library does not fit with the current reality. Libraries are no longer repositories of printed books and journals. Libraries are all about access to information, both printed and electronic. When looking for high quality information, students should start by logging on to the library's homepage -- <http://library.apsu.edu>

It is the University's access point to the Invisible Web. Unlike Google and Yahoo, which search the Public Web for freely available and possibly inaccurate information, the library's homepage directs students to vetted information of high-quality from commercial sources.

APSU library subscribes to 43,000 electronic books and over 66 databases containing hundreds of thousands of current, up-to-date full-text articles from 9000+ electronic journals.

Beyond electronic information, the library subscribes to 1,200 current print journals and purchases approximately

5,000 books annually. These books and journals are selected by the faculty and librarians to be most relevant to APSU curricula. Mr. Gregory's comparison of APSU library to the library at his former community college is not appropriate. Community college libraries purposefully keep their collection narrow and focused. University libraries are not just about current information.

University libraries retain older materials to show the expanse of information and changes in scholarship over time. Older journals and books are retained because the information they contain is important and relevant. In areas such as literature, art and history, books published in the 1930's are as relevant as those published in 2004. In other more topical areas, older books and journals are needed for research and comparison.

No library, not even at Vanderbilt or Harvard, can afford to purchase all wanted materials. Libraries work together to supply books and articles to each others constituents. Materials not available at APSU library can be ordered from other libraries via Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Most ILL requests arrive within 2-14 days.

Although APSU library has faced financial difficulties in the past, as have most other public institutions in Tennessee, the outlook is good. The library spends \$600,000 annually on making resources available to our students. Our resources and services are on par with or exceed those of similar university libraries in Tennessee and the Southeast.

Could we do better? -- Of course! This year the Library will spend an additional \$90,000 to bolster the book collection. I, too, am optimistic. I'm encouraged that Mr. Gregory cares about enough about library resources to write an editorial to persuade other students to speak out for improved library funding. I'm encouraged by the motivated library faculty and staff who are constantly searching for newer, better resources and ways to improve services.

I'm optimistic that as APSU grows and expands so will the library. I look forward to one day having a new library building with more amenities for students. Until then, I encourage Mr. Gregory and other students to look beyond the surface to find the gems that the APSU library has for those who look.

Deborah Fetch
Director of Library Services
Woodward Library

White House war against press grows with Novak crackdown

By PAUL K. McMASTERS
First Amendment Center

Follow this closely because the logic gets tricky: Someone in the White House leaked the name of a CIA operative to several journalists, apparently to punish the husband of the covert agent for taking issue with the administration.

All of the journalists declined to participate in the apparent retaliation, with the exception of syndicated columnist Robert Novak, who revealed the name of the agent in a column published on July 14, 2003.

Attorney General John Ashcroft appointed a special counsel to investigate the possible federal crime. The special prosecutor, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, assembled a large staff armed with all the investigative tools of the Justice Department. Under orders from the president to cooperate fully, White House personnel produced telephone records, e-mail logs and other material.

Now, after more than a year of investigating, the special prosecutor, backed by a federal judge, is ready to send someone to jail. But not the two "senior administration sources" cited by columnist Novak. Nor, as far as we know, has the columnist been subpoenaed, questioned or threatened with contempt of court.

Instead Fitzgerald has focused his prosecutorial zeal on Time magazine correspondent Matthew Cooper, who wrote about the leak several days after Novak published his column, and New York Times reporter Judith Miller, who didn't write about the story at all.

Despite their distance from the alleged crime, these two journalists face 18 months in jail for refusing to give up their sources. And the two news organizations they work for face huge fines and are now paying out hefty legal fees to defend themselves and their employees as well as a core principle of independent reporting.

This untoward development in the investigation should come as no surprise. Relations between the White House and the press always have been rocky, no matter who is president. But in the last three years, this White House appears to have declared all-out war on journalism, and it now has entered its take-plenty-of-prisoners stage.

Why should this matter to the rest of us? Because no government is fully accountable -- or successful, for that matter -- if all the information about its policies and operations comes only from government officials with a vested interest in retaining power and position. Journalists forced to rely on official sources, government press releases or staged "news" events can relay to the public only a fragment of the news and only shards of its context.

To more fully and fairly inform the public, they must be able to protect public employees willing to tell their stories

anonymously.

That is not a special privilege for the press but an important protection for the public it serves. So how can we reconcile the conflict between protecting sources and allowing prosecutors to do their jobs? Forcing sources to waive their confidentiality is a pernicious idea. If corporations and government agencies told employees they could talk to the press only if they identified themselves, these institutions could become even less accountable.

Voluntary cooperation with prosecutors is a risky proposition for journalists. Ask Time's Cooper, who agreed to talk with Fitzgerald after a source released him from confidentiality. Fitzgerald used that interview to gain information to issue yet another subpoena.

Sending reporters to jail won't work. They have gone to jail before and will continue to choose jail over betrayal of one of their most important principles. Instead, the Justice Department needs to reaffirm strict guidelines that force investigators to exhaust all possible avenues before trying to make journalists agents of the government.

For its part, the news media should work a lot harder and better at reducing their reliance on anonymous sources -- and making sure they use them and are not used by them. Finally and most importantly, Congress must follow the lead of 31 states and the District of Columbia in enacting a federal shield law for journalists. It also needs to strengthen protections for government whistleblowers.

As for the current mess: If special prosecutor Fitzgerald won't abandon his harassment of journalists, he should at least focus on columnist Robert Novak. That would give Novak both the incentive and the cover to cooperate.

Further, his obligation to his sources is greatly attenuated by the fact that they 1) possibly committed a crime and 2) used him as an accessory. Finally, he could prevent fellow journalists from serving time for protecting sources who used him to do their dirt.

The uncomfortable truth is that the sources of such leaks are rarely found. Even if they are found in this case, the possibility that they would be indicted, let alone convicted under the Agent's Identity Act, is remote. As one of the nation's foremost press attorneys, Bruce Sanford, points out, no one has ever been indicted under this narrowly drawn law in its 22 years of existence.

But if ever a leak needed to be plugged, this one is it. Those two administration officials exposed an undercover operative. They punished a critic. They silenced whistleblowers. They shredded the reporters' privilege. They cost news organizations hugely. And they have put good journalists, guilty only of doing their jobs, in the shadow of the prison gate. ♦

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Election process scares voters away from the polls and USA

Just last week I had prepared a truly depressing and cynical editorial for publication on the day after the



OPINION
Phil Grey

now-elevated mood, I'm tossing out that piece of Edgar Allen Poe-inspired drivel and going positive.

You say you're gonna leave da USA. If Bush survive on Election Day. Don't worry. Be happy. I actually know people who say they're bugging out, leaving for good, if George Bush is still President on November 3.

If you're one of these, before you buy those tickets let me offer you these words of comfort: No matter who wins, Dick Cheney will continue to run the world from the Alternate White House in Area 51, and his alien advisors will continue to run their campaign of disinformation designed to convince you, the voter, that the earth is round and that time-travel is not possible - yet.

What a bunch of... Look, we're not even going to know who wins until at least Christmas Eve, if then. Each side has at least 10,000 lawyers ready to go

at one minute after midnight on Wednesday.

They've all got pre-printed forms ready to dump on whatever judge is stupid enough to open his door at one minute after midnight on Wednesday. In other words, the whole voting thing is a waste of time.

The election is going to court, which is as it should be. Everything else is decided by lawyers, why not elections?

Besides, if twenty-thousand lawyers can't come up with something approximating justice, well then I just don't know anything anymore.

Don't worry, be happy. You have to look at these things as opportunities. Think how many pundits, people of no particular usefulness during any other time, will be gainfully employed for at least a few months.

You might not care about what kind of a Christmas James Carville's kids have, but I do. I mean, sure, I might be able to survive the end of this election. I can always get a job with an off-shore pirate radio station or something similarly lucrative. But what about the pundits with no useable skills, with nothing to fall back on other than a bogus sociology or philosophy degree, what are they going to do? Find meaningful work? Yeah, right.

Speaking of opportunities, I hear from my vast network of sources (well, actually it's this one guy but hey, he called the whole Red Sox thing so his sources are probably good) anyway I hear that if Bush wins that the riots are supposed to begin at one minute after midnight on Wednesday, which means that the lawyers should probably dump off their pre-printed, fill-in-the-blank affidavits and what-nots well before then.

Just a suggestion. Anyway, I've asked if there will be people out there torching cars and doing whatever else happens during these things and I've been assured that yes, we've got people on that.

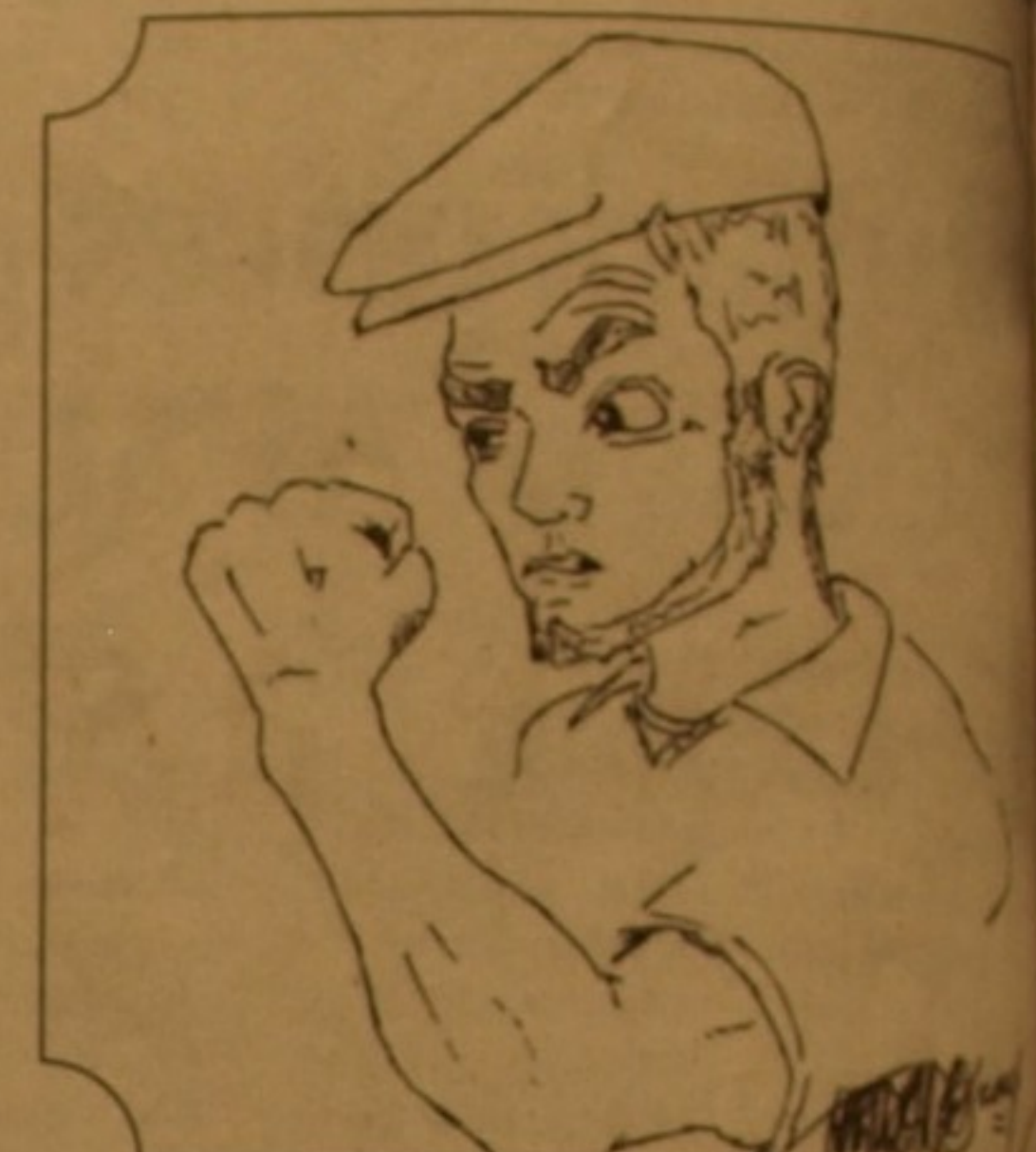
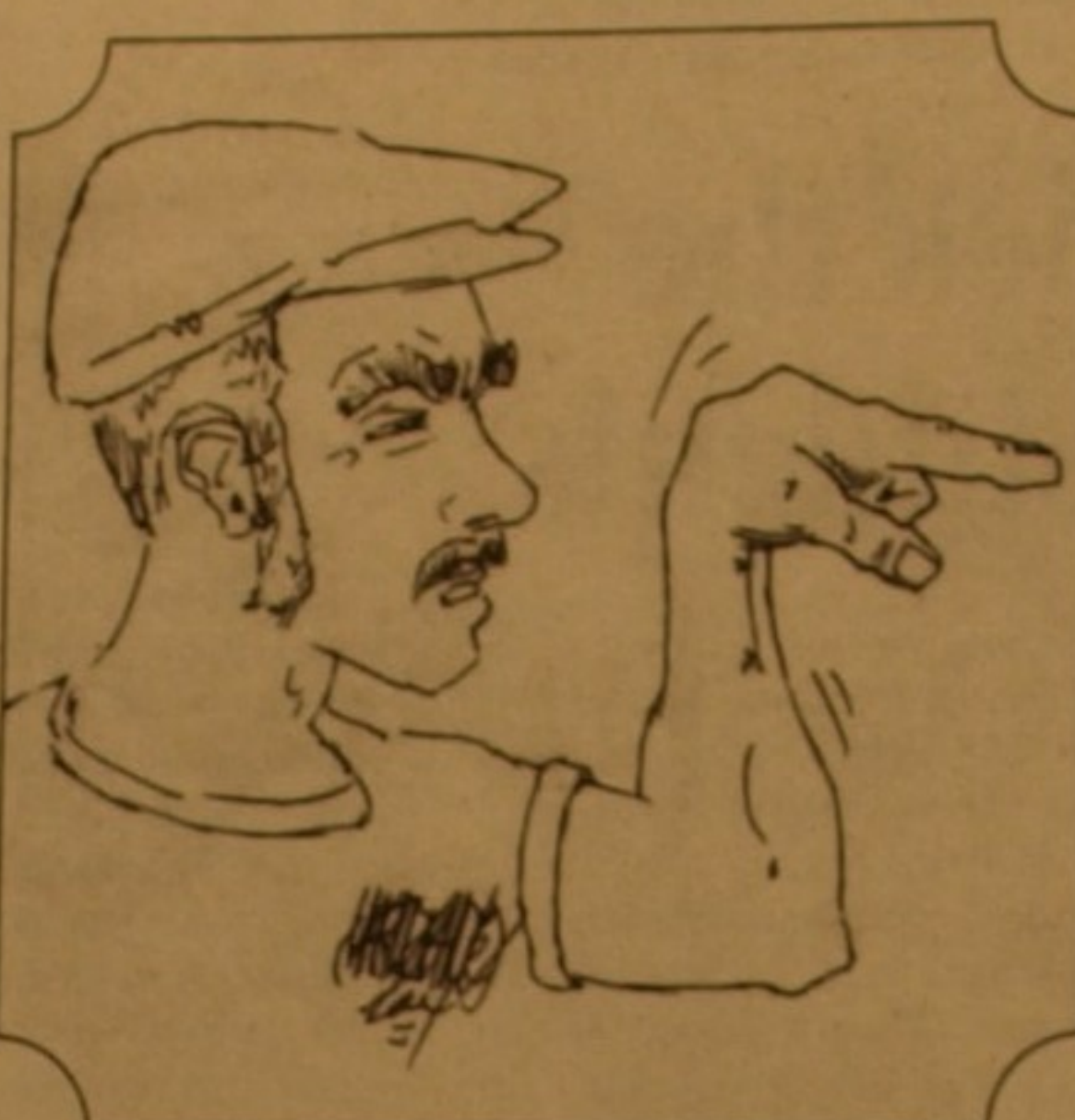
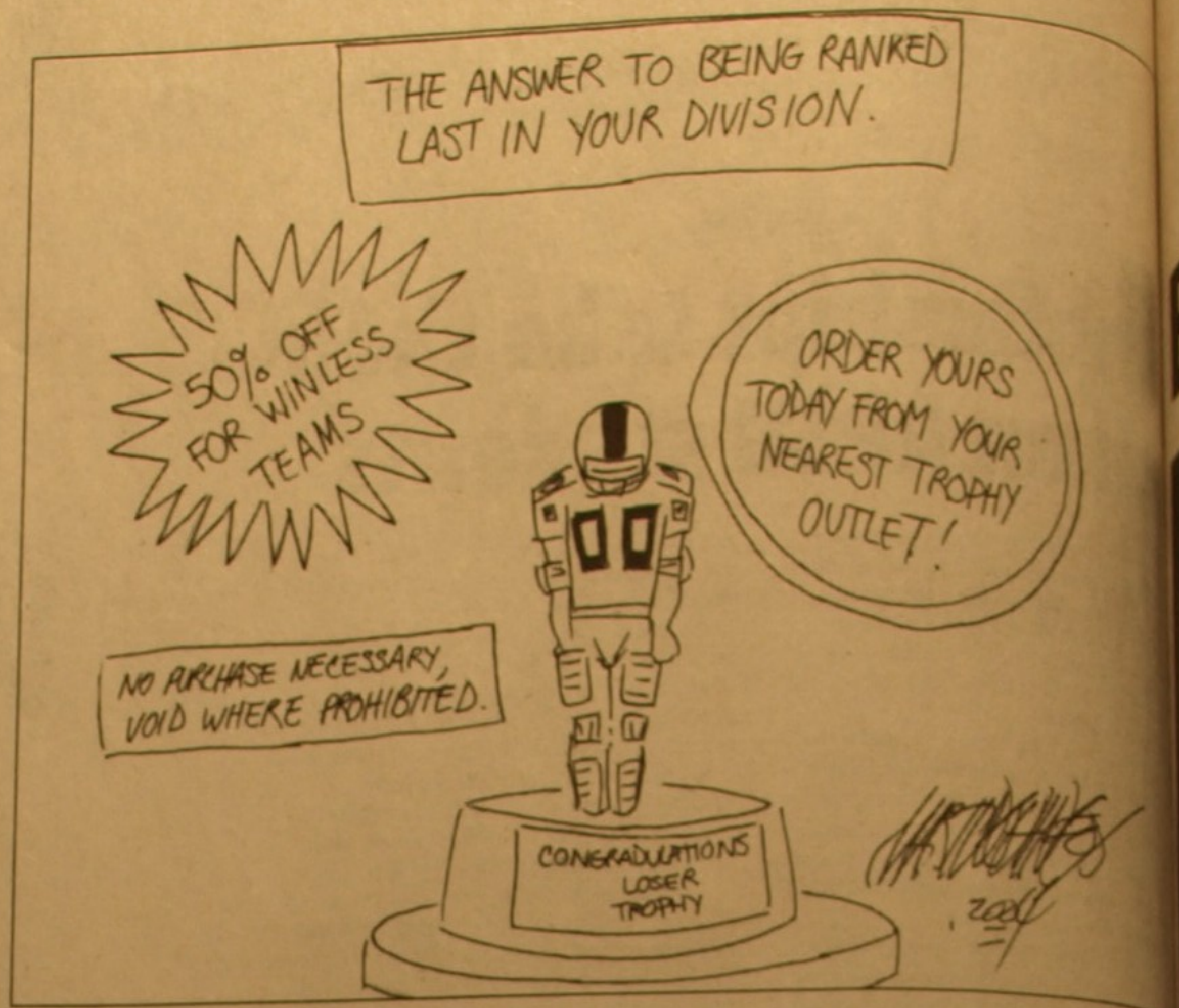
So what I'm seeing here is an opportunity to get rid of this '97 KIA I've got that I can't even give away. If I can get directions to where this is all happening I can just leave it with the riot attendants and have them drop it off for me at whatever pre-designated point they have for car-torching. See, that's the attitude the rest of you should have. If you've got a lemon, make lemonade - or a bonfire.

The point is - don't worry, be happy. I've seen friends on both sides getting inordinately worked up about this election to the point of not speaking to each other, though most of them still text-message each other with comments like "How's it going, fascist war-pig?" and "Not bad, defeatist appeasement-monkey."

This is kind of like two guys fist-fighting at the Baskin-Robbins counter over the relative merits of vanilla or French vanilla. Come on. Please.

I'll stand up for French vanilla and I'll even hike myself down to the local polling-place and VOTE for French vanilla, but I won't go nuts if plain vanilla wins. I'll just move to France and...no, I won't either.

And neither should you, because no matter which of your favorite sock-puppets wins on Tuesday (or whenever), Dick Cheney and the aliens will still rule the world. We can run but we can't hide. ♦



APSU advertising needs better visibility to increase involvement

Miscellaneous events are taking place in anticipation for this year's Homecoming. After asking some



OPINION
Jose Toro

After interviewing students and slathering my evidence, advertisement sounds like the representation of the problem.

Email notifications and flyers are found to be the main source of advertising in Austin Peay State University, which helps students to be aware what is forthcoming, but only provides certain information.

The time, place and the name of the event are displayed, but details are a factor towards pulling a student's

attention and interest. A student who asked to be anonymous believes that word of mouth is one of the strongest ways to persuade interest and even attendance for an event. So what is the true way to advertise by word of mouth?

The first place to start is with members and supporters. Calling upon meetings, regular communications and newsletters to notify an event will help build stronger potential for an event's success. Encouragement to tell their friends and friends of friends will also help.

Word of mouth is still one of the most powerful selling tools because it also comes with a reliable, credible endorsement. If not, then what else?

Surely, a bad idea is to stick stars on the University Center floor hoping for a student to tie his/her shoes and happen to look at the star with the vague information. A better way would be the old tried-and-true poster maneuver. A poster can be a beautiful thing.

With good size, vast space for information and a quick attention grabber, it shows to be a powerful tool. Now if you call putting slide shows on television a great way to promote events, then the event might as well be cancelled.

Who is going to sit down and watch the APSU channel all day to see what is coming up in the future?

Getting the events in a calendar is another effective way of advertising. The reason is that the people who read it are looking for things to do. They are motivated and are looking for options.

Even putting it online can reach the people who know you exist and are interested in what you are doing. Furthermore, this means that anybody who hears vaguely about the event can get the precise details.

The Student Life and Leadership should not carry the full burden of advertising the pre-Homecoming events. Students who are involved or participating in the events such as the War of the Wings or the Greek step off should lend out a hand and spread the details around.

If advertising improves, so will a student's attendance. The event will have a stronger success as well, motivating the people who planned and took participation in the event.

If the events help further encourage the Homecoming, then the only thing to improve on is the horrendous football team's chance for a victory on Saturday evening. ♦

Coulter vs. Moore

By MARTIN FOX
Managing Editor

From time to time, it becomes necessary to muckrake the muckraker, skewer the skewed and pretend the pretentious (I don't know if that's right). I mean to tell the truth about possibly the biggest liar since McCarthy. Champion and hero of the people, weighing in at a colossal (think of a number and add two zeros to it) pounds, is Michael Moore, who has won the hearts of the feeble-minded and uninformed average joe through his well-written, creatively done pieces of fiction.

The Achilles' heel of our villain, Mr. Distortion, however, is the labels he places on his works. Words like "documentary" and "truthful" in his works are more out of place than Chaka Zulu at a Merle Haggart concert. It may even be a stretch to call them "based on a true story." Don't get me wrong, he's the best fiction writer since Frodo shook hands with Bilbo, but that's just what he is: a fiction writer.

All villains must have a weakness of some kind; Moore is no different. His weakness in this case seems to be a lack of commonsense. A lack of commonsense that would make a man write, "You would think society's attitude would be something like this: Teachers, thank you for devoting your life to my child. Is there anything I can do to help?" That, by itself is fine. But be patient, a few pages later in his same book, "Stupid White Men" he makes an inadvertent punch line out of his whole book by saying, "Threaten lawsuits-school administrators HATE to hear that word. Just remember, There's no greater satisfaction than seeing the look on the principal's face when you have the upper hand. Use it."

A chink in the chain-mail if I ever saw one. For all the Democrats who think Moore is on your side, let me refer to a letter he posted referring to all democrats as, "wimps and whiners and crybabies." Moore quite consistently and on frequent occasion, will spew fallacies as if infected with diarrhea of the mouth. He writes, "Thirty one percent of black males in Florida have been found guilty of felonies."

Hahaha, oh that's a good one. One in three black males in Florida have been found guilty of felonies? Where did you find that one, the white supremacy propaganda web site? He writes, "In the past two years, Kim Jong Il has begun showing signs of a change of heart, signs that he's emerging from the shadows." This was written shortly before the Spaniards found North Korean missiles hidden on a boat headed for the middle-east. Oh wait, how about the one where he writes "In 2001, the government spent a quarter-trillion dollars on one model of plane."

Hilarious. Why can I see pulling off an imitation of Dr. Evil (pink to the side of lip) "A quarter-trillion dollars!" Riight. That's barely the entire budget for the department of defense. I love a hero with a sense of humor. Moore is making a heroic attempt to influence the minds of the American public and the international scene in a negative and potentially harmful way, just to satisfy his ego and fit his own little skewed reality. Moore is an oxygen thief. It is people like him that have caused such a divide in the country. Preying on the weak-minded is hardly a heroic quality; nor is cowardice.

When confronted with regard to these discrepancies, our hero pulls a "Deus ex machina" and screams government conspiracy to conveniently explain away the shenanigans he's committed in this farce of a career. Like a Yugo sporting some spinners, he is an image with no substance. Now to do something Michael Moore has never done, here is a list of sources cited and consulted:

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By DAVE CAMPBELL
Opinion Editor

Straight from the same pundit that brought you such broad-sweeping statements, as "There are no good democrats," comes a few more suggestions of stupidity and vain mass-market appeal that TV has so successfully ingrained into our psyches. Ladies and gentlemen of the home viewing audience, meet our lovely conservative, Ann Coulter.

Ever wonder why, any time intelligent, free thinking, open minded (and probably liberal) people try to state their position via the free press, they must be replaced by an opposite of their own breed? Oh yes, there's that old rule: every action, an equal and opposite reaction must occur. However, this does not apply in Ann Coulter's case. (But, wow... those legs).

It has been Ann's goal since her appearance on Fox to shoot as far off the mark as the marksman will allow before having the plug pulled. Except she was stopped after the National Review Online dropped her for being "too extreme." Her particular brand of political commentary coddles the idea that you can turn people off and on simultaneously and still win, so long as the opinion is brought to you by Rupert Murdoch and the Fox News coalition.

Ms. Coulter has obviously been planning since an early phase in her life to single-handedly go out into the world and make herself a media darling by taking her freedom of speech rights and confounding them with testosterone-inducing hate talk. You say the media is strictly liberal, Ms. Coulter? Your presence in it exists as a contradiction to your very own words. Although I must confess, if I had a smile like hers, I'd probably be on TV too (nice teeth, baby).

She must be proud of the fact that she is intolerant. Following 9/11 she responded by saying that we should kill'em all and let God sort them out. (Guess she likes it rough). Okay, so that's not verbatim, but this is more nearly accurate: "We should invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity; We weren't punctious about locating and punishing only Hitler and his top officers. We carpet-bombed German cities; we killed civilians. That war." Now I haven't found a satisfactory argument for world domination, mass genocide and the revival of the Christian crusades; yet be sure, it's on my list; and what's up with that word punctious? One of its synonyms happens to be "socially correct." Surely she's not saying that it is morally right to force all of these little hypothetical Americas into existence.

No, I think that it says more about the executives at Fox. They were all giddy on the notion that they had found some lady that could read at a higher level than they could. I am just assuming here, please understand. Coulter logic seems to be the "it" term of the moment.

For those who would condemn my analysis by saying that I picked an easy target, I would have to conclude by subscribing briefly to Ann's war philosophy. Using this logic, I might be inclined to hunt down Mr. Fox over there and "kill him out" on the basis of his last name matching that of Coulter's terrorist network (Fox). You know those Foxes and Coulters conspire together. They will submit or die. Which where did that come from? Oh, must have been that good old Coulter ethic.

Foreigners are not the only ones that should be on Coulter alert. College students, beware, she's after you too. Coulter thinks, "We need to execute people like John Walker in order to physically intimidate liberals, by making them realize that they can be killed, too." She equates the actions of accused traitor, Walker-Lindhe, with liberal college opinion. Let's face it, no matter how many times it is denied, her smile wins her fame. She could say that George W. Bush is Jesus Christ incarnate and we'd all laugh and say oh, yeah that's right, and she could capitalize my gains anytime.

So, for the concerned, no I am not saying that all of these types of media personalities should or even could be ugly old men, but look at Rush Limbaugh. Wait, on second thought, don't Ann, you can all me whenever you get done flashing that sexy mug all over the O'Reilly Factor... maybe. ♦

Homosexuality raises issues about visitation at Austin Peay

Austin Peay State University's policy for Residence Life states that "All



OPINION
Kade Binkley

mention at all of students with certain sexual preferences.

I live in Sevier, an enclosed, all-girls dorm on campus. Some important rules are posted on the door as you go into the hallway.

One of these rules state that members of the opposite sex must be out of the building by midnight. Every one of the residence halls on campus have the same rule. I have dated several people while living in Sevier and have never had a problem with this rule.

One day, however, it occurred to me that there are students who live in residence halls that have certain sexual preferences.

Then, I realized that there is no rule in place to restrict their partner's visitation.

The regulations, which I found on the APSU website, clearly state that "visiting in a residence unit with a member of the opposite sex at times other than announced visitation periods is prohibited."

It goes on to specifically say that "visitation refers to regulated access to student rooms by members of the opposite sex."

Nowhere in the policy is anything mentioned about gay and lesbian students. I asked Jean Burdick, a student, if she thought the rules should be changed.

"I totally agree," said Burdick, "and have definitely thought it could be a problem." Chris Oglesby, another student added, "Either open it to all or close it to all. All this political correctness is destroying our society."

With the presumption that this is entirely unfair, I interviewed Joe Mills Housing and Student Residence Director. I asked him if he and Housing were aware that this could be a problem.

"Yes, we are, however, the only way to correct it would be to restrict all visitors," said Mills.

I would not be thrilled if this policy were to take effect since I live in student housing. But, the problem would still not be completely corrected.

One must consider that a same-sex couple could apply for housing as roommates. "If people want to lead a homosexual lifestyle, that is their choice," said Mills, "but if they do and they live in student housing, they can 'get around' these rules."

John Thomas Cecil, an openly gay student, stated, "If roommates held mutual respect for each others' space then partners staying the night or even late study group sessions, it wouldn't be an issue and no policy would be necessary."

When asked what action the Housing Department would take to amend their policy, Mills said, "If Housing was to amend the policy, it would have to be within state law."

The state of Tennessee does not recognize same-sex marriages or unions, so creating a policy restricting those visitations would be difficult.

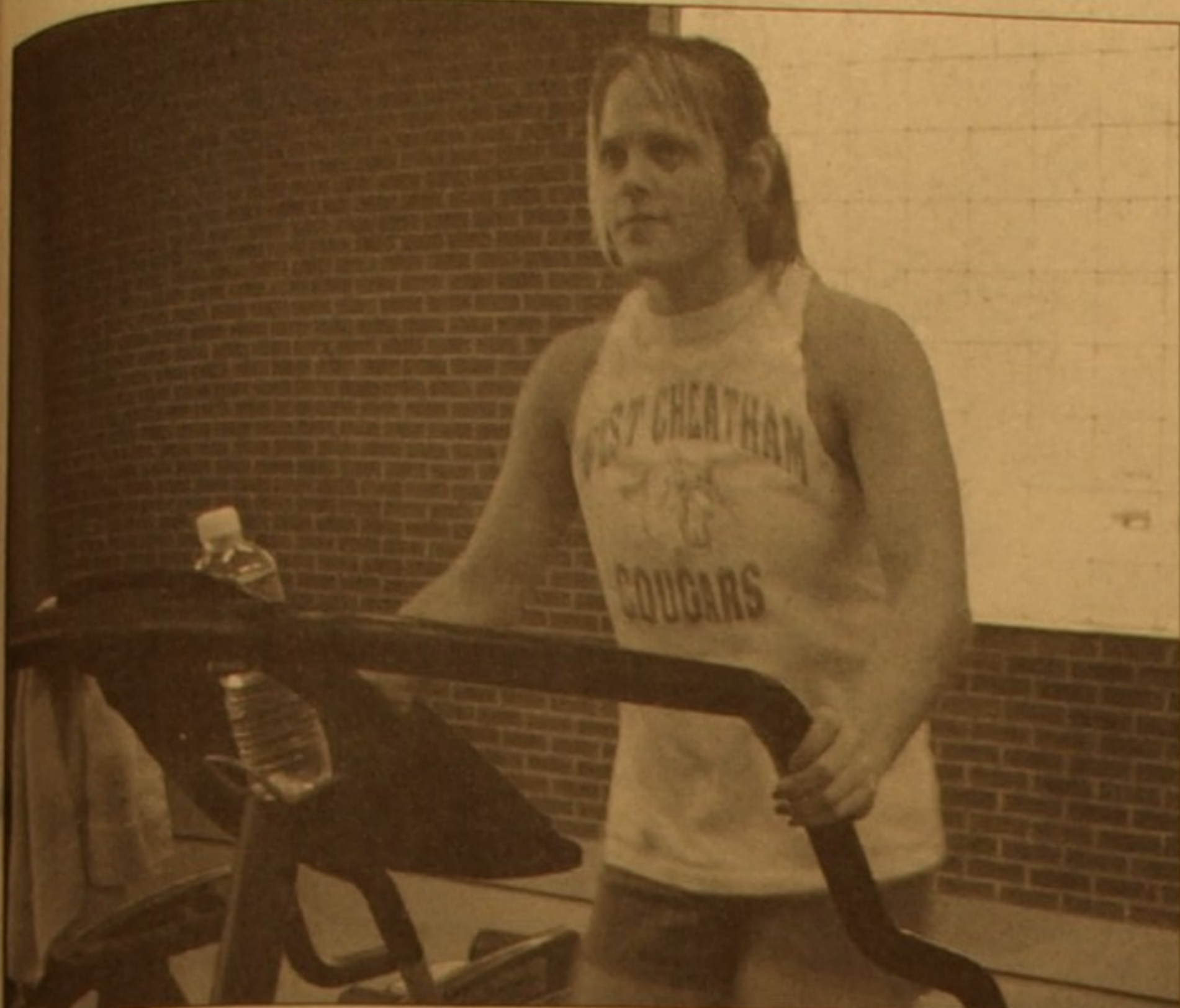
When asked about the issue, Professor Richard Gildrey, proclaimed, "It should be changed because those rules were made when we pretended there was no such thing."

I believe that it is very important to address this serious issue. As a new journalist, it was very difficult to write this article. This issue, like many others, is very controversial on all sides.

Personally, I do not know what could be done about this problem. I do, however, think that something should be done. ♦

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Breathe, stretch, shake: exercise now



A toned figure can be achieved through as little as 10 to 20 minutes of exercises such as running the treadmill, doing crunches, dumbbell curls and push-ups such as Amy Odoe.

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Although glamorous images of fit, thin bodies are regularly displayed on television screens, magazine advertisements and billboard signs, America is still facing a widespread crisis: obesity. Today, over 67 percent of the nation is overweight, and this figure is still on the rise. In order to decrease this figure, what should be done to stop such an epidemic?

The answer seems simple: partake in utilizing a healthy diet and exercise on a regular basis. However, with the various stresses and activities that college students face on a daily basis, these two solutions are either neglected or forgotten about altogether.

According to a majority of health gurus, proper allocation of time can easily solve weight-gaining woes. Contrary to popular belief, it does not take a long session at the gym to get fit. A lean, toned body can be gained through as little as 10 to 20 minutes of repetitious exercises such as crunches, dumbbell curls (which can be done with light or heavier weights) and push-ups.

If standard exercise routines like those mentioned above don't strike a cord with you, then perhaps exercise videos, like Billy Blank's Tae-Bo workout video series, will. Not only do they provide great results, but they also can be completed in less than 10 minutes. The basic version of Tae-Bo only takes about 8 minutes from start to finish.

In terms of a healthy diet, it is cautioned not to start calorie counting and, in fact, is discouraged. Bob Greene, the famous personal trainer to Oprah Winfrey, suggests that as long as a regular workout schedule is followed, there really is no need for a dramatic change in eating habits. This, of course, does not mean that fatty foods are okay to eat every day, as that could lead to other health problems such as high cholesterol and clogged arteries. By using time wisely and actively participating in a regular rotation of exercise, being overweight can soon

be a thing of the past. Additionally, with all of today's new and inventive ways of inciting weight-loss, it can be fun, as well. According to Bob Greene, strength training is one of the best ways to increase metabolism and fight those extra pounds. ♦

Bob Greene's Essential Eight Exercises

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- The Lunge**
Target area: upper legs (quadriceps, hamstrings, and calves)
- The Chest Press**
Target area: chest and back of upper arms
- The Shoulder Press**
Target area: shoulders
- The Butterfly**
Target area: upper back (trapezius, latissimus dorsi)
- The Dumbbell Fly**
Target area: chest (pectoralis major, pectoralis minor)
- The Biceps Curl**
Target area: upper arm (biceps)
- The Triceps Extension**
Target area: back of upper arms (triceps)

Foxx is a shoe-in for the Oscar race with Ray

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff Writer

I frequent matinees as a precautionary measure, meaning I enjoy the early shows because they are less crowded. Going to see Ray on opening weekend was no different, or so I thought. Upon arrival I noticed a longer line at the ticket booth. I entered the movie theater 10 minutes early and I was shocked to find that the movie was packed. Before going to this film I was skeptical, not because of the film's credibility, but because of the actor cast to play Ray Charles, Jamie Foxx.

Jamie Foxx is a terrific comedian that I've enjoyed watching over the years, but in my mind I didn't think that he could measure up to portraying the man whose music I grew up listening to with my father.

Within the first few minutes of the film, Jamie Foxx will win you over with a performance so captivating that you are forced to appreciate the artistic ability of a man who captured the mannerisms of Ray Charles.

Foxx depicted the very essence that Ray

Charles presented during his lifetime, from his toothy smile to his quirky and fast paced speech pattern.

The emotional factor in this movie is phenomenal and will be sure to have tearful affect on the audience.

Great performances from supporting actors, a great life story and interesting facts about Ray Charles that are commonly unknown to the general public make this movie Oscar-worthy.

Whether it's best picture, best actor (Jamie Foxx), best supporting actress (Regina King) or best cinematography, this movie is definitely worth your eight dollars.

I think that everyone should see this movie because it shows one of America's greatest music legends as a hero on so many levels especially because of the difficulties he overcame and the boundaries he broke through. There is also a life lesson in the movie, but you have to see it to find out what it is. Ray earned \$20.1 million its opening weekend, which came in second to The Grudge. ♦



Jamie Foxx



Ray Charles

Blues singer Ray Charles, right, sings in this March 3, 1996, photo in Pasadena, Calif. Actor Jamie Foxx, left, portrays Charles in the new film "Ray."

Govs go Hollywood preview

By WHITNEY JOY
Staff writer

It's official, Homecoming 2004 at Austin Peay State University has started. The Office of Student Life and Leadership has worked hard all year to make this annual event enjoyable for APSU students.

Trish Halsted, secretary for the Office of Student Life and Leadership, said, "The Govs Go Hollywood theme was voted on last year during the Coming Home basketball game."

As a part of homecoming activities a theme day will occur each day during homecoming week so students can show off their Peay Pride. Theme day competition activities include Twin Day, Celebrity Day, and Spirit Day.

To be considered a winner in this competition, you or your organization must come to Student Life and Leadership. Each theme day the winner will receive a \$10 gift card from Wal-Mart.

Media Rollings, coordinator of special events and programming, said, "A lot of students complain about the lack of things to do on campus but homecoming is a great opportunity for students to kick back and have fun with one another."

Tonight APSU's annual War of the Wings, Chariot Races and Bonfire will be taking place on the Intramural Field at 6 p.m. On Thursday, Nov. 4, the Comedy Show is being held in Clement Auditorium. It will feature comedians Patt Brown, Dan Mengini and Prescott of BET and Comedy Central fame.

"After the Comedy Show we'll be having the Hollywood Lounge at Java City. There will be a live band, Butter and honey and we'll be serving mocktails, fake cocktails," said Rollings.

On Friday the 5th the Pep Rally/Step Off will happen in the UC Plaza. This annual step-off allows Greeks and non-Greeks to show off their skills, as well as the opportunity to bridge the gaps between ethnic groups.

On Saturday, the day will start with the Homecoming Parade. This event is a major part of APSU's homecoming. It not only gives student organization the opportunity to show off school spirit, but it also builds partnerships among peers.



IMAGE BY JAROD LEONARD

As part of homecoming week students participated in The Apollo competition on Monday.

The parade starts at 9:45 a.m. but be sure to get there early for a great spot. Following the parade, the tailgating extravaganza Hollywood Boulevard will be going on. Halsted said, "20 vendors will be set up for shopping in the Armory parking lot. Hooters and Cici's Pizza will be providing free food for the students with a Student ID, so please come out."

So don't let Student Life and Leadership's hard work go to waste, come out to the homecoming activities. If you would like more information about upcoming events visit www.apsu.edu. ♦

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None of the smoke

Abbadon's Vision arrives in Trahern



Several of Erica Krampitz's works appear on display in the student gallery of the Trahern building, Room 108. Her works incorporate many types of media including pencil, ink, charcoal, clay sculpture and ceramics. Some of her pieces are recommended for mature audiences only.

By ELIZABETH JENKINS
Guest Writer

"It represents an explosion. It's pent up energy and that energy corresponds into my art. I want my audience to see it as explosive," said Austin Peay State University student-artist Erica Krampitz on her gallery entitled "Abbadon's Vision," located in room 108 in the Trahern building. On opening night students gathered at the exhibit to view Krampitz's works. "Abbadon is the Hebrew name for the angel who guards the bottomless pit and in Greek it means destroyer." This contrast lends itself to Krampitz's art by combining vivid colors and lush images with serious subject matter. "Each piece is intricate. There is a story within a story. A lot of the pieces correspond as a narrative: political and social

commentary."

The overlapping of various symbols and pictures adorn "Abbadon's Vision," both delicate and fierce. In a piece titled "Bermusa," translated in Greek as raging female, a seductive nude woman straddles a cherry and is draped with an American flag. She is overlapping a sadistic looking skull. There are layers and layers of thought provoking images, brought to life by a mixed media of colored pencils, markers, charcoal and ceramics in an awesomely psychedelic fashion.

"Everyone will find some piece they can enjoy and relate to," said the artist. "Abbadon's Vision" will be open for a week from Oct. 31 through Nov. 7.

To find out more about the art of Krampitz visit: www.TheBlackPineapple.com.

Oxymorons musical performance success at Java City

Professors leave the podium and take the stage.

By ERIC MILLER
Assistant Opinions Editor

The lighting was low, but the crowd's smiles were bright as The Oxymorons, a band of Austin Peay State University professors, rocked through a three-hour set at Java City last Thursday.

The atmosphere was very casual during the performance. While the band played songs like "Rip It Up," a Little Richard song from 1956, the audience tapped their feet and clapped their hands. It must be said, however, that there was a natural curiosity in the air as students watched their normally reserved professors singing and playing instruments.

The members of The Oxymorons are an eclectic bunch. Stanley Yates, a professor of music, manned the guitar and assumed the bulk of the singing duties for the evening. Mickey Wadia, professor of English, traded The Bard for Berry and played keyboards with an enthusiasm usually reserved for his lectures. Associate Professor of Greek and

Latin Timothy Winters cuts past the quiet-cool persona he radiates to the students that wander the halls of the Harned building in order to bang the drums not-so-slowly. Rounding out the quartet is John Moseley, the band's newest member. He is an assistant professor of communication and the band's bassist, who casually leaned upon his seat as he provided an instrumental backbone to the group.

The set list was diverse while always maintaining an upbeat tempo. Winters commented on what the band will be offering to the students.

"We expect anyone who comes will be there dance," Winters said. He proved to be right when several spritely young woman danced during the livelier tunes, pulling people, some willing and others not, out to dance with them.

It was a very fun way to spend three hours. For those who did not have an opportunity to see The Oxymorons, they will be performing on Friday, Nov. 5th at 9 p.m. at the Front Page Deli. ♦



PHOTO BY MELINDA SIMMONS

Timothy Winters, associate professor of Greek and Latin, entertains concert goers.

Gallery showcases multi-media and contemporary art

By WAYNE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Tennessee is home to many talented individuals well-versed in a plethora of academic and creative concentrations, and art is no exception.

Artistically centered showcases, displayed in the Trahern Art Center, allow other students to behold the accomplished works of their peers. The latest collection, called "Scouts," is an exhibit focused on video and construction, and a delight for the eyes.

The exhibit, made by Tennessee artists Jason Brown, Lain York, Greg Pond and Terry Glispin, features various settings within a singular environment.

Images of serene environments such as the flow of a stream adorn a selection of screens, and a wooden see-saw being "ridden" by two contrasting flower pieces is the focal point for another part of the exhibition.

In terms of a painting medium, "Scouts" delivers with superb, culturally diverse material. The bright, vivid backgrounds accompanying the various figures constructed on the works is simply ravishing and aesthetically pleasing.

Laid throughout each area of the exhibit is a common theme or emotion. For example, one part of the exhibit focuses on the aspect of symmetry, while another may reveal the artistic value hidden in a piece of junk.

Personally evaluating the pieces and making your own assumptions regarding them further adds to the abstract nature of the showcase.

Although the uses of all of the various mediums are intuitive used, the overall message of the pieces may not be easily understood, as some APSU students claim.

Additionally, some found particular mediums, such as the video presentations, pointless.

"I found the art and the colors of the paintings to be exquisite, and the texture used to make them was quite fascinating," said Grace Dorris, a senior majoring in Art Illustration.

"However, from an artistic standpoint, I was biased toward the visual (presentation) art. I didn't feel that it was equally as powerful or important as the other mediums. Overall, I did not enjoy it," she said.

Fine Arts major Paul Fly also joins Dorris in this view, said, "I didn't like it and didn't find it very good."

Albeit controversial in terms of "pure" artistic content, "Scouts" is an exciting, unique way to experience an alternative look into the spectrum of art, and should prove to be a thought-provoking journey for both average viewers and seasoned art veterans alike.

The "Scouts" exhibit will be on display in Trahern until Nov. 11. ♦

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Governors football raises record, scores season's first victory



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Earl Williams Jr. (34) and Ryan Taylor (28) team up for a quarterback sack, forcing a fumble.

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Governors' football team could not have picked a better time to get their week started off right with Homecoming right around the corner. After sending the Charleston Golden Eagles home with a 28-20 loss, the Gobs will have a week to celebrate win number one.

"We did a lot of positive things," McCray said. "We had some of our seniors step up and make plays." The Gobs knew they needed to start the game off big, and senior Corey Phillips did just that, returning the opening kick-off 64 yards to the Golden Eagles' 26. From there, quarterback Jesse Kellogg and running back Chris Fletcher worked the ball into the Eagles' red zone, converting on a fourth down pass play which put the ball

on the nine-yard line. From there the Gobs took the lead after Kellogg hooked up with senior Paul Derrick.

It did not take the Eagles long to put seven on the board themselves as they drove down the Gobs' defense. Ten plays and a 65-yard drive later, the game was tied.

Just before the first quarter ended, Gobs senior Ryan Taylor added to his sack total for the year as he brought down quarterback Cory Isner, forcing a fumble. Taylor returned to the Gobs line-up, after being sidelined for a ruptured blood vessel earlier in the season.

Jordan Richardson recovered the fumble on the Eagles 12-yard line, ending the first quarter.

Three plays into the second, Kellogg decided it was time to put another seven on the Gobs' side, as he faked a swing pass to Fletcher and instead came back with a screen to Quea Williams. This gave the

Gobs a 14-7 lead, but the Gobs did not want to go into the locker room with only a seven-point lead.

After trading punts with the Eagles, the Gobs found themselves starting their final second quarter drive at the Eagle 45. After driving down the field, Kellogg rushed for 13 yards and set up a Fletcher nine-yard run into the end zone. The play ended the first half with the Gobs up, 21-7.

"We felt relief coming into halftime," Kellogg said. "It felt good, but we knew we had to finish strong."

The Golden Eagles were knocking at the Gobs' door early in the third quarter and they settled for two field goals, making it 21-13.

After the two field goals, the Gobs knew they had to get things going again or they would be stuck with yet another loss. Fletcher was the man who got things started. After a 20-yard run by Fletcher,

Kellogg then hit Pat Curran for three straight pass plays.

"I just knew we were going to win the game at that point," Curran said. "When I got that score, I knew the defense wasn't going to let us lose."

The Eagles would score again with 3:02 left in the game making it 28-20, but were unable to force a Gobs turnover. The Gobs would start a slow drive from their own 33 and run out the clock.

For the fourth time this season, Fletcher would finish the game with 100 yards rushing on 23 attempts. Kellogg on the other hand finished the game with 196 yards passing and three touchdowns.

Defensively, the sophomore linebacker Charlie Forte was credited with 19 tackles, with seven solo hits.

"I am just so happy for our players," said McCray. "They have stuck together through all of this. I couldn't be more proud of them." ♦

It's basketball time at Austin Peay: Gobs and Lady Gobs prepare

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

With the 2004-2005 season looming, Austin Peay State University's men's and women's basketball teams are hoping to surprise some people.

In the Ohio Valley Conference preseason poll, voted by the league's coaches and sports information directors, the Gobs were picked fifth, while the Lady Gobs were picked third. Gobs senior Anthony Davis collected preseason first-team All-OVC honors. On the women's side, juniors Kera Bergeron and Ashley Haynes were selected preseason first-team All-OVC, with APSU being the only women's team to have two players named to the preseason squads.

"Being picked third is just going to serve to get us fired up," Bergeron said. "It's incentive when you're not picked number one to want to go out and show everyone what you've got. I think it'll really motivate this team."

The Lady Gobs are returning six

players from last year's team, including four starters. Senior Cassandra Peek will be a big part of the team's leadership, as well as juniors Bergeron, Haynes, Carden Cobb, Alicia Watson and red-shirt sophomore Missy Booker.

"Cassandra Peek is a senior who's been around a long time and has done a lot of good things for us," women's head coach Andy Blackston said. "But I'm looking at all of our returning players for leadership. I expect for all of them to set the standard and share the tradition."

The Lady Gobs do have a winning tradition to think about. They have won the OVC regular season the past two years and have won the OVC tournament crown the last four. Many APSU fans wonder if the Lady Gobs will be able to recover from their loss of center Gerlonda Hardin. Hardin was named to the 2004 OVC All-Tournament team, and she received the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.

"I think people are underestimating us

a little bit, mostly because they don't think we'll be able to recover from losing Gerlonda," Blackston said. "I'm not convinced of that. I think that we have a team that's going to step up and fill that void."

"It's not a one-person show here at Austin Peay," Haynes said. "It's a team game, and everybody chips in. I expect us to do what we've been doing for the past four years."

During preseason, three Lady Gobs are fighting for that coveted post position. Booker, along with freshmen Robin Leslie and Kellea Reeves are working hard everyday, trying to get a head above the rest. Booker returns to the Lady Gobs line-up this season, following a knee injury that kept her from seeing game time last year.

"All three of them are going at it," Blackston said, "and the important thing to realize is that all three of them are going to help us win. As long as they keep competing against each other and making

each other better, that's what we want."

"I want to step up," Leslie said. "I want to come in with my head on straight and do whatever I can to help the team succeed."

The men's team, who were the undefeated regular-season OVC champions last year, will look to continue their success this season, minus four of last season's starters. Point guard Corey Gipson, forward Adrian Henning, center Josh Lewis and guard Wierzbza all graduated last spring, leaving Davis to carry the team's load.

"My goal for this team is to lead them to as many wins as possible, and to go out there and compete," Davis said. "There's not a lot of pressure on us because we were picked fifth in the preseason poll. We've been in this position before. Hopefully, some teams will overlook us, and we'll surprise a lot of people."

Although the Gobs boast only one starting returner, they are not lacking in experience. Seniors Levi Carmichael and

Eric Young, along with juniors Zac Schlader and Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton and sophomore Fernandez Lockett each bring a considerable amount of game time from last season.

"I just take it one day at a time," Hampton said. "I'm trying to help out everyone on the team with what I've learned so far so that our team can continue to get better."

The Gobs' non-conference schedule is composed of teams that combined for a 60.5 winning percentage in 2003-2004, with six of the teams prolonging play into post-season. The tough competition will prove a challenge for the Gobs, as they strive to keep their 29-game home winning streak alive. The streak is the second-longest in the nation.

The Gobs will kick off their season at the 2004 Paradise Jam, Nov. 19-22, which will take them to Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands, before returning to the Dave Aaron Arena to host Wichita State in their home-opener, Nov. 27. ♦

My Two Cents

By KRISTEN SCHABERT
Staff Writer

Congratulations to the Austin Peay State University football team for its win this weekend!

Currently, the football team is non-scholarship. Recently, President Hoppe mentioned she was interested in looking into reinstating scholarship football.

While I realize that it may not be the most popular choice, I really think that the football team here at APSU should stay a non-scholarship program.

If the school does decide to reinstate scholarships for the football program, great! I certainly won't object. But I'd really like to see it stay as it is, for many reasons.

First, though, I'd like to say that I am in no way saying that our players don't deserve scholarships. This has nothing to do with the current players or coaching staff. This is about the program as a whole.

For those of you who think going back to scholarship football is the best choice, let me offer my views. A successful and highly competitive football program takes years to build. Just offering scholarships would not automatically assure us a winning season or a championship team. It could take years before we saw the fruits of paying football players to come here.

I say, let it stay as it is. Again, this is nothing against our football players. I think they are to be respected because they are playing simply for the love of the game. There's nothing else they get except the experience of playing collegiate football. Not many athletes will do that.

You see athletes being picky all the time about who can offer them a better deal and which school has the best opportunities for them to be the star. Even if they may be struggling this season, that doesn't mean they aren't working hard or don't deserve respect.

Anyway, if APSU went back to scholarship football, I think many people would be disappointed with the outcome. It would cost a lot of money that I doubt the school would be able to make back in revenue from football games. Even if most of the funding came from private donors, APSU would still have to supplement some of the money.

And, we'd still have good UT to compete against. How many of you would stay here to watch the Gobs play, even if they were playing for a league championship, if the Vols were playing the same day? Probably not too many!

I would certainly be interested in hearing what everyone else has to say about this topic. It's definitely a touchy one, and one that even I was slightly on the fence about until recently.

What are the best arguments that you can come up with for and against offering scholarships? Maybe if we can really come up with some good opinions, we can actually have a say in the matter... so let us know what you think.

Email the sports section at theallstate@apsu.edu with your thoughts on the future of APSU football. ♦

Governors cross country finishes 8th, Lady Gobs end 11th in OVC

By ASHLEY SCHILLING
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's men's and women's cross country teams competed in the 2004 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships last Saturday in Martin, Tenn.

As a season-ender for the Gobs, the men's team finished in eighth place while the women's team finished in 10th place. The men's team improved their standing from last year's disappointing 11th place finish.

Senior Matt Duncan led the men's team in the eight-kilometer race. He finished with a time of 29:51.51 and in 41st place. Following him was freshman Josh Yeckering who fell short of the top spot for the men, due to having to stop several times in the last mile of the race due to serious leg cramps. Yeckering finished with a time of 30:41.06 and in 49th place.

The Gobs kept up the effort as freshman Matt Rowe (30:58.40) grabbed the 51st spot and sophomore Jimmy Clark (31:33.12) finished in 56th place. Senior John Beamer (32:09.04) finished in 30th place, which allowed the Gobs to beat Tennessee-Martin.

"Going into the meet, we thought that we were going to move up in the ranks, and we did," head coach Doug Molnar said.

While the men placed 8th in the championship, the women finished in 11th, with a total time of 1:56:26.87. Fifth year senior Jessie Mills (21:13.86) finished 38th, leading the Lady Gobs in the five-kilometer race. Right behind her was freshman Cherice Allison (22:01.57) placing in 46th. Sophomore Denise Honea (22:31.61) finished 51st, while Deanna Hensley (25:52.08) finished in 69th.

"We had an opportunity and competed well, but we couldn't get over the hump," Molnar said. "We just didn't get it done. We had four out of five of our runners performing this year for the first time, so they did well."

"We really had a chance to compete with Jacksonville State, Tennessee State, Murray and Martin, with only 43 points separating us," Molnar added. "Unfortunately, we got the short end of the stick."

With a new coaching staff leading the team, the both the Gobs and Lady Gobs have improved both in the OVC rankings and statistically throughout the season. Yet in the end, Sanford's women and Eastern Kentucky's men took home top honors.

"I'm really proud of both of the teams," Molnar said. "It was a difficult situation this season due to the last-minute coaching changes. We'll be ready for next season." ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Staff Writer

During high school, Molly Thomas never dreamed she would be a prominent member of a college rifle team. Thomas had no knowledge whatsoever when it came to shooting. However, it seems fate thought otherwise.

"I always played softball in high school," said the Austin Peay State University junior, "but I never planned on playing in college. One of my friends came up to me and said that the rifle team was looking for some people, so I figured I would give it a try."

Thomas and APSU rifle coach Howard Wooster both attest that her greatest strengths are her dedication to her team and her determination to improve.

"This is Molly's third year, and each year she has made steady progress," said Wooster. "She has always been consistent and had good placement. By her senior year, she'll be very good."

Thomas' improvement can clearly be seen by her scores in the past two years. Last year, her average score was a 337 on a four-target format. This year, she has risen to a 532 average on a six-target format, including her career-best score 542 in last Saturday's loss to Murray State.

One factor that also helps Molly's placement is the team's new rifles from Switzerland.

"The new rifles are definitely a whole lot better,"

Name: Molly Thomas

Class: Junior

Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.

Sport: Rifle

Major: Sociology

After college: Get a job.

Favorite place to eat: Grandmother's house

Role model: "My mother (Marilyn) because she dedicates herself to helping people."

What gets you focused before a match?

"I try to think how important each match is and meditate on what I have to do."

What is a match you are looking forward to?

"The Citadel because we get to stay on the beach."

What is the best part about being an APSU student?

"The life-long friendships you make."

Thomas said, "especially since we moved to a six-target match format instead of four. It is always easier when you have a lighter weapon."

Along with rifle, the 21-year old is also very active in the Baptist Collegiate Ministries located on campus, as she plays the bass guitar for the BCM praise band. Molly is a member of S.I.S.T.E.R.S. United and is an active referee for University Recreation. ♦



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Junior Molly Thomas practices shooting during the team's first week with their new rifles.

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Lady Gobs soccer takes finale

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Staff Writer

It is always said "to save your best for last" or to go out with a "bang." The Lady Gobs soccer team did just that on Thursday night, defeating visiting Trevecca 6-0 in their final game of the season.

"It was a high note for us to end on, and I am extremely proud of the team," said head coach Kelley Poole-Guth.

At end of this season, the Lady Gobs had broken several new records. This victory has set a record for the most wins in Austin Peay State University's women's soccer history with eight. This is their second largest shut-out of the season, following behind a 7-0 defeat against Lambuth earlier in the season.

Also, freshman Jessica House added one more goal on Thursday, which contributed to set a new record for the most goals scored in a season, with eight.

"The progress is obvious, and we are steadily improving," Poole-Guth said. "We expect more positive results and hope to make a bigger impact in the conference next season."

Within two minutes of being

substituted in the match for a teammate, sophomore Erica Dengler scored the first goal for the Lady Gobs in the game's 20th minute.

Following shortly after that, freshman Virginia Penner shot two attempts to score. The first one was blocked by Trevecca goalkeeper Casey Thornton, while the other one landed deep in the net, adding another point for the Lady Gobs.

APSU had only two goals in the first half, but that number would double in the second half.

The first goal of the second half came from freshman Austina Leonard in the 59th minute, and shortly thereafter, senior Erin Mitchell found the net in the 66th minute of her last match as an APSU student-athlete.

"Erin finished up her collegiate career strongly for us," Poole-Guth said. "She usually plays defense, but we let her play offense and she came up big for us as usual."

A couple of minutes later, freshman Claire Bennett and Lady Gobs' leading scorer Hosse each got a shot into the goal.

"Everyone got an opportunity to play, and we had a number of people step up their game and show good

results," Poole-Guth said.

The Lady Gobs will end their season with 8-9-2 record on the season and an eighth-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Freshman Stephanie Hosse protects the ball from a Trevecca defender during the Lady Gobs' 6-0 victory.

Lady Gobs volleyball sweeps two

By MICHAEL KELLUM
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The Lady Gobs won two road games this past weekend against Tennessee-Martin Friday and Murray State Saturday. In Friday's 3-2 (30-24, 22-30, 21-30, 30-24, 15-6) win against Tennessee-Martin, their first since 1999, the Lady Gobs only had one more kill than Martin, 53-52, and trailed in attack percentage, .098-.077, but still managed to pull out the victory.

Freshman Jaimie Thill recorded a team-high 12 kills, and led the team in attack percentage with .276, while adding four blocks. Senior Sarah Schramka provided 11 kills, while

Laura Wussow and Julie Burkhalter each added 10.

"It was a big match for both teams, and we started off well," head coach Cheryl Holt said. "A win is a win, and we were fortunate enough to be the team to bring home the victory."

With the loss, Martin falls half of a game behind Austin Peay State University in league standings.

In Saturday's match against Murray State, the Lady Gobs won 3-0 (30-18, 30-25, 30-21) in a hard-fought three games.

APSU had 50 kills and a .308 attack percentage. Schramka led the winning effort with 12 kills and a .205 attack percentage. Wussow and Burkhalter

each had 10 kills.

Murray State had 43 kills, but could not do much against the Lady Gobs defense, recording only a .074 attack percentage. APSU had 43 kills in the game to go along with 12 blocks.

"We didn't know what to expect because even though their record isn't great, they have played everyone tough," Holt said. "We played one of our best games of the season."

The Lady Gobs record, 11-13 overall and 7-5 in the conference, is tied for fourth place with Morehead State. Coach Holt said she would love to go on another winning streak.

"It would be nice," she said. "We'll just have to wait and see." ♦

Austin Peay ROTC Ranger Challenge team will compete this weekend

By MATT HEISS
Staff Writer

There are many different organizations that are associated with Austin Peay State University, but one could argue that there is none more physically and mentally demanding than the APSU Army ROTC Ranger Challenge team.

Not too many people can say they do more before 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday than members of the Ranger Challenge team. That's because the two teams, the Black team and the Gold team, are currently training for their annual Ranger Challenge competition, held at Fort Jackson, SC.

This weekend, the two teams will travel to Fort Jackson where they will compete against other universities such as Vanderbilt, MTSU and the University of South Carolina.

"I am really impressed with the two teams," said Nathan Ellis, Cadet ranger challenge commander. "Not only have the members met the standards, but they have gone above and beyond."

The team is comprised of two 10-member teams, which are based on experience. Though there is one freshman, Ruben Mabry, on the team, the Black team is typically comprised of prior service members and members who have competed in a competition similar to this one.

"I have competed in competitions in high school, but nothing on this level," said Mabry. "I look forward to giving it all I have got for my team members."

The Gold team, who are all first-year team members, have had to absorb a lot of information in a short amount of time. Overall, Cadet Ellis is very impressed with how they have been working together.

"The Gold team has really come



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Black team (pictured), along with the Gold team will compete in the Ranger Challenge, which includes physical, as well as classroom, events.

together as a team, and I know they will work well together when competing in the various events," Ellis said. "By being a part of this team, they are gaining so much information and experience that will make them become leaders in their class."

The events include a Friday night commander's event, in which the team will have an obstacle to overcome. The event could be anywhere from a one rope bridge to a zodiac (water) movement.

Saturday morning the teams will rise before the sun and compete in the standard Army Physical Fitness Test. The test includes push-ups and sit-ups for two minutes, as well as a two-mile run. Many of the members are graded on the extended scale, which is anything over a score of 300.

From there, the teams will move out and complete a hand grenade assault course, where they will be tested on their throwing forms and identification.

Individually, they will receive a score which will be totaled into a team score. But this is not the only course the team will complete.

After the hand grenade assault course, they will move onto a 19-event

obstacle course where the team will compete against the clock.

Though all the events have been physical, there are some knowledge and classroom events. These events include a written patrolling test and a land navigation (map reading) test. The test questions will come straight from the Army field manuals, which the cadets have been studying in and out of the classroom. After the written land navigation test, the teams will move outside and compete in a day and night land navigation course.

The team members will be divided into two-man buddy teams, where they will run through the woods looking for 10 pre-plotted points. The teams will have exactly one hour to complete the course in the shortest amount of time as possible.

The second-to-last event will include an M16 disassembly, assembly and functions check event. There the members will be required to take apart and put back together an M16 in the shortest amount of time possible.

The day will end with a timed 6.2 mile road march. Members will be given a packing list and be required to carry their gear from start to finish. ♦

APSU golf hosts final fall tournament

By MICHAEL TAYLOR
Staff Writer

"Rain, rain, go away, come again another day" is a saying usually heard by young children on a rainy day when they can't go out and play. In this case, the Lady Gobs' golf team would be saying it after their second consecutive tournament, F&M Bank Austin Peay State University Intercollegiate, was cancelled after the first round due to rain, which resulted in a seventh-place finish. The men, on the other hand, used the rain to their advantage and finished first in the same tournament last Monday and Tuesday.

"This was a good experience for us to win," head coach Kirk Kayden said. "Everyone contributed with a total team effort, and we finally put three rounds together."

The men's golf team shot a low third round score of 281, which put them 13 strokes over Samford (829), resulting in the victory with a score of

842.

Leading the pack for the Gobs was sophomore Justin Metzger, who shot a second team low of 68 on the final round to finish with 210. Metzger tied for a third-place finish.

Freshman Grant Leaver shot a team low of 67 on the first round and two pars (72), ending with 211, that placed him in a fifth-place tie.

Sophomore Yoshio Yamamoto shot 212, finishing in a tie for sixth place. Freshman Chris Barron shot 213, finishing in a ninth-place tie, and red shirt freshman Luke Ladd shot 219, finishing in 34th place.

Freshman Jimmy Humston played in his first collegiate tournament as an individual and shot 233 at the end of the final round.

"This will be a good motivation for us going into the spring schedule. We are expecting good things as long as we stay focused and practice hard," Kayden said.

On the women's side, APSU shot

335 after the end of the first round and ended up finishing seventh, while Princeton won the tournament with 315.

Sophomore Amanda Rose finished at the top for the Lady Gobs with an 82 and tied for 20th place, while junior Erin Wise followed behind with an score of 83 to finish in a 26th-place tie.

Junior Chirstine Idoux finished 32nd and shot an 84 for the day. Junior Pier-Anne LaChance shot an 86, resulting in a 44th-place finish and freshman Christina Lignarolo shot a 93 to put her in 68th place at the end of the day.

This is the second consecutive tournament in which the Lady Gobs did not get an opportunity to improve upon after the first round due to rain conditions.

The week before, the Great Smokies Tournament in Waynesville, NC, was also cancelled after the first round due to rain. ♦

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Homecoming Week Events:

Wed. Nov. 3

11a.m. - Chili Cook-Off

University Center Ballroom.

Come eat chili made by different students, faculty and staff.

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6 p.m. - Campus Cookout War of the Wings/Charlot Races Followed by the traditional lighting of the Bonfire

Intramural Field

Thu. Nov. 4

7 p.m. - Lights, Camera, Action Comedy Show

Clement Auditorium, free to APSU students

\$10 general admission.

Tickets on sale in advance and day of event at

Morgan University Center Information Desk

Comedians performing include

Pat Brown, Dan Mengini and Prescott

9 p.m. - Hollywood Lounge

Java City, free to APSU students,

admission for non-students is 2 canned goods.

Free Mock-tails and live music by Butter and Sugar.

Fri. Nov. 5

11:30 a.m. Pep Rally/Step-Off

Morgan University Center Plaza, free

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. - NPHC Black and White Affair

"The Down Under" at the

Pinnacle Family Entertainment Center, 430 Warfield Blvd.

(Advance ticket purchase required.)

Sponsored by the APSU National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Admission \$10 single, \$15 couple; tickets available in advance at the Morgan University Center Information Desk.

Sat. Nov. 6

9 a.m. Hollywood Blvd. (Street Fair)

Stadium Lot

Open to the public.

A variety of vendors will provide food, crafts and Greek items.

APSU students eat free with valid ID.

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