



Two graduates of Austin Peay State University's ROTC program have been reunited in Germany. Lt. Col. Paul Self, left, and Lt. Col. Jim Huggins II, right, met for the first time since graduation in Grafenwoehr, where Huggins' battalion was participating in a combat training exercise.

Huggins, who is the son of Margaret Kyriakos of Clarksville, graduated in 1977, and Self graduated in 1975.

(Photo courtesy of APSU Public Relations/Publications.)

Crime Scene

By ANDY SEGELKE
staff writer

March 26 At 10:06 p.m., a radar detector was reported stolen from a car parked in the But Lot.

March 23 A resident of Sever reported harassing phone calls around 2:45 a.m. The student reported that she received numerous calls within a ten minute period.

March 27 A simple assault was reported in Emerald Hills. A male was approached by three other males who asked for money. The individual stated that he had no money. The three began hitting the individual. Another male approached and broke it up.

April 1 An incident of sexual exposure was reported at the intersection of Ash and College Street. A white male reportedly pulled over to the victim and exposed himself while masturbating. The man is described as a white male in his thirties. He was driving an older model, silver Mustang convertible.

April 4 At 9:37 a.m., a bag of property was reported stolen from a library. A book bag containing two text books, an organizational chart, a cellular phone, various cards and \$50 cash was stolen from the main floor.

April 7 An assault between a man and his girlfriend was reported at 2:45 a.m. near the Memorial Health Building. Charges were filed.

Masters program proposed for School of Nursing

by KELLY WILKERSON
news editor

A proposal that would give Austin Peay a masters program in nursing is currently before the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The Advanced Practice masters degree from the School of Nursing will prepare students to "provide holistic primary health care," according to Dr. Mickey Badgett, director of the school of nursing.

Graduates of this program will be licensed and will be able to write prescriptions.

There are three specialty areas within the proposed degree program. The program includes

two years of training for a nurse practitioner specialty.

It also includes an 18-month program for a Clinical Nurse Specialist and an 18-month program year for Case Management/Managed Care.

The Masters program was approved by the university and sent to TBR for approval last May.

According to Badgett, there is a perception on campus that the TBR staff is concerned with.

The TBR settlement was a discrimination suit between the state of Tennessee and Tennessee State University (TSU) in the early

1970s that resulted in a declaration that TSU would get priority for certain programs out of all surrounding universities.

TSU is currently working on developing a masters degree program in nursing.

"We get phone calls daily from alumni and nurses in the area who want to know when the program will begin. The physicians in the area also have endorsed the program and are waiting for the Advanced Masters Degree program. It will certainly meet community and alumni needs," said Badgett.

The school of nursing currently advises 1,000 students and has 154 students in upper division classes, according to Badgett.

SGA Update

Student Act 027 was passed with amendments for \$662.64 to assist Phi Beta Sigma in attending the Southwestern Regional Leadership Conference from April 18-20 in St. Louis.

Student Act 028 was passed for \$688.20 to assist the Social Work Club in visiting the

Platteau Mental Health Center

Cookeville on April 11-12.

Discussion of the Chief Clerk was brought before the Senate. A petition being sent to the Student Union to interpret the duties of the Clerk in the SGA Constitution.

Peay Briefs

RA Applications

Anyone wishing to become an RA should turn in an application by April 11. Applications are available in the office of Housing/Residence Life. Potential candidates must also register for Carousal by April 11.

Governor's First Ladies

The Austin Peay football program is reviving a service that was once a major part of Austin Peay football, the Governor's First Ladies. Responsibilities of a first lady include: on campus touring of prospective student athletes, acting as hostesses during home football games, planning annual barbecues for players, working with coaches and players, and representing Austin Peay. Anyone interested should contact Jeanette Kramer at the football office at 648-7905.

Canned food drive

Gamma Sigma Sigma is sponsoring a canned food drive. The drive continues through April 17. There will be boxes set up in the lobbies of residence halls for the cans.

Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum

Jazz night will be held at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum on April 18 at 7 p.m. Admission fees are \$1 for museum members and \$2 for non-members. The museum also will participate in the downtown Spring Jubilee on April 26 with free admission from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be two programs on the "Expressions of Japanese Culture." Guest speaker will be Miyoko King, the Bicultural

Coordinator for the Japan Center of Tennessee in Murfreesboro. On May 3, King will teach Origami classes. For more information, telephone the museum at 648-5780.

African street festival

There will be an African Street Festival featuring art, music, dance, entertainment, food and artifacts on April 12, from noon-9 p.m., and April 13, from noon-6 p.m., on the front lawn of the university, facing College Street.

Kicking off the festival at noon will be a "Queen Mother" program that will recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding woman in the community whose contributions have influenced the campus and community.

Admission to the festival, which is sponsored by Austin Peay's Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, is free and open to everyone. For more information, call the AACC at 648-7120.

Book talk

Ann Hawkins, of the department of languages and literature, will be speaking on *What Women Want* by Patricia Ireland as part of the Women Studies Book Talk Series on Thursday, April 10 during the common hour in Library Study Rooms 5 & 6.

Essay contest

Woodward Library will be celebrating National Library Week, April 13-19. A contest will be held for APSU students to write a short essay, 100-250 words, on the theme "Libraries change lives."

The essay should describe how the Austin Peay library or any other library has changed their lives.

Essays should be submitted to the Woodward Library Information Desk on level two by 8 a.m. Monday, April 14.

Winners will be announced on Friday, April 18. Winning essays will be displayed in the library. Prizes will be awarded for the three best essays. For more information contact Nancy Dunning at 648-6288.

Free HIV testing

Clarksville Cares is a non profit organization that offers support for people living with HIV/AIDS. It provides education about HIV/AIDS to the community. The semi-annual P-Knits benefit will be Saturday, April 26 at P's Tavern, located on Franklin Street.

There will be a \$5 donation at the door and confidential HIV testing done from 9 p.m.-midnight.

Biology seminar

On April 10, Gabrielle K. Call, conservation biologist and manager at the Nature Conservancy of Tennessee, will speak on "The Changing Face of Conservation" in McCord, Room 102.

Study Abroad

Anyone interested in learning more or wishing to participate in study abroad in Mexico is invited to attend informational sessions on the first Thursday each month at 2 p.m. in Harned, Room 106.

The Study Abroad program allows students to spend either 2-4 weeks or an entire semester studying abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico. A weekend in Acapulco and many other excursions are planned for the program. The programs begin anytime after May 1. Financial aid and scholarships are available. For information, contact Dr. Ramon Magram, professor of languages and literature at 648-7847 or e-mail Magramr@apsu.edu.



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Honor the Constitution

"We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

So begins the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution created three separate independent branches of government. This system of checks and balances was designed to keep any one branch of the government from getting out of hand.

In recent years, however, the balance of power has become seriously imbalanced. Not satisfied with merely interpreting the law, the court system is hard at work trying to make the laws as well as enforcing them.

The problem is not a new one. Judicial activism dates back to the 19th century, when federal judges assumed powers that were not theirs to assume. At times they have had a liberal slant, at other times they have had a conservative one, but partisan politics is not the issue at hand.

The problem is that the court system in America has mutated into a monstrous black hole. And this black hole is threatening to suck all of the life and liberty from the document we hold so dear.

More and more, the "will of the people" is becoming less and less significant in today's society. Last year in *Evans v. Romer*, the Supreme Court invalidated an amendment to the Colorado constitution that prohibited the state and localities from treating sexual orientation as a basis for discrimination. Never mind that this was an amendment that was passed by a majority of Colorado citizens, the court felt it was unconstitutional.

In even more troubling cases, the court system has overturned elections. In November, California citizens voted overwhelmingly to amend their constitution with Proposition 209. Prop. 209 prohibited race- and sex-based preferences in California's public sector. The very next day after the citizens of the state had their say, Prop. 209 opponents got a federal judge (a carefully selected and sympathetic one) to block the enforcement of this new law.

Let's look at what's happening here. The people of the United States are exercising their right to self-governance by enacting laws and ordinances that they feel are in their best interest. The judicial system, in turn, nullifies its own at the masses and tells us that they know what's good for us and what isn't.

This is crazy. Magistrates are not appointed to make laws, that is the role and responsibility of the legislators, who (in theory) respond to the desires of their constituents. The judicial branch of government has quietly infiltrated itself into every nook and cranny of our lives. They make decisions on who can and cannot be hired and fired, they impose taxes for schools and public projects if they feel they're needed, they criminalize school prayer; they will even decide on whether your cup of coffee is too hot.

Don't get me wrong, I do support many of the decisions that the courts have made. *Evans v. Romer*, for

example, was a decision I agreed with. I feel that those people who voted in favor of the amendment are some of the biggest homophobic Neanderthals in the country — and that the amendment was really designed to subvert the rights of a certain group of men and women. I agree with the principles in which the court acted, but not their processes.

The question, then, is how do we fix the system? Tom DeLay, the third-ranking Republican in the House of Representatives, believes that Congress should take an active role in impeaching federal judges who get out of line.

Constitutional scholar Robert Bork suggests that we pass an amendment that would allow Congress to overrule a constitutional decision by the Supreme Court. Limiting the terms of federal judges to a set period of time has also been offered as a solution, as judges have a tendency to become more activist-oriented with age. However, I don't feel that any of these are viable alternatives.

Some people contend that the Constitution was meant to be a "living, breathing" document. In other words, it was designed to adapt as the country and its citizens changed. John Marshall wrote that the Constitution was "intended to endure for ages to come, and consequently, to be adapted to the various crises of human affairs."

There is no question that we haven't changed tremendously in the last 210 years. The trouble is that if the courts treat the Constitution as a flexible, malleable document, then it is up to them to decide when and how it should be adapted. This is way too much power for a few people to wield. We are allowing a few individuals to chart the course of this nation, when it should be the will of the people who are at the helm.

I believe that a new constitution is needed. I'm not suggesting that the old one be left by the wayside, most of what is in there is as relevant today as it was in 1789. I'm just saying that "we've come a long way, baby" and have changed in ways that the framers of the Constitution could never have imagined.

John Marshall also wrote that the Constitution should be interpreted literally, since it was written by reasonable men in plain language who knew what they wanted to say and said it. If we accept Marshall's definition, the U.S. government would have to be called an illegitimate one.

Charley Reese of the Orlando Sentinel, writes that "no government that exceeds the authority granted it by the Constitution can be termed legitimate. In America, the Constitution — not the federal government — is the supreme law of the land." And as we have seen, it is the Constitution that has been rendered null and void by an activist judiciary and bureaucratic politicians.

Self-government is not what the judiciary and federal government are seeking to preserve. They have their self-interests at heart. You really want a company have self-government then you are going to have to fight for it. You certainly aren't going to get any help from political machines. The vampires in Washington have tasted power, and will do anything they can to keep it.

Change, if it is to happen must come from below. If you are happy with the way that other people run your life, then by all means, do nothing at all. After all, wouldn't that be the easiest way?

Sal meets the Press...



Summer grads should have commencement too

Last winter, the night before my biggest final, I received some disturbing news. My husband walked into our bedroom wearing a face I'll never forget. He told me that our time here was going to be unexpectedly shortened. He had gotten orders to leave his current position to act as a recruiter for the U.S. Army.

The following day, I went to see my adviser in the mass communications department to reevaluate my required curriculum and to ensure that graduation in August would be possible if I took a much heavier load this semester and in the summer. Understanding the unexpected situation I was in, the mass communication faculty were very supportive and understanding and I believe should be commended for their evident concern.

After I realized that I could take a full load this summer and graduate, I called to find out when graduation would be held. I told the desk clerk a condensed version of my story and asked plainly, "When is graduation?" The person on the other end replied, "August eighth."

One day while talking to an APSU graduate and fellow employee, I alluded to the fact that after I took a couple of classes this summer I would be graduating. It was then that I found out — contrary to what I had been told — there was no summer graduation.

In disbelief, I quickly called and once again asked the question, "When is graduation?" The worker said "August eighth." I smiled and I told you to smile at my coworker, when he said, "Ask them if there is a walking ceremony." I did, and she said no. I was told to come back in December for a graduation ceremony.

Never mind the fact that it would be ridiculous to return four months after I actually graduate for the ceremony, but our location as to where we will be living is still unknown.

I began to weigh my options and priorities. At first, walking the stage was so not important until I realized that my husband has never been there to see me complete a long-term goal.

He was out of state with the Army when I received my associates degree. I always go to his military graduations and take great pride in his accomplishments. I wanted to give him a chance to have that feeling — the feeling that "we did this by ourselves."

Being in the Army, I was not eligible for grants, financial aid or even work study, so he paid for my

last two years. Needless to say, on a military paycheck that's a great accomplishment.

I am the youngest of five children and will be the last one to receive my diploma. My family has been plagued with many trials and tribulations from repetitive back surgeries to leukemia, but each of us has persevered and earned our desired degree.

The reason I say this is to make it clear why I feel so strongly about this injustice. Walking the stage is a time for family to take pride in our achievements and witness our passage into the "real world." It is also how we validate our hard work and receive proper closure to our college career for ourselves and our loved ones.

After a vast number of Austin Peay staff members gave me "I hate it for you" responses, one staff member finally referred me to Dr. Barbara Tarter. I went armed with orders from the Department of the Army and a hopeful smile.

She was very patient and seemed understanding. She told me that four years ago it became policy that a student must have completed all required courses by graduation day to walk the stage.

I reminded her that when people walk the stage, they do NOT receive their diploma at that time. It is for that reason it is my right to walk the stage; APSU refuses to offer a graduation ceremony in the summer. I can understand the problem of budget constraints but that is no reason for Austin Peay to penalize summer graduates.

If there is no summer graduation because it is not a necessity, then we need to look at the thousands of dollars we students spend each semester on tuition, books and other fees and make it a necessity.

For people who are not going to be moving to another part of the country, a solution might be to come back four months later to participate in a graduation ceremony. But it is those of us who do not have that choice of returning for a proper graduation who suffer, because we are allowed under no circumstances "outside of death" to walk the stage and then return for the remaining classes in the summer and actually get our diploma. Walking the stage should not be a privilege — it is our right.

I have been made to feel as though I am asking for a favor. I am not asking for a favor, I am asking for justification for why walking the stage is treated as a privilege. I have earned a respectable G.P.A. as well as enough credits to graduate in August.

While doing research, I contacted five other schools: Vanderbilt, Middle Tennessee State University, University of Kentucky in Lexington, Belmont University and Western Kentucky University. I was told by their administrators that they would allow a student in my situation to participate in spring graduation and finish the last two classes in the summer.

Until this point, I have been reassured that the policy is being considered for alteration. Tarter is apparently relentlessly working on an alternative solution to benefit summer grads. Thanks also needs to go out for her efforts; because until this point she has been the only one to go that extra mile. But unfortunately time is limited and no decision has been made.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for voting

I want to commend each student who participated in the Student Government Association elections on April 2 and exercised their right to vote.

I also wish to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported me in the campaign. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity and the privilege to serve the Austin Peay student body as vice president.

Nancy Washington

The All State welcomes all letters to the editor. They should be less than 300 words and sent to Post Office Box 8334 by 5 p.m. Friday before the next publication date.

Career fair caters to seniors, jobless juniors left out of race

I've been told time and time again during my college career that it's never too early to start looking for a job.

How many times have you've been here have you heard that you should be planning for the future instead of floating through school? Why is it then that when I tried to get a job on campus, the university knocked me down?

A few weeks ago one of my professors told the class there was a Nashville area career fair planned. Staller had to set up a table at Career Services in order to get a ticket.

I had been meaning to do that anyway, so this seemed the perfect opportunity. Career Services gave me some paperwork to fill out and send for after resume was told to give reference request forms to professors who wouldn't badmouth me too badly.

Then I was told that only seniors

could look for jobs. I don't mean to be rude, but that's horrible. The idea that I need to wait until two months before graduation before looking for a job is about as antiquated as on-campus recruiting or corporate job security.

Although the majority of hires are made after graduation, a growing percentage are coming through co-ops or internships. Students get to earn money and seniority while going to school, and employers get to make sure the employee fits before a final hire is made. It's difficult to see how that sort of opportunity could be found just before graduation.

I know a guy who has been finishing his degree in night school while working for a major Nashville corporation for \$40,000 a year. Did he break the rules by getting hired as a junior? I'll have to ask him if he stuck into the career fair.

An early visit to a career fair could be an invaluable opportunity even for those who plan to go the traditional route.

It's a chance to meet potential

employers and see what they are looking for ahead of time. Wouldn't it be nice to know what particular skills a company needs when you still have time to build them into your resume?

It could be a chance to develop a relationship with employers before you become a candidate. When you see them again you have a leg up on other applicants because they know your face. At the very least, you know what not to do from watching the mistakes of others.

I understand that the reasoning behind limiting access to the career fair is space. Career Services doesn't want the place jammed with people who are shopping instead of buying.

I don't think they need to worry. Even if juniors were opened to admission, I wouldn't foresee a flood of new interest.

Most people are still going to start looking for a job about two months after graduation.

The extra people who would sign up are exactly the ones who would make the best use of the fair. Give them a chance.

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Govs lose 16-14 slugfest with Colonels

By JEFF LOCKRIDGE
staff writer

Coach Gary McClure and his Bat-Govs managed to swipe two of three from Eastern Kentucky during this weekend's home-stand and stay in the thick of a heated Ohio Valley Conference race.

The skies cleared Saturday night, enabling Austin Peay (17-16 overall, 7-5 in OVC play) to take a double-header from the Colonels on the soggy grounds of Raymond C. Hand park following a dreary afternoon of rain.

Greg Peay belted a grand slam to snap a 4-4 deadlock in the bottom of the sixth and the Govs withstood a three-run flurry from Eastern in the top of the seventh to snag an 8-7 win in game one.

The nightcap saw a less dramatic 6-1 conclusion thanks to some stellar pitching on behalf of Craig Smith.

Smith tossed his team-high fifth win of

the season while striking out nine to tame the Colonels batters. Aaron Siedel collected three of Austin Peay's 10 hits, including a home run and a double, to help the offensive cause.

"Saturday we pitched well and we swung the bat well," said McClure. "We felt like this was a series we had to take two of three in order to stay in the OVC hunt for the regular season title and we were able to do that."

Heading into Sunday's matinee, no one could have predicted the grudge match that awaited.

Four hours, 10 innings, 30 runs, 36 hits, and 10 errors after the first pitch, the Govs found themselves on the short end of a 16-14 epic drama.

Eastern began the scoring fusion with a three-run blast in the top of the first inning. The nightcap saw a less dramatic 6-1 conclusion thanks to some stellar pitching on behalf of Craig Smith.

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and inning, thanks to a RBI single off the bat of senior Kent Brown and a two-run shot to rightfield by freshman Joe Lancaster.

Left-handed ace Jon Huffman was knocked out of the game in the third as the Colonels tallied three more runs to jump back in front.

No lead, or pitcher, was safe in this duel though, and the Govs quickly erased Eastern's advantage with runs in the next four innings. The lead was altered four times before both teams settled on 13 runs when the sixth inning closed.

David Sloan swatted a homer and a double and Billy Mortimore hit a two-run blast just inside the foul pole to lead the Govs attack during the middle innings.

Brown impressed the crowd and Eastern hurlers by hitting safely in his first five plate appearances Sunday, giving him an astounding eight consecutive hits during the series. Brown completed the night with a

team-leading .451 batting average.

Zak Doan relieved an injured Chris Shelton in the fifth inning, and after a rocky start gained his composure to pitch a scoreless three-inning stretch to the visitors.

Austin Peay mounted a scoring threat in the bottom of the ninth, putting runners on first and second base, but Sloan's line drive was snaggged out of the air by the third baseman, saving a game-winning hit and a Govs sweep.

Eastern made the best of their second life by posting a three-spot in the top of the tenth.

As the day had dictated, Austin Peay would not go quietly in their final at-bat.

Michael Fry reached base on an error and later scored on a wild pitch to narrow the margin to 16-14, but Brett Huebner's rope to the second baseman with runners on the corners was caught and the Govs rally fell short.

"It was a heartbreaker the way we lost it," said McClure. "We played pretty well throughout with the way we kept coming back and fighting."

"All three games we gave ourselves a chance to win and that's what you want."

The Governors enter the week one game out of first in the conference, trailing Middle Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech (each 8-4 in OVC play).

"It's right there in our grasp," said McClure. "Whether you are a game ahead or a game behind you have to win every series."

"We are playing solid defense and we are scoring runs and putting pressure on the opposition. We are in striking distance and the team feels like we have a great shot."

After today's game against Louisville, the Govs take to the road in a pivotal three-game series at Southeast Missouri State this weekend.

Govs begin spring 'drills' this week

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

Spring practice is an annual ritual at colleges and universities across the country, usually culminating in a final intraquad game.

This year at Austin Peay there will be a noticeable difference.

With a total of 22 players returning for new head coach Bill Schmitz, this year's practice has been designated a spring "drill."

"It will be more spring drills than spring practice," Schmitz said. "Our goal is to teach our players the proper techniques, the proper fundamentals. We will concentrate on doing things right — we will have discipline."

The decision to drop scholarship football earlier in the year caused a mass exodus of scholarship players, even though their scholarships would have been honored for the remainder of their football career at APSU.

In last week's edition of *The All State*, Schmitz invited students with prior playing experience to join the spring drills.

Currently, the 1997 Austin Peay football schedule includes

10 games. Of those 10, only two are not against Ohio Valley Conference opponents, the opener at Morehead State on Sept. 6 and the home opener on Sept. 13 with Samford.

Along with preparing for spring practice this week, Schmitz has completed his coaching staff for the coming season.

Two assistants came from the Coast Guard Academy, where Schmitz was former head coach. Pete Rokitis is the Govs' new defensive coordinator, and Mark Riea will coach the defensive line and linebackers.

Nick Calcutta and Terry Sims are the offensive coaches, Calcutta taking the offensive line and Sims the running backs.

"We want smart football players — ones who don't make mistakes. The coaches are teachers first — my players will understand football," Schmitz said.

"Our goal is to establish the foundation for the program," he said. "We want to formulate a group of coaches and players who are going to go out and fight every week."

Lady Govs blanked by Eastern Illinois for first OVC loss

By SCOTT HOSKINS
sports editor

After starting the season 13-1, the Lady Govs softball squad now find themselves amidst a three-game losing skid with last weekend's 8-0 shutout loss to Eastern Illinois.

In Charleston, Ill., the Lady Govs were dominated by EIU pitcher Mandy White, who threw a one-hitter to pick up the win.

White went the distance, striking out four Lady Gov batters, while allowing no walks.

For the Lady Govs, senior hurler Vicki Phillips (7-3, 2.30 earned run average) was tagged for the loss after surrendering all eight runs, five of which were earned.

She struck out three Lady Panthers and issued five free passes to first base.

The Lady Govs' lone hit came from junior Becky Faulk.

The loss dropped the squad to 4-1 in the Ohio Valley Confer-

ence. Earlier in the week, Samford's Lady Bulldogs swept two games from the Lady Govs.

In Birmingham, Ala., Peay dropped 4-0 and 8-1 decisions to Samford.

Freshman Amanda Stout (6-3, 1.16 ERA) took the loss in game one, while Phillips earned the loss in the nightcap.

Although the squad has manufactured only one run in the last three games, they are batting .311 as a team and hold a .388 slugging percentage.

Stout and Phillips have a collective ERA of 1.70, while opponents are hitting at a .247 clip against them.

The squad hosts UT-Martin for a doubleheader today at 2:30 p.m. at Edith Pettus Park.

Sports briefs

Golf

Scott Newland's two under par 142 led the Austin Peay golf team to a second place finish at the Tennessee State Invitational at the Hermitage Golf Course.

Jacksonville State won the event with a score of 571, 15 strokes ahead of the Govs.

Newland's pair of 71s was good for a second-place finish in the two-day tournament, behind Florida A&M's Uric Francis.

The second place finish was the Governors' best finish this year, after placing third in their previous tournament.

John Swigart finished with a score of 145, while Scott Order carded a 148 for APSU.

Track and Field

At the SEMO Orion Relays in Cape Girardeau, Mo., the Austin Peay track team tied for 11th place.

Host Southeast Missouri State won the event with 160 total points, while Austin Peay managed five points.

Lois Price placed eighth in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 18:47.65.

Talene Davis finished fifth in the discus throw with a measurement of 126 feet.

Tennis

Austin Peay's men's tennis squad rolled to an 8-6 victory over visiting Belmont University.

The Govs won matches by Damian Bronfield, Robert Powell, Jason Rodich, and Damon Hall in singles competition.

In doubles competition, the duo of Bronfield/Powell and Rodich/Rodich defeated their opponents to give Austin Peay the overall victory.

The Govs' record is 8-6 on the season.

With the OVC Tournament on the horizon, the squad finishes its regular season with a home match with Tennessee State tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. Then they hit the road for its final two matches with Eastern Illinois and Murray State.

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Seniors search for cure

Debilitating ailment keeps May grads away from schoolwork

From College Press Service and staff reports

Spring has crept upon the unsuspecting Austin Peay campus and it has students skipping classes to sit around the bowl and enjoy the warm weather. But all the time spent lazing in the sun means that school work is being neglected. It's more than a case of spring fever for those about to graduate, it's a full blown case of senioritis.

"Senioritis is when the brain is nowhere but on the glorious day outside, the future ahead, not on what needs to be done here and now," said Cathy McBride, a University of Missouri senior, said with a sigh.

"If these are the symptoms of senioritis, then I've had a bad case of it for four years," said APSU senior Josh Hall.

With spring break over and the countdown to graduation on, a number of seniors complain that a peculiar lethargy has taken over their bodies. As they simultaneously anticipate and dread the final curtain on their college careers, they report that senioritis makes it a challenge to keep their minds on anything important.

For Beth Taylor, a Miami University of Ohio senior, it's even tougher to get through classes until graduation because she already has a job lined up at Bank One in Louisville, Ky.

"Now that I have a job, I don't feel like studying," she says. "I just want to go out, work and sleep."

Kristy Miller, a Stetson University senior, said she heard the call of graduation earlier this year and started going out every night. "You just cease to care about everything — from grades to classes," she said. "You just want to leave school."

Miller forced herself to buckle down when she realized that graduation was still several months away. But she's not too concerned about life after graduation, because "there's always grad school."

"When I first came to Austin Peay I tried really hard. I was newly married and it was a new school. And now I'm to the point where as long as I graduate before we get transferred I'll be happy. I just want to finish up my degree and be done with it," said Cathy Mebes, a senior.

"When the alarm goes off, I hit the snooze and won't wake up until two hours later. The latest part is getting out of bed, even if I've gone to bed at a decent hour," said Austin Peay senior Jeremy Faulk. "I don't know what studying is anymore. I get all my SGA and extra-curricular activities done but my school work usually lags to wait until the night before it's due to get done. Cramming is becoming a necessity."

For many students "senioritis" is a form of

denial that the real world is banging on the door, said Sara Hoover, director of personal counseling at Birmingham Southern College.

"They've had so much structure their whole lives — probably since kindergarten — they feel so much pressure to know what they'll be doing in June," she said. "And so many people are asking them what they're going to do."

Instead of finishing resumes or grad school applications, many students decide to blow off classes or frequent bars every night.

"It affects seniors in different ways," Hoover said. "I have seen some folks come in stressed to the limit. They're so worried about their G.P.A., getting the right job, what they're going to do after May 31."

Then there's the students who come in and say, "I don't care. I'm just going to party this semester," Hoover said. "Their G.P.A. may be

said, "Most of these universities have great resources that go untapped."

He points to the most recent U.S. Department of Education statistics, indicating that one year after graduation, 74 percent of the class of 1990 had full-time jobs but only 39 were employed in a job closely related to their major.

"Many young people today feel that they're bulletproof," he said. "They've invested \$100,000 plus in their education, and now a job is due to them. The fact is that a college degree doesn't guarantee you a job."

Students who delay their job search to backpack through Europe or lay on a tropical beach often find themselves at a disadvantage, McConnell said.

"The worst thing is (students) who coast and who take off a year," he said. "When they come back, they don't have the edge."

At the least, students who plan to take time off should make sure that they gather as much information as possible on the job search process before they graduate. "Then if they choose to take six months off, at least they've thought it through," he said.

For students who slack off before graduation because they already have a job, a lower G.P.A. might hurt a future job search or grad school application. "It certainly doesn't help matters," McConnell said.

Hoover, at Birmingham Southern, said she encourages restless students with jobs in the bag to hide their time by "breaking it into small chunks" instead of counting the months until graduation.

"Remind them that they can still play between classes," she said. "You just have to encourage them to keep in mind what their priorities are."

On the flip side, as graduation nears, many students "wondering what they are going to do in life" usually pay a visit to her office, Hoover said.

"They feel out of control about their future and their plans in life," she said. "I encourage them to look at areas of their lives they do have control over. If they don't think they have any, we'll work on that," she added.

For Kelli Long, a Western Illinois University senior, the idyllic "senior spring" did not pan out. "You always think the last semester is going to be an easy one," she said. "You think you are just going to have fun. The truth is there is so much that needs to be done."

After a string of interviews, Long says she still doesn't have an offer. "If I had a job lined up, being out in the real world wouldn't scare me," she said.

"Senioritis is when there is a part of you that wants to get out, but another part of you is scared to face the real world."



great until that last semester."

Jen Nowitzki, a James Madison University senior, admits that she goes out three nights a week and expects that to increase as the weather grows warmer and graduation gets closer.

"You get tired of the busy work and realize that this is it, my last chance to chill before stepping out into the chaotic real world," she said.

Nowitzki's excited about leaving college but a little worried because "I haven't even looked at my resume in three months, much less sent one out," she said.

That's the mistake lots of seniors make, according to Chuck McConnell, president and CEO of FirstCareer, a job counseling service for college students and recent graduates.

"They really don't have a sense of urgency to go into (their university's) career services," he

Art Scene

Upcoming art events for April 9-16

• Drawing competition/exhibition

The Border to Border No. 6 National Drawing Competition/Exhibition continues on display through April 11 in the Trabren Gallery. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

• Art exhibit — Carolyn Vines

Carolyn Vines presents her senior ceramics art exhibit in the Trabren Gallery through April 11.

• Lecture — "The Poetry of Witness"

Acuff Chair Carolyn Forché presents a lecture on the "poetry of witness" this evening at 8 in the Gentry Auditorium of the Kimbrough building. For more information, call 648-7301.

• Mid-South Jazz Festival

The Mid-South Jazz Festival begins with a performance by the APSU Jazz Collegians and the APSU Jazz Combo with Nashville jazz pianist Beegie Adair on Friday, April 11 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. It continues with the "Concert on the Lawn" featuring local high school, university and Nashville-based professional jazz bands on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the steps of the Dunn Center. Both of these events are free and open to the public. The festival winds up with a concert featuring special guest artists the Yellowjackets Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre. Admission to this performance is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets are available at the music ticket office from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays. Call 648-7876.

• Voices of Triumph annual spring concert

Voices of Triumph present their annual spring concert Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. in Clement Auditorium.

• Graduate recital — Erica Gann

Erica Gann gives her graduate vocal recital on Sunday, April 13, at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

• Senior art exhibit — Amanda Johnson Young

Amanda Johnson Young will give her senior art exhibit in graphic design April 14-18 in the Trabren Gallery 108. There will be an opening reception on April 14 from 7-9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

• APSU Flute Choir

The APSU Flute Choir will perform on Monday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. For more information, call 648-7818.

• Senior trombone recital — Art Ruangtip

Art Ruangtip gives his senior trombone recital Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building.

• APSU Woodwind Quintet

The APSU Woodwind Quintet will perform Wednesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. For more information, call 648-7818.

• "School for Scandal"

The AP Playhouse presents "School for Scandal" April 23-27 at the Trabren Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets will be on sale beginning April 14 at the theatre box office. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For more information, call 648-7379.

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