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Community, students support troops with counter-protest



Katlyn Duncan, left, Michael Medrano, Charli Doile, Shawna Herndon and Helen Nguyen hold signs of support for the fallen soldiers. The Northwest High School students gathered to join the counterprotest Wednesday afternoon across from Gate 4 at Fort Campbell.

Hundreds show in rally against fundamentalist hate group to demonstrate appreciation toward defenders of free speech

By DAVE CAMPBELL News Editor

Wednesday, Feb. 8, the cold and snow did not deter hundreds of protesters from lining the streets entering Oak Grove along Fort Campbell Boulevard. These counter-protesters were there to challenge the indistinct message that originated from a fundamentalist sect out of Topeka, Kan., and to support their troops.

The clearly ambiguous message from this group is that troops are dying in Iraq as a direct result of God's punishment to the United States for sympathizing with and harboring homosexuals. The Rev. Fred Phelps, 76, is the leader of this movement that originated from his Westboro Baptist Church.

Only six of Phelps' supporters including Phelps' granddaughter attended, but Phelps was not among them. The Oak Grove Police Department and Kentucky State Police barricaded the area where the protesters stood so they could protect the zealots. Oak Grove Police Chief Milton Perry said that they were protesting the monthly memorial service and that they requested thirty minutes of time. "I don't know how they're going to pass a law that will stop someone from using their freedom of speech," he said. "They are just using the First Amendment to their advantage—to spread their word." There were signs that read, "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "Don't Pray for the USA." One counter-protester drove by with a sign that read, "I'm here. I'm queer. And I still love you."

Both sides waved the American flag but the smaller band of Phelps' fundamentalists were verbally reprimanded by some veterans for what they saw as a desecration of the flag. The Vietnam Vets' Motorcycle Club stood outside the protected area and shouted at the six protesters. One of the veterans said to an officer, "I should be able to say what I want to say; they're saying what they want to say." A Kentucky State Police officer stood around the edge of the blockade decked in riot gear and said, "so am I," after warning the bikers to calm their language down.

This again calls to the table, the issue of the First Amendment and



Six of Phelps' radicals provoke military supporters outside U.S. Cavalry.



Counterprotesters yell and shout back, chanting, "USA, USA!"



Police barricade the area outside the U.S. Cavalry store across from Gate 4. The marquee was displayed for fear that some had associated the shop with the protesters since they were demonstrating outside their store.

where the line should be drawn on free speech. Oak Grove mayoral candidate and veteran, Mike Drexel, said, "there is a fine line [between what should and should not be said] because it is [inhumane] to say that God wants death. God does not want death. God is the reason for life [and]

the soldiers are the reason for freedom." Clarksvillian David Jones, retired Vietnam sergeant said, "it goes all through me when I see something like this. There is freedom of speech and... expression, but there is a right way and a wrong way and I think this is wrong,

especially with the signs they had and what they were depicting." He said he thinks the First Amendment is being misused, and this reminded him of returning from Vietnam when he was "being called names and spit on." He said he thought they did accomplish something though. "They brought attention to themselves, and that's what they were out to do." But he didn't feel that they got their message across "because the feelings of everyone here were in support of the soldiers." He only saw one car that gave the protesters a thumbs-up. They were "quite out-numbered," he said, "and they always will be wherever they go."

Jessica Donnelly, senior education major and soldier's wife at Austin Peay State University said "I just think it's horrible. I don't think it's any kind of religion—it's totally disrespectful. If my husband died and they did this at his funeral, I don't know what I would do." She said the signs were "despicable" and "there's no point to anything they say." When referring to the sign that read, "Don't pray for the USA," she said "they should leave then—what they don't realize is that the people they are protesting are the ones that give them the right to stand up there and say that."

Amber Nottingham, whose husband just received a Purple Heart upon returning from Iraq, said of the Phelps group that, "this is a slap in the face. We should love and support our troops."

Phelps' supporters are associated with the same group that protested the funeral of 21-year-old, Matthew Shepard from Wyoming who was murdered because he was a homosexual. Another counter-protester, Natasha Mullins of Wyoming said she knew Shepard. When reacting to the Phelps' group she said, "they're communists."

Laura Wood, wife of a soldier deployed to a dangerous part of Iraq said, "I'm here supporting my husband. This makes me really angry. These people are sick, and it is really sad that a human being can feel that way in America. I'm just really shocked." She said that this was very emotional because her concerns lie with her husband, and she said,

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Zeveloff presents his plan

By STEPHANIE COWARD and JAROD LEONARD Online Editor/Photo Editor

Zeveloff introduced himself to his potential new home university Monday, Feb. 13. "It's a pleasure to be at such a thriving university," Zeveloff said.

As a candidate for Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, from Weber College in Ogden Utah, Zeveloff spoke about what activities the College of Science and Mathematics could partake in to coincide with and boost the university's new five-year plan.



Zeveloff

In order to aide in the transition from high school to college, Zeveloff said there needs to be a more central focus, particularly within the College of Science and Mathematics. More coordination with the College of Education would help to improve the experiences of people going into science or math teaching professions, Zeveloff said.

He developed a center for science and mathematics at Weber University. After touring Austin Peay State University facilities, Zeveloff said he could see a lot already taking place with the university to aid in a student's transition to college.

Better preparation of students was another point in the five-year plan. "More undergraduate research at the university would help better prepare students," Zeveloff said. He also stated that he helped develop a thesis program at Weber University as well as a more concentrated program in undergraduate research.

"Clearly by training students in science and mathematics, the university will logically be moving forth toward that [technology leadership role] objective," Zeveloff said.

"I think it's important for students at any institution to be trained on the most technologically advanced equipment that is available," Zeveloff said. He said it is critical for the dean to be looking for outside sources of financial support.

Promoting excellence was the fourth point from the five-year plan he spoke about. Though he stated it is not an easy thing to deal with, he believes it to be "the role of what it is that a dean in any college should be doing."

"I would be interested in working on all these issues so that excellence continues to be promoted at this university," Zeveloff said. "You have a wonderful campus; a beautiful new facility here," Zeveloff said. ♦

APSU Web site receives new facial features

Banner 7.0 coming in 2007

By JOHN LUDWIG Guest Writer

Over the past five years, the Tennessee Board of Regents has wanted to replace the administration systems used by TBR universities such as Austin Peay State University's SCT Plus, which has been used since 1983.

APSU has managed to keep SCT Plus functional over such a long period of time by making modifications and adding new software such as Web-based applications, for example, the school Web site, the on-line library.

On Aug. 4, 2005, the TBR announced its plan to use SCT Banner 7.0 as its new system. "The total contract is \$51 million for the entire system," says Allan Irby, who is the Director of the Banner Implementation Project. "Our share of it will probably run around \$2-3 million." He explained that the contract gives all the TBR institutions the banner system and support for five years. He also elaborated further about how APSU in particular long anticipated this eventuality and has been saving money for some time to help cover the cost.

With the contract between the TBR and SunGard SCT signed, the 19 academic institutions and 26 technology centers within the TBR system are hard at work to prepare for the arrival of Banner 7.0. Teams of faculty members have been spending countless days in extensive training to learn how to use the new administration system, leaving them with a significantly larger workload. "Training began last March and they will still be in training next summer," said Irby.

The ways in which Banner will affect people at APSU once it's completely active in 2007 will most certainly be for the better.

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"sometimes you don't know if they are coming back."

On their Web site, Phelps' group uses this verse as one of many literal interpretations of the Bible to try to justify their stance.

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." Leviticus 20:13

According to a Feb. 7 Associated Press report out of the Boston Globe, 14 states are acting to pass legislation that would allow families to bury their dead without interference from what has been rightly termed a "fundamentalist" religious sect.

One counter-protester, Heidi Costello said, "I know they're working on it, but they're not working fast enough." Regarding her thoughts on Phelps she said,

"There is freedom of speech and expression but there is right way and a wrong way."

—David Jones, retired Vietnam sergeant

"he's a troublemaker." She said that he was disbarred from federal court. "He's sue-happy."

Costello is referring to 1979 when Phelps was a lawyer that had been disbarred from Kansas state courts for misrepresentation of the truth against a defendant.

Perry was pleased with the outcome. "It went pretty good," he said. "At least we kept everybody separated and that's what we were here to do." ♦



KRYSTTEL MILLER/STAFF
A member of the Vietnam Vets' Motorcycle Club stands waiting with others on the arrival of the six just outside the police barricade intended to protect the protesters.

Cheney shoots friend while hunting

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press

Vice President Dick Cheney apparently broke the No. 1 rule of hunting: Be sure of what you're shooting at. He also violated Texas game law by failing to buy a required hunting stamp.

Cheney wounded fellow hunter Harry Whittington in the face, neck and chest Saturday, apparently because he didn't see Whittington approaching as he fired on a covey of quail in Texas.

Hunting safety experts interviewed Monday agreed it would have been a good idea for Whittington to announce himself; something he apparently didn't do, according to a witness. But they stressed that the shooter is responsible for knowing his

surroundings and avoiding hitting other people.

"We always stress to anybody that before you make any kind of a shot, it's incumbent upon the shooter to assess the situation and make sure it's a safe shot," said Mark Birkhauser, president-elect of the International Hunter Education Association and hunter education coordinator in New Mexico. "Once you squeeze that trigger, you can't bring that shot back."

The Parks and Wildlife Department said Cheney and Whittington will be given warning citations for violating game law by not having an upland game bird stamp, a requirement that went into effect in September. Cheney had the

required \$125 nonresident hunting license, the vice president's office said Monday night in a statement, and he has sent a \$7 check to the state to cover the cost of the stamp.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not commented publicly about the accident. He avoided reporters by leaving an Oval Office meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan before the press was escorted in.

President Bush was told about Cheney's involvement in the accident shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday—about an hour after it occurred—but the White House did not disclose the accident until Sunday afternoon, and then only in response to press questions. ♦

Web site: APSU home page gets much-needed facelift

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"Communication with the students should be so much better," Irby testifies.

Where SCT Plus is only partially Web-based, Banner is completely Web-based, which Irby says "should make operations more efficient in the future."

Students will not only notice the aesthetic change to the school's Web site but other changes as well.

For example, the way students get their balance checks will change. "It's pretty much like a mandatory direct deposit," Irby explains.

For those students who don't

have bank accounts, Irby explains, "your balance check will go straight to your I.D. card and you can go to an ATM and pull it out in cash."

It is relatively early in Banner's implementation and not all of Banner's offerings are yet known, but it is quite apparent that all of these advancements are sure to make life at APSU more efficient and productive.

However, as the staff members and faculty abroad labor to make sure the realization of Banner is handled properly, everyone will have to wait until the fall of 2007 to take advantage of what Banner has to offer. ♦

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

"Woman Behind the Gold: Wilma Glodean Rudolph"

The department of communication and theatre and Wilbur N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center will sponsor Yvonne Prather, assistant professor of communication, showing and discussing her video documentary on the life of Olympic gold medalist Wilma G. Rudolph at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Harambee Room of the Wilbur N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center.

"How Blak Kin Eye Bee"

This play, sponsored by the Wilbur N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center, will be performed at 7 p.m., Feb. 20 in the Morgan University Center Ballroom. It is a one-man exploration into what it means to be African-American in a changing world. Written and performed by Jeff Obafemi Carr, this 90-minute play employs top-level acting, interactive music, multimedia imagery and audience participation to create an unforgettable evening of performance.

Pea Soup

A Scene from August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" will be performed at 7 p.m., Feb. 22, in the Harambee Room of the Wilbur N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center. It is sponsored by the African-American Staff, Administrators and Faculty (AASAF) and the Wilbur N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center. Members of AASAF will present a scene by this historical African-American playwright, followed by an open mic poetry session.

"To Kill a Mockingbird"

The production of the Harper Lee's classic play "To Kill a Mockingbird" will play 7:30 p.m., Feb. 22-25 in Trahern Theatre and is sponsored by the department of communication and theatre.

History of gospel music

Explore the history of gospel music, learning about its birth and many of the pioneers. The event takes place at 7 p.m., Feb. 23, in Clement Auditorium. It will be sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Leadership and the Wilbur N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center.

Friday night movie

"The Color Purple" will be shown at 7 p.m., Feb. 24, in Clement Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Leadership. Attendees can enjoy the Oscar-nominated film developed from Alice Walker's famous novel.

Tutors needed

High School Upward Bound needs tutors in Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Spanish. Please contact 221-6226 or come by Dunn 259 if interested. For more information contact John Howard at barfields@apsu or 221-6226.

Vagina Monologues

Join APSU in the production of Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues at 7 p.m., Feb. 28 and March 1 in Clement Auditorium. Admission is \$5 or \$3 and a toiletry item for Safehouse. Proceeds will benefit United Methodist Urban Ministries Safehouse and the Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Center in Clarksville.

Student Organization & Leader Awards

The 2006 Student Organization and Leader Awards sponsored by the division of Student Affairs, will be held Friday, April 21st at 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Awards nomination and application packets are available in UC 206. The nomination/application deadline is Monday, March 6 at 4 p.m. For more information contact Vanessa Fountain at 221-7341 or email fountainv@apsu.edu.

JROTC Raider Challenge

High schools in the surrounding areas will be attending this junior ROTC competition at APSU, Feb. 25.

Research opportunity

Volunteers to participate in a research study on self-efficacy and its relation to specific modeling, and receive a certificate of participation that may be used for extra credit in one of your classes (at professor's discretion). Please contact Corinna Schmidt or go to the Psychology Department Office located in CL205 to sign up.

Leadership Summit to take place at Vanderbilt

Feb. 17, Student Life & Leadership will be attending the 2006 Collegiate Leadership Summit at Vanderbilt. This year's theme is "Unifying the Spectrum: Exploring Diverse Pathways to Leadership." There are 20 spaces available for students and the cost is free. Stop by UC 211 to pick up a registration form.

Business students conduct free tax preparation sessions

In partnership with the IRS-VITA Program, accounting students in the school of Business will have free tax preparation sessions. APSU's site will provide basic tax returns utilizing the IRS e-file program. All sessions are on Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2p.m., Feb. 18 and March 4 and 18. Documentation is required and taxpayer must earn less than \$35,000.

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OUR TAKE

Christian fanatics resort to hypocrisy and hatred

Last week all of Clarksville, Fort Campbell and Oak Grove were in an uproar about the protesters from Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan. This hate group, better known as “God Hates Fags,” claims to be Christian but in truth do not preach the love Christianity teaches. At the protest last week they sported signs such as “Thank God for Dead Soldiers” and “God Hates You.” How dare they?

Who are these people to assume they know what God thinks or feels? If nothing else, their protests throughout the United States are morally and ethically improper. Even if they have the freedom to congregate and protest, it does not mean it is appropriate.

And to exercise these rights at funerals and memorial services of soldiers is extremely ironic. Who do they think protects their rights to demonstrate their beliefs?

They rejoiced at the death of Coretta Scott King, again showing up to protest displaying signs of hatred. They claimed her enabling of homosexual rights has doomed her to hell. They even showed up at the funerals of the miners in West Virginia declaring that this was punishment from God.

They believe that the entire U.S. is now facing the wrath of God for “tolerating” homosexuality. They even declare 9/11 was God’s doing. They praise destruction and cite verses from the Bible out of context to further their cause. This group brings to

mind similar hate mongers: the Ku Klux Klan. They declare they are not a hate group, but are loving Christian people who uphold laws and support their nation.

However, they do claim “We will continue to love one another of our own race, culture and future no matter what the devil and his world says about us.” Why do groups insist on hating those outside of their own culture, race, heritage, sex or sexuality? It is ridiculous in this day and age to not see people as individuals.

What is funny about the KKK is what can be found on their home page: “Is it okay for these non-Aryans to have Pride? Holidays? Dedications? College Funds? Universities? It is NOT! It’s reverse racism!” Does this make sense to anyone? So, views against a culture/race outside of their own are just and pure, but any culture/race that wants to acknowledge their own heritage is unacceptable and disrespectful? Good grief.

Both of these groups are so self-righteous in their positions they refuse to even for one millisecond admit they might be mistaken. How they can justify or rationalize these beliefs? What good is hate and how do people live fulfilling lives consumed by it?

It’s hard to understand groups like these and even harder to understand the mentality they share of performing what they see as acts of God. In this country of great freedom, even the groups we want to forget about get a voice. Let’s just hope that eventually they will just shut up. ♦

Protesters slur Islam more than Danish cartoonists

When I wrote last week’s column, I was pleased with having gotten through the subject without (to my knowledge) offending anyone too badly - except for



OPINION Phil Grey

maybe Danish cartoonists - who I referred to as “juvenile and puerile,” and also as “idiots.” I wrote those things because of their having offended a group of religious zealots by drawing cartoons. Meanwhile, I gave the zealots a pass on their behavior and admonished them ever so gently to please respect the rights of others to

disagree with them.

Last week, I self-censored my true opinion because I didn’t like my conclusion. In short, I exemplified the worst in media: drivel and irrelevancy - after having written scores of criticisms on those same subjects.

I didn’t wait for all the facts before making a judgment, I didn’t make an effort to understand both sides of the argument, and I upheld the dubious principle of stifling free-speech as a means of averting mob violence.

I still believe that the right of free speech carries with it certain responsibilities, but using that argument in this case requires willfully ignoring a number of inconvenient realities. Blaming the Danes in this case is easy; we expect that they will respond by compromising and equivocating.

Confronting the religious extremists, on the other hand, is much more problematic; they have no intention of giving an inch or negotiating anything.

Those who consider the Danish commitment to free speech to be the big problem here should consider a few pertinent facts. Among the inconvenient realities that have surfaced in the past week:

1) Three Danish Muslim leaders, responsible for actively circulating the Mohammad cartoons throughout the Middle East, were apparently concerned that the actual cartoons weren’t offensive enough. In an overt incitement to violence, they created three extremely offensive cartoons of their own - including a Photoshopped graphic purporting to be a portrayal of Mohammed as a pig. They

further flat-out lied by claiming that the private newspaper that commissioned the original cartoons was actually an official government publication, and by asserting that Muslims in Denmark were denied the freedom to practice their religion or build mosques.

2) Over 80 percent of the rioters who are burning down embassies and threatening their fellow citizens in Europe with death have not even seen the cartoons in question. This kind of ignorant, knee-jerk behavior - if exhibited by any other religious group - would be utterly dismissed as dangerous reactionary lunacy by the vast majority of American and European media outlets. It certainly would not result in calls for media censorship and self-abasing, hand wringing apologies.

3) Jyllands Posten published the cartoons five months ago, in September 2005. In October 2005, an Egyptian newspaper, Al Fagr, reprinted all twelve of the “abominations.” There were no riots, and no great outcry. In case you missed the punch-line, a newspaper in a Muslim nation (with a large percentage of religious extremists by its own accounting) published the Mohammad cartoons during the height of Ramadan - without incident. This speaks volumes about the artificial and contrived nature of the recent protests, especially when considered together with the outright lies and rank forgeries that form the real basis of the wildly-disproportionate Muslim response.

4) While many Muslims are demanding apologies for offensive cartoons, a casual glance at major Arab and Islamic media outlets reveals that their own press is rife with the most offensive political cartoons imaginable. Vile and despicable by any civilized standard, this stuff far surpasses anything that the Danes have published regarding Islam. Before any governments get around to crawling for forgiveness they should first ask for a rational explanation for this type of pervasive intolerance, an explanation that does not simply assert the primacy of Islam as an imprimatur for whatever is done in its name.

This is not about Islam, in theory. However, it is about Islam as it is practiced by those who defame it in ways that are much more destructive to Islam’s moral basis than are any cartoons, articles, or books published by secularist infidels. Particularly, adherents of sects like the Wahabbis have turned Islam into a caricature that was indelibly rendered in blood long before a few Danes got around to rendering it in ink. ♦



By JOSEPH M. FRAZIER

Your Take

To the columnist:

First off, I want to make it completely clear that I fully support our troops in the efforts they are making to free the Iraqi people.

An article last week, Protesters at Funerals Disrespect Slain Soldiers, leads me to believe the writer is somewhat confused on where he stands.

First, the article begins by saying you are “not and will never be a supporter of the war in Iraq in any way” and that you are “not one of those people that go around saying ‘support the troops.’” In the same article you state that if people disagree, “they have the right to say whatever they want.” You say this “is their freedom.”

Later you go on to say how the group from Westboro Baptist Church is “insane and just completely rude.” This is one thing we agree on. These people are twisted. I personally believe shipping them to some far off land never to be heard from again would be nice. To ask Christians and non-Christians alike to “make a stand and voice that you are not in support of this” is in essence a call to support our troops.

Asking people to “sign a petition or go to the funerals when these protests are happening” while in the same breath stating that “they have the right to say whatever they want” seems a bit contradictory. The people of Westboro Baptist have chosen not to support the troops in this way.

It sounds like you don’t support the troops, but you want everyone else to because what the Westboro group is doing is wrong.

I believe the contradiction lies in the definition of “support.” What does it mean when someone says “support the troops?” Often people confuse “support” with agree with or giving consent to. Agreement and consent have nothing to do with support.

There are some active duty military, retired soldiers, veterans, and civilians who do not believe going to Iraq was the best decision. However, these people still believe in supporting our troops.

Being in the military is something one chooses to do. While some join the United States military for financial reasons and career advancement, others join out of honor. We support them by

lifting their morale and caring for their families.

Although I have family and friends who have made decisions I did not agree with, I would never hold back from them my love and support. The troops and their families need their fellow Americans, regardless of political persuasion or war stance, to provide them a solid base of support.

Let us put our differences and opinions aside and simply thank our troops for the umbrella of freedom they provide. Maybe the Westboro group doesn’t realize that they are able to make a fool out of themselves because of our troops. If they take away the people who are giving them the freedom to protest and have an opinion, then they would no longer be able to freely speak or protest. You don’t bite the hand that feeds you. In my eyes, supporting our troops is not an opinion or a political statement; it is the duty of the American people.

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Cultural centers separate but equal, disregard racial/cultural awareness

It is staggering the number of campus related issues this university has faced when dealing with diversity and race relations.



OPINION Micheal Weakley

We are like the corner stone for “white-pride” America and in reality have done little to deal with it. The university has offered a couple of band-aids (the African-American

Cultural Center and the recently founded Hispanic Center) but I feel that these centers do more harm than good.

Before I begin my remarks on these centers and diversity in general, I want to make clear that I am in no way criticizing the efforts of those who established the centers, the dedicated members of each of the center’s work or their volunteer force. These people have done an excellent job at promoting these centers and countless number of hours have been put into sustaining these centers. What I am criticizing is the belief that creating separate but equal facilities for these minorities does not create diversity, it abandons the idea

completely.

Diversity should be an all-inclusive idea that embraces all races, minorities, classifications and orientations. When a university limits this then the only thing accomplished is further separation of these groups from the rest of campus. When you put these people in a separate box for others to view then you have ventured back into the days of segregation and completely missed the mark. Both these centers offer the same resources and support and are separate from the rest of the University.

They offer specific resources for a limited amount of people based on race. One can argue that anyone is welcome to these centers but the reality of the situation is that these centers are focused on a sole minority with little regards for creating diversity among all cultures. If the African-American and Hispanic have a center then so should the Korean, Muslim, Swedish, Chinese, Gay/Lesbian, disabled, etc. This idea of separate but equal is not a remedy for resolving diversity issues on campus and further separates these groups.

Austin Peay State University needed something they can show as an effort in decreasing racial tensions and offering diversity for this campus. When an attack is made aimed at the university for its race issues, the university can

always respond “but we have an African-American and a Hispanic center.” That is like saying “well, I have black and Hispanic friends,”

Saying that a campus is diverse and making it look good on paper is one thing; actually implementing it is another.

The new paintings in the Sundquist Science building is a good representation of this. There are less than five sketches of non-whites and the first black students and a couple of black people playing basketball. There is a grand-opening ceremony depicted that has representation of only white America. I am sure that this makes African-Americans and

If this campus wants to create genuine diversity that includes all groups then a diversity center needs to be created. If the two centers would dissolve and create a diversity center that includes everyone and has a committee to represent all races, creeds, genders, ethnic groups, orientations and other identifiable characteristics, then the step toward diversity would begin and the end of segregation on this campus would be accomplished.

Maybe we have two centers but the idea that certain groups should have their own centers is not helping them and is certainly not helping to create active diversity on this campus. Change begins when the realization of what we have and what we are doing is not enough. ♦

Fuel efficiency, recycle opportunities scarce in modern day America

BY SHERRITON JONES
Guest Writer

With all the fuel scares recently and the increased cost of gasoline, I decided to window shop for a 2005 GMC truck that would be reliable, economical and fuel-efficient. I used to drive a 1998 V-8 GMC Sierra with an estimated highway gas mileage of 18 miles per gallon and was imagining that GMC, during this seven year span, would have at least developed the technology to produce a wonder-truck.

At the nearest GMC dealership my eyes were drawn to a bluish-black, V-6, mid-sized, extended cab pickup. I envisioned the price to be \$24,000 to \$28,000, and get 28 to 30 MPG. I should have kept dreaming. Its vehicle

information sheet read \$33,000 with an estimated highway mileage of 19 MPG. I searched the lot for a less costly, more fuel efficient truck. A salesperson tagged along behind me, pointing out other mid-sized trucks with slightly better mileages, and a whole lot of larger trucks with extremely worse mileages. One of the larger trucks had a highway mileage of 15 MPG. With the price of gas, where could the stereotypical poor-college student go on 15 MPG?

By the time I finally shook myself loose of the salesman it occurred to me that I didn’t need a brand new truck. All of the trucks on the lot were, regarding fuel efficiency, exactly where other trucks had been in 1998. They didn’t drive any faster and didn’t claim

a longer life expectancy. If anything, they appeared to require more expensive maintenance, parts and tires.

The knowledge that in America (a country that has long recognized its need for a more fuel-efficient vehicle selection) I could not walk onto a GMC sales lot and find a vehicle that was more advanced than one seven years ago frustrated me.

I drove home, still burning up the gas in my sports-utility, trying not to think about it. On the way into my house, I checked the mailbox. In it was a bill for my garbage collection service. After my failure to find a fuel efficient truck that morning, the aggravation of spending yet another \$35.00 for three months of garbage

collection that does not include a recycling service caused me to pull out the Yellow Pages and question a few agencies to see if their recycling policies had changed. Two disappointed hours later I signed a \$35.00 check to send to my garbage collector, trying to ignore the fact that the agency does not distinguish between dump-site-trash and recyclables.

At Fort Campbell, there is a recycling service. In Bryan/College Station, Texas, where I lived before moving to Tennessee, the city provided a free recycling service to its residents. There was also a drive-through recycling center situated in a Wal-Mart SuperCenter’s parking lot. Clarksville’s population in 2005 was

approximately 107,000. College Station’s 2005 population was only about 81,000. Considering the population difference between the two cities, it is feasible that Clarksville should be able to provide its citizens with free recycling services, or at least a centrally located drop-off site.

These are no longer the dark ages. We should already be driving vehicles that are sufficient, fuel efficient and reliable.

We should already be provided with cost-free and easily accessible recycling services. I want fuel-efficiency and to walk outside to put my recyclable bottles, cans and cardboard boxes of cardboard scraps and paper by the curb! It would make the world a wee bit better. ♦

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Something Cool:

February marks the beginning of Black History Month - an annual celebration that has existed since 1926. But what are the origins of Black History Month? Much of the credit can go to Harvard Scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who was determined to bring Black History into the mainstream public arena. Woodson devoted his life to making "the world see the Negro as a participant rather than as a lay figure in history." In 1926 Woodson organized the first annual Negro History Week, which took place during the second week of February. Woodson chose this date to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln - two men who had greatly impacted the black population. Over time, Negro History Week evolved into the Black History Month that we know today - a four-week-long celebration of African American History.

Word of the Week:

numen *-noun.* a spiritual force or influence often identified with a natural object, phenomenon, or place. Example sentence: We were in a village that had hardly changed in a thousand years, and we felt a numen that transcended earthly religions and human histories. www.m-w.com

Today in the Past: 1965 Nat King Cole dies

Jazz singer and pianist Nat King Cole dies of lung cancer at age 46. In 1991, his daughter, singer Natalie Cole, released a new album, Unforgettable With Love. Electronic recording and mixing technology allowed her to record duets with her father, using his old tracks. The album was No. 1 in the United States for five weeks and won the Grammy for Best Album of the Year. www.historychannel.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile - hoping it will eat him last." Sir Winston Churchill British politician (1874 - 1965) www.quotationspage.com

Winter accessories a must

Staying warm involves more than just a coat



By AJ DUGGER

Staff Writer

You know the weather is going to be freezing outside, so you decide to be smart and prepare. You throw on your warmest coat, along with your heaviest snow-crunching boots, complete with your thick gloves and a scarf to top it all off. You walk out the door and guess what? You're still cold. Dealing with this unpredictable Clarksville weather can make a person sick. Literally.

Two weeks ago, it was incredibly sunny, and a little windy, like fall weather. Last week, it snowed seemingly endlessly. Sometimes around here, it seems like no matter how warm you dress, you still find yourself with freezing, trembling hands or a red, dripping nose. Here are some suggestions to keep your health from succumbing to the weather here in Clarksville.

Much heat can be lost through your head, so wearing some type of hat or head covering is certainly a must. Warm skull caps always get the job done, and jacket or coat hoods can also keep you from losing body heat.

While people with longer hair may automatically have warmth on their heads, they are not invincible from freezing, or catching a cold, for that matter. For those with short hair or shaved heads, head coverings should be a must.

Overall, warm head gear will protect our heads from the strong winds and the cold temperatures that show no mercy on us these days.

Next up is the ears, which also may feel miserable if left naked in the extremely cold weather. Earmuffs are normally worn by females; not only do they look cute, but they also protect their ears. There are earmuffs for guys out there, too. These earmuffs look more like a head band, but they succeed in keeping guys warm.

"Some people around campus

"Some people around campus wear the hats with the flappers to keep their ears covered instead of wearing additional scarves."

—Chee-Tara Boyd, sophomore psychology major.

wear the hats with the flappers to keep their ears covered instead of wearing additional scarves," said Chee-Tara Boyd, a sophomore psychology major. If earmuffs are not available, a skull cap, ski mask, or hood may also protect the ears.

The neck, along with the head, loses heat faster than anywhere else on the human body. Turtlenecks as well as scarves can help defeat this.

Your hands can also feel terrible when they get cold. How can we prevent this problem, you ask?

Gloves

are the common answer, although it has been proven that mittens are warmer than gloves. What many of us do not know about mittens, however, is that they may lose density, which wouldn't be good for our hands if we're going to be outside for a long time.

"I always wear a thick sweater," said Boyd. Sweaters are very useful during these freezing days of our lives. Many people even wear three layers of clothing to survive the massive cold fronts.

Sophomore business major Tricina Hill said, "If you wear shorts and flip-flops when it's 28 degrees, you're nuts!"

Our feet, like our hands, can feel very miserable when they are cold. Boots are proven to keep our feet warmer than tennis shoes. Also, wearing extra pairs of socks may turn out to be helpful; though wearing too many pairs may prove to be uncomfortable.

Long johns, although not worn by many people, can keep you warm all over.

There are plenty of ways to keep yourself warm and toasty to defeat Clarksville weather. Don't let frostbite and cold air win the battle against you and your health. To stay warm, bundle up! ♦

KRYSTTEL MILLER/STAFF

¡Hola! Me llamo Ozvaldo Di Paolo, 'Ozzie'

Argentina native lives in Clarksville, majors in Spanish with minor in education

By LOIS JONES

Staff Writer

Ozvaldo Di Paolo known as "Ozzie" to his friends is a junior at Austin Peay State University. When you meet Ozzie, one of the first things you notice about him is his ready smile.

Di Paolo was born in Rosario, Argentina of Italian descent. Three of his grandparents were born in Italy and one was born in Spain.

He grew up in Argentina, attending the local schools in Rosario. One of the differences he notices in the two education systems is that the high school level is more intense in Argentina.

"In Argentina high school is five years long and we attend school six days a week." "We must take between 32 and 35 classes a year and each subject is studied for the full five years."

The University of Rosario owned the high school that Di Paolo attended and the same professors he would have at the university he also had in high school. "It really prepared you for the demands of the university having the same instructors."

When Di Paolo finished high school, he attended the University in Rosario for his

specialty, economic sciences. His chosen field was accounting, desiring to complete his degree and become a CPA. Argentinean universities have no core requirements, only classes within the major field of study.

Di Paolo says that he is impressed with the professors here at APSU. "In Argentina the professors could care less if you pass or understand what is being taught. Here the professors want you to succeed."

The course content is good in Argentina and at APSU; however, the testing process differs. In Argentina, exams are oral and the professors will ask questions trying to get the student to falter, proving to the student their lack of knowledge on the subject. The professors have a superior attitude and want the students to acknowledge that they are and always will be more proficient in the subject being taught.

Di Paolo came from Argentina 11 years ago on vacation to Miami Beach, Fla., with some friends from school. He ended up extending his trip, and during that time made friends with people from Clarksville. Di Paolo didn't return to Argentina. Instead he moved to Clarksville and started his own business.

Di Paolo owns Bella Fiore, a flower and

gift shop located at 634 Madison St. He has owned the business 11 years, establishing a loyal clientele. When he is not at school he is busy at the shop.

Even though Di Paolo's first language is Spanish, he has chosen Spanish as his major with a minor in Education so he can teach at the university level.

He changed his major to Spanish after volunteering to teach Spanish at a church in Nashville. While doing this he realized his love for teaching and then enrolled at APSU.

During this time he became aware that by teaching Spanish, he was able to keep his fluency in his primary tongue, and found a new appreciation of the beauty in speaking the Spanish language.

If Di Paolo has free time he likes to read literature. One of the things he makes a point of doing is traveling at least once a year out of the country. This past Christmas he spent a week in Paris, France and a week in Prague, in the Czech Republic.

Di Paolo is on target to graduate in the Spring of 2007. He will continue his education by getting his masters and doctorate at Vanderbilt. ♦



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Even though Ozzie, above, is fluent in Spanish he has chosen Spanish as his major in order to teach others at the university level. Di Paolo also owns the Bella Fiore flower shop in Clarksville.

“Who is your favorite black history figure?”

Compiled By SARAH BULLOCK
Assistant Features Editor



EASLEY

“Condoleezza Rice: She’s not only a prominent figure for black history but also for women.”

April Easley
Freshman
English/Latin

“Madam C. J. Walker: invented hair care products for black women.”

LaToya Sims
Junior
Business



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“Colin Powell: first black Secretary of State.”

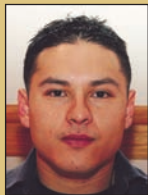
Bryan Haskins
Freshman
Business

“Rosa Parks: I like the underdog.”

Michael Tabb
Freshman
Pre-Med



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ARIAS

“Martin Luther King, Jr. because when I came to this country, I was treated equally because of the fight he led.”

Cesar Arias
Junior
Economics/ROTC

“William Edward Burghardt DuBois: Even today, his writings sing to the souls of black folk.”

Nathaniel Wilson
Senior
Corporate Communications



WILSON



HASKINS

“Martin Luther King, Jr.: he represents everything black people fought for.”

David Haskins
Freshman
Marketing

“Jackie Robinson: first African American to impact the MLB.”

Nicholas Swoopes
Freshman
Criminal Justice



SWOOPES



ANDERSON

“Harriet Tubman: the fight for freedom is most inspiring for the view of the Underground Railroad.”

Jessica Anderson
Sophomore
Accounting

“Zora Neale Hurston: her beautiful and inspiring works as an author.”

Rebecca Brockman
Sophomore
French/German/Greek



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FLOREZ enjoys success



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Erik Huffman, left, Dana Brewster, Alex Florez and Dusty Emerick make up the Nashville-based band FLOREZ. One big break for the band was their hit song, “Natalie” which played on an episode of “Scrubs.”

The Nashville-based band tours the Northeast

By REBECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

For the members of Nashville-based rock band FLOREZ, 2005 was a good year. After years of struggling, the boys finally caught a break.

Last year the band cut their second studio album, “In Flight,” played a handful of tour dates, signed a co-publishing deal with BMG and landed a coveted spot on the music-lover’s dream cruise, The Rock Boat.

Once one of Nashville’s best kept secrets, FLOREZ is rapidly gaining popularity. But according to lead singer Alex Florez, things are just going to get better.

“There’s something going in 2006 for FLOREZ,” he said. “I really feel like we’re breaking new ground and that people are responding in a fresh way.”

Florez is right. Already this year the band has been on the road touring and playing a string of shows in the Northeast, and they are currently preparing to hit the southern states. They’ve also shot live footage at Nashville’s 12th and Porter for an upcoming music video, played their first live television spot in the Boston market and, thanks to that BMG deal they signed last year, had their song “Natalie” played on an episode of “Scrubs.”

And then there was The Rock Boat. Initially slated to play one show on the boat, FLOREZ ended up being the hit of the cruise.

“Because of schedule changes and the response to

each successive FLOREZ appearance, we ended up playing seven times in some form by the end of the trip,” said Florez.

The multiplying performances exposed the band to new fans and made them a shoe-in for the next cruise. On top of it all, there are new songs being debuted left and right. The band is changing up the set list at every show they play, testing the waters on new material.

“One of the greatest challenges and blessings set against FLOREZ is our abundance of material. Choosing our repertoire is important but it’s hard to know what is best until we play the songs live a few times,” said Florez.

So are all of these new songs pointing to signs of a new album? “Our next album is far enough in the future that we have time to experiment with plenty of new songs.”

There really is something going for FLOREZ in 2006. Last year was good, but there are even bigger things on the horizon for the boys of FLOREZ and with crafty promotion, a loyal fan base and sheer determination on their side, they will soon be on the brink of national appeal. The future is looking very bright for the little band that could.

For more information on FLOREZ go to www.floremusic.com, www.awarestore.com or www.myspace.com/florez for the most up to date tour info and band blogs. ♦

APSU holds “Biggest Loser” contest until loser is found

By JESSICA LAVELY
Staff Writer

Do you want to shed some of those winter pounds you have been packing on for the last few months? Are you tired of saying the same thing every year but in the rush of things, just could not find the motivation to do anything about it? Well, you maybe able to finally do something about it.

Austin Peay State University is holding a program that helps promotes a healthy lifestyle and a routine for healthy living.

It began Jan. 30 and ends April 10 so join up as soon as possible! The name and idea is taken from a hit series called “The Biggest Loser,” where contestants try to lose the most amount of weight in a certain time frame, but APSU’s “Biggest Loser,” is a program that is meant to keep people healthy and physically active.

Workouts will be held in APSU’s Drew Simmons Fitness Center, which has state-of-the-art equipment, service and amenities. Operating hours can be found online at the APSU website and/or at the door.

With a Gobs ID card, sign-ups are free and are located at the fitness center desk, or you can go online at www.apsu.edu/recreation/signup.htm and get the details. Participants enter at a given level (beginner, intermediate or advanced) and are assigned to a level based on the results of the fitness test.

Throughout the weeks of physical workout, participants are awarded motivational prizes, as well as points. The points are broken down into four categories:

Educational Points: two points for any wellness-related workshop with a maximum of one workshop each week.

Group Points: one point for every 20-30 minutes of

For more information, you can visit www.apsu.edu/recreation/fitwell/incentives.htm. Contact Montrell Besley at besley@m.apsu.edu or Chris Pointer at poynterc@apsu.edu.

physical activity performed in a group fitness setting with a maximum of eight points per week.

Individual Activity Points: one point for every 20-30 minutes if physical activity (individual cardio-respiratory and resistance/strength exercise) performed with a maximum of 16 points per week (eight each for cardio and strength).

Personal Activity: on the honor system, participants may report up to two points per week of other kinds of physical activity performed; one point for every 20-30 minutes. Cycling, hiking, jogging, swimming, gardening or playing active games with friends or family.

Points are given out at a minimum of three points each week to maintain an active status in the program.

Every person that stays involved throughout the program will receive a certificate of completion. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of areas at each level: overall improvement, best strength gains, best cardio gains, most consistent, etc. Motivational incentives will be given out every two weeks for participants maintaining a specific level of involvement (water bottles, workout towels, stress balls, pins and more).

For more information you can visit www.apsu.edu/recreation/fitwell/incentives.htm or contact Montrell Besley at besley@m.apsu.edu or Chris Poynter at poynterc@apsu.edu.

Come and get the body that you’ve always wanted and seek that motivation you’ve been looking for in APSU’s “Biggest Loser” program! ♦

Students could ‘land’ in University Landing

New apartments, two blocks from campus, near completion

By SARAH BULLOCK
Assistant Features Editor

An apartment building not affiliated with Austin Peay State University is fast approaching completion. It is located only two blocks away from APSU. University Landing is a convenient and beneficial alternative to on-campus housing.

Landing and APSU resident halls have similarities and differences. Some of the most appealing differences include no Resident Assistants, no Health and Safety Checks, no fire drills, no curfew, a place to stay during school breaks without having to pay an extra fee and everything is completely brand new.

Some not-so-appealing differences include monthly payments that may or may not be more expensive, living off campus

and commuter parking.

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Each resident is only responsible for the rent on his leased bedroom. So if one roommate moves out, the remaining roommates are not responsible for the rent. Each resident will sign an individual lease so that he will have sole responsibility for his own rent payment. This way, students will not be held responsible if a roommate forgets rent payments.

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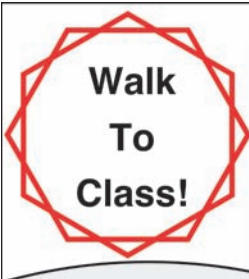
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by Linda Thistle

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APSU's Loos is Dean of OVC Coaches

Defense and recruiting key components

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

For the past 16 seasons, the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team has been led by veteran coach Dave Loos. Over the years, Loos has built a reputation among coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference as a tough, defensive coach who has a knack for winning in the final stretch of the season and postseason. For the last eight years, Loos has also served as the Athletic Director for APSU – just one of three people in the nation to serve the dual role.

But what led the veteran coach to such success? The answer dates back to Loos' playing days at Memphis State University – now the University of Memphis – where he enjoyed success as a basketball and baseball player for the Tigers. As an athlete, Loos developed a sense and style that would serve as the cornerstone of his success – defense.

"I took a lot of pride in my defense as a player," Loos said. "I played for a guy named Mo Iba and another guy named Bob Stevenson. The Iba family is famous for defense so it was drilled into my head by those two guys. What I took to the coaching business was their thoughts on defense, so it's always been real big with me."

Upon graduation, Loos joined on as the Tigers' assistant coach before taking a head coaching position at his prep alma mater, Mehlville High School in St. Louis, Mo. Mehlville had suffered 11 consecutive losing seasons before Loos' arrival. In his eight seasons there, Loos led Mehlville to five winning campaigns, including a berth into the state tournament, while becoming the school's winningest coach.

Loos received his first Division I coaching opportunity in 1982 when he became the head coach of Christian Brothers University in Memphis. The opportunity would prove to be a milestone

of the coach's brilliant career as Loos recorded three consecutive 20-win seasons during his four-year stint at CBU.

In 1985, Loos' team tore through the NAIA, capturing its first Volunteer State Athletic Conference title before winning the VSAC tourney title and finishing in second place in the National Catholic Tournament.

The performance earned Loos VSAC, NAIA District 24 and NAIA Area V Coach of the Year honors as well as the National Catholic Tournament Outstanding Coach award.

"It was my first opportunity as a head college coach, and it is always important for somebody to get that first chance," Loos said. "We were very successful at Christian Brothers. We won a lot of games. All four seasons were winning teams so it was a terrific experience. We had some great guys on our team, and I learned a lot about coaching."

Loos' success at CBU, however, came even after he faced challenges recruiting players. The small university had proven to be a tough academic school with a primary curriculum focused around engineering, and finding basketball players to fit that profile was difficult.

After a short stint as an assistant coach at the University of Mississippi, Loos made the move back to his college alma mater to serve as the head assistant coach under Larry Finch at the University of Memphis in 1986. There, Loos' success continued as he helped direct the Tigers to an 85-43 record and a Metro Conference tournament title during his four-year tenure.

In 1990, Loos applied for the head coaching position at APSU and became one of four finalists for the job. The other three included former Ole Miss and University of Texas head coach Bob Weltlick, Terry Truax of Townsend State, and current Kentucky Wildcats head coach

Tubby Smith. As fate would have it, Loos would get the job.

From the very start of his tenure as the Governors head coach, Loos began brewing his special recipe for a successful season. Loos has developed a trademark over the years with a schedule that allows the Gobs to identify their weaknesses early and eventually peak towards the postseason tournament.

"From the beginning, we always play a tough non-conference schedule," Loos said. "Games like those expose our weaknesses before we get to our conference games."

Since Loos took the reins, basketball at APSU and in the OVC has never been the same. During his 16 seasons at APSU, Loos has led the Governors to three regular season OVC titles, two OVC tournament crowns, one National Invitational Tournament appearance, and two NCAA Tournament berths.

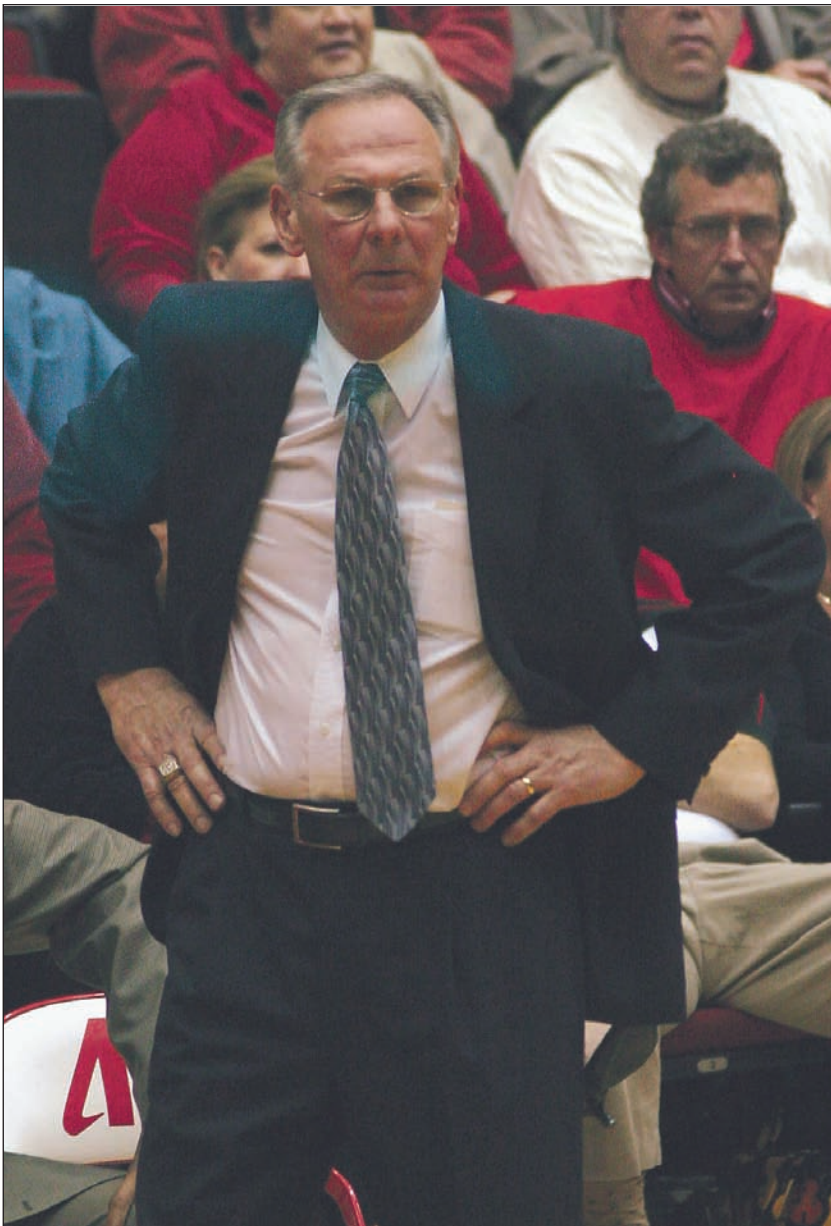
In 2003-04, Loos' team became only the fourth team in OVC history – the first team other than former OVC-member Western Kentucky's three undefeated teams – to finish the regular season undefeated.

Loos' 16 seasons also ties him with legendary Gobs coach Dave Aaron for the longest tenure at APSU. During that time, Loos has accumulated 247 career wins and, after three more victories, will account for one-fourth of APSU's 1,000 wins as a basketball program.

"I never guessed that I would be here for this long," Loos commented. "That is a very long tenure in this business. Coaches don't stay in one Division I coaching job for that long very often. I have had a long tenure here and it has been a good one for me."

Loos has earned three OVC Coach of the Year awards at APSU and is the only APSU coach to earn more than one such honor.

Loos' pinnacle career has lifted APSU basketball to an elite status and has set the standard for coaches in the OVC. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF
APSU men's basketball coach Dave Loos glares at the action on the court during a Governors contest earlier this season. Loos, who has accumulated 247 career victories as the Gobs coach, will account for one-fourth of APSU's 1,000 victories as a basketball program with three more wins.

Austin Peay Player Profile



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF
Sophomore Leeann White competes in many events for APSU's track and field team. Along with senior Sherlonda Johnson, White provides the Lady Gobs with a solid core to compete in the OVC this season.

By J.R. PREISSLER
Staff Writer

Leeann White performs the long jump for the track team at Austin Peay State University. White also competes in the open 400-meter relay, 4x4 relay, 300-meter hurdles and triple-jump. She hasn't competed in the triple-jump yet this season because she hurt her ankle in that competition last season.

White's best event of these is by far the long jump. She really only runs track for the jump. Although she came to APSU to run track, she was tricked into coming to college at all.

"I was planning to join the Navy, but my cousin talked be into coming up here," White said.

White still plans to join the Navy after she graduates. She chose the Navy because she enjoyed swimming and being in the water her whole life. If she doesn't join the Navy, she wants to go back to her high school and help coach her high school track team.

White was an athlete at McGavock High

School, she was a state track star.

In her junior year, White made the state championships for the first time and won first place in the 4x4 relay. White went back her senior year and placed second in the long jump.

White loves to jump, and her favorite part of coming to APSU is the track team. She has a special interest in another sport, though.

"I love football," she said. "If I could play another sport it would be football."

She does plays on an intramural flag football team here at APSU.

White's favorite athlete is Marion Jones. She looks up to Marion because "she is humble, she takes pride in what she does, and because she's the best track star out there."

White, along with senior Sherlonda Johnson, provides the Lady Gobs with a solid one-two punch for the 2005-2006 season.

"We don't mind finishing second place as long as it is to a teammate," Johnson said. "Leeann and I push each other really hard." ♦

Vital Stats

Name: Leeann White
Class: Sophomore
Major: Health and Human Performance
Hometown: Nashville, Tenn.
Sports Idol: Marion Jones
Favorite Sports Team: Philadelphia Eagles
Favorite Place To Eat? Taco Bell
Favorite Place To Go On A Date: IHOP

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SPORTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday

Men's Tennis vs. Lipscomb, Noon, Clarksville, Tenn.

Friday

Baseball vs. Birmingham-Southern, 2:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Saturday

Women's Tennis vs. Western Kentucky, 10 a.m., Bowling Green, Ky.

Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee Tech, 5:15 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Basketball vs. Arkansas State, 7:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Baseball vs. Bradley, 2:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Tennis vs. Wright State, TBA, Clarksville, Tenn.

Women's Rifle at O'Reilly/OVC Rifle Championships, Martin, Tenn.

Sunday

Baseball vs. Bradley, 2:30 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Tennis vs. North Alabama, Noon, Clarksville, Tenn.

Women's Rifle at O'Reilly/OVC Rifle Championships, Martin, Tenn.

Tuesday

Women's Tennis vs. Belmont, 2 p.m., Clarksville, Tenn.

Govs get win in overtime

No. 2 Samford unable to stifle Govs' second-half rally

By MICHAEL YOUNG

Sports Editor

For the Austin Peay State University men's basketball team, two times is a charm as they picked up their first overtime victory of the 2005-2006 season Saturday night against No. 2 Samford, 74-68.

"This win was real big," senior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton said. "Every game from here to the end of the season is real big. We have just got to keep fighting."

The win was even more special as it followed Senior Night where seniors Maurice Hampton, Zac Schlader and Kareem Matthews were honored.

"It means a lot for me and Squeaky and Kareem," Schlader said. "We have been here for a while and it's good to get a win and especially a big win."

Despite suffering a 16-point loss to the Bulldogs earlier this season, the Govs were able to close a four-point deficit in the final four minutes of regulation to send the game to overtime. There, the Govs jump-started with a 7-2 run to quickly gain a five-point lead. Once again, it was free throws that sealed the victory for APSU as the Govs nailed seven of their eight free throw attempts in the final 37 seconds of the game.

"We wanted it tonight," Hampton said. "Everybody stepped up and played with enthusiasm and we came out with a win."

Early in the game, it was Hampton's 11 points in the first nine minutes of the game that led the Govs to a 15-3 run. But the lead would not hold for long. The Bulldogs, led by Robert Merritt's 13 points, eventually crept within one point of the Govs at halftime, 27-26.

The Bulldogs' pressure could especially be felt in the Govs' inside game as they only allowed Schlader to post two points in the entire first half.

"They were stacking down on me, and they were doing a pretty good job. They continued doing that but we just found different ways to score," Schlader said.

Schlader's presence, however, could definitely be felt in the second half. The 6-9 center pounded his way to the basket throughout the second half as he raked in 12 points to help the Govs' overall effort.

"I missed some shots that I



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Senior Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton led the Govs in scoring during their recent overtime victory over Samford. The 6-2 guard posted 20 points as one of four Governors to reach the double-digit scoring margin.

probably shouldn't have missed, but my teammates picked me up and helped me through it," Schlader said. "I was able to fight through it eventually and make some shots at the end."

Despite being out-shot by the Bulldogs in the second half, the Govs had one final chance to win the game in regulation with freshman Drake Reed at the free throw line. Neither free throws,

however, found the basket.

The main contribution to the Govs' victory came on defense. APSU's defense was able to force 14 turnovers throughout the game which the Govs converted into 19 points. The Govs rebounding also allowed for 15 second-chance points to the Bulldogs' seven.

"It was huge," Schlader said. "When you play against a team that is as good as Samford, every

shot counts so every time you find the basket then it is big."

The Govs had four players to reach double-digits in scoring with Hampton's 20 points leading the way. Schlader posted 18 points in the contest while freshmen Drake Reed and Kyle Duncan contributed for 14 and 10 points of their own. Duncan's 10 points combined with 11 rebounds for his first career double-double. ♦

OVC Standings

Men's Basketball

	OVC			OVERALL		
Team	W-L	PCT.	Stk.	W-L	PCT.	Stk.
Murray State	15-2	.882	W8	18-5	.783	W8
Samford	12-4	.750	L1	16-7	.696	L1
Tennessee Tech	11-7	.611	L2	16-10	.615	L2
Austin Peay	10-7	.588	W3	15-11	.577	W3
Jacksonville State	9-7	.563	W1	11-11	.500	W1
UT Martin	9-9	.500	W5	12-12	.500	W5
Eastern Kentucky	8-8	.500	W1	11-13	.458	W1
Tennessee State	8-8	.500	W1	9-13	.409	W1
Eastern Illinois	4-13	.235	L4	5-18	.217	L4
Morehead State	3-13	.188	L1	4-18	.182	L1
Southeast Missouri	3-14	.176	L10	6-17	.261	L9

Women's Basketball

	OVC			OVERALL		
Team	W-L	PCT.	Stk.	W-L	PCT.	Stk.
Tennessee Tech	14-3	.824	W6	18-6	.750	W6
Southeast Missouri	13-3	.813	W10	16-7	.696	W10
Samford	11-5	.688	W1	16-7	.696	W1
Austin Peay	9-7	.563	L1	12-11	.522	L1
Eastern Illinois	9-7	.563	L2	10-14	.417	L2
Jacksonville State	7-9	.438	L1	9-14	.391	L1
Murray State	7-9	.438	L1	8-15	.348	L1
Morehead State	6-9	.400	W1	11-11	.500	W1
UT-Martin	6-10	.375	W1	8-15	.348	W2
Eastern Kentucky	6-10	.375	W2	6-17	.261	L2
Tennessee State	0-16	.000	L16	0-23	.000	L23

Lady Govs go cold, lose heartbreaker to Samford

By MICHAEL KELLUM

Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University women's basketball team came into Saturday night's game looking to extend its current winning streak to four games, but came up short in a four-point loss to Samford, 41-45. The Lady Govs just could not find a basket, shooting 31.5 percent on 17-of-54 field goal attempts - the second lowest of the season.

In the first half, Samford led the whole way, including a 19-7 lead, their largest of the game, with 7:10 remaining. The Lady Govs eventually cut the Lady Bulldogs' lead down to five, 18-23, at halftime.

In the first half, the Lady Govs shot 25 percent compared to the Lady Bulldogs 43 percent. Junior Saundra Hale led the Lady Govs in points in the first half with six.

In the second half, APSU found some light and took the lead, 31-26, with 13:17 remaining. Unfortunately, they went into a 10-minute scoring drought, and Samford took advantage, scoring 14-consecutive

points to take a nine-point lead with 3:21 left in the game.

The Lady Govs brought the lead back down to four with 2:28 left, but that would be as close as they would get in the eventual loss.

Senior Ashley Haynes and Saundra Hale were the only Lady Govs to score in double figures with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Haynes' three rebounds in the opening of the second half pushed her over the 1,000 mark for her career, becoming the first APSU player to get the record and the eighth in OVC history. She also got her 18th double-double of the season with 14 points and 11 rebounds - another school record.

The Lady Govs were out-rebounded by Samford 38-31, but forced 13 Samford turnovers while only committing nine.

Hale said the loss hurt, but they would continue to fight.

"Our shots just didn't fall. We weren't aware of some of the things we had been practicing all week," Hale said. "This loss is just

motivation for our next game. We have lost six before and came back; we know what we have to do in order to succeed."

Haynes agreed with Hale, saying shot consistency is really what hurt their team.

"We just couldn't knock down our shots," Haynes said. "We really wanted to win this game, but we couldn't get it done. We know we have to go out every night and play hard and also play smart."

Head coach Andy Blackston said while he was happy about holding Samford to only 1-of-10 shooting from three-point range, the Lady Govs offensive execution just couldn't get it together.

"You can't score 41 points against a good team like this, this late in the year," Blackston said. "It's a disappointing loss, but we have to learn from this, because we still have a ton to play for."

The Lady Govs are in fourth place in the OVC standings while Samford holds on to third place by a full two games. ♦



Sophomore Ashley McGee tries to dribble around a Tennessee State defender during the Lady Govs' win earlier this season. McGee was one of several Lady Govs who suffered a cold shooting night during last week's loss to Samford. Senior Ashley Haynes and junior Saundra Hale attributed for 27 of the Lady Govs' 41 points.

JAROD LEONARD STAFF

Personal records lead track team at invitational

By J.R. PREISSLER

Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University track team left the cold, snowy weather of Tennessee to embark on a journey to the Depauw Invitational in Green Castle, Ind.

"Depauw has a great facility," said head coach Doug Molnar.

The school has hosted Division III National meets in the past and was in good shape for the meet.

The APSU track team finished fourth out of 19 teams at the meet.

"Fourth place was an okay showing, but we were hoping to get in the top three," Molnar said.

The aggression was once again missing in the meet.

"We don't need to be afraid of challenging ourselves. We had 20 personal records, but we could've placed better with more aggression," said Molnar.

The aggression was apparent in Sherlonda Johnson's performance. Once again, Johnson was the top performer at the meet. Johnson won two competitions and finished in second place in another. Johnson took first in the in the long jump with a jump of 19-3 - a meet and track record and her third consecutive win in that competition.

Johnson also won the triple-jump for the second consecutive time with a jump of 36-7 and finished second in the 55-meter dash. Johnson accounted for 32 of the team's 63 points.

"Sherlonda is 'Miss Everything,'" Molnar said. "I'm really enjoying her final season. I'm trying not to take too much for granted and really appreciate what she does."

Johnson and sophomore Leeann White have become a two-headed monster for the Govs track team. The two, once again, finished first and second in the long jump. White finished right behind Johnson with a jump of 18-11.

Other notable performers were Anna Claire Raines, Kelly Schultz, and Leah Gunn. Raines finished fourth in the 3,000-meter dash. Schultz had a personal record in the 800-meter dash as well as another personal record in the mile run while Gunn added a personal record in the 55-meter and the 200-meter dashes.

This was the last meet for the Govs before the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

"As a team, we're in good position," Molnar said. "Weather has been in our favor, and we've been able to train harder for the season. We don't have the indoor facilities like most of the other schools do so it makes it that much harder to train."

The next meet is the O'Reilly Championship at Tennessee State University. The meet goes from Feb. 24th to the 25th.

"This is going to be the highlight of our indoor season," said Molnar. ♦

APSU Sports Brief

APSU tennis teams get swept by Chattanooga

The Austin Peay State University men's and women's tennis teams were swept by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on Sunday. The men's team fell to the Mocs, 7-0, after dropping each match in doubles and singles play. Sophomore Patrick Puertolas dropped a close match (6-2, 7-6) in No. 4 singles.

The women's team was also swept, 7-0, by the Lady Mocs. The Lady Mocs, who boast nationally ranked players both in singles and doubles play, defeated the Lady Govs in decisive fashion.

The Govs fall to 2-6 on the season while the Lady Govs fall to 1-2. ♦