

Pitts represents campus in TBR

By TANGELIA CANNON

Staff Writer

Throughout our lives we are represented by many people. As children we were represented by our parents, as we went through school we were represented by our teachers.

Now as college students we are represented by the members of the Student Government Association.

Nick Pitts, SGA president, was recently elected chair of the Tennessee Board of Regents group for student leaders.

Pitts will preside over the meetings of these leaders.

“These are SGA presidents [who] are totally different than you would expect. Some were non-traditional,” Pitts said.

Representatives from community colleges and six

other TBR institutions comprise the group.

“I have had the privilege of serving the students through SGA for four years,” said Pitts, 20.

When Pitts first came to APSU as a freshman, he went through Transitions, now called New Student Orientation, where he was presented with the opportunity to meet President Gavin Roark and other senators.

“They encouraged me to participate in the election process, and I was honored to be elected,” Pitts said.

Since first becoming active in SGA, Pitts has served as freshman senator, at-large senator (sophomore), Vice President (junior) and now President.

“Through participating in senate meetings, committee meetings, the legislative process and other SGA functions, it sparked my curiosity and internal drive to serve the students in a larger capacity,” Pitts said.

Serving the students of APSU is one of the more

important roles of this position. This is because, as president, Pitts is one of the strongest links between APSU’s faculty, staff, students and administration, along with the surrounding community. One of the many ways Pitts serves the students through various committees, and by taking part in the President’s Cabinet.

In these meetings, Pitts brings concerns to the committees he has heard students talking about around campus, in order to help create a solution. Some of the most recent concerns have been regarding student ID cards, the smoking policy and the green power initiatives.

“Our meetings have come so far since I have been a freshman. I love coming to our meetings to hear what the senators have been hearing throughout campus and ways these concerns are being addressed,” Pitts said.

There is no term limit for those serving in SGA, however, this is the last year Pitts will remain in office

because he is graduating in May.

After graduation, Pitts plans on continuing his education in graduate school.

Although to date Pitts does not have any plans to run for a political office in the community, he says he will not rule out the possibility of running for an office in which public service is at the core.

Being a realistic person in life, Pitts believes that no matter what someone plans for, they never know what tomorrow may bring, so being ready to adapt to anything and just going with the flow is very important to him.

Besides being very active in SGA, he has also made plenty of time for other activities.

At APSU, Pitts has participated in many other student organizations such as Sigma Phi Epsilon, fan216, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega and the President’s Emerging Leaders Program. ♦

Profs to court scholarly work



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Matthew Kenney, associate professor of political science, is pictured with a young woman in San Pedro Chenalho in Chiapas, Mexico, where he will concentrate his research this spring.



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Gregg Schlanger, professor of art, will be preparing to showcase his art in Germany as well as working in Memphis to enhance the community's art this spring.



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Albert Randall, professor of philosophy, will be writing a fourth book, concerning inerrancies in the Christian Bible and the Muslim Quran.

Faculty professional development program reinstated after five years

By ELIZABETH BRUCE

Staff Writer

The Faculty Professional Development Assignment program has been reinstated at Austin Peay State University after a five-year absence due to budget cuts.

Professors at Austin Peay State University can now take leave to pursue scholarly work. Three professors have been awarded the opportunity for the Spring 2007 semester.

Prior to being chosen, faculty members submitted their reasons for wanting to enter the program, as well as their plans during the three months of allotted time.

Eight applications were submitted and three professors were chosen to participate. Gregg Schlanger, Albert Randall and Matthew Kenney will be the first professors in five years to take part in the program.

Schlanger, professor of art, plans to assist the public art commission in Memphis.

He applied for the job last year, and went through an extensive interview process before being selected. Schlanger was chosen based on past work that he’s done, as well as his concepts for what he wanted to do there.

In addition to revamping the city and putting new art work around the community, Schlanger wants to put some history back into the community.

“I’ll be interviewing when I first arrive to find out what it used to look like. ...especially for the ones that grew up there [in Memphis],” Schlanger said.

The new artwork and design will reflect what the community looked like years ago when it was first built. In addition to the city project, Schlanger will be traveling to Germany for a showcase of some of his studio work, on which he is currently working.

The Germany show will be in June 2007 and he will be traveling back and forth to ensure its success.

Randall, professor of philosophy, is spending his time next semester writing a novel on world religions. It will be the fourth in a series Randall has written on the subject.

This novel will focus on the inerrancies in the Christian Bible and the Muslim Quran. One of the inerrancies that Randall sees is the violence; and he has researched some specific passages and what certain people and groups have done because of the specific references.

Randall cites passages in both books and links them to genocides and other holy wars that happened throughout history.

“The major purpose of this new book is to examine these two doctrines and their uses by religious extremists,” Randall said.

He presents material arguing that the people committing those acts of violence did so only because they took either the Bible or the Quran out of context.

Randall’s main argument is that of hermeneutics, or the principle of interpretation. He believes that people

misread and take these texts out of context because they have already judged and interpreted them through their own set of beliefs.

Randall will remain in Clarksville, and hopes to get the book finished by summer.

The third faculty member to receive the development leave is Kenney, associate professor of political science.

He will be traveling to San Pedro Chenalho, Mexico, which is near Guatemala, to study the society’s social and political structure.

Kenney has traveled to San Pedro for the past three summers, but this spring will be his first time doing field research in this location.

Although he is fluent in Spanish, Kenney will be working with a translator as he interviews the Tsotsil Indians.

The Tsotsils are the main population in the community where he will be working. Kenney will also be working with the the Mayan Indian population.

Kenney will primarily be interviewing the community about the political violence that has plagued that area for the past 15 years. The area has become democratic, but they are not completely set up yet. The society is fractionated by politics, religion and ethnicity. Societal conflicts are also contributing to the separation.

Many of the people can still remember the authoritarian governments that repressed that region for so long.

“The people are becoming more aware of their rights,” Kenney said.

Kenney hopes to uncover information that will be applicable to other world regions. ♦

‘Kramer’ spews racial slurs during stand-up

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - A barrage of racial epithets unleashed by former “Seinfeld” star Michael Richards during a stand-up comedy routine drew condemnation from Richards’ industry colleagues.

Comedian Paul Rodriguez, who was at the Laugh Factory in West Hollywood on Friday when Richards responded to two black hecklers with the “n” word and profanities, said he was shocked by Richards’ remarks.

“Once the word comes out of your mouth and you don’t happen to be African-American, then you have a whole lot of explaining,” Rodriguez told CNN. “Freedom of speech has its limitations and I think Michael Richards found those limitations.”

Jerry Seinfeld issued a statement saying he was “sick over this.”

“I’m sure Michael is also sick over this horrible, horrible mistake. It is so extremely offensive. I feel terrible for all the people who have been hurt,” Seinfeld said of Richards, 57, who played eccentric Kramer on the hit 1989-98 sitcom and whose major credit since was the failed 2000 comedy series, “The Michael Richards Show.”

Calls to Richards’ representatives were not returned Monday.

His Laugh Factory tirade began after the two clubgoers shouted at him that he wasn’t funny. A videotape of the incident was posted on TMZ.com.

Richards retorted: “Shut up! Fifty years ago we’d have you upside down with a f— fork up your a—.”

He then paced across the stage taunting the men for interrupting his show, peppering his speech with racial slurs and profanities.

“You can talk, you can talk, you’re brave now mother—, Throw his a— out. He’s a n—!”

Richards shouts before repeating the racial epithet over and over again.

Moderating his tone at one point, Richards tells the audience: “It shocks you. It shocks you” and refers to “what lays buried.”

While there is some chuckling in the audience throughout the outburst, someone can be heard gasping “Oh my God” and people respond with “ooh” after Richards uses the n-word.

Eventually someone calls out: “It’s not funny. That’s why you’re a reject, never had no shows, never had no movies. ‘Seinfeld,’ that’s it.”

On Monday, about a half-dozen community activists gathered at the club to denounce Richards’ remarks and demand an apology.

“These kind of comments hurt all of us,” said protester Lita Sister Herron of the Youth Advocacy Coalition. She called Richards’ comments hate speech.

The protesters also demanded an apology from the Laugh Factory. At a news conference a short time later, club owner Jamie Masada expressed remorse and said Richards will not be back at the club until he says he’s sorry.

“This is one thing we don’t tolerate. ... I personally apologize. I apologize from my heart,” Masada said Monday.

Richards did appear at the club Saturday, without incident, but that was because he had told the club he intended to apologize, according to a Laugh Factory statement Monday.

Rodriguez, also at the news conference, said: “I kept expecting a punch line. It didn’t come.”

Veteran publicist Michael Levine, whose clients have included famed comedians George Carlin, Sam Kinison and Rodney Dangerfield, called Richards’ remarks inexcusable. Comics often face hecklers without losing their cool, he said.

“I’ve never seen anything like this in my life,” Levine said Monday. “I think it’s a career ruiner for him. ... It’s going to be a long road back for him, if at all.”

Daryl Pitts, a Laugh Factory audience member interviewed by CNN, compared the incident to another recent celebrity controversy.

“You think about Mel Gibson and what he said, and put that in the context of this, it’s very upsetting,” Pitts said, referring to Gibson’s anti-Semitic outburst during his arrest for drunken driving.

Scrutiny of Richards’ remarks likely will continue but won’t match the level prompted by Gibson’s behavior because Richards is far less famous, Levine said.

Comedian George Lopez told Los Angeles television station KTLA that he thought Richards’ lack of stand-up experience may have been a factor.

“The question is you have an actor who is trying to be a comedian who doesn’t know what to do when an audience is disruptive,” Lopez said. “He’s an actor whose show has been off the air, he shouldn’t ever be on a stand-up gig.” ♦

Faculty Senate holds final meeting of semester, handbook revised

By CYNTHIA BRYSON
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An Austin Peay State University faculty senate meeting was held Nov. 16, and was presided over by Tim Winters, associate professor of Languages and Literature, filling in for John Foote, senate president. About 25 members were present. Items on the agenda included a policy revision to the faculty handbook.

One of the revisions was discussed with some conflict among the members. Professors may audit classes within their department but may not take classes for credit within their department, as this could be perceived as possible conflict of interest. A vote was taken to approve these changes.

All voted in favor of this move with the exception of Kay Haralson, associate professor of developmental studies, and representative for the Deans Council. "So we're saying there's a lack of integrity (within the departments)," Haralson said. Winters suggested that the issue be reexamined further, but APSU President Sherry Hoppe said that since there was a motion on the table, a vote needed to be taken.

Another revision to the handbook concerned the procedure for excused absences for athletic events. Make-up activities will be comparable to the original assignment, quiz or test. Professors who allow students to drop a test cannot use this to deny allowing this type of excused absence to be made-up, and cannot be used to drop a grade.

Hoppe revealed that she had met with a "Chattanooga alumnus who has given us \$1.15 million toward the fitness and recreation center," scheduled for dedication on Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

The issue of campus funding was discussed. "We did have an appropriation request, (there's) not a lot of new improvement dollars for higher education, specifically not for regional universities, but we obviously don't know yet what will be in the governor's budget," Hoppe said.

There are many requests to the state building commission for approval of additional parking projects. "One of the projects that we put in for consideration for an earmark would be an inter-mobile facility and a pedestrian bridge," Hoppe said.

Hoppe explained that an inter-mobile system is essentially a parking garage with one or more modes of additional transportation flowing through it, such as a bus terminal or bike racks. "It wouldn't fund it totally, but it would be a beginning," she said.

Also planned is an eight-day trip to Florida, where she and some of her staff will be visiting about two cities a day. "One year that netted us \$2.2 million," Hoppe said, adding that this is an annual trip.

Loretta Griffy, associate professor of mathematics, who serves as APSU's Representative to the Tennessee Board of Regents sub-council for the senate faculty, addressed the issue of tuition caps. Currently a student who pays for 12 credit hours can take additional classes at no extra cost, so there's a cap at 12 hours.

Because of this, Griffy said that the cumulative cost for earning a bachelor's degree for a part-time student is higher than for a full-time student because they have to pay for every hour they've taken.

The options were either to change or continue the 12-hour cap. Changing it would balance the costs to ease the burden for part-time students. "It also might minimize the tendency for students to 'course shop,'" Griffy said, referring to students who sign up for 18 or 21 hours, peruse the class for several weeks and subsequently drop a course that may be too time consuming.

The argument for continuing the current cap was that it would be an "incentive for full-time students to graduate on time, and maybe encourage part-time students to become full-time students," Griffy said. Therefore, the committee she represents for APSU voted to leave the cap in place.

The issue of campus identification was raised. "For now,

the campus community will not be required to wear their campus identification cards, but everyone must carry it with them all times, in case there is a need for them to be identified," Hoppe said.

In the case that the national security level is heightened, it is Hoppe's discretion to require ID cards be worn. However, "We do like you to wear them on weekends and at night," Hoppe added.

Referring to the impact of the recent elections, Hoppe does not anticipate a big impact either locally or for the campus. "All of the mayoral candidates were very supportive of Austin Peay," she said. Several of the candidates are APSU alumni.

The next faculty senate is scheduled meeting is Jan. 25. For more information on the faculty senate or to review past minutes, scheduled meetings and agendas, visit the Web site at www.apsu.edu/senate/. ♦

Meeting in a minute

- Professors may not enroll for classes within their department.

- \$1.15 million has been donated to the new fitness and recreation center by a Chattanooga alumnus.

- Request in for earmark of an "inter-mobile" facility on campus has been made.

- Current tuition caps are to remain in place.

- Campus community are reminded to carry their campus identification with them at all times.

Weekly SGA Round-up

The Nov. 15 meeting of the SGA senate was full of new legislation that will direly concern the students of Austin Peay State University.

SOARE bill

The SOARE bill which had been voted down earlier in the year was revised and set before the senate. This new incarnation offered the same referendum question that would ask if the students would support a fee not to exceed \$10 that would go toward making APSU more energy efficient and essentially environmentally friendly.

If the students vote yes on the referendum, SGA will form a committee which would oversee the allocation and dispersal of the funds raised by the fee increase.

Currently, there is no set amount that will go to TVA or that will stay with the school. If the committee decides on a \$10 fee, it is only a possibility that there will be a 7/3 split. It is possible that all the funds will stay with the school, and it is also possible they may not. The resolution passed 15 for, five against, with one abstention.

It is likely that the referendum will be held in February according to Senator Chris Drew.

ID cards

This measure, first spoke about in the President's Cabinet, is designed to aid students and faculty during times of

emergency. This policy change reads that all individuals are required to have an ID card in possession and present upon request. During times when an orange or red alert has been declared, the ID card must be visible. If president Sherry Hoppe declares a campus wide emergency, ID cards must also be visible.

This does not require students to have their ID cards visible unless there is a state of emergency declared on campus or the Unites States is under an orange or red alert.

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the United States has been at the orange level alert five separate times since March 12, 2002. The longest that the nation has been on alert lasted some 30 days and was from March 17 to April 16, 2003.

Since then the DHS has refined the alert system so that the organization may specify certain locations to be at a higher alert level than others. For instances, currently all domestic and international flights are on orange alert, but the nation is at yellow. The orange alert would not affect students on this campus.

The policy has not yet been passed and was tabled to be discussed at a later date so that the senators could speak to the students about their attitudes toward the possible policy change. ♦

over 30 years, and I enjoy seeing the fast transition they make from high school to the college academic environment. Also, the non-traditional students, who have usually been out of school a number of years, make unbelievable notable progress."

"The best part may be that I look forward to having more free time — I will be working 40 percent — to spend on other interests and be with my family, especially my grandchildren," Christian said.

Faculty will be paid all unused annual leave; however they will no longer accrue annual or sick leave.

Participants will also relinquish their tenure.

In addition, tenured faculty must be age 60 or older with at least 10 years of creditable service, or any age with at least 30 years of creditable service.

All notices of intent to participate were due by Oct. 13. All of those that have been returned through the correct process have been approved to date.

"The university has been increasing enrollment, so we find ourselves needing people to teach, and who better to have teach then ones who are teaching now," Heidloff said. ♦

advance energy-saving measures at the university, such as energy-efficient light bulbs.

The group's proposal was approved for a student body vote by the Student Government Association last week.

"I'm so happy — it's such a relief," said Jessica Cameron, SOARE president.

If the green fee referendum passes, a university committee with student representation would decide the amount of the fee will be and how to spend the money raised.

In 2003, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville became the first campus in Tennessee to adopt a student "green power" fee.

Students have enacted similar initiatives at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. ♦

Palestinian unity talks break down, stalling efforts to end Western aid boycott

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - The rival Hamas and Fatah parties froze talks Monday on forming a Palestinian unity government, Fatah officials said, a new setback in efforts to form a more moderate coalition acceptable to the West.

The deep differences raised questions about the ability of the sides to reach a deal that could end months of painful economic sanctions that have bankrupted the Palestinian government and caused widespread hardship in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The sudden announcement of a breakdown came after months of negotiations that appeared to be heading toward formation of a Cabinet of independent experts to replace the Hamas-led body. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah met late Sunday with Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of the ruling Islamic group Hamas in Gaza, and officials said the session was cordial.

But Abbas aide Nabil Amr said Monday that the talks had reached a standoff.

"We would say talks are suspended now," he told a news conference. "What we have agreed upon is only the first mile over the 1,000-mile road."

It wasn't clear whether the suspension was the sign of a real crisis or simply a negotiating tactic by Abbas' weakened Fatah Party.

Hamas officials denied any serious trouble. "Talks are continuing on the highest levels," Haniyeh said.

However, no new talks were scheduled.

The two sides earlier agreed on a U.S.-educated academic as the candidate for prime minister to replace Haniyeh, and crafted a foundation for a joint government that would leave negotiating with Israel up to Abbas, while Hamas would deal with day-to-day issues.

Hamas won parliamentary elections and took office in March. The U.S. and Europe then cut off aid to the Palestinian government, labeling Hamas a terror group for its history of suicide bombings and other attacks against Israelis.

The West insists that before it would restore aid, the Palestinian government had to recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept past peace accords. Hamas refused, its ideology does not accept the existence of a Jewish state in an Islamic Middle East.

Even if the sides reach agreement, it remains unclear whether the "division of labor" formula, with the moderate Abbas handling diplomacy while Hamas sticks to its hard line, would be acceptable to the West.

Hamas political leader Khaled Mashaal held talks overnight in Damascus, Syria, with Abbas envoy Ahmed Qureia, but the meeting focused on proposals for bringing Hamas into the PLO, a separate issue that has long been under discussion without progress.

World Briefs

Relations with Israel have deteriorated since Hamas took office, especially after Hamas-linked militants captured an Israeli soldier in a cross-border raid last June.

Israel has been carrying out a military offensive in the Gaza Strip since the capture, while Palestinian militants continue to fire homemade rockets into southern Israel, launching at least nine rockets Monday. No injuries were reported. Last week, an Israeli woman was killed in a rocket attack.

After nightfall Monday, two Hamas militants were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a car in Gaza City, Hamas officials said. The Israeli military said it targeted a car carrying "terrorist activists." Hamas threatened revenge.

Bomb on passenger train in eastern India kills 8, wounds 60

CALCUTTA, India (AP) - A bomb exploded and tore through two cars of a passenger train Monday in a remote area of eastern India, killing at least eight people and wounding about 60, officials and Indian media said.

Suspicion for the blast in West Bengal state quickly fell on two groups: communist rebels active in wide swaths of rural India or militants fighting for an independent homeland in the neighboring state of Assam.

A spokesman for Northeastern Railways, T. Rabha, told The Associated Press that the bomb had been planted in one of train's cars and exploded about 6:20 p.m. north of Calcutta.

The blast was so powerful it blew away the side and roof of one of the cars, the Press Trust of India reported.

At least six passengers died at the scene and 53 were wounded, Rabha said, adding that the death toll could rise. PTI, citing railway police official Tushar Bhattacharya, later reported that the death toll had climbed to eight with about 60 wounded.

Witnesses said there was a flash followed by a deafening explosion. There were two small explosions immediately afterward, PTI reported.

"Some of the passengers jumped out of the coach in panic, while many received burns," PTI quoted witnesses as saying.

Prasad Ranjan Roy, Home Secretary of West Bengal state, said initial suspicion pointed to either Maoist rebels or Assamese militants. He suggested the blast could be the work of the relatively small Kamtapur Liberation Organization, an Assamese group tied to the larger United Liberation Front of Asom.

But, he cautioned: "We are trying to get details."

Although the Maoists are active in the area, they rarely attack civilians.

The Assamese separatists, in contrast, do target civilians and have intensified their attacks since the federal government ended a temporary six-week cease-fire on Sept. 24 amid deadlocked peace talks.

The insurgents have been fighting since

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calendar

Geosciences luncheon, Reception for graduating seniors

Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the geosciences are invited to attend the annual fall luncheon and reception for graduating seniors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 1, in the McCord Building, Room 104. Please bring a main dish or side item to share.

One Night Stand applications

One Night Stand, APSU's annual fundraiser for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, is accepting applications for the 2007 executive committee. Applications are due Dec. 1. Position descriptions and applications are posted on the Web site www.apsu.edu/ons.

Omega Psi Phi taking donations

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity will be taking donations Nov. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center. The donations will go toward the Assault of Illiteracy Fund.

Military mailing deadlines

Please see the Web address below for the U.S. Postal Service regarding deadlines for mail to military with APO addresses: http://www.usps.com/communications/news/press/2006/pr06_067.htm.

Bloodmobile

Kappa Sigma will be sponsoring a bloodmobile Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations will be taken in the Red Cross bus. Free stuff will be given to the donors.

1979 for Assam's independence, saying India's central government — 1,000 miles to the west — exploits the northeast's rich natural resources while doing little to improve its poor infrastructure or to alleviate widespread unemployment.

They have been known to plant bombs in cities and towns, attack police and military posts, and blow up oil pipelines. At least 10,000 people, most of them civilians, have died in Assam since the insurgency began.

Apart from the rebellions in Assam, dozens of other insurgencies have festered for years across India's six other northeastern states.

United States urges denial of IAEA aid to build Iranian reactor

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - The United States said Monday it would accept Iran's request for U.N. aid on seven nuclear projects but urged the International Atomic Energy Agency to deny assistance for a plutonium-producing reactor that can be used to make a bomb.

The decision reflected U.S. recognition that it was futile to try to block IAEA help to Iran on all eight projects because of opposition by most of the agency's 35-nation board. It also appeared prompted by an IAEA ruling that neither the reactor nor the other projects posed a proliferation threat.

Some diplomats accredited to the Vienna-based U.N. nuclear watchdog agency also suggested it could reflect a U.S. decision to tread relatively lightly while Washington weighs the possibility of direct dialogue with Iran on reducing violence in Iraq.

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the closed meeting.

U.S. officials declined comment.

"We are prepared to join consensus" on approving the seven other requests from Iran if the agency's board agrees to deny aid to Iran on building the Arak research reactor, said Gregory L. Schulte, the chief U.S. delegate to the IAEA.

But Schulte suggested there would be no compromise on Arak, describing it as being "capable of producing plutonium for one or more nuclear weapons each year," once completed, likely in the next decade.

"Given past board decisions, continued questions about Iran's nuclear program, and the risk of plutonium being diverted to use in a weapons, the United States joins with others who cannot approve this project," he said.

His comments to the closed committee meeting on IAEA technical aid to member countries were made available to The Associated Press.

The council's main concern is Iran's defiance of a demand that it freeze uranium enrichment, but the Arak heavy water reactor is also worrying because of its ability to produce plutonium. ♦

Door readers still on their way to campus

All buildings are expected to be online by end of the semester

By APRIL MCDONALD
Senior Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University officials previously stated that all buildings would have door readers installed during fall break.

"As of this moment, we are finishing up the guidelines for implementing and any necessary lock out rules," Andy Kean, director of university facilities, said.

"We are also in the final stages of testing. It looks like housing will be going live at the beginning of the Spring semester and the rest of the campus will be coming on building by building after Thanksgiving."

Glitches in the system have set back the door readers activation up to this point. ♦

2007 post-retirement option welcomed by faculty, staff

By APRIL MCDONALD
Senior Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University offered a new post-retirement option to faculty this year.

The standard option is two years and 20 percent of the normal teaching load. The option offered this year is four years and 40 percent of the normal teaching load.

"For those faculty, and right now there are about 14, what we've said to this is we will guarantee you four years of teaching at 40 percent of your pay or about 12 hours a semester," said Ted Heidloff, director of human resources and affirmative action.

"You actually retire from the university, then if we have the classes that need to be taught, we make this available to them."

Faculty that have applied for the post-retirement option are looking forward to it.

"I am very pleased to participate in the program because I will still be working with freshmen students," said Aleeta Christian, professor of developmental studies. "I did choose to retire because of the particular package," Christian said.

"I have worked with freshmen for

Green fee vote for renewable energy a go

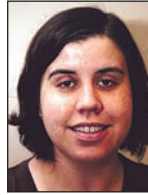
Students will have voice in campus funds

Associated Press

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. - Students at Austin Peay State University will vote next semester on whether to enact a \$10 "green fee" on themselves to raise money for renewable energy.

The Students Organized to Advance Renewable Energy group has been working on the measure that would allow the university to buy renewable power from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The money would also be used to



Cameron

OUR TAKE

Stop! You're not a machine

Being a student at Austin Peay State University is certainly not easy; however, being a college student is still a privilege regardless. Often times, we focus on the difficulties and stresses that come with attending college instead of the fun that is supposed to accompany the college experience.

Being engulfed in the trenches can sometimes make one lose sight of that. During the course of the semester, it's easy to slip into a state of being routine, mechanical and lifeless. We at *The All State* are here to say, "Stop!"

Take time out during this Thanksgiving break and use it wisely. Granted, many of you will surely be rushing frantically to finish projects which are due the week after the holiday vacation we all need so badly. With any hope, none of you will have to go this

route. Regardless of class assignments, this break needs to be a time of rejuvenation, a time of peace and a time of relaxation.

Take this time to rebuild your inner being and get back in touch with the things that matter most in life. Bring this newfound inspiration back with you into the classroom, and remember to yourself, "I shall overcome." These ongoing struggles we fight in mid-semester need not bring the student down, but instead should be looked at as a challenge to further oneself. Take this break and utilize it for what it is — a moment of clarity.

To anyone who is stuck in a mid-semester slump, use this holiday vacation to get out of the academic rut that virtually all of us wind up in. Remember, we want to get the best out of our college experience, not for college to get the best of us. ♦

If I did it ... would you all watch?

"We, the jury find Orenthal James Simpson not guilty." "We, the jury find Orenthal James Simpson, liable." Two murders, two trials, two verdicts. In the criminal trial (the first and most heavily viewed) Simpson, despite seemingly overwhelming exculpatory evidence to the contrary, was acquitted of the heinous charge of brutally killing Nicole Brown, his ex-wife, and Ronald Goldman, a younger male friend. Sloppy police work, poor prosecutorial case management and blatant

racism by at least one of the lead detectives who planted evidence at the crime scene all serve to fuel a jury to engage in what is known in legal circles as "jury nullification." Simply put, this is when a jury ignores the legal matter at hand and sends a political "message" to society. In trial one, the message was to the L.A.P.D. and its apparent tolerance of racist, inept cops. The problem of course, is that when juries veer away from their legal and civic duty, cases almost always end badly. After paying his "Dream Team" of expensive legal guns (though worth every penny to Simpson) the "Juice" was indeed on the "Loose."

In trial two, which seemed to happen in less time than you could say, "the jury did what?", a civil judgment was rendered against Simpson. There he was found liable (can't be found guilty in a civil trial) and was ordered to pay over \$35 million to the families of Brown and Goldman. Unfortunately, in this case Simpson or anyone else that loses in a civil trial, can't be locked up. Shortly after this trial, Simpson vows to spend the rest of his life searching for the "real killer" and also to "never give a dime" to either family for their tragic loss.

We have learned much about the behind-the-scenes drama of these trials over the past twelve years. Simpson's "Dream Team" clashed over legal strategy and were split over whether he should take the stand in his own defense (he didn't) and that the two chief prosecutors, Chris Darden and Marcia Clark became lovers during the trail (gee, who can focus on a crime when the sweet siren call of love is ringing in your ears?). We also witnessed, yet again, that blacks and whites in this country often view life and crime from two radically different, and at times, mutually exclusive viewpoints. But mostly we learned a lot about Simpson, and what we learned and saw was ugly. We wanted to look away but obviously couldn't then and probably still cannot, even now.

Simpson is back in the news because one, his narcissism and towering ego simply won't allow it and two, because there is still money to be made on the backs of the two victims. Judith Regan, who was a former editor at the National Enquirer, and now a mega-watt publisher, has advanced Simpson

\$3.5 million for the rights of a book to soon to be released nationwide about how he would have brutally butchered his ex-wife (the mother of his surviving children) and her friend, you know, "if he had really done the deed." Ah, no doubt, the book every loving father secretly yearns to write, "hey kids, you want me to autograph one for each of you?")

Proof that FOX is truly "fair and balanced," the interview Regan did to promote this book will be broadcast on this same network soon. Well, at least the story has a happy ending, Simpson, Regan and Rupert Murdoch (owner of FOX Network) all pocket a large paycheck for some exhausting but certainly rewarding work.

And the family of the victims who are

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still waiting for that first "dime" from Simpson? Well, their legal team has vowed to "go after" Simpson to try and force payment now that the whole world knows about his recent paycheck. Good luck. The book advance royalty is probably already squirreled away in some off-shore, secret account with his previous monies earned from sport show signings and football gear sales. Hey kids, how about a nice USC #32 jersey for your wall? Forget that he was found liable for two brutal murders, he was the Juice, we all make mistakes. Merry Christmas. Sadly, sports shops are reporting a "run" on requests for Simpson's jersey with the news of his book deal and TV "drama."

Fox and Regan have been receiving much criticism and heat over its actions. But really, when profit-making knocks on your door, even when dressed up as O.J., the brutal murderer, you open up and invite him in, because that is what you do. Make profit. Regan claims this is her way of getting back at the men who physically and sexually abused her as a young woman. She believes this book/interview amounts to a confession. What an interesting and delusional way to salve your own wounds by enabling an egotistical murderer to not only make the money and run but throw dirt on the graves and memories of his victims and their surviving family. Again.

Boycotts of books and television dramas tend not to work. Call it curiosity. Call it perverse interest. Regardless, the book will sell, the show will be viewed. If there is any justice though, three things will occur, 1) FOX ratings will plummet and Simpson's book will sell as many copies as K-Fed's next rap CD, 2) The Brown and Goldman families will recover all of his Simpson's money, leaving him homeless and 3) Simpson will decide to play golf in a violent lightning storm. With a large, metal-tipped umbrella. Game over. May his victims finally rest in peace. ♦



Is Cross Hall crossed with a litter problem?

Through the course of my stay here at Austin Peay State University as a Cross Hall resident, there exists seldom an occasion when on my hurried way back to my dorm room I don't come upon the trash which exclusively surrounds Cross. After some inspection of the other dorms, I've come to the conclusion that trash tends to accumulate most near Cross than any other dormitory. Though I may not be in possession of an explanation for this trend, I can provide you with what I have observed and continue to observe everyday.

Since the beginning of the semester, I have observed a wealth of litter amass itself before Cross. More specifically, the bulk of this litter amasses on the male side, which faces away from campus. Granted, there are many days when Cross looks fine. But too many days have I rounded the corner towards my room to find several empty soda bottles, cigarette packs, and paper plates scattered about the grass and concrete. I have also observed several instances in which residents tend to leave their trash bags and take-out boxes outside their doors for days at a time. I would presume that those who do so have suppositions in which they assume that someone else will come along to dispose of their trash for them. As pleasant and prepossessing



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as this notion may sound, I don't recall this service appearing on my tuition invoice. Indeed, I am just as befuddled as you are.

What is it about Cross Hall that makes this dormitory so susceptible to litter? Your guess is as good as mine and perhaps better. Though I, myself, am a Cross resident, I cannot offer a conclusive explanation to this problem. Do the male residents just have the wrong expectations and assumptions in regards to their responsibilities as dorm residents? Or are they just lazy and feeble? What incentive is there for them not to dispose of their trash in the dorm's provided dumpster? This is quite the quandary.

While I presume not to know the cause for such negligence, I will convey two observations. The male side of Cross Hall faces away from the center of campus. It is a commonly held notion that when you aren't being watched, you usually aren't as reserved with your behavior. Is there a possible correlation between these two observations?

Furthermore, I wonder as to whether APSU's litter problem is reflective of our culture or if our culture is reflective of APSU's litter problem. We as a nation profess much concern for the well being of our country. But do we focus on all the issues or only select issues? For example, why is it that we focus so much on smoking and disregard the issue of littering? We as a nation put much focus on making sure that no child is left behind in our schools, yet every year, more and more incoming college freshmen are required to take remedial courses. So if you, yourself, aren't a Cross resident and aren't much concerned with this local litter problem, chew on these questions instead. ♦

Life is a not a Cabaret, but maybe it should be

The ravishing Sally in the smash hit Cabaret sings a song that I will never forget. Her life has taken an unsuspected turn and her relationship has gone awry and everything around her is going to pot. Knowing this she does the only rational thing she knows to do, she sings the title song "Cabaret." All the emotions that have built up inside her break forth in this happy-go-lucky song that, when sung in her emotional state, sounds very eerie. Everything falls around her while she sings a merry tune. After the song she walks off drained of everything that lives inside of her. After that song she just ceases to care.

As emotionally draining as it was for Sally to sing that song, and just as well for the actress I presume, it drains the audience's mind of all hope of going back to "normal." It signals a point of no return where you have to lie in the bed you made.

That song has stuck inside my head so much and it really resembles in my mind a deeply profound insight. As humans, there are often times when we reach a breaking point. The pressure slowly grows more intense and you'll do anything to relieve it. Our lives reach that point where we scream out for a savior and no one comes. We do crazy things to lighten our



Perspectives
Ricky Young

load. We think we've tried everything, but I think there is one thing we as a society don't do: we don't let our feelings out.

As much as I dislike Shakespeare, I have to say that he was right about one thing. The world is a stage and we are all merely actors playing a part. We may try to change our role in mid-scene, only to find that we cannot. There's no denying that every time you walk outside you are walking onstage and people are watching you perform. They see what you do when that pressure is inside of you and they can judge your character based on that. I would like to tell you today that we should all strive to be like Sally.

When life gives you a raw deal and you can't remember the last time you felt that release of emotions, sing it out. It doesn't matter what song you sing either. Sally is singing this song about being on holiday when she really wants to curl into a ball and cry.

Let your emotions out. Whether you are playing tennis, sitting in class or choosing between skim or two percent milk, live your life with that song in your mind. Just remember, after Sally finishes her big number she is drained of the pressure, but she also knows that there is no turning back to the life before. After you sing it out, move on and face your life with a new perspective. Beware though that if you're not looking for a change of perspective, you might want to disregard what I just said.

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In the Line of Fire!

In response to Sara Simpkins' "Reverse racism does exist":

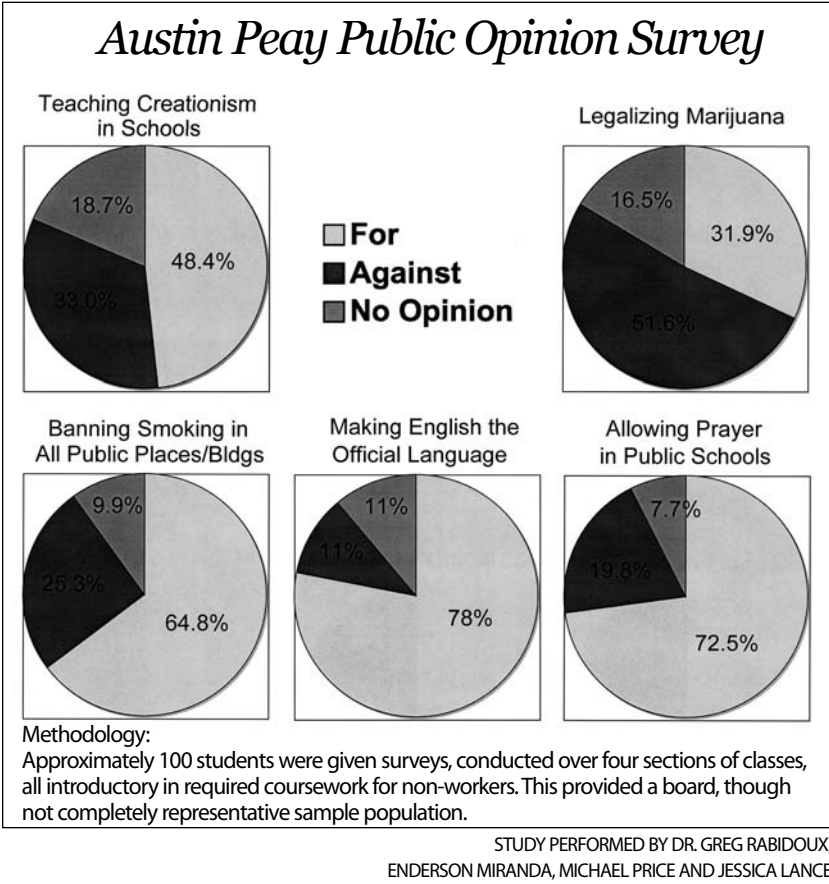
It saddens me to see one who majors in Social Work to take such an individual approach to the problem of discrimination. It's apparent that since Sara doesn't want to look outside herself to address the problem, more than likely, she is part of the problem.

I really hope that the "Perspectives" page being limited to one page is only temporary. This page has been a means of voicing the concerns of many who normally don't get the opportunity to present their "perspective." Thanks *The All State* for representing more of a general view of the area.

I received a ticket on November 2, 2006 for parking illegal on 8th Street. I, along with many others have been parking on this street since the beginning of the term. When I asked questions regarding the ticket at the police station on campus, I was given two answers: the APSU police department has been understaffed and 8th street is maintained by the city of Clarksville. Does this make sense?

Send your views to allstateopinions.com

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Salute the troops

By SHANNA MOSS
Guest Writer

I woke up in the morning on a Friday and went to class. It was an average day, but at 9 p.m. I received a phone call saying that a friend would be returning from Iraq at 12:20 a.m. This caller had also e-mailed me prior to the soldier's arrival to say he didn't have anyone to meet him when he got off the plane and asked if I could.

He didn't want to be the only soldier without family or friends to welcome him back with support. Of course I said I wouldn't miss it for the world and was on the road to Fort Campbell that night to meet his plane. The next event I speak of is, by far, one of the most amazing experiences in my life.

I arrived at Gate 7 and asked the guard where I needed to be in order to pick up a returning soldier. He told me that the next flight in was not due until 3:30 a.m. Then, he told me I could wait in the parking area outside the information area until they started loading the buses that bring you to the hangar where the welcome back ceremony would be held. The guard also told me that when lights came on in the parking area that the plane would be at the hangar in two hours. So I pulled in and waited.

At 1:30 a.m. the lights came on — the excitement started to build. I talked to the soldier at the information booth and he gave me information on the flight. Everyone packed on the buses and we traveled the couple of miles it took to get to the hangar. My friend was going to be on flight number 262, but not at 3:30 a.m.; it was going to be 4:20 a.m. So I waited with the rest of the friends and families. In the hangar they had patriotic music playing and refreshments for everyone to enjoy and to keep the children occupied. I couldn't believe the number of people dressed in camouflage and our nation's colors. All with signs that said "Welcome Home," "We are proud of you," "We have missed you" and "We love you!". You could literally feel the excitement in the air. It was unlike anything I had ever felt before.

As we sat listening to the Army band playing "Celebration," a woman walked on stage and went to the microphone. The band stopped playing and everyone got quiet. You could have heard a pin drop, even the babies crying got quiet. "Information on flight 262, our soldier are one hour out," said the lady on the stage. Everyone started cheering and the band started playing. The excitement was intense.

After a while everyone started to calm back down and patiently wait for their loved ones. Just as soon as everyone settled down and the band stopped again, the lady soldier came back to the microphone. "Flight 262 is 30 minutes out!" Everyone jumped up screaming and cheering as they waved their American flags. The excitement, that I thought couldn't get any higher, reached a new high.

After about 10 minutes everyone kind of settled back down. Then she came back to the microphone. "Latest news on flight 262 ... They are early! Your Freedom Bird is on the ground! Welcome Home Soldiers!" Everyone jumped up and ran outside to see if it was actually happening; it was. The sound that came from this group of people, including me, was deafening and purely patriotic.

I couldn't help but get emotional along with everybody else. We all swelled with pride as our men and women of the armed forces started to walk off the plane decked out in all their gear with their heads held high.

They were home, in the land that they love — safe. Unlike many people may think, the soldiers are not able to touch their family or friends as soon as they get off the plane. There are barricades set up. They called everyone back into the hangar and had them take their seats.

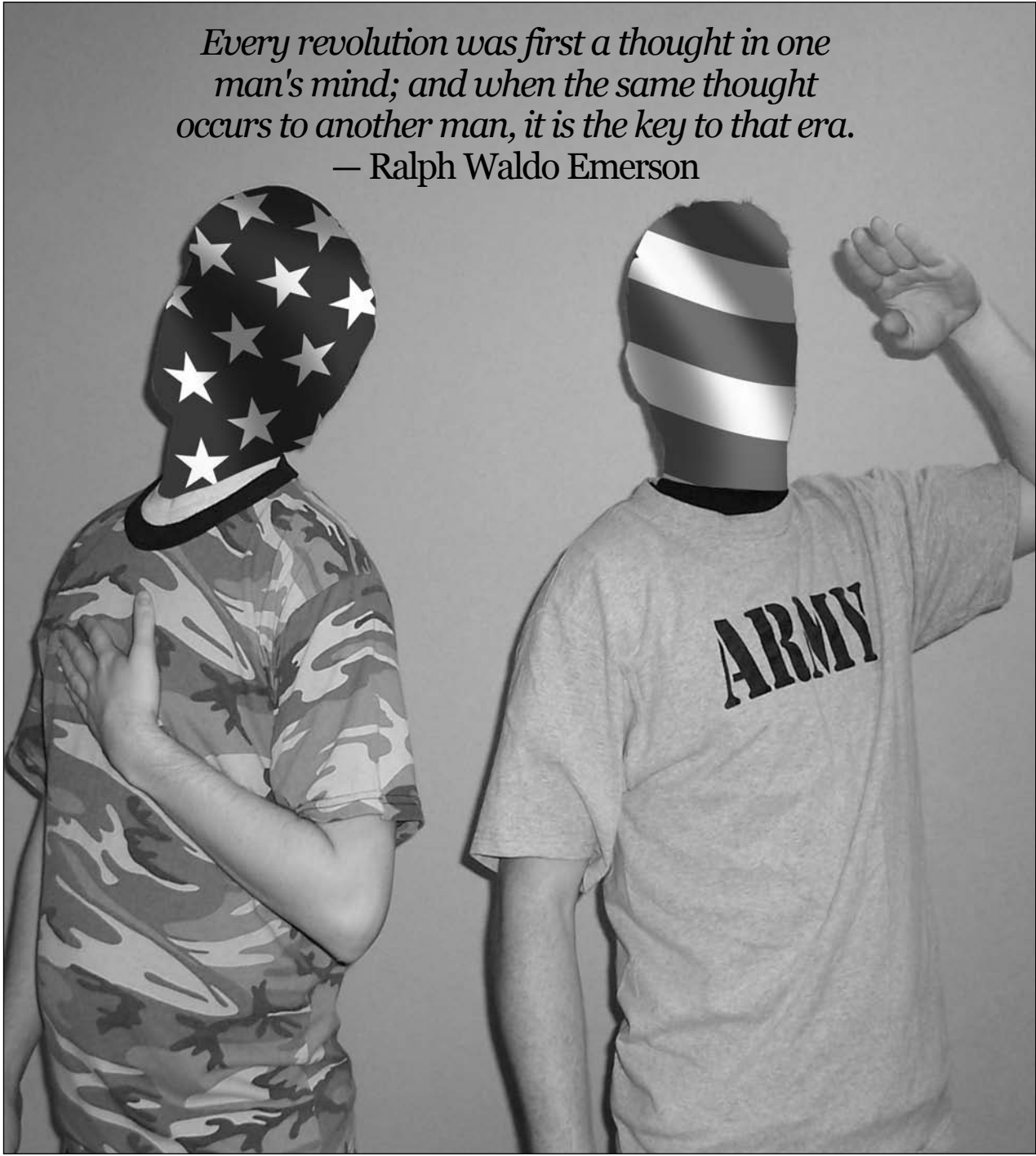
After everyone took their seats, the Chaplain got up and announced a welcome to the soldiers. The band started, the hangar doors opened, and there they were. In formation, they started marching into the hangar. It took all they had to keep their eyes straight, but every now and then you could see a couple just cutting their eyes in search for their loved ones. After a short prayer they were released for 20 minutes of family time. Everyone scattered to find and hold their loved ones.

Words cannot explain or put into perspective the feelings that were so abundant in this space only as big as a gymnasium. After the 20 minutes were up, the soldiers were back in formation, did an about-face and were marched out of the hangar just as heroic as they came in. We all got back on the buses and were brought back to our cars so we could go and pick up our heroes after they turned in their sensitive items.

This, as I said before, was one of the most amazing emotional roller-coaster rides I had ever been on and wouldn't change it for the world. I guess another reason why I decided to write this is to let everyone know that you don't have to know someone personally to encounter the same thing I did. A lot of these soldiers coming back don't have any family to return to and would be happy to get words of welcome and pride from a stranger. It is time to show our thanks and pride to the people who deserve it the most — our soldiers in the United States Armed Services. ♦

Every revolution was first a thought in one man's mind; and when the same thought occurs to another man, it is the key to that era.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



JOHN LUDWIG/STAFF

With privilege comes sacrifice

Last week I spoke with one of God's chosen people. He's a fifty-year-old Russian Jew with four beautiful kids. I just happen to be marrying his eldest daughter in just a few short weeks. Anyway, over the summer I read an interesting perspective on Jewish identity by antiracism activist Tim Wise in his book "White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son." In it, he discusses his personal experience on what it means to be a descendant of Yiddish ancestry

and tells a story, common to many, of what it means for an immigrant to melt into this great country of ours. After reading Wise's account, this made me wonder about my soon-to-be wife's history. Could it be similar?

Speaking with Daddy Oresman, I asked him what he knew about his migrant grandfather. The story begins in 1901, when the grandfather enters the gates of Ellis Island. The promise of liberty, opportunity and equality birthed an enchantment that one typically only finds through the beauty calling of "America." Much like Tim Wise's personal narrative, the Oresman version reveals much of the same. It begins with the arrival at Ellis



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Island. As the grandfather encountered the immigration officer with his thick, hard-to-decipher Yiddish accent (as if that couldn't have been trouble enough) more problems were born from that moment on. It unraveled like this:

"Name please?"
"Urisman."
"Excuse me?"
"Urisman."

"What? Look, I can't understand your thick accent. If you are in this country you're gonna have to speak like an American. What you're saying isn't going to work, so I'm just gonna make it easy for ya. You're no longer Urisman, Earsman, Orksman or whatever it is ya say. You're now Oresman, O-r-e-s-m-a-n. Next please!"

And that's where the breaking of an identity began. Urisman's first day in the land of the free and home of the brave was one that would foreshadow the rest of his and his ancestors' lives. You see, to live in a world of white privilege, one must own the role of whiteness. Much like Mr. Urisman's name, the stories and traditions of the old world (especially anything not Western European in early 20th century America) could not be carried over, because to hold onto that would be to hold onto resistance — resistance that would prevent the

assimilation process. You see, to hold onto anything that strayed away from what was considered pseudo-culture, would be to obstruct the transformation of what it means to be American.

The lure of America was that it had promised everything for nothing (as long as you read the fine print). That nothing is not something to be overlooked. That nothing was something. The day my fiancé's great-grandfather laid foot on Ellis Island, we lost identity. That day he and every generation to follow him lost a connection to our history.

"What? Look, I can't understand your thick accent. If you are in this country you're gonna have to speak like an American. What you're saying isn't going to work, so I'm just gonna make it easy for ya."

So what's the relevance of history? Nothing really. Only the ability to understand the present because of knowledge of the past. Nothing but knowledge of who you were, where you come from, how you survived and why you are the way that you are. Yeah, only that. Only a lost tie of being able to identify yourself. You know, nothing major.

So that is the cost of privilege. And this privilege is a privilege, but it's also a burden. Without this price being paid, there is no doubt that the things Lisa (my other) and I enjoy would not be possible, but ignoring why we have these things would be a false reality. Often times, many overlook this. And that presents a problem. Without understanding the past, how can one understand the present?

It's something our identity (or lack of it) reminds us of, something my wife and children will have to pay every day. This is a cost that forces people to be something they are not, a disconnection disabling people from ever being who they were and preventing them from ever being who they're supposed to be.

While many privileges have stemmed from migrations to the United States, gains are not made without losing something. With benefits come sacrifices. My philosophy is sometimes you must lose yourself to find yourself. But finding yourself is a hard thing to do when it comes to breaking who you are. ♦

A 'United We Stand' bumper sticker is not the extent of patriotism

According to dictionary.com, a patriot is "a person who loves, supports and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion." I don't love my country in a "wear the American flag screaming 'U.S.A.!' way. I don't have a "Support Our Troops" sticker on my car. I've considered joining the Army, thinking it would make me into a man instead of a passionate writer fighting apathy, but physically I'd crap out during training. How do I love my country?

Well, I'm not a terrorist nor do I support any. I pay sales taxes when I buy things. I don't download music unless it's legal. I live in America and was born here. I like myself, so since I'm American that is a vicarious love for my country. I like and love other Americans. I fully enjoy the benefits of a capitalist society, e.g. fast food restaurants, obesity, CDs, DVDs and so on. I voted in the 2004 presidential election and considered voting in the recent election.



Perspectives
Charles Bridgers IV

Another definition of a patriot on dictionary.com is "a person who regards himself or herself as a defender, esp. of individual rights, against presumed interference by the federal government."

Now this definition is up my alley. I Questioning the need for parents, I've had the answers right or wrong. Sorry mom, I was obnoxious in my desire for freedom. It started with pulling my sister's hair and became saying anything I wanted. Developing sexual innuendo, making fun of people, calling out hypocrites, criticizing churches and privileged pretty people in any establishment: these are rights I'll fight for to the death. I'll also complain about America and how all we do is complain about things. I've visited Portugal, so I can be one of those cool people who talks about how much better Europe is than America. I did eat better over there, but the traffic is insane. People actually parked in the middle of the road.

Finally, a patriot is also "a U.S. Army anti-aircraft missile with a range of 37 miles and a 200 pound warhead, launched from a tracked vehicle with radar and computer guidance and fire control." I'm not a missile in any shape or form, my car probably doesn't have enough gas in it to go 37 miles and I weigh well over 200 pounds. Though I do consider myself explosive in a verbal manner. I write articles for

The All State, setting fires in the minds of both people who read my articles.

I don't really think of myself as an American, more as a human being. Being an American seems to get loaded with a lot of crap, having to love this, hate that, be this, be that; I feel like the pressures to "be American" take away from the freedom to be a different kind of person, the true concept of being an individual seeking honest expression. There are so many negative connotations to being an American: lazy, selfish, stupid, inconsiderate, spoiled, etc. that I guess I avoid the topic.

I believe that it isn't cool to be American these days. It is more fashionable to bash our politics while also enjoying the movies and music we export around the world. I wonder if that's the unsaid slogan of America for Earth: We Can't Run Things, But We Will Entertain You. Was Kurt Cobain a spokesperson for foreign countries when he sang "here we are now, entertain us"? Random? Yes, that's how my mind works. I have the freedom to be ridiculous, and you have the freedom to switch over to Phil Grey's superior article if I stray too far from being relevant this week.

I would consider myself a Christian first, American later. There are no laws against the fruits of the Spirit, being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I believe that politics hasn't grasped the concept of true Christianity. I believe that some religious politicians use it to gain support from well-meaning believers or ostracize types of people they don't like. I believe that Christians are seen as idiots because they vote by their morals instead of following the "Bush sucks" agenda.

Christianity isn't an excuse to push our "God-inspired" agenda on people who disagree with us. Christianity is living a "God-controlled" life and seeking His agenda for the entire world. What's His agenda? To be praised by a world He loves dearly. I believe it is my duty to love others instead of trying to change them into what I think they need to be. Only God can judge you, and only He knows what's best for His people.

Scripture says to follow man's laws, so I will. It's not like I have a problem with the laws anyway. I will not, however, leave the Holy Spirit out of my writings because my religion offends anybody.

My patriotism? Try to live a godly life and help spread the Holy Spirit across America, which I believe would improve our status all over the world and give everyone a reason to be proud of this country.

America bless God. ♦



THE ISSUE

American identity.

WHY IT MATTERS

Content in the context of daily life reveals the American identity. This identity is the glue that holds our nation together. Without it, we are no longer brothers and sisters, but merely business associates.

WHAT'S NEXT

Take a break and use this break for what it is — a rejuvenation.



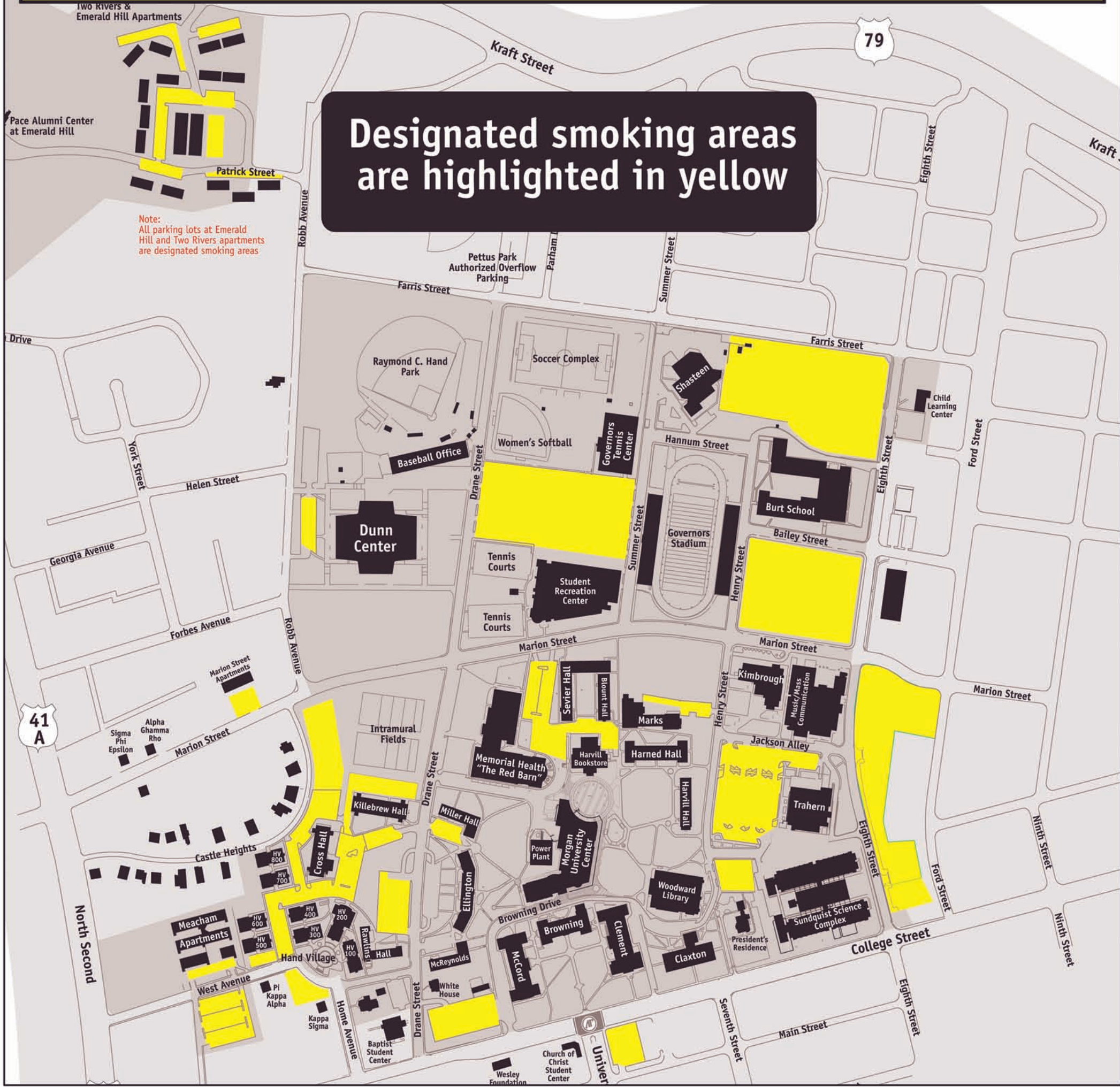
Austin Peay State University Smoking/Clean Air Policy Enforcement of Student Violations

1. A student found smoking in an unauthorized area can be charged with violating 2.(q) of the APSU Code of Student Conduct which states: "Violation of general rules and regulations. Any violation of the general rules and regulations of the University published in an official University publication, including the intentional failure to perform any required action or the intentional performance of prohibited actions."
2. A complaint can be filed by any student, faculty or staff member and be made to the Central Student Affairs Office (208 UC).
3. Students seen smoking in non-designated areas will be required to produce their APSU Gov's Card upon request.
 - If student does not have the Card on their person he/she will be asked for an alternative picture ID. Student may be charged with 2.(h) "Misuse of Austin Peay State University documents of identification. Any . . . failure to carry the APSU ID card at all times or to show it upon proper request."
 - If the student refuses to produce their APSU Gov's Card and/or another form of picture ID then he/she may additionally be charged with 2.(p) "Failure to cooperate with University officials: Failure to comply with directions of University officials in the performance of their duties."
 - A student on APSU property without any identification may be detained by Campus Police and/or denied access to the campus.
4. Students who are verbally abusive or threatening toward any person attempting to enforce the policy may be charged with additional violations such as 2.(c) Harassment and/or 2.(d) Disorderly conduct.
5. Students charged with violation of the policy will be sent a notification letter by the Dean of Students or other Student Affairs Administrator and will be afforded the right to the disciplinary procedures outline in the Code of Student Conduct. Resolution of the violation could range from an informal warning with no permanent disciplinary record to reprimand, restriction, university probation or other sanctions found in the Code that would result in an official disciplinary record with the university.

Smoking shall be permitted in the following parking lots:

- All Residence Halls and Family Housing with the exception of Henry Street and Gov's Lane
- Dunn Center on Robb Avenue
- Student Recreation Center (Old Armory Parking Lot)
- Shasteen Back Lot
- Farris & Eighth Street
- Music/Mass Communications
- Eighth Street
- Trahern
- Archwood
- College Street & University Avenue
- McCord

The campus map indicating designated smoking locations can be found at: <http://www.apsu.edu/smoking/>



Peay on the Edge

Dave drops a few lines:

Do you know of a band that is performing in the area? On campus? Contact us with all the info and we'll feature them in our new music corner section of the features pages. Also, are you interested in becoming a features writer? Be sure to get those applications in before the end of the semester.

Quote o' the day

The TV business is uglier than most things. It is normally perceived as some kind of cruel and shallow money trench through the heart of the journalism industry, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free and good men die like dogs, for no good reason.

Hunter S. Thompson, San Francisco Examiner, 1985
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www.quotationspage.com

This day in history 1963:

On this day, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas. Kennedy took office on January 20, 1961. From the start of his term, he was faced with a deteriorating situation in Southeast Asia, in which both Laos and South Vietnam were threatened by communist insurgencies. In July 1962, Kennedy's roving ambassador, W. Averell Harriman, negotiated an international agreement that arranged for a neutral coalition government in Laos.

—www.history.com

Not so deep thoughts

Since the closest star is thousands and thousands of light-years away and takes years for its light to hit earth, it's safe to say that space is another form of the 1980's popular game, Brite Lite.

Word o' the week

putative \PYOO-tuh-tiv\, adjective: Commonly thought or deemed; supposed; reputed.
—
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Cabaret presents powerful story



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Master of ceremonies, Erika Arnold gets into character for Cabaret. "Even the orchestra is beautiful," Arnold said at the time this picture of Sunday afternoon's production was taken. Here she is introducing the orchestra at the Kit Kat Club

Musical production of classic play presented by APSU's theatre department

By HEATHER CLARK
Staff writer

It was musical theatre with a poignant message. It's what Austin Peay State University Theatre and the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts has delivered with its presentation of Joe Masteroff's Cabaret. Director Graham Cooper, with his first musical production at APSU, leads a marvelous cast in an entertaining and powerful story. Set in 1930s Berlin, the story follows Clifford Bradshaw (Breck Wilhite), a struggling American author come to Germany seeking inspiration for his new novel.

While on a train, he befriends Ernst Ludwig (Jeremy Maxwell) who introduces him to questionable job opportunities, shelter at the boarding house of Fraulein Schneider (Koral Rose Curkeet), and a taste of Berlin night life by way of the Kit Kat Club. It is at the Kit Kat Club that Clifford meets an English performer named Sally Bowles (Misty Ayres-Miranda). The story surrounds the unexpected romance between Clifford and Sally while intertwining with the lives of those around them. They all facing a shaky and unknown future in the budding years of the Nazi regime. The audience is drawn in from moment one as the performance kicks off with an interactive number, "Willkommen", that welcomes guests to the Kit Kat Club. Waiters and waitresses join in with the Kit Kat Girls in this entertaining song, lead by a

saucy and provocative Master of Ceremonies (Erika Arnold). Clifford meets Sally, and the story moves along with the two of them eventually living together at Fraulein Schneider's boarding house. The feel of the performance is strangely sad but carefully optimistic. So much so that audience members are caught off guard at the end of Act I, where we join the cast at the engagement party of Fraulein Schneider and Herr Schultz (Michael Kelly), a Jewish fruit shop owner. Ludwig — Cliff's business associate, voices his disapproval of the marriage. For the last number of the act, Ludwig joins Fraulein Kost (Jamie Farmer) in a chilling rendition of "Tomorrow Belongs to Me" as the infamous swastika banners are unfurled. While there is singing and dancing in Act II as well, the play wraps up on a decidedly somber note.

Nevertheless, the message is affecting. It is not just shocking for the sake of shock. The message is designed to remind us of the dangers of forgetting. This is something that happened once in the world we live in, and it could happen again. Moreover, the message is very well-conveyed by a dedicated and talented cast and crew. This production is the end result of about two month's worth of hard work. Main characters maintained a daily rehearsal schedule, and there was a great deal of outside help getting the set built. Also worth mentioning is the great costume design, and a special mention for hair and makeup, courtesy of Stephanie Winstead and Mariah Edwards. "A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into this production," said Breck Wilhite (Cliff). The work is apparent in the final product. Cabaret is a remarkable experience. ♦

Plagiarism uncovered from here to Harvard

By A.J. DUGGER
Staff Writer

There is a contagious disease that haunts both high schools and college campuses everywhere. This relatively common disease may not result in death, but it may result in expulsion from school, or become a hideous stain on someone's permanent record. This "disease" is widely known as plagiarism and professors at Austin Peay State University have recently come up with new ways to detect and stop it. Plagiarism is the act of taking original material from someplace else and deliberately claiming it as one's own, or without giving any credit to the original source. However, there are times when plagiarism could be considered accidental. "If I write a paper based on my knowledge of

cars, is that plagiarism? I can't remember all the sources I've read over the years, so I can't accurately cite them," said Kenny Shipp, freshman business major. People were shocked last month when Harvard University's student paper *The Harvard Crimson* suspended a columnist and a cartoonist for plagiarism. Many people never expected for Harvard students to plagiarize, but this just proves once and for all that plagiarism can happen anytime or anyplace. Professors everywhere are well aware of this. "[Professors] know how to Google too," said Linda Barnes, director of the Honors Program. Still, professors are more than hip when it comes to discovering plagiarism. Some could even spot plagiarized work a mile away. "When you have read as many papers as most of us have, there are things that are red flags," Barnes said.

David Major agrees with Barnes. "We've seen enough of students' handwriting to know their styles," said Major, an associate English professor. Indeed, students can be compared to some fiction writers because of their word choice preferences and overall style. However, loop holes that were once used in plagiarism are being discovered and terminated. A lot of people paraphrase, which is using someone else's idea or theme, but putting it into their own words. According to professor Major, paraphrasing is fine, as long as the sources are cited. On the other hand, if someone paraphrases something and does not cite sources, then it is considered plagiarism. "You have to reference everything... even ideas," said Dianne Sanders, a senior Greek language major. Still, there is a new technology

that is designed to catch even the slightest of plagiarism. "APSU now has a database for it," said Jennifer Beckelhymer, an English professor. Some students complain about the constant use of citations for sources. Alan Brady is one of them. "It's basically citing the whole paper," said Brady, a freshman computer science major. Despite it all, teachers are not actively looking for plagiarizers. That is not their goal. "I want to help people learn to write better," said Barnes. One thing will never change; plagiarism is one of the ultimate sins when it comes to writing and research. Barnes said one statement that people who plagiarize should really think about. "If you plagiarize, you can fail the whole class." ♦

New game consoles pit against each other this season

Associated Press

The game-console war is officially under way with the sold-out launches of Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii, but there are still a lot of battles to fight and dragons to slay. The long-awaited debuts marked by buying frenzies and marred by violence over extremely limited supplies of the PS3 mean the intense sales challenge for the competitors and retailers will play out beyond the holidays. "We're just pushing off the starting line here," Colin Sebastian, an analyst with Lazard Capital Markets, said Monday. "We continue to anticipate that both the PS3 and Wii will sell out at retail through the holiday period, but the real battle for next-generation console leadership will be fought in 2007." Supplies of the Wii, which launched Sunday, and PS3, which made its U.S. debut Friday, are not expected to meet demand until next year. "The hard part is that we'd love to have every consumer have a PS3 or Wii under their Christmas tree. Unfortunately, that's not going to happen," said Jill Hamburger, Best Buy's vice president of gaming. Best Buy Co Inc. and other major retailers expect regular shipments of the consoles in coming weeks but only in limited quantities.

Sony Corp. said it will have about 1 million PS3 systems for North American stores by the end of the year while Nintendo Co. said it will have shipped 4 million units. The shortage has led to astronomical bidding online. EBay Inc. said more than 13,000 PS3 consoles which retails for \$500 to \$600 had been sold on its online auction site by midday Monday at an average price of \$1,400. More than 9,500 Wii's had been sold at an average price of \$467, almost twice its retail price. Amazon.com Inc. is conducting a poll this week to see which bargain customers most want the online retailer to offer Thanksgiving Day: 1,000 units of the Xbox 360, which normally sells for \$300, at \$100 apiece; 2,500 mountain bikes at \$30 each; 2,000 Barbie dolls at \$10 each; or 2,000 Amazon membership packages at \$10 apiece. Amazon said it would make good on the most popular deal. Retailers expect consumer excitement over the new consoles to also drum up sales of games and other equipment. Accessories such as memory cards, extra controllers and gaming chairs are all for sale. "Retailers will use whatever console allocations they get to try to drive traffic to their stores" Sebastian said. Despite the supply problems, retailers are optimistic about the holiday season. ♦



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Jamie Moore watches a Nintendo Co.'s Wii game, which goes on sale at this Best Buy store in Mountain View, Calif.

By **ALEXANDER ELLIOTT**
Staff Writer

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Associated Press

A portrait of actor Laurence Fishburne. He is seated, wearing a light blue polo shirt under a dark jacket. He has a serious expression and is gesturing with both hands, palms facing up. The background is dark and out of focus.

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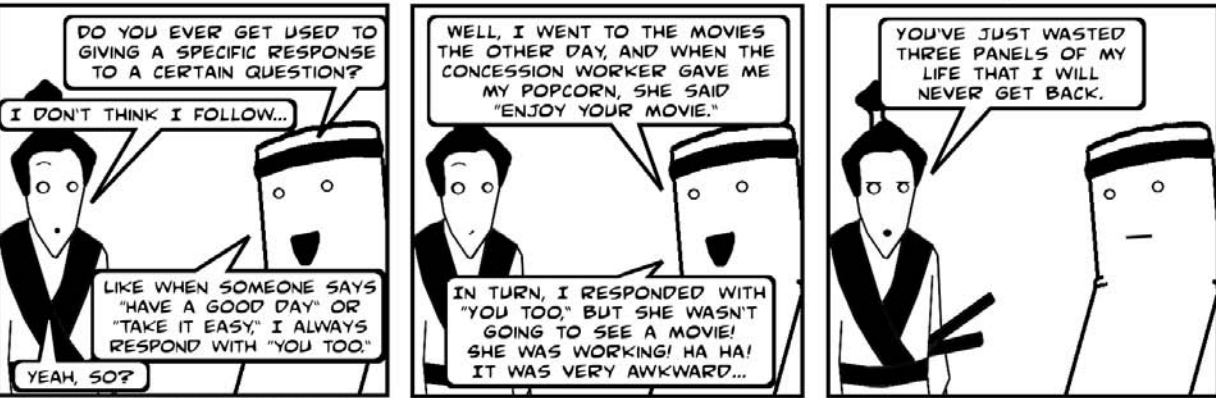
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Due to space limitations that are out of our control, we cannot run a Sudoku puzzle this week. We apologize for the inconvenience. Look for Sudoku next week in *The All State*.

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95 "Rule Britannia" composer
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Ainge, Cutcliffe will return in 2007

Meachem might head to NFL draft

By ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
Associated Press

All the success Tennessee's offense has had this season is causing some concern.

Keeping the same offensive unit together for next season could be a difficult task with speculation about whether quarterback Erik Ainge, receiver Robert Meachem and offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe will return.

Ainge says he and Cutcliffe will be back, but they might have to work hard to convince Meachem to not leave early for the NFL.

"I'll be here next year playing football with coach Cutcliffe. We'll both be here and [are] looking forward to doing great things here next year," Ainge said Monday during his weekly interview with reporters.

Cutcliffe was hired at the end of last season to replace Randy Sanders, who resigned during the 5-6 campaign. Cutcliffe was the offensive coordinator at Tennessee before he left in 1998 to be the head coach at Mississippi. He signed a contract with Tennessee for two years.

The No. 19 Volunteers (8-3, 4-3 Southeastern Conference), who finish the regular season Saturday hosting Kentucky, have revitalized an offense that ranked as one of the least productive last season.

Cutcliffe has said he might consider taking another head coaching job again but is focused on his current job now. His wife is from the Knoxville area, and their children are still in school.

"He's told me from the beginning he has no intentions to go anywhere else. I obviously know things happen. You know, several million dollars to coach a football team is tough not to (take). I understand that. He's not throwing his name out trying to find a job like that. It's one of those things he plans on being here and getting to work with us for a while yet," Ainge said.

Meachem is a different story. The junior receiver needs only 22 yards to set a new school record for receiving yards in a season, beating the 1,170 Marcus Nash had in 1997. Meachem has 1,149 yards and 10 touchdowns in 11 games.

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— Erik Ainge, Tennessee junior quarterback

Tennessee also will lose senior receivers Jayson Swain and Bret Smith. The trio were freshmen together in 2003, but Meachem had to redshirt because of a knee injury.

Ainge said he would like Meachem to return.

"I don't know how you wouldn't have thought about it. Obviously he's thought about it. I just saw today he could break the single-season receiving record and all that kind of stuff. He's had a great year. He's a great football player," Ainge said. "I think if he were to stay then obviously that would help our team out tremendously, and I think that would help him out too. He's got a lot to think about _ the upside of both leaving and staying. I think it will take him a little bit to make that decision."

Meachem has indicated he plans to talk to his family after Tennessee's bowl game before making a decision.

ESPN's draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. ranks Meachem as the fifth-best junior receiver behind Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson, Ohio State's Ted Ginn Jr. and Anthony Gonzalez, and Southern Cal's Dwayne Jarrett.

Ainge said he was not sure if he would even turn his name in to the NFL for a draft evaluation on where he could be chosen.

"The way I look at it, Peyton and Eli (Manning) had as good if not better junior years than I had and they played in all the games and they all stayed. I don't think I'm where Peyton or Eli was right now," Ainge said. "I have a lot of work to do with my game and at this university. I want to get a ring." ♦



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Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge calls out a play during the Volunteers 39-10 routing of Vanderbilt last Saturday. Ainge has passed for 2,482 yards while also tossing 18 touchdowns and only eight interceptions through 11 games of the 2006 season so far.

Ohio State, Michigan stay No.1-2 in BCS ranks



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No. 1 Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith drops back for a pass during the Buckeyes 42-39 win over No. 2 Michigan. Smith and his Buckeyes finished the season perfect (12-0) en route to their first national title game since winning the national title in 2002 over Miami.

Wolverines, Buckeyes slated for rematch in national title game despite final game outcome

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The game of the year didn't change the top of The Associated Press poll.

Ohio State was No. 1 and Michigan was No. 2 in the Top 25 on Sunday.

The Big Ten rivals have held the top two spots in the media poll since Oct. 15. After the Buckeyes beat the Wolverines 42-39 in Columbus on Saturday in their regular-season finale, the voters decided to keep them there.

The last 1 vs. 2 regular-season game that didn't change the top of the poll was the 1966 classic between No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Michigan State, which ended in a 10-10 tie.

The last time No. 2 lost to No. 1 in the regular season and didn't drop was 1945, when Army beat No. 2 Navy 32-13.

Ohio State (12-0) moves on to play in the BCS national title game on Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz. The Buckeyes have been No. 1 all season, and for the second time it was unanimous.

Michigan could still end up in the championship game, too, but that will depend on how the other contenders fare over the next two weeks.

Southern California moved up a spot to No. 3 with a 23-9 victory over California that gave the Trojans the Pac-10's BCS bid and kept them in the national title hunt.

USC (9-1) is only nine points behind Michigan.

Tim Griffin of the San Antonio Express News covered Michigan-Ohio State, then watched USC pull away from Cal in the second half. He had Michigan at

No. 2 on his ballot this week and USC third, but it was a close call.

"It's still really fluid," he said. "For Michigan to play as well as they did in a hostile environment really impressed me."

But he said USC could win back his support by playing a big game against Notre Dame on Saturday.

"It's that close," he said.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, Ohio State was No. 1 with USC second and Michigan third.

Florida (10-1) slipped a spot to No. 4 and Arkansas (10-1) remained No. 5. The Gators and Razorbacks meet in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 2.

Notre Dame (10-1), which finishes its regular season at USC on Saturday, was No. 6.

West Virginia, Louisville, LSU and Wisconsin round out the top 10.

The only new team in the rankings was No. 25 Hawaii (9-2), in the Top 25 for the first time since the final poll of the 1992 season.

Texas led the second 10 at No. 11, followed by unbeaten Boise State, Oklahoma, Auburn and Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights fell eight spots after losing their first game, 30-11 at Cincinnati on Saturday.

No. 16 Georgia Tech was followed by Atlantic Coast Conference rivals Virginia Tech and Boston College. Tennessee was No. 19 and another ACC team, Wake Forest was 20th.

No. 21 was BYU, followed by Cal, Nebraska, Clemson and Hawaii.

Maryland fell out of the rankings after losing 38-16 to Boston College. ♦

Titans reel off upset on road against Philadelphia Eagles

McNabb out for season after ankle injury

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

With Donovan McNabb forced out of the game by a knee injury, the Philadelphia Eagles were no match for the lowly Tennessee Titans.

Travis Henry had a 70-yard touchdown run, Adam "Pacman" Jones returned a punt 90 yards for a score and Vince Young was efficient in the Titans' 31-13 victory over the Eagles on Sunday.

McNabb went down on the second play of the second quarter and was carted off the field. There was no immediate word on the extent of his injury, though he didn't return.

McNabb was rolling to his right near the Tennessee sideline and was bumped out of bounds by Kyle Sveland Bosch after throwing an incomplete pass. He grabbed his right knee and was immediately tended to by trainers.

Jeff Garcia was 26-for-48 for 189 yards and one TD filling in for McNabb, who threw an interception in the end zone in the first quarter.

Young, the No. 3 overall pick in this year's draft, did more damage with his legs than his arm while helping the Titans (3-7) to their third win in his seven starts. The rookie ran for 49 yards and threw for 101 more and one TD. He completed just 8 of 22 passes.

Henry ran for 143 yards on 18 carries, and Tennessee finished with 209 yards on the ground.

The Titans went ahead 17-6 on their first play of the third quarter.

From the Tennessee 30, Henry took a handoff, burst through the line, broke a few tackles and sprinted into the end zone for his longest career run.

Jones, suspended for one game by the team earlier this month, made it 24-6 when he broke at least five tackles on his punt return a few minutes later.

Garcia tossed a 5-yard TD pass to L.J. Smith to cut it to 24-13 with 9:11 left, but the Eagles couldn't rally against the worst-ranked defense in the NFL.

Titans linebacker Keith Bullock scored on a lateral on a fumble return by Randy Starks in the final minute for the final margin.

If McNabb is out an extended period, the Eagles (5-5) will have a difficult time staying in the playoff chase. McNabb, a five-time Pro Bowler, entered the game tied with Peyton Manning for the league lead with 18 TD passes and was second with 2,569 yards passing.

McNabb had surgery for a sports hernia and missed the final seven games last season when Philadelphia finished 6-10 a year after going to the Super Bowl. McNabb also sat out the final six regular-season games of the 2002 season with a broken ankle before returning for the playoffs.

The Eagles were 2-5 with Mike McMahon filling in for McNabb last year and went 5-1 with Koy Detmer and A.J. Feeley starting the last six games in '02.

Even with McNabb, the Eagles struggled at the start. Tennessee scored on its opening drive to take a 7-0 lead. Young stepped away from Darren Howard and tossed a 14-yard TD pass to Ben Troupe two plays after Henry ran 43 yards to the Eagles 16.

The Eagles wasted an opportunity after Mike Patterson recovered a fumble at Tennessee's 12. Drew Bennett caught a short pass but lost the ball after he ran into a teammate.

It appeared Philadelphia scored on a 5-yard pass from McNabb to Brian Westbrook, but the Titans challenged the play and the officials ruled Westbrook's knee was down at the half-yard line.

On the next play, McNabb underthrew an open Smith and Stephen Tulloch intercepted it end zone.

Titans defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth played his first game since returning from a five-game suspension for kicking Dallas center Andre Gurode in the face with his cleats in a loss to Dallas on Oct. 1.

The Eagles had chances for big plays on defense, but Brian Dawkins and Lito Sheppard each dropped interceptions that could've been returned for TDs. ♦



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Titans' rookie quarterback Vince Young (10) takes off downfield in Tennessee's 31-13 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday. Young racked up 49 yards on the ground as a part of the Titans' 209 total rushing yards in the contest.

APSU ends season with loss to Hilltoppers

Frederick breaks two APSU single-season records in finale

By MARLON SCOTT
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University football team began this scholarship football season with hopes of improving their 2-9 record from last year. After slightly improving with three wins, the team hoped to end the season by upsetting Western Kentucky. However the Govs ended their season with a tough, 24-14 loss to the Hilltoppers.

Like previous games this season, the Govs started well. They matched Western Kentucky's opening scoring drive with a seven-play, 71-yard scoring drive that ended in a 17-yard touchdown run by junior running back Chris Fletcher.

The Hilltoppers continued to score on their next two drives before APSU's defense could stop them. The offense then produced another scoring drive late in the second quarter to keep them in the game 17-14 at the half.

Fletcher suffered a shoulder injury on the second

half kickoff and was replaced by freshman running back Otis Spivey for a short time. However, Fletcher continued to play later in the game and ended the day with 15 carries for 104 yards and a touchdown, marking his 20th career 100-yard performance.

Sophomore receiver Lanis Frederick caught 11 passes for 102 yards, bringing his season total to 77 receptions for 1,101 yards. Frederick broke APSU's single season reception record (67) held by Harold "Red" Roberts since 1969 and the single season receiving yards record (1,033) held by Vince Tweddell since 1998.

Junior quarterback Mark Cunningham completed 23 of his 38 pass attempts for 185 yards and two interceptions in the game. Together, Frederick, Fletcher, and Cunningham are, respectively, the first 1,000-yard rusher; 1,000-yard receiver; and 2,000-yard passer in Govs' history.

Western Kentucky quarterback Justin Haddix

completed 16 of his 24 pass attempts for 173 yards and two touchdowns in the game. In the third quarter, he caught a touchdown pass on a reverse, wide receiver pass to increase Western Kentucky's lead to 10.

APSU had another chance to score late in the third quarter when freshman cornerback Keviss Buckley intercepted a pass and ran it back in Hilltopper territory before losing his footing and falling at the 16 yard line. However, the Govs were forced to settle for a field goal, in which sophomore kicker Ross Coffee's 29-yard attempt sailed wide left.

APSU's defense prevented Western Kentucky from scoring again, but the Hilltoppers were able to produce time-consuming drives to hold the Govs scoreless in the second half.

With the 3-8 season complete, the Govs plan to rejoin the Ohio Valley Conference as a full 60-scholarship program in 2007. ♦



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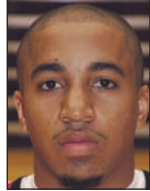
Sophomore receiver Lanis Frederick broke two APSU single-season records in the Govs' loss to Western Kentucky on Saturday.

Govs slaughter Eagles

Dominant exhibition win over Lambuth boosts APSU

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team won in easy fashion Saturday night in an exhibition against Lambuth, 106-72. The Govs were looking to pick up their confidence after losing two straight on the road against Dayton and powerhouse Illinois.



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Lambuth came out in the first half, going head-to-head with APSU. Lambuth was only down by one with 16:26 left when the Govs started to pull away. The Govs went on a 34-15 run over the next 12 minutes and led 58-35 by halftime.

Junior Fernandez Lockett led the team in scoring at the half with 12 points going a perfect six-of-six from the field. The Govs shot 67 percent from the field compared to Lambuth's 45 percent.

"The first half, we really executed and ran the floor pretty good," Lockett said. "Coach told us not to let up in the second half because this team was a good team."

"The last couple of games, we haven't been coming out intense in the second half, so we tried to come out in the first four or five minutes and really bring it," said sophomore forward Drake Reed.

The Governors did just that, starting the second half on a 24-13 run, extending their lead to 39 points with 3:30 left in the contest.

The Govs out-shot the Eagles, posting a 61.4 percent field goal percentage compared to Lambuth's 40 percent.

APSU also out-rebounded the Eagles, 39-28, and while dominating defensively with seven blocks and 17 steals. Reed led all Govs scorers with 25 points, shooting 9-of-11 from the field.

Todd Babington scored 20 points, including knocking down five of his seven attempts from beyond the three-point arc.

Lockett and Wes Channels both chipped in 12 points apiece, including five crowd-pleasing dunks from Lockett. Sophomore Kyle Duncan led the Govs in rebounding with eight, while junior Derek Wright had six steals and nine assists.

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Lambuth had two players score in double figures, with Kierren Lovick and Stephen Gamble scoring 22 and 13 points, respectively.

"We feed off each other," Reed said. "When we play great defense, we get a lot of transition buckets like a lot of nice dunks, so we have to continue to block shots and get steals."

After their dismantling of Lambuth, the Governors (0-2) look to get back on the winning track in the regular season starting on the road against Arkansas State on Saturday.

"I hope this win will make us feel good about ourselves again," Loos said. "The two games we've won have been exhibition games, so we have to go out there and prove we can get it done in a game that counts, so that's our next goal."

"Any win is going to help our confidence go back up," Lockett added. "We just have to continue from this game to practice and so on. This team is starting to know how each other play so we have to just put all the pieces together, and play under pressure." ♦

Up Next:

The Governors' basketball team travels to Jonesboro, Ark., to take on a talented Arkansas State. APSU will attempt to shake off their first two road losses against Dayton and powerhouse Illinois in order to pick up the team's first win of the 2006-07 season.

Sophomore forward Drake Reed, who leads the team with 11 points per game as well as posting 25 and 19 points in each of APSU's exhibition games, will again look to be the team's leader inside as well as Lockett.



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Junior point guard Derek Wright drives down the court between multiple Eagles' defenders in the Govs' 106-72 exhibition win over Lambuth last Saturday. Wright posted six steals and nine assists in the contest while sophomore forward Drake Reed led all scorers with 25 points.

Lady Govs fall victim to tough, SEC-member Arkansas

Slow first half dooms APSU against SEC team

By MARLON SCOTT
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The Austin Peay State University women's basketball team ended its two-game homestand with a loss to the University of Arkansas, 58-46.

The ball bounced everywhere but in the net as both teams struggled to score early. During the first 10 minutes, the Lady Govs only made one of 12 field goal attempts while Arkansas knocked down three of their 12 attempts.

"Neither team was scoring in the beginning," said senior guard Sandra Hale, who posted seven points and four assists in the game. "We were supposed to take advantage of that, and it just didn't happen."

Senior forward Alicia Watson led APSU with 10 points, four assists and four rebounds in the game. Watson agreed that more effort in the first half would have changed the outcome of the game.

"I think our defense is what kept us in the game in the first half," Watson said. "We weren't shooting the ball well, but they weren't either. If we put together two halves, we can beat just about anybody."

At the end of the first half, Arkansas led the Lady Govs, 29-11. Despite only shooting 35.5 percent

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(11 of 31) from the field, Arkansas led APSU in every category in the first half: points in the paint (10-4), points off turnovers (13-4), second chance points (9-4), rebounds (25-20) and bench points (16-5).

In the second half, the Lady Govs went into a full-court press defense.

The press paid off and generated some Arkansas turnovers. The increase in defensive intensity also sparked APSU's offense.

With 13:05 left in the game, Hale drove to the basket, received a foul while shooting, and converted a three-point play. It initiated a 12-2 run that included two sequential three-pointers made

by junior guard Ashlee McGee.

"We knew we had to turn it around and bring that intensity from somewhere and get going," McGee said. "That's exactly what we did. In the second half, we came alive and it was a whole new ballgame. We didn't give up."

The Lady Govs were unable to completely overtake Arkansas, but they showed remarkable effort to change the game in the second half. APSU outscored the Lady Razorbacks 35 to 29 and increased their field goal percentage from 13.8 percent (4 of 29) in the first half to 46.4 percent (13-28) in the second.

In addition, the Lady Govs made eight of their nine free throw attempts, increased their turnover points to 19 and bench points to 23.

"I'm proud of the girls because they didn't quit," Lady Govs head coach Carrie Daniels said. "I was really frustrated in the first half. I felt like we were really passive. It's all the little things with us right now. We just have to continue to plug and continue to work on those little things and improve each day."

The Lady Govs (1-2) return to action when they head to Memphis to compete in the Lady Tiger Classic Tournament on Friday. ♦



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Lady Govs' guard Ashlee McGee cuts inside during APSU's 12-point loss to Arkansas last Saturday.