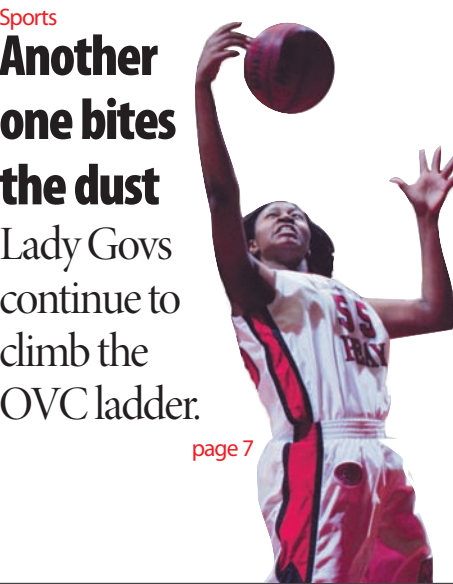


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Hoppe unveils ambitious new plan

By **HOLLY MARTIN**
Guest Writer

Globalization and critical skills competencies are main areas of concentration for President Sherry Hoppe's vision progress report. Austin Peay State University's vision statement, written in fall of 2004, included four major concepts: learning communities, critical skills competencies, student success and globalization. Of these, Hoppe is most concerned with APSU student's critical skills competencies, and globalization of the university. The other two concepts have received some attention in the past year, and student success has made progress. Although critical skills competencies are already being taught in APSU classrooms, Hoppe feels not all students acquire these

skills. The question she poses in her progress statement is, "If we are teaching them, why do some of our students graduate without the necessary skills?" To help answer this question, Hoppe has created the Task Force for Critical Skills Competencies. The charge of this council will be to analyze courses which address critical skills, determine what assessments are in place to document said skills, determine how these assessments can help teaching methods, observe other institutions, recommend changes in curricula and assessments, and prepare a report of their findings and recommendations to be presented for fall 2006. Larry Hoehn is to be chair of the task force. For globalization of the university, Hoppe believes the

question is not whether or not we should proceed, but how we should proceed. Three areas that she believes must be addressed are increases in participants in study abroad programs, more foreign faculty and student exchanges, and determining global concepts critical to graduates. A Council on Internationalization/Globalization has been established with the following objectives: determine which term would best describe the change (internationalization or globalization), craft a vision for what APSU should strive for, determine the current state of globalization in the university,



HOPPE

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—**Sherry Hoppe, APSU president**

observe what other institutions have done, develop a plan, recommend staffing and organizational structure, determine the resources necessary, identify potential funding sources and present a report of the findings for fall 2006. Diane McDonald will chair the council.

So, how is all of this going to affect students? Well, Hoppe hopes it will, "result in every graduate having some exposure to international or global concepts and cultures and help prepare our graduates to live and work in a global society." She also hopes to "strengthen the skills of our graduates so that they will be able to analyze problems, think critically, speak and write effectively and have a very firm foundation in their education that will benefit them in the world of work," said Hoppe. Although Hoppe has created these councils, she plans to go with the hands-off approach. "I really do want this to be a primarily faculty-driven plan, and not my dictate of what the plan should look like, because if change is going to occur it is primarily going to have to

occur in the classroom by faculty. With that said, I have asked each of the groups to give me a monthly update, just to let me know what they are doing," said Hoppe. The overall goal is to, "review where we are in regard to realizing the vision and where we are not making enough progress," said Hoppe. She hopes the two councils will serve as catalysts for getting things started. Short-term goals for the councils include putting together a plan to present to faculty and getting a response from the university body. The long-term goals are to make "great strides in the globalization area," said Hoppe, to achieve an increase in study abroad programs and to obtain

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African American Cultural Center kicks off events with open house



Students were able to stop by the African American Cultural Center Feb. 1-3. Events will take place all the month of February celebrating Black History Month. In center is a stauette from inside the center.

By **PATRICK HORTON**
Guest Writer

Celebration and reflection were two words echoed among the many visitors to the African American Cultural Center's open house. Comfort food and the sheer joy of how far African American Culture has come were the reasons that brought so many to the Wilbur N. Daniel building. "Black History Month gives us a chance to reflect on where we've been and look forward to where we're going," says Chris Poynter, a graduate assistant and program coordinator for the cultural center. Chris was also a baseball player for Austin Peay State University from 2000-2004. "[Black History Month] gives us a chance to come together for a better cause, while

emphasizing its importance to others who don't know much about it." The month of February also is a time of inspiration to some people who still strive for a better future. Senior Joshua Rice is 33 years old and is looking forward to graduating with his public management degree. "Black History Month is a reminder that the past is not so far away and that the many accomplishments we have achieved should be inspiration to keep our dreams alive," Rice said. His ambitions are an example of keeping your dreams alive and looking for a better future, and the month of February emphasizes what he works for year round. This year's theme for the African American Cultural Center is a celebration of how much the African American way of life has improved



KRYSTEL MILLER/STAFF

and the organizations that have improved it. "Every race is different; we will always have differences, but our relations depend on how we deal with those differences," said Jasmine Jones, who is a secretary for the African American Cultural Center. To Jasmine, Black History Month is an expression and celebration of culture which she tries to carry throughout the year. In addition, Chris Poynter has set up many events over the next month, including a celebration of community and black social organizations and the marketplace craft show. The celebration of community and black social organizations will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the UC Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. The marketplace craft show will be Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. ♦

Stolen ATM replaced in UC

TBR's 'safest campus' status could be threatened by theft

By **APRIL McDONALD**
Guest Writer

Campus police are still searching for four men suspected of stealing nearly \$60,000 from an Automated Teller Machine last semester. Students returned from Thanksgiving break last fall to a boarded-up window, which was replaced Jan. 12, in the Morgan University Center. Video surveillance shows four unknown males, driving a stolen white Chevrolet Astro Van, illegally entering the UC and removing the ATM. The replacement ATM was installed on Jan. 31; before that there was a sign in the stolen machine's place that read, "APSU's ATM machine is currently out of order and has been removed. A new one will not be in place until later in the semester."

"The wording was chosen so that it was not broadcast to everyone that the ATM was stolen," Andy Kean, Director of University Facilities said. Sophomore Shanna Moss, said it should have been posted correctly to let students know there was a security issue on campus. "That sign is a lie, and we shouldn't be lied to," she said. "If they didn't want anyone to know [of the theft] they shouldn't have done anything." According to APSU police reports, the ATM, appraised at \$36,000, was recovered in non-repairable condition from a parking lot several days later. The stolen vehicle was found

at the intersection of Chapel and Market streets within hours of the crime, but no suspects were apprehended. The Clarksville Police Department have an ongoing investigation into the crime, according to APSU Crime Prevention Officer Charles Struckel. "The machine had just been filled, and they did not recover the money. We have requested that the next ATM installed is equipped with a camera," Struckel said. APSU's campus is currently equipped with stationary cameras that do not allow the officers to zoom in, or change the view. "We have multiple bids in for cameras with pan/tilt view," Struckel said. Pan/tilt view will allow the officers to zoom in on a person and change the angle in order to have a broader view. The campus is also equipped with low sodium lighting, which makes color distinction nearly impossible on video. With many of the streets that run through APSU being owned by the city of Clarksville, the campus police are "in the process of working with the Physical Plant and the city of Clarksville to upgrade to metal halide lighting," Struckel said. This type of lighting will allow for better visibility and aid in distinguishing colors and facial features on video.

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Students selected for legislative internships at state capitol



Left to right: Candice McGee, Stacey Washington, Thomas Talley, and Shay Hutchings stand outside the capitol building in Nashville.

By **PATRICK HORTON and DAVE CAMPBELL**
Guest Writer/News Editor

Every year 70-80 college students from Tennessee, ranging from juniors to graduate students are selected to intern in Nashville's Legislative office to work for senators and other political attaches. This year six applicants from Austin Peay State University were chosen to intern an entire semester in Nashville's legislative office. "It has really been an excellent opportunity for me to see the political system work from the inside," said Shay Hutchings, a senior from Cheatham County, Tenn. "I have gained a great respect for the people working in politics, simply because they always are busy with something." Shay is majoring in political science and wants to go to UT Knoxville for graduate school, and someday become a teacher on the

collegiate level. Shay is currently working for Phillip Pinion, the chairman of transportation, and she spends most of her time like the rest of the interns, doing office chores. She answers phones, makes copies, keeps roll in meetings and files bills. But the reward of interning is getting to see the political system work from the inside. "It's amazing how down to earth the politicians and lawmakers are, most of them have a pretty good sense of humor," said Thomas Talley. Talley is also majoring in political science and is from Kingston Springs, Tenn. He hopes that this opportunity to make so many political connections will help him in his future aspirations to become a lawyer. Talley works for Rep. Curtis Johnson. The interns have already been on tours to the Capitol and the Legislative Plaza to see the inner

For more information about the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program, call David Kanervo, chair and professor of political science and APSU's faculty representative for the program, at (931) 221-7581.

workings of Tennessee's government. Soon they also will be taken to the Supreme Court floors where they will witness two capital murder cases, and then be taken to Riverbend Maximum Security Institution. The interns also will get to see the inmates on death row as part of their tour. Even though the interns have different hopes for their future endeavors, they all said they now considered a job in politics. The networking and connections that these interns have made will last them a lifetime, no matter what field they choose to pursue. To be considered for this internship, you have to be a registered voter, have a 3.0 grade point average or above and

be a student in law, political science, history, administration, social work, economics, sociology, journalism or related fields. Students will be assigned to Rep. Rosalind Kurita, Rep. Kim McMillan and Rep. Curtis Johnson and other lawmakers when the 2006 session begins. This year's intern class also will participate in a number of projects and tours. Past tours have included a maximum-security prison, the state Capitol, the Bicentennial Mall, Tennessee Supreme Court, Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the BellSouth Tower. Projects have included the Great Strides Project for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and collecting food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Junior political science major Krista Bristol said she hopes to better understand the political process.

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Interns: at capitol

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"Politics have such bad press, but I believe that politicians really do just want what is best for the citizens of our state," she said. "I hope to be able to bring this first-hand knowledge back to APSU."

The program was established in 1972 to provide Tennessee college students with an opportunity to work and learn in a hands-on legislative environment. Each year, students from across the state participate in the program to learn about leadership responsibilities as well as develop legislative process skills.

All of the interns spoken with said that they have had to make adjustments to their schedule and that it was a bit difficult at times, "especially the whole commuting and getting up at 4 a.m. thing," Bristol said.

Yet the adjustment has been just part of the experience for them. "Although it was difficult at first to get your schedule straight, it is definitely worthwhile," senior Candice McGee said.

In fact, they have noticed the benefit of their new job in just the first few weeks of the program. "The most rewarding part of the program is the personal connections that can be made to assist in furthering future career possibilities," Bristol said her representative gave her the opportunity to see the president speak.

Both Bristol and McGee have agreed that there are personal and professional benefits to be gained by taking part in this internship. "I am making friends with similar goals in life. The contacts and experiences gained will definitely help, but the relationships built from this will last a lifetime," Bristol said.

"Also, it is a real job [and] a full workday," Bristol said. "You don't get breaks between classes to have with your friends. The responsibility is a lot but it is very rewarding." ♦

ATM: case investigation leaves police searching for four suspects



DAVE CAMPBELL/NEWS EDITOR
An installer from Diebold Inc. replaces the old ATM with a new one. A sign now placed on the new ATM that reads, "soon."

There are 41 working emergency phones around campus. Stuckel revealed the department's four-phase plan to triple the amount of phones.

Campus Police plan to install new phones equipped with blue lights, as well as add blue lights to the existing phones.

The blue lights allow students to know immediately where an emergency phone is located if they feel unsafe for any reason. Though the vast majority of APSU crimes are reported as non-violent, Moss continues to feel unsafe, "I'm scared to go out [around campus] after 5 o'clock. I don't feel safe at all after hours. When I was on campus a lot at night I never saw anyone patrolling."

According to information from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's 2004 "Crime on Campus" report APSU is, statistically, the safest campus among similar TBR institutions. "[Security] is an ongoing process, it will never be done, as campus expands security will expand," Struckel stated. ♦

Hoppe: plan will not cost students

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private funding for study abroad.

What is this going to cost you? Nothing. Hoppe says that tuition will not increase to fund these projects.

"Some resources will probably come from simply reallocating for something we may be spending for something else in the university," said Hoppe.

She also intends to seek grants and private funding to cover the costs.

Hoppe wants students to

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— Sherry Hoppe, APSU president

know, "That the leadership at the university really believes that internationalization and critical competencies are absolutely essential if we are going to prepare our graduates at the highest level, and hopes that they

will be open to whatever change may occur and especially to look at ways that they individually make an international experience," she said.

"There are lots of ways you can do it other than just study

abroad. Take advantage of the few international students that we have; try to get to know them, learn about their country, and visit the Hispanic and African American cultural centers."

Hoppe ended her vision progress report with an enthusiastic request.

"Please join me in awaiting with great anticipation the work of the two groups—the task force and the council—that will present a map to guide us, and in turn our students, to broader horizons." ♦

Campus Crime Log Jan. 10-Feb. 6

Jan. 10, 1:36p.m., Burt lot, vandalism

Jan. 15, 3:57p.m., Killebrew Hall, theft of property

Jan. 19, 6:03p.m., Governors Stadium, theft of property

Jan. 23, 2:34p.m., Clement building, theft of property

Jan. 23, 4:18p.m., UC, credit card fraud, impersonation, arrested: Lewis K. Smith, of 104 Tusculan Road, Nashville; Derrick A. Taylor of 1916 D Bates Lane, Clarksville, Joe B. Bowen of 5490 Haleville, Memphis. All charged with identity theft, fraudulent use of credit card, criminal impersonation and using false identification.

Jan. 23, 4:59p.m., Rawlins lot, vandalism

Jan. 24, 9:36a.m., Sundquist Science building, stalking

Jan. 25, 9:30a.m., UC, stalking

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community Calender

Tutors Needed

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

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

The AACC will be sponsoring a trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute on Feb. 25. Students' cost is \$15, which includes transportation, ticket, lunch and snacks. Any student interested must sign up by Feb. 10. Seating is limited. For more information contact Jasmine Hall-Jones at hallj@apsu.edu or 221-7120.

APSU Alumni will be Present at Networking Event

A networking event targeted at sophomores, but open to the whole student body, will take place Feb. 8 in the University Center Ballroom. More than 30 successful APSU alumni from different fields will help students make contacts in medicine, law, forensic science and more. The first 25 sophomores to register will be invited to attend a luncheon on that day. For more information or to register, call Melissa Gomez at 221-7045.

Diversity is...Essay Contest

Enter to win a Mall Gift Certificate. Contact Charon Griswold for more information email griswoldc@apsu.edu or call 221-7043.

Student Organization & Leader Awards

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

JROTC Raider Challenge

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

Research Opportunity

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

Leadership Summit to take place at Vanderbilt

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

Business Students Conduct Free Tax Prep Sessions

In partnership with the IRS-VITA Program, accounting students in the school of Business will have free tax preparation sessions. The APSU site will provide basic tax returns utilizing the IRS e-file program. All sessions are on Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2p.m., Feb. 11, 18 and March 4, 18. Documentation is required and taxpayer must earn less than \$35,000.

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OUR TAKE

Racial discrimination tears apart university and local community

A discrimination lawsuit has been filed against Austin Peay State University. A professor in the communications department, Yvonne Prather, claims she was passed up for promotions by “less qualified white male assistant professors.” The complaint also stated that “her name had been removed from her office door... her department began prohibiting her from the use of facilities which she previously had utilized, she was berated...in front of her students [and] was not provided with proper technical experts, funding or assistance in the Communications Department...” Prather is filing a lawsuit seeking compensation and punitive damages in a yet undetermined amount.

This is not the first time APSU has had problems with accusations of discrimination. In December 2004, Sherry Hoppe, president of the university, was protested against for mistreating African-American staff and faculty. Nancy Dawson, director of the African-American studies program claimed to have been discriminated against, and her contract was not renewed. Hoppe had said that Dawson had not completed the proper paperwork to ensure a renewal of contract.

How is one to determine what is going on in situations such as these? One person states the reason of discrimination while the other protests that there are legitimate reasons behind such actions. It is hard to know whom to believe.

In October 2003, there was an investigation of a noose hanging in a tree next to a notice of a fraternity party. It was never determined if this was meant as degradation against blacks or if it was a Halloween prank.

Some people were not convinced the investigation was handled as it should have been. Others disregarded the incident altogether. This caused more racial tension

on campus.

Racial tension can unfortunately be found in our surrounding community as well. In a report on News Channel 5 in November of last year, the Clarksville Police Department was seen as having problems with these exact issues. “They attempted to fire me twice. They attempted to arrest me twice. They hung a noose, called me a nigger, and denied me training,” Officer Tony Blakely told Channel 5. Blakely and fellow officer Kenneth Austion won their cases in court.

Austion accused the police department of an environment impossible to work in due to hostility and harassment. It is scary to think that police officers carry such hate towards one another. If they will harass and degrade their co-workers, how are citizens supposed to feel safe?

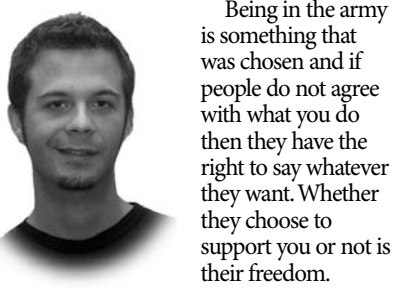
It is hard to believe racism is still a huge problem in 2006. It is ridiculous and unfortunate that people have not learned to accept each other as fellow human beings. How do you educate people who are stuck in their outdated beliefs to hate people outside of their own race? These people choose to remain ignorant. We would like to think that this type of ignorance will not be passed down to younger generations – that they will grow up free of discrimination.

Unfortunately, children learn hate from their parents and grandparents. It's disgusting and sad. Hopefully, we can all learn to accept diversity and gain knowledge from each other.

Martin Luther King Jr. said it best: “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.” We certainly hope so. ♦

Protesters at funerals disrespect slain soldiers

I am not and will never be a supporter of the war in Iraq in any way. I am also not one of those people that go around saying ‘support the troops.’



OPINION
Micheal Weakley

Being in the army is something that was chosen and if people do not agree with what you do then they have the right to say whatever they want. Whether they choose to support you or not is their freedom.

However, there is a group in Kansas who claim to be devout Christians but are making a mockery of both their religion and the human race. There have been recent increases of protests at the funeral ceremonies of fallen soldiers by members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. Sometimes these protests are peaceful, other times slurs are yelled at those attending the funerals and occasionally a dispute erupts. The initiative of the group is to protest the United States allowing immigrants, women and homosexuals in the Army and blame the demise of the United States on its stance with these issues. Are you for real? I bet God wants to slap them all right in the face and hopefully that will happen. This is insane and just completely rude. There is no respect for these families and the majority of those soldiers that are slain are white

heterosexual males so their protests have completely no basis. These slain soldiers deserve respect in life as well as death and these families have the right to mourn peacefully and without controversy.

The issues of the fanatics and pushing their social agendas have no place at a gravesite. I pray that these zealots will realize that it is completely against any belief every taught by any Christian religion and they need to stop.

I pressure each Baptist that is here on campus to make a stand and voice that you are not in support of this. It not only looks bad for you but it looks horrible for Christianity.

For all those Christians and non-Christians on campus taking part in stopping these protests there is an interesting “gang” of sorts that follows these fanatics and tries to stop them.

They are a motorcycle group who call themselves the “Patriot Guard” that travels to the funerals as well to show respect and support and they sit in between the protesters. When protesters yell something at the ceremony they rev up their engines to drown their protests. Be a part of stopping this.

Sign a petition or go to the funerals when these protests are happening and be a part of stopping this madness. If you do not feel that passionate about it then at least voice your opinion that this is wrong.

Regardless of why, how or under what social circumstances these people died, they have fallen for our country and deserve only respect. What is happening to this world? ♦

Starbucks purchases planet; Corporate America rejoices

by Kasey Henricks
Guest Writer

Has commercialism been taken too far when we no longer control the corporations, but the corporations control us? As time has progressed, these major enterprises have become a force to be reckoned with.

Today's organizations directly influence our behavior. They have caused us, Americans, oppression and a decline in our moral values. A sense of our ethics has been lost because we continue to concede our own identity and pride because “the man” gives us cheap incentives to further his own agenda. These inducements work because we have become a self-therapeutic, greedy, non-reality grasping society.

And the troubling fact is we accept these petty bribes with a smile and no questions are asked. Then for those who rebel against the power shift, oppression strikes. Those who reject “Corporate America” face a battle parallel to David and Goliath, although, in this case, Goliath wins. The American entrepreneur faces an unbalanced economic playing field, and simply just cannot compete.

I remember a time when structures and locations used to be dedicated in honor of a heroic person or act. This concept is almost obsolete today. Almost all dedications now are in honor of the biggest financial donation by tycoon corporations.

This is why you see places such as the Amsouth Amphitheater and Phillips Arena. This trend is becoming generally accepted, but a new disturbing tendency is becoming apparent. Take Irving, Texas for example. This small town has taken the bold step of renaming their city in honor of a satellite television provider. The only

incentive needed for the townspeople was 10 years of free satellite service. Now Irving, Texas has become Dish, Texas. Has this gone to an extreme?

Whatever happened to “Jim’s Hardware”? I’ll tell you what happened. Jim went under because he couldn’t oppose “Corporate America.” Jim didn’t have the manpower to stay open all hours of the night in order to offer you, the consumer, the convenience of purchasing nails at 3 a.m.

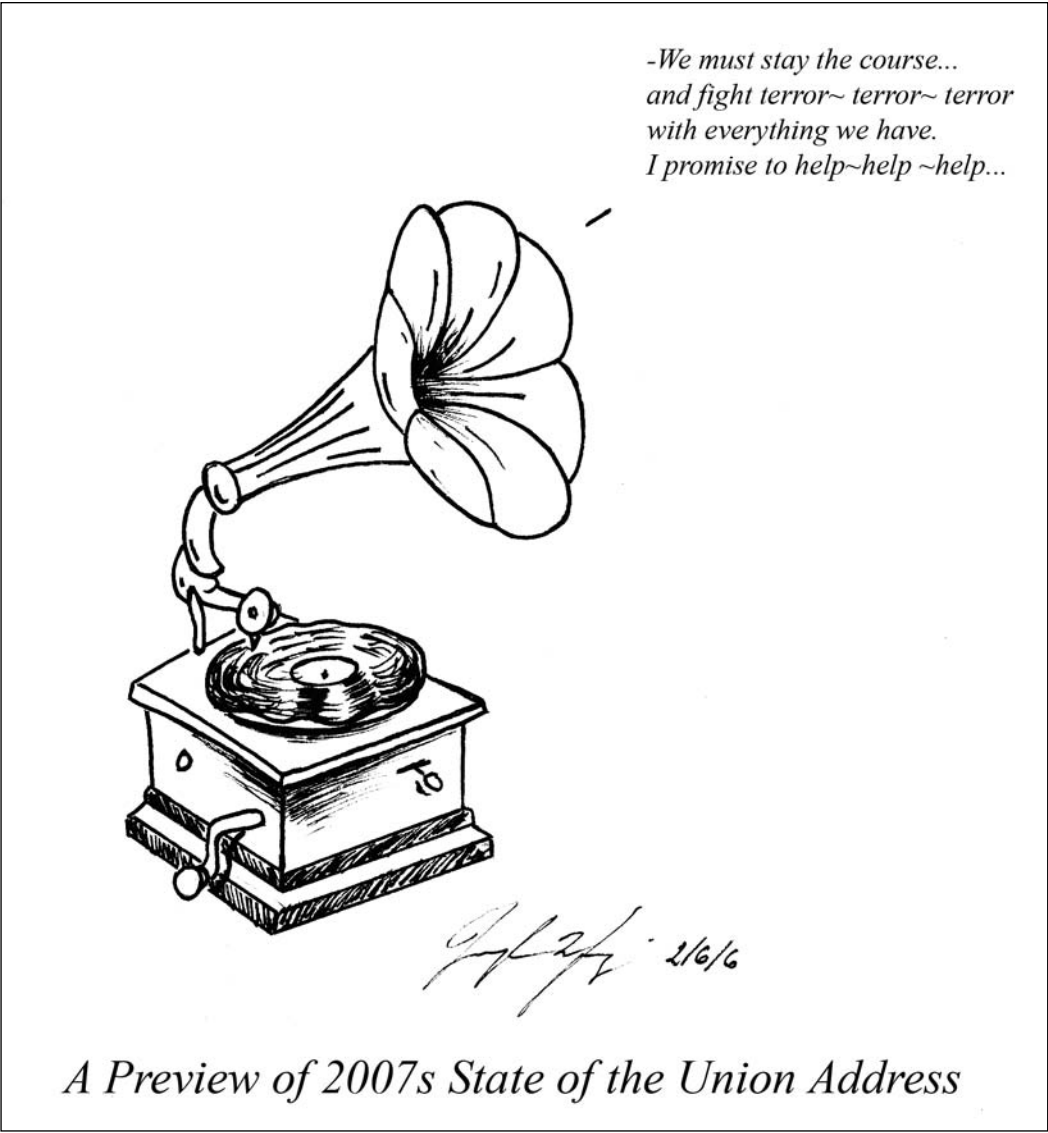
Jim didn’t have the purchasing power to demand manufacturers to cater to all of his needs. Jim couldn’t negotiate to get the same bargain prices that the corporate superstars receive. Jim couldn’t lobby the executive powers of the third-world countries and manipulate them like hand puppets to serve his own private interests. Jim only had two hands and a limited bank account.

Where’s Jim now? I’ll tell you were Jim is now. Jim is working for the company that once put him out of business. Jim makes \$5.15 an hour. Jim lives in a van down by the river.

Jim would one day like to invest, but for now his money will be tied up in paying off his rent-to-own pair of boots. Jim’s new realistic life aspiration is to own a bus. So where does it end? Maybe Jim could be so privileged as to name his first-born “Delta-Best Buy.” Not only will Jim be a trendsetter, but he may even be able to get a free CD and plane ride out of it.

The issue of accountability must be addressed. “Corporate America and society must have a self-check. You may not see what I’m stressing out about now, but you will one day.

It will be ever so clear when we’re living on “Planet Starbucks” and paying \$20 for a roll of toilet paper from the local Wal-Mart Omni-Center. ♦



BY JOSEPH M. FRAZIER

Latest European controversy highlights cultural collision effects



OPINION
Phil Grey

During the past week, Muslims in some 70 nations took to the streets to vent their fury at the flammatory depictions of the Prophet Mohammed by cartoonists in Denmark. A few daily newspapers in Europe have reacted by pointedly reprinting the offensive images, published initially by the Danish newspaper Jyllands Posten. In response, Muslims in Europe and elsewhere have threatened to escalate violence against the West.

What is particularly sad about the whole fiasco is that simple reaction is driving both sides toward the brink. The European press is defending the juvenile and puerile outbursts of self-admitted “reactionary provocateurs” who see all religious sensibilities as fair game.

Meanwhile, a lot of Muslims are taking the bait and reacting precisely as the cartoonists hoped they would – by demonstrating an apparent abhorrence of western values and culture.

However, the very saddest thing about this wholly created and instigated crisis is that it shows how muddled political discourse has become.

The wrong people are once again lining up on the wrong sides. Christians are applauding attacks on Islamic beliefs while

heaven that has been promised by secularists and religious groups alike, which is universal harmony - either here on earth or in some afterlife. We want freedom, but we do not want confrontation. We want to maintain our identities, but we do not want to be treated differently.

The insistence on the preeminence of “I” seems to be irreconcilable with notions of the greater good, while the attempts to create a perfect “we” have mostly resulted in bloodbaths on an epic scale. This is what forms the basis for nearly every political and religious argument ever made, to one degree or another. Seen from the extreme ends of that argument, the gulf seems unbridgeable. But is it, really?

It is if one accepts the extremist's versions of the debate, and the type of “scorched earth” winner-take-all philosophy that proceeds from the refusal to think judiciously.

It is not insoluble if one accepts the simple truth that there are limitations to everything – that, individually or collectively, we are not God.

Freedom has to be tempered by responsibility, without which freedom degenerates into licentiousness.

The idiot cartoonists who displayed their utter ignorance of the history and beliefs of billions of people have a right to do

so; however, the editors of newspapers have a responsibility not to publish libels and flat-out falsehoods.

Frankly, no one has an innate right to be published in any venue except for that which they might provide for themselves. If they can, let them do so; but they should not delude themselves that they have an inalienable right to foist hate and ignorance on the public, especially on someone else's dime.

Likewise, adherents of various religions have a right to believe what they will, but not to force their beliefs on others through violence or the power of the state.

They have the right to condemn attacks upon their faith; but they also have a responsibility to acknowledge that their faith - and their individual interpretation of what it means – is very likely at odds to some degree with members of their own faith community, let alone outside of it. Lacking empirical evidence, we are obliged to consider the fact that we may not have absolute right on our side.

It is through this understanding of the relationship between rights and responsibilities that we can bridge the chasms that divide us from our neighbors. It seems to me to be the only means by which we can avoid the terrible wreck that looms as the world squeezes down to critical mass. ♦

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Valentine's Day is a holiday honoring lovers. It is celebrated February 14 by the custom of sending greeting cards or gifts to express affection. The cards, known as valentines, are often designed with hearts to symbolize love. The holiday probably derives from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis (February 15). The festival gradually became associated with the feast day (February 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named St. Valentine, who lived in the 3d century. St. Valentine is regarded as the patron saint of lovers.

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Word of the Week:

Cupidity -*n.* Excessive desire, especially for wealth; covetousness or avarice. (Middle English cupidite, from Old French, from Latin cupidits, from cupidus, desiring, from cupere, to desire.)

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Today in the Past: 1924

The first coast-to-coast radio broadcast takes place on this day. Bell Telephone's vice president and chief of research spoke at a meeting of the Bond Men's Club in a Chicago hotel. The speech was broadcast in Providence, New York, Washington, Oakland, and San Francisco and was heard by some 50 million people.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“love”

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13: 4-7 (NRSV)

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Spending Valentine's Day without spending

By JESSICA LAVELY

Staff Writer

“It is not the gift that matters, but what the gift symbolizes that makes all the difference in the world,” according to Ray and Jean Kaddhodaian.

It's getting closer and closer to Valentine's Day. People are scrambling around trying to find something that their special someone would enjoy, and it's terribly hard. But Valentine's Day isn't just about materialistic gifts; it's about expressing your love for someone and

showing how much you appreciate him or her. Over the years we have forgotten that. Here are some tips to get that great guy/girl what they really deserve:

Be creative

No one wants to have the same thing that the person next to them has. Mix and match it up, because after Valentine's Day, people want to be able to tell what they did and everyone knows that it definitely cannot be the same theme as someone else's story! Instead of the traditional chocolates and roses, make chocolates together and decorate them. It will be worth it.

Surprise

Everyone loves to be surprised. Keeping someone on the edge of their seat makes everything more exciting and in the end, the other person is ecstatic, no matter the outcome. Instead of telling that special someone where you will be going, set it up so that they meet you somewhere, and from there, cruise around to keep the mystery going. They will love the way you put it together, and bonus points are always good.

Cheap but Classy

Buying diamonds and mufflers isn't the best way to show your affection. Most people don't want the superficial objects, though it might be a good side dish.

Affection, hugs, kisses, and time together are the cheapest and most valuable objects that you

can hand out. Objects usually get lost, broken or thrown away, but memories and emotional time together will last longer than the biggest diamond.

Less is More

“I would rather get a single rose rather than a bouquet,” someone told me the other day. Why flourish what you mean with so many cushiony sayings and gifts when you can get the message through with the art of simplicity? A card with only “x's and o's” is more meaningful than a message a book long.

A boy told me once that he made his girlfriend her gift. Making the gift is more meaningful than anything store bought (hint, hint). He took three boxes, each one bigger than the other and wrapped them in metallic red paper. He placed each of the smaller boxes within the bigger one, and in the remaining space he put rose petals. So when the girl opened the box, she found another red box surrounded by petals, and when she got to the last box, she found a tiny box inside with a little piece of jewelry. That was an amazing idea, because not only was it creative, but a surprise for her, too. There's something that you can use, if you please.

Tips to all the men out there: personally, as a girl, I would rather ditch all the roses (which have different meanings for each color; you might want to check that out) and leave behind the little boxed gifts. What would I do

with those? Roses wilt; I would lose the little trinket, so instead, I would rather just hang out all day. A little cheesy, yes, a little untraditional, yes, but it's worth it. A close friend of mine said that she wouldn't mind flowers and she wouldn't mind the box of chocolates, but she would rather eat dinner by candlelight and play Clue. A tad silly, but it's probably the best way to celebrate this day. Just be yourself and enjoy Valentine's Day for what it is: a day filled with love, appreciation, and thanks, not just another gift exchange. ♦

New rap duo Mercenary Tehtch and Big C

Two Austin Peay State University students found KingzCourt Entertainment in 1997

By A.J. DUGGER

Staff Writer

A new rap duo made a recent visit to Austin Peay State University, and they certainly have their eyes on the prize. The hip hop duo represents KingzCourt Entertainment, and have even had videos played on Black Entertainment Television.

Mercenary Tehtch (Christopher Jones) and Big C (Carlton Storey) founded KingzCourt Entertainment in 1997, and, despite having moderate success, they are inching closer and closer to the big time. The two were on campus three weeks ago, selling their latest CD and promoting their record label.

“Music is my life. Music is what I love. It's so deep that it comes to the point where my music will draw tears to my eyes,” said Jones in his raspy voice. Jones has been producing and making beats since his early teen years. He even edits his own music videos. However, a lack of success during the late nineties caused Jones to give serious thought about permanently retiring from hip hop.

“Friendships can mess you up,” Jones said. “People ain't serious.” Many of Jones' old friends were once on his record label. Unfortunately for Jones, they were just trying to ride a train to fame and glory. According to Jones, they did not have the patience or passion to make it as stars. This frustrated Jones, and the road appeared to lead to a dead end. Jones was within a hair of leaving his equipment behind and looking for a job until his



Mercenary Tehtch (Christopher Jones) with Big C (Carlton Storey) artist of KingzCourt Entertainment.

friend, Big C motivated him to keep going, and even decided to join him on his destiny. The two changed directions, and things began to change for the better.

“God does everything for a reason,” Big C said. “He's gonna get us in there. He knows our heart...” The rap duo's latest album is Big C's debut. Carlton Storey (Big C) was good friends

with Jones' older brother and watched Jones grow up. “I never imagined this right here,” Storey said. “That just shows how God works.” Although Storey has been rapping for nine years, he never really thought about stepping into the spotlight until a few years ago when he teamed up with Jones. In addition to representing a positive image, Storey wants to pick up where legendary

rap artist 2Pac Shakur left off.

“I want to wake up the black youth on what's really going on around them,” he said. On their newest album, Big C does a strong majority of the rapping, while Mercenary Tehtch does the producing, and supplies the ear-catching bass music style beats. Also, KingzCourt Entertainment is more than a record label; it's an entertainment production company.

Big C and Mercenary Tehtch have two movie scripts waiting in the wings, and a movie that is on hold at the moment. They even plan to launch their own clothing line in the near future. They are also promoting Ms. Thang, a female artist on their label, who attends Nashville Tech. Big C and Mercenary Tehtch were touring colleges in Tennessee when they hit APSU. Two of their music videos include “Out North” and “In the Dope House,” with the latter providing information on the title subject.

The duo coined themselves as an information sequence, providing much insight on their songs. The name KingzCourt partly came from the street named “Kingslane,” the street where the two grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. The duo is climbing up to the top of the mountain of success at a pretty fast rate. “Trust in God. If you believe it, ask for it, and let it go...” Big C said.

For more information on Mercenary Tehtch and Big C, go to www.kingzcourt.biz. The website contains videos, biographies, other KingzCourt artists, songs, pictures and even beats that can be purchased. ♦

“What’s your favorite Valentine’s Day memory?”



Tish Akarson
Undecided
Freshman

My boyfriend had just broken up with me. My mom took me out and sent me balloons and a teddy bear to make me feel better.

When I was a kid, we used to have cool parties.



Randy Lacey
Biology
Freshman



Kristian Braden
Health and Human
Performance
Freshman

My boyfriend and I broke up. He came into class with a Pooh bear, balloons, and candy. I didn't think it was for me, but it was!

I was going out with this girl, but she broke up with me. I thought it'd be nice to send her chocolates.



Shawn Dowlen
Undecided
Junior

I went to see “Aladdin” with my family 10 years ago. I liked it because, when it comes down to it, everyone always has their family.

My boyfriend in high school took me to the lake, covered in flowers, and we fed the ducks.



Cynthia Ray
Nursing
Senior



Eric Provost
Corporate Comm
Senior

Last Valentine’s Day, I went over to my boyfriend’s house and he gave me a welded gift he had made.

When I was in eighth grade there was a dance (my first school dance). I requested a song for this girl and she loved it.



Jason Atkins
Finance
Senior



Monica Hayes
Physics
Freshman

America views ‘XL’

By **TOM KRISHER**
Associated Press

An estimated 90.7 million people watched the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Seattle Seahawks Sunday, the largest Super Bowl audience since the Steelers last played in the title game in 1996.

The audience was 5 percent bigger than the 86.1 million people who watched the New England Patriots beat the Philadelphia Eagles last year, according to preliminary estimates from Nielsen Media Research.

When the Dallas Cowboys beat the Steelers in 1996, there were 94.1 million people watching.

Super Bowl viewers feasted on another halftime show controversy, when the NFL briefly shut off Mick Jagger’s microphone to avoid sexually-suggestive lyrics in two Rolling Stones songs. ABC also scored solid ratings for an episode of “Grey’s Anatomy” following the game.

The Steelers beat the Seahawks 21-10, but the game wasn’t really decided until the final five minutes or so, which kept the audience glued to the set, said Larry Hyams, ABC research executive.

“The Super Bowl obviously is a national event and people are going to tune in regardless of whether the teams have national appeal,” Hyams said. “It’s up to the game to hold the audience.”

The Super Bowl is traditionally the biggest television event of the year. The Academy Awards, jokingly called the Super Bowl for women, often comes in second; last year, 41.5 million people saw the Oscars. Pittsburgh had the largest Super Bowl rating (percentage of all sets, whether on or off) of any media market, with a 57.1, Nielsen said. Seattle followed directly behind with a 55.

A total of 141.4 million people watched at least some part of the game, Nielsen said. The 90.7 million figured represented the game’s average audience at any given moment.

The “Grey’s Anatomy” episode after the game was seen by 38.1 million people, Nielsen said. That’s 15 million more than has ever watched a single episode of the medical soap. It was the most-watched entertainment program of the season so far _ even beating “American Idol.”

Since 1991, only two post-Super Bowl programs have drawn a bigger audience: “Survivor” in 2001 and “Friends” in 1996. It was solid exposure for a series that



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Super Bowl XL Most Valuable Player Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers holds his son and the Vince Lombardi Trophy after their win over the Seahawks.

has already been growing in appeal during its second season.

At halftime, Jagger was silenced during portions of the songs “Start Me Up” and “Rough Justice.” An NFL spokesman said the band knew ahead of time that the league still skittish over Janet Jackson’s wardrobe malfunction from two years ago wouldn’t accept the particular lyrics.

“It wasn’t that big of an issue for us,” said Frank Supovitz, the NFL’s senior vice president, who said the league wanted to make the halftime show family entertainment. ♦

Love songs that couples should never listen to on Valentine’s Day

By **MARTIN TAYLOR**
Staff Writer

Love and death are probably the two most covered subjects in all of literature. I am a man who enjoys great poetry. In fact, I love some poems so much that I’ve set them in art song, where a (usually) pre-existing poem is set for a singer and some instrumental accompaniment, most often for solo voice and piano.

Many composers have done this, of course (Franz Schubert wrote 626 of them), but this article is not about them. It is not about my art songs, either... in fact, the term ‘art’ hardly applies here.

In honor of Valentine’s Day, I have been asked to produce a list (in no particular order, of course) of truly terrible love songs from the realm of popular music. It may be sappy music or lyrics with the emotional depth of a seven-year-old that landed them in this list, but I would recommend extreme caution if you listen to any of these – songs that suck this bad can be toxic.

“Goodbye” – Alicia Keys

Regardless of stealing music from Brahms and not giving him credit, I’ve never really seen what the big deal with Alicia Keys is. Sure, she plays piano, but how hard is ‘playing the piano,’ really? My

seven-year-old cousin has been taking lessons for a few months now, and even he can go beyond the white-key safety of A Minor.

Overrated instrumental ability aside, Alicia Keys is a decent enough pop singer. I say decent enough because any sophomore or higher vocalist in the music department here is far better. Even so, Alicia Keys is a ‘triple threat.’ She plays, sings, and writes. Surely, if the first two are mediocre, the reason for her success must be in her amazing verse!

Not so much. “How do you find the words to say, to say goodbye / If your heart doesn’t have the heart to say, to say goodbye?” The whole song is a formulaic, paint-by-numbers description of this overplayed scenario.

“E-mail My Heart” – Britney Spears

I really think the title says it all. If you really want to know why this is so terrible, check out Google for the lyrics. Oh, and in case anyone thinks that I think more highly of Britney Spears than Alicia Keys, I simply didn’t feel I had to say anything about Britney. Everyone knows she’s a joke.

“You Give Love a Bad Name” – Bon Jovi

Bon Jovi apparently thought the line “shot through the heart” was so

ingenious and original that they used it in the taglines of two of their songs.

The music is bad enough, but with the first verse stating that “You promised me heaven and put me through hell,” you’d think he’d elaborate on something she did to leave him so upset. Unless the constant references to guns are meant to be taken literally (and that she literally shot him in the heart), we are never told exactly what was so bad about the relationship. Oh well. Who needs details?

I could go on and on, as I’m sure many of you could, listing musical slop for quite some time. Of course, I’m here to help you find the good music, and I’d like to leave you with one of the greatest love songs ever written.

“You Don’t Love Me Anymore” – ‘Weird’ Al Yankovic

An original song that parodies the style of a soft-rock ballad, it proves to be one of the funniest tracks he’s ever produced. Unlike Bon Jovi, Yankovic goes through plenty of reasons why his relationship isn’t very pleasant. “You slammed my face down on the barbecue grill / Now my scars are all healing, but my heart never will.”

Share it with someone special. ♦

A culinary culture experience



LOIS JONES/STAFF

Students enjoy the potluck dinner sponsored by the International Student Organization on Tuesday, January 31. Cultural dishes were brought by students of the same nationality.

‘Starting Tuesday’ enters Indie scene

By **REBECCA YEATTS**
Staff Writer

I hate Mondays. I really do. They’re just not fun. Indie rock band Starting Tuesday has the same philosophy.

Scott Cash, Justin Kitchen, Daniel Goans, and Ken Pittman of the North Carolina-based band are putting the first of the week blues behind them, shaking off the metaphorical Monday that drags us all down, and, as a result, producing some amazing tunes.

Their music ranges from fun and poppy songs like “Can’t Stop” and “If I Could” to the deep and brooding “Everyone is Sad,” plus a million emotions in between. Subject matter is a special thing, and Starting Tuesday covers everything from negative media images to battles with one’s own faith to the standard love song with a twist.

Starting Tuesday has the talent to make it in the music business, and will soon be poised for a major

coming out. Of course, it doesn’t hurt that lead singer Scott Cash is the brother of underground Nashville super producer Ed Cash, who has produced some of Music City’s best independent artists on the rise. But sometimes talent just runs in the family.

With a self-titled album released in 2005 and tour dates stacking up left and right, Starting Tuesday has a rapidly growing fan base and is gaining success at every turn.

Maybe we should all try beginning things on a different day of the week. It seems to be working for the boys of Starting Tuesday.

For more information about Starting Tuesday or to purchase their self-titled album, go to www.startingtuesday.com or www.awarestore.com. And if you’re in the know, hit up www.myspace.com/startingtuesday for the most up to date tour info. Plus, you can be friends with Starting Tuesday, and no one can have too many friends. ♦

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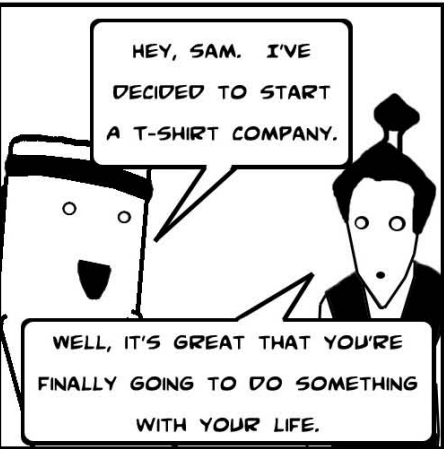
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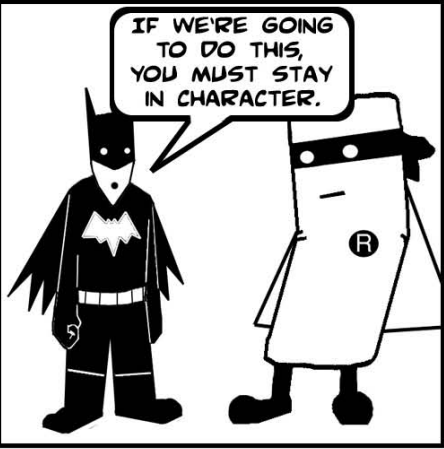
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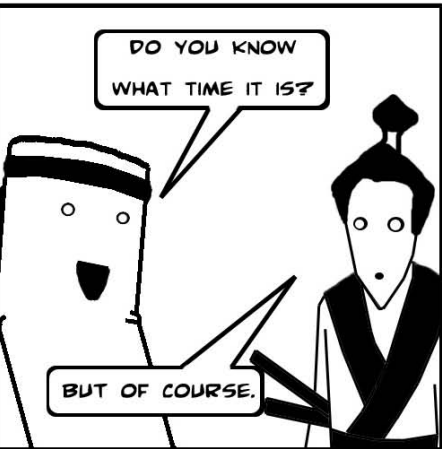
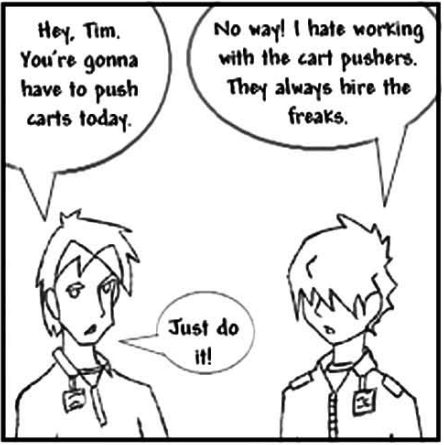


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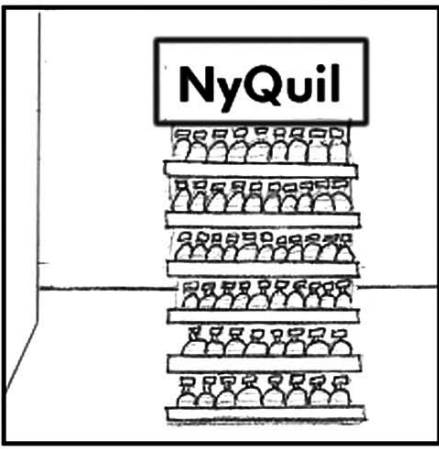
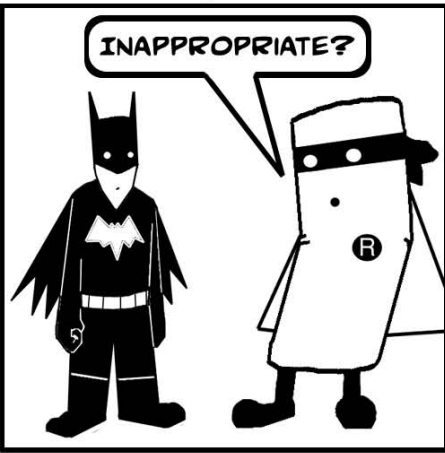
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Team chemistry is key for Lady Govs

Lady Govs rebound from last season to make a run at OVC tourney

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University women's basketball team was the Ohio Valley Conference regular season champion in the 2003-2004 season.

After the season they were predicted to finish near the top, bringing back four of their five starters from the 2004 season. Six new freshmen also ushered in head coach Andy Blackston's second season as the Lady Govs' coach.

The Lady Govs' season, however, did not turn out the way it was planned.

After winning their first game against Troy, they dropped three in a row. Then they picked up a win against American University before dropping three more games to such competition as Columbia, Chattanooga and Middle Tennessee State University.

Unfortunately, their season ended in the same disappointing manner.

The Lady Govs ended the season with a record of 8-19, and 4-12 in the conference. The off-season brought more controversy with six players leaving the team for one reason or another.

Coach Blackston continued to move forward, recruiting six more players. Valerie Quinn from Camarillo, Cal., Meagan Merrill from Dover, Tenn., college transfers including Keri Reese, Breana Link, Saundra Hale and Jennifer Pond all looked forward to this season.

He also added to his coaching staff with former APSU standout Gerlonda Hardin as a graduate assistant coach and former WNBA player Quacy Barnes.

Picked to finish at the bottom of the OVC standings, the Lady Govs have done everything to prove their critics wrong. Though they began the season off with a rocky 1-7 record, they have since bounced



Junior Breana Link (24), sophomore Amber Bacon (23), senior Ashley Haynes (44), head coach Andy Blackston, sophomore Kellea Reeves (55) and junior Saundra Hale are all main contributors to the Lady Govs' success this season. The five starters account for a combined 53.1 points per game with Haynes' 15.8 points per game leading the way.

back and are in the thick of things late into the season with their 8-6, record ranking them fifth in the OVC standings.

After their 1-7 start, the Lady Govs went on a six-game win streak, and haven't looked back.

The Lady Govs then split their next six

games, including overtime wins against OVC-members Tennessee-Martin and then No. 1 Samford. The Lady Govs' most recent success includes a 15-point victory over Tennessee State Saturday night.

The Lady Govs currently sit at fifth place in the OVC with an 8-6 conference record

– just one game behind Eastern Illinois and one and a half games behind Samford. With the help of a few more key victories, the Lady Govs could be a shoe-in for the OVC tournament.

“The biggest difference between last year and this year has been our leadership,”

Blackston said. “Haynes has done a good job putting the team on her shoulders. She wasn't going to let any distractions creep up into our team. One of my philosophies is if your best player is your best leader, then you will have a good chance of having a good year.”

Haynes's production has gone up this season. Last year she averaged 11 points and eight rebounds per game.

This year she is averaging a double-double with 15 points, and 13 rebounds per game with season-highs of 23-points and an APSU-record 21 rebounds against Murray State.

Haynes said team chemistry has been the biggest change from last year to this year.

“We really pull for each other,” Haynes said. “At the beginning of the season we put everything aside and just went out there and played. We started off bad, but we have fought hard to be in the position we are in, and hopefully we can continue to keep winning.”

Another player that has stepped up this season is guard Amber Bacon. In the 2004-2005 season, she averaged 0.9 points per game. This year she has increased her scoring average to 10 points per game while leading the team in three-point percentage.

Bacon credits teamwork to this year's success.

“We have better chemistry,” she said. “We look for each other when we're playing. We don't have just one leader. We have different players that step up and do different things every night.”

Transfer player Saundra Hale, who averages 12 points per game and leads the team in assists, agreed with Bacon and Haynes saying that chemistry has been the biggest difference. ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Sophomore Patrick Puertolas has already left his mark on APSU men's tennis as he has proved to be a strong competitor on the court. Puertolas has contributed the most to the program during doubles play.

By J.R. PREISSLER
Guest Writer

Patrick Puertolas is one of the Govs' top tennis players. Puertolas chose to come to Austin Peay State University from Spain because he was shown a few schools from this area and liked this school over others like Tennessee Tech.

Puertolas also wanted to come to America to learn a new language.

“In Spain I can't study and play tennis; it's one or the other. I like that, in America, I can do both,” said Puertolas.

Although he likes that he can do both of these things at the same time, he misses his family and friends back in Spain.

“I only get to see them on the holidays,” he said.

While in Spain, Puertolas was an individual regional champion from the ages of 12-16. He also competed on many regional championship teams. When he graduates from APSU, he plans to either coach tennis or

become a tennis manager.

“It's nearly impossible to become a member of the Association of Tennis Professionals,” he said.

Puertolas is looking forward to the season because, despite the four losses the Govs were handed in the Larson Bowker 5-1 Shootout against some stiff competition at Virginia Tech last week, the rest of the season's teams should provide more equal competition.

The playing surface for tennis in Spain is clay; therefore, Spanish players are only baseliners – meaning they don't charge the net.

“I played on grass once; it was fast – the ball didn't bounce,” Puertolas said.

Puertolas said that the drinking age in Spain is 18, but teens are not able to get their driver's license until that age as well.

When Patrick isn't in class or on the courts, he enjoys spending time with friends.

“Everything is really too far away, but when I get the chance I like to go to the club,” said Puertolas. ♦

Vital Stats

Name: Patrick Puertolas
Class: Sophomore
Major: Business
Hometown: Jaca, Spain
Sports Idol: Pete Sampras
Favorite Sports Team: Real Madrid (soccer)
Favorite place to eat? Fire of Brazil
Favorite place to go on a date: “It depends on the person.”

Govs recruit 18 in first signing day since 1996

Austin Peay Sports Information

In its first signing day since Feb. 1996, Austin Peay State University's football team has announced 18 players have penned national letters of intent for the 2006 football season.

The historic day comes on the heels of Austin Peay announcing in April 2005 it was returning to scholarship football, beginning in 2006.

APSU then will return to the OVC for football in 2007. APSU abandoned scholarship football for non-scholarship competition after the 1996 season.

The Governors concentrated on area and regional prospects and reached into Georgia and Florida as well.

The Govs are hopeful of adding strength in all position areas before the recruiting period ends.

APSU can sign as many as 30 prospects this year and next, although some existing Governors players are expected to receive some scholarship aid.

“I envisioned when we started (this recruiting period) of signing at every position,” McCray said. “I think we fulfilled 11 on defense, which is the way you start to build a championship. We also got some big linemen that will develop as we move into the OVC. I think we got some backs who can make first downs. We also got a speed receiver who can go big after he catches it.”

“We are still in the market for a few spots but we did a good job of getting a jump on things, certainly while keeping in mind the young men we have in the program and the positions they fulfilled,” he said. ♦

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essay contest

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SPORTS
SCHEDULE
AT A GLANCE

Wednesday

Men's Tennis
vs. Southern
Indiana,
2 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Thursday

Women's
Basketball
vs. Eastern Illinois,
5:15 p.m.,
Charleston, Ill.

Men's Basketball
vs. Eastern Illinois,
7:30 p.m.,
Charleston, Ill.

Saturday

Track and Field
at Depauw
Invitational,
Greencastle, Ind.

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

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

Sunday

Women's Tennis
vs. Chattanooga,
TBA
Chattanooga,
Tenn.

Men's Tennis
vs. Chattanooga,
TBA
Chattanooga,
Tenn.

Monday

Women's
Basketball
vs. Tennessee
State,
5:30 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

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

Tuesday

Men's Tennis
vs. Western
Kentucky,
1 p.m.,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Lady Govs stomp TSU



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Sophomore Kellea Reeves (55) fights for a rebound over Lady Tigers' center Angela Vance and a fellow TSU teammate while senior Ashley Haynes (44) contributes to the defensive effort. Reeves finished the game with eight points and seven rebounds while Haynes posted her 16th double-double of the season with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Win over TSU moves Lady Govs into fifth place

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs came up with a win against last-place Tennessee State University Lady Tigers Saturday evening, 83-68. APSU began the game with five straight points before going through a scoring drought for seven and a half minutes as the Lady Tigers posted 10 straight points. APSU guard Amber Bacon hit a field goal, putting a stop to the run, but the Lady Govs trailed for the rest of the half.

In the first half, forward Ashley Haynes scored six points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Bacon scored eight points. The Lady Govs shot 28 percent from the field while allowing TSU to shoot 42 percent.

During halftime Bacon said she could hear TSU celebrating, and that got her and her fellow teammates fired up.

"They were all pumped up like they were going to already get the win, and that made us want to fight harder and prove them wrong," Bacon said.

Head coach Andy Blackston told them they needed to go out there and get the job done.

Going into the second half, the Lady Govs still could not get a shot as the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 13 points before Bacon came in off the bench and hit back to back three-pointers. Bacon's treys sparked the Lady Govs and helped them go on a 22-4 run that gave them a five-point lead with 10:38 left in the game.

TSU, however, refused to go down without a fight and tied the game at 46 before APSU's 13-3 run sealed the victory.

Bacon led the team in scoring

with a career-high 23 points on 7-of-11 shooting, including 5-of-8 from three-point range. Haynes got her 16th double-double of the season with 20 points and 15 rebounds during the contest.

Haynes tied the rebounding record with 3:35 left in the game and pulled down the 15th rebound with 2:06 left, breaking the school record that was held by former Lady Gov and current graduate assistant Gerlonda Hardin. Haynes said she was happy with pulling down that significant rebound.

"I didn't know how close I was to getting the record," Haynes said. "I just kept thinking that I needed to get one more rebound. It felt good to get it, especially because all my teammates have been behind me all year long. It felt good that the person whose record I broke congratulated me, especially because Gerlonda is my best friend."

APSU scored 61 points in the second half – the first time to score more than 60 points in one half since Dec. 12, 1999, at Jacksonville State – which included a 72 percent field goal percentage on 18-of-25 shooting, and hitting 71 percent from beyond the arc on 5-of-7 shooting.

Blackston said Bacon's three-pointers in the second half were the main difference in the second half.

"Those two threes back-to-back really helped us out," Blackston said. "Those and our zone helped us come back and win this game."

The Lady Govs return to action on Thursday as they travel to Charleston, Ill., to take on the Eastern Illinois University Lady Panthers. A win against EIU will move the Lady Govs into fourth place in the OVC standings. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Senior Ashley Haynes goes up for a shot over a Tennessee State defender during Saturday night's OVC match-up. Haynes raked in 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the contest to mark her 16th double-double on the season.

Coach's
Corner

By ANDY
BLACKSTON



Lady Govs battle for fourth place at Eastern Illinois

Eastern Illinois is a tough place to play so we are going to have to be ready. They are a team that is playing with a lot of confidence since they are coming off a double-digit win at Samford.

In the end, you really have to treat the road games the same way that you do home games. You prepare for them the same way.

We are going to have to turn up the intensity just because it's the end of the season and everybody is jockeying for spots.

The teams that have that extra gear will be the ones that will be able to keep on winning and playing on that extra level and they are going to get what they want when it comes to the OVC tournament.

If we show up to play, it is going to be a big-time game. Everything is at stake this week when we play Eastern Illinois.

This game involves home-court advantage in the tournament, and the fourth place spot in the league is at stake Thursday night.

I'm expecting our team to come out and play and be at their best because this is when we need it. We are in the last six games of the conference schedule and that is the most crucial time.

Their key player is Megan Sparks, who is one of the best guards in our league, and she really leads the way for Eastern Illinois' team. She probably takes more shots than anybody on that team, and she is averaging 17 points per game.

Megan Edwards is averaging 12 points per game and then their post player, Rachel Galligan, who is a 6-2 freshman is averaging 10 points per game.

They have a nice, even distribution of their scoring but those are the big three that we are really going to have to do a good job guarding.

I think rebounding is going to be a big key in the game and it will especially be a big key for us. Ashley Haynes had 19 rebounds in our last game against Eastern Illinois, and that is always big for our team especially when we don't shoot the ball very well.

Getting those second-chance opportunities just gives us a lot of energy, and it's a big-time emotional lift. Once you get that opportunity then you have to capitalize on it. ♦

TALE OF THE TAPE

APSU	Stats	EIU
65.4	Scoring Average	68.0
66.1	Points Allowed per game	69.2
41.9	Field Goal Percentage	40.1
33.0	Three-point percentage	32.4
65.3	Free Throw Percentage	75.3
39.0	Rebounds per game	34.5
19.0	Turnovers per game	18.5
3.1	Blocks per game	3.9
8.6	Steals per game	9.9

Govs survive second-half scare to overcome Tigers



JAROD LEONARD/ STAFF

Sophomore point guard Derek Wright lays the ball up underneath Tigers guard Reiley Ervin. Wright posted seven points in the contest.

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team just doesn't look the same during the second half. After the team builds a lead going into halftime, it seems it is just a cushion for what is to come in the next 20 minutes.

During Saturday night's 70-63 win over the Tennessee State University Tigers, APSU did it again.

The Govs had built an eight-point lead at halftime that was created off an early 13-2 run, only to see it crumble in the second half.

With 7:05 left to play, the Tigers took the lead for the first time since the opening seconds of the game on forward Clarence Matthews' two converted free throws.

"I don't think it is anything that you can really put your finger on right now, defensively," senior center Zac Schlader said. "Things are obviously not as good in the second half. I think overall it's not a problem that can't be fixed."

The Govs finally reclaimed the lead on a Schlader lay-up with 2:18 left in the game as APSU went on a 9-2 run to finish out the game. The run included four points by Schlader as well as 5-of-6 converted free throws from the Governors.

"Obviously, any win is a big win. Especially since TSU is right next to us in the standings then any

win over somebody that is that close to you is a big win," Schlader said.

"We have got to win as much as possible from here on out in order for us to advance to the OVC tournament," added sophomore forward Fernandez Lockett.

The Govs shot just slightly worse than the first half as they accumulated a 53.3 shooting percentage from the field. However, the Govs' average suffered because of their 3-for-8 three-point performance in the second half due to the Tigers tightened defense.

"They were stacking down and playing in the lane a little bit, and whenever they do that you have to come up from the outside, and we did a pretty good job," Schlader said.

The Tigers' defense also forced the Govs to play more fast-paced, which resulted in 14 turnovers.

"Some of our miscues were due to (TSU)," Schlader said. "They are a good team but we have got to handle the ball better than we did."

The Govs were also bullied around the basket. Despite grabbing one more rebound than the Tigers, APSU gave up 15 second-chance points to TSU throughout the game.

"They were getting the loose balls," Lockett said. "We were keeping it alive. Instead of grabbing the ball on the rebound we were just tipping the ball and keeping it alive and they would end up getting

it and putting the ball in."

But the Govs were only experiencing mistakes on offense. On defense, APSU forced the Tigers to shoot 25 percent from three-point land as they only converted one of their eight three-point attempts in the second half.

Senior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton led the Govs on offense with 20 points. Hampton went 7-for-11 from the floor, 4-for-6 from beyond the arc and a perfect 2-for-2 from the free throw line.

Schlader contributed to the Govs' overall scoring effort with 11 points while Lockett and freshman guard Kyle Duncan each chipped in 10 points of their own.

The Tigers had three players to reach the double-digit scoring mark as forward Kareem Grant posted 19 points while guard Wayne Arnold and forward Clarence Matthews chipped in 15 and 11 points, respectively.

The win improves the Govs' record to 13-11, 8-7 in the OVC. The win also moves the Govs from seventh place to fifth place in the OVC standings as well as practically guaranteeing the Govs a spot in the OVC tournament.

The Govs will return to action this Thursday when they travel to Eastern Illinois for their second game of the OVC series. The last time these two teams met, the Govs pulled out a 62-56 victory despite a poor shooting performance. ♦