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Edwards takes second to Kerry for democratic nomination

By AMANDA COCHRANE
Staff Writer

Being the youngest of the democratic candidates has not hindered John Edwards' (D-NC) run for the nomination. Edwards has only won his birth state of South Carolina but still has high hopes for being president. With Howard Dean out of the race, it comes down to John Kerry and

John Edwards. The question is: Does he still have a chance for the nomination?

Biographical information

John Edwards was born June 10, 1953 in Seneca, S.C. He spent his childhood years being raised in Robbins, N.C. by his father Wallace (a mill worker) and mother Bobbie (who had a variety of jobs).

Edwards went to North Carolina public schools and became a first generation college student.

He graduated from North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in 1974. He earned his

law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977.

While in law school, Edwards met his wife, Elizabeth, who was also attending Chapel Hill.

They married in 1977 and have four children. One of these four children died in a car accident in 1996.

Political career

John Edwards started his career as a trial lawyer in 1977 fighting for people who didn't have a voice in the legal system.

This won him a reputation as someone who would take on the tough fights. He closed his career in 1998 to run for an elected office as U.S. Senator of North Carolina.

Beating the incumbent, he took office and continued the fight for the

regular people.

Kerry was quoted on www.cnn.com, "I want to be a champion for the people I have fought for all my life - regular people."

January 2003 brought Edwards into the race for president and it doesn't look like he is going to back down.

For more information on this nominee the website is www.johnedwards2004.com.



Edwards

Gobs hold on to #1



GRAPHIC BY ALICIA MIDDLEBROOK/STAFF

According to *The Leaf Chronicle*, Austin Peay State University reigns in the Ohio Valley with a 14-0 conference play record for the first time since Western Kentucky did it in the 1969-70 season.

U.S. Congressman visits APSU campus

By CATI MONTGOMERY

Copy Editor

U.S. Representative John Tanner (D-Tenn.) will visit Austin Peay State University on Monday, March 1, 2004.

Tanner, accompanied by Federal Trade Commission representative Cindy Liebes, will present a forum to discuss issues of identity theft and financial literacy.

The community is invited to participate in the forum, in the University Center room 303 at 10:30 a.m.

The visit will be hosted by APSU's College Democrats.

Tanner is particularly concerned about the students and military population in this area, who are especially susceptible to identity theft and credit concerns.

According to Randy Ford, spokesman for Tanner, identity theft and financial literacy are "big issues on a lot of Tennessee's minds, especially in Montgomery County."

It's a bigger issue in college and military communities because some people specifically target these communities. [They] are especially vulnerable because they are just getting into credit experience."

From Tanner's website, identity theft — taking one's personal information and using it to commit fraud or to steal from the victim — has become one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Trade Commission.

Tanner introduced legislation in 2003 that would strengthen penalties for identity theft.

Tanner has served on the House Ways & Means committee since 1997.

The committee deals with the specific issues of identity theft and financial literacy as well as Social Security.

Currently serving his 8th term in Congress, Tanner also serves on the Subcommittee on Trade as well as the Subcommittee on Oversight.

Tanner serves the 8th Congressional District, to which parts of Montgomery County have been added as recently as 2002, after the census.

For more information on identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission website, www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or the Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs website at <http://www.state.tn.us/consumer>.

Voter registration available for college students

By KATIE BELL

Staff Writer

However complicated registering to vote may seem, some students simply may not care about representation in government.

"I am registered to vote and I don't think it was a time-consuming or difficult thing to do. Most students just don't care about politics," said Lee Quarles, senior special education major.

If a change is being made to a driver's license, such as a renewal, citizens can complete a voter registration form at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

For many students, this may be the easiest way to register to vote.

"I registered to vote at the DMV when I was replacing my lost license and it was pretty easy," said Jarrod Wright, junior art education major. "I don't think students find it difficult to register to vote, they just don't think their one vote will make that much of a difference."

Government aid offices also offer voter registration for clients and armed forces recruitment offices offer registration for prospective supporters.

In Kentucky, the voter registration card can be printed from the Internet at www.kysos.com and sent to the county clerk's office.

Registration drives are common close to the deadline for registration of most elections. In Christian County, the Democratic Association is scheduled to be at the Home Builder's Association Trade Show Event Feb. 27-29 in order to register voters for the upcoming Kentucky presidential primary.

Austin Peay State University students will be able to register on campus in November during a registration drive sponsored by the Election Commission for Clarksville-Montgomery County.

Registration drives appear to increase voter registration and participation.

"I recently moved from North Carolina and the school I attended there encouraged voter registration. Because of the school's encouragement, it seemed easier to register

and vote," said Franny Williams, a sophomore nursing major.

Citizens of the United States considered eligible to vote must be 18 years old on or before the next general election, must be a resident of the state in which they will vote in and must have never been convicted of a felony or have had their rights restored by law. Citizens must also register 28 days before an election or primary to be eligible to vote in that election.

A person must be registered and vote in the county in which residency has been established. When a citizen moves to a different county or state, the county must be notified of the change so the voter registration can be moved.

When registered voters do not vote in two presidential elections, they are removed from the voter registration records and must reapply.

Voters not available to vote on Election Day can apply for an absentee ballot through their county's election office.

Citizens eligible to vote through absentee ballots include college students, members of the armed forces and others who may be outside the county during Election Day and early voting.

To register to vote, a person must complete a voter registration form. For residents of Montgomery County, this form is readily available at the Montgomery County Election Commission, which is located at 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 404.

Voter registration forms for residents of Christian County are available at the original Christian County courthouse in the County Clerk's office.

For more information about voting in Montgomery County, contact the Montgomery County Election Commission at (931) 648-5707 or visit their website, www.montgomerycountyttn.org.

The phone number for the Christian County Election Office is (270) 887-4107 and the website is www.kysos.com.

Restaurants cater to Atkins'

By LAUREN MABON
Staff Writer

According to *The New York Times*, at least 20 million people across the globe have followed the low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet since the release of Dr. Robert C. Atkins' 1972 book, "Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution."

The diet promotes weight loss with an extreme approach. Carbohydrates found in breads, pastas and potatoes are restricted, while consuming proteins such as meats, eggs and cheese are strongly encouraged.

The recent controversy surrounding diet guru Dr. Atkins, circulated after his death last April. An autopsy report said Atkins was obese when he died and suffered from critical heart failure. Atkins' wife defends against the argument on the Atkins diet website stating that his being overweight at death was a result of water retention. Atkins had suffered a severe head injury after falling on an icy sidewalk on his way to work April 8.

Currently, the Atkins diet fad is one of the best-selling weight loss programs. Fast food chains and restaurants have even joined the Atkins craze. Subway is now offering Atkins-friendly wraps and several other restaurants

now have a separate Atkins menu. T.G.I. Friday's offers Tuscan Spinach Dip, Salmon Filet and a new special called Cheeseburger Cheeseburger, where they promise to leave the bun in the kitchen.

Even while the Atkins trend is growing so rapidly, nutritionists and researchers still question its safety. Many argue that it could raise cholesterol levels, deprive dieters of important nutrients and affect the kidneys.

Dr. Rae Hansberry, associate professor of nutrition and healthcare management at Austin Peay State University, said that the Atkins diet has reached its crescendo. But Hansberry does not favor any diet trend. She recommends a balanced diet for achieving healthy weight loss.

"A mixed diet with carbs, proteins and fats is best, along with exercise. On low-carb diets, you're losing nutrients, vitamins and fiber," said Hansberry.

Researchers have recently found that the lack of fiber in low-carb diets such as Atkins may increase the risk of cancer and heart disease.

"Eating three complete meals a day is a necessity," Hansberry said.

According to Hansberry, American society's lifestyle filled with fast-food chains, TV dinners, and fattening snack foods has increased obesity. The fries with that era contributes to the unbalanced diet many Americans follow.

"A down-home Southern meal of meat, dried beans, and turnip greens is a lot healthier than a bag of potato chips. Many people don't understand how vital breakfast is, even if it's just cereal," said Hansberry.

"The Atkins diet cuts out so many essential nutrients. Although dieters can have cheese, they are not allowed milk which consists of much-needed calcium. A good diet should have a high intake of fruits and vegetables and a lower intake of red meat and fats. Experts recommend no more than 30 percent fat, 12 percent protein, and 58 percent carb intake. The Atkins diet goes way over the necessary limit for protein intake," said Hansberry.

"The diet contains a low amount of water-soluble vitamins (calcium and Vitamin D). The benefit of Atkins is rapid weight loss. However, it may result in colorectal cancer

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The All State takes home several awards from SEJC



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of *The All State* staff traveled to Troy State University in Troy, Ala. placing 5th overall in competition and 10th overall best college newspaper in the South. Pictured from left to right, top row, Dave Campbell, Joseph Kerstetter, Cheryl Hunter-Grah, Mike Dunn, Kathy Yung, Josie Swisher, Alicia Middlebrook and Advisor Kristy Galbraith.

By KATHY YUNG
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's campus newspaper, *The All State*, was honored as one of the top ten Best College Newspapers in the South for 2003 at the 18th Annual Southeastern Journalism Conference Best of the South Competition held in Troy, Alabama, Feb. 19-21. Out of 57 eligible schools, *The All State* earned the tenth place award.

Schools from seven southeastern states were eligible to enter the competition in 24 different categories.

In addition to the Best College Newspaper, *The All State* submitted entries for eight additional categories and received awards in three of those. The awards received:

Best Opinion-Editorial Writer, Cheryl Hunter-Grah, fifth place;

Best Newspaper Page Layout Designer, Melinda Simmons, fifth place;

Best News-Editorial Artist/Illustrator, Martin Fox, ninth place.

Ellen Kanervo, a professor in the Communication and Theatre department, submitted an essay by Josie Swisher, a junior mass communication major, in the Best Journalism Research Paper category. Swisher received first place for her paper.

The conference also sponsored on-site competitions in 12 different categories.

Hunter-Grah was awarded second place in the public relations category, and Swisher received first place in the media law category.

Other Tennessee schools that received awards included Belmont University, Union University, University of Memphis, University of Tennessee-Martin and Vanderbilt University. ♦

From the chief... Public health threat on campus

ERIC PROVOST
APSU Police Chief

During Transitions sessions with parents and family members of new students, I have observed the concerns expressed about the threats to student health while at Austin Peay.



Provost

State University Students and parents ask in detail about availability of medical care, risk of communicable diseases, vaccinations, the quality of air and drinking water, and a host of other things.

Though these health issues are important, my position remains unchanged. I'm not aware of one APSU student in the last two years that has died of SARS, mad cow disease, bubonic plague, malaria, skydiving, acne, bad cafeteria food nor poor grades.

However, I am aware of this at a packed commencement exercise in the Dunn Center, the parents of former APSU student Dominique (Nikki) Minadeo tearfully made their way to the podium to receive their daughter's diploma. Both Nikki and another full-time APSU student were killed in separate, local traffic accidents during academic year 2002-2003,

and both deaths were directly attributable to not wearing seat belts. It is our #1 public health threat at APSU, and it's time to acknowledge that the numbers prove it.

In 2001 alone, research compiled by the National Highway Transportation Safety Board show that 60 percent of the persons killed on our nation's roads, were not wearing seatbelts. The use of lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatality by 45 percent in passenger cars and 60 percent in pick-up trucks.

Don't tell me about your air bags; using them alone has been shown to reduce fatalities by only 12 percent. Who are the number one violators? College-age youth. Ever wonder why car insurance rates for persons 16-25 are through the roof?

It's not all your fault. One of the things that the research most clearly shows is that our seat-belt habits are inherited from our parents and guardians.

But as current and future parents, the time is NOW to adopt, and take with you when you leave APSU, the habit of routine seat-belt use.

Before you head off to Spring Break in a few weeks, you may very well pass through one of our "Click It or Ticket" checkpoints. I am fighting an epidemic and I promise you no mercy. ♦

Police log

An Austin Peay State University student filed a complaint with campus police after discovering another student's car on a road near the left bank. According to APSU Police Chief Eric Provost, the student was not injured. The event said the comments were directed towards a student who had

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because of the high red meat and low fiber intake or cardiovascular disease due to the high protein and fat intake.

Also, extra stress is put on the kidneys by ketosis (medical condition resulting from the metabolism of fats instead of carbohydrates for energy)," Hansberry said.

Thirty-seven year old Jason Eagle, vice president of wealth management at the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis, Tenn., lost five pounds in a week on Atkins. However, along with his quick weight loss experienced nausea and dizziness.

"My doctor said that many people on the Atkins diet had come in with the exact same reaction. Apparently, my blood sugar level was out of balance," said Eagle.

Any diet that extreme is probably not healthy," said Eagle.

Though critics question the dangers of the diet, many people are pleased with its fast results.

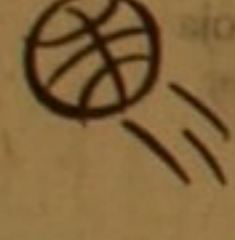
Jonathan Barrow, a sophomore medical technology major at Austin Peay State University lost 25 pounds in only three weeks on the Atkins diet.

"During the first two weeks I loaded up on protein," said Barrow. "I usually eat hamburgers with cheese and no buns and I drink water or a diet soda."

Hansberry adds, "Researchers have not uncovered the exact long term affect of the Atkins diet."

For more information regarding the Atkins diet, log on to www.atkins.com. ♦

Coming Home 2004



Events

Wednesday, February 25th

9 pm-Midnight "Club Sterling" in the UC Ballroom

Thursday, February 26th

Banner judging today
10:30 am-1:30 pm John Hopkins Variety Show
in the UC Food Court, lobby and cafeteria
8 pm Movie-"An American Wedding"
in Clement Auditorium

Friday, February 27th

Noon Pep Rally in the UC Lobby

Saturday, February 28th

10 am Family Movie-"Radio" in Java City

At both the Women's and Men's Basketball games, poster board and markers will be available for you to make posters in support of the teams or your favorite team member.

5:30 pm Lady Govs vs. Eastern Kentucky

*Bring two can goods to donate to "AP Can Provide" and your name will be put in a drawing for a \$100.00 Walmart Gift Card!

6:45 pm "Food Before the Game!"
in the Dunn Center (top level)

7:30 pm Govs vs. Eastern Kentucky

*Announcement of the Banner Contest

Don't pass up the opportunity to vote for the 2004 Homecoming Theme Saturday, Feb. 28 as you enter the Dunn Center Lobby.

For complete information, go to
<http://www.apsu.edu/activities/cominghome/index.htm>

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Bookstore Closes
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The APSU
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Thursday, Feb. 25,
2004 in order to
conduct inventory.
The store will re-
open on Friday,
Feb. 27, 2004. For
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Walt Disney
World
Internships

Walt Disney World
representatives
will be on campus
to discuss their
internship
program on
Monday, March
2004 in the
University Center
Ballroom C from
5pm. Interviews
will follow.
Internships are
available for all
majors. For more
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OUR TAKE

Core requirements create some concern

After the 2004-2005 bulletin goes into effect, we can extend our welcome to another required course: LART 1000 will then be a part of the required liberal arts curriculum. This course is designed to "improve student success and retention." It is also understood that a liberal arts education is designed to provide the student with a well-rounded knowledge of more than just the student's desired discipline of study. We at *The All State* feel that the new subtractions from the required number of courses may be diluting the education of a true liberal arts school.

After all, how much longer can we truly call ourselves a liberal arts school when a diversity of courses are being removed one-by-one for the sake of speeding the learning process or saving money? How about we first try and improve the learning process? Saving money is a noble concept, but if you sacrifice the development of your mind for the almighty dollar, then you may ultimately forget how to effectively save that money.

At the hands of the Tennessee Board of Regents, we are slowly but steadily continuing to lower the bar and implementing what seems to be a diploma mill, churning out students for the grand purpose of the trade factory. Until we as a society, once again, pursue learning simply for the sake of learning, our staff is concerned that our intellectual endeavors will suffer greatly from the folly of administration. How do we know that they have our best interest in mind? They have completed their learning process. Now we need to complete ours.

Students that feel the college experience is just about travelling an avenue toward that bigger paycheck are missing the true purpose of what it means to have a diverse array of studies. If we want to continue to be known as a liberal arts school, we should insist we keep the courses that were initially in place. We do recognize, however, that students have to discern between what they need and what they want, but if there is no other areas of study explored, then how does the psychologist write his/her dissertation without the writing skills they acquire in English? The answer is that they work together.

Destruction of racism and its components sorely needed

Last week I had a discussion at lunch with some fellow classmates about getting rid of the titles of ethnicity. I was adamant about the fact that these titles helped to keep racism around. I thought the way to get rid of racism was to get rid of these titles and that all people born in America should be called Americans. After this lunchroom discussion, I changed my mind.

My argument was that people were more than just their race or the color of their skin. To be identified by the color of your skin seemed like an insult to me. I understand that culture is important, but it should not affect the fact that all who are born in America are simply American. Those who moved directly from another country to this one can rightly call themselves such titles as African-American or Asian-American, etc.

"I consider myself to be an American-Asian not an Asian American," stated education major, Erica Ashby. "People's cultures are very important to them. If you do away with the titles, then some people may feel a loss of identity. Culture is who you are."

Trey Turner, a computer science major, said: "Think of America in terms of a business. When any two businesses merge, the smaller business loses its identity to the larger business. (The larger business being any group that is considered Caucasian and the smaller being any other ethnic group.) For that reason calling everyone only American and not specifying their heritage should not be done away with...yet. As long as measures need to be taken to ensure equality between races then canceling out the terms of ethnicity would not be beneficial."

I asked him if he thought that by doing away with these titles we would be taking a step back and he said yes. I was reminded that it has only been around 50 years since civil rights were put into effect. If we were to dismiss these titles now, minorities might once again lose their voices and their rights.

I had never thought of it in these terms before. Even though my ancestors were Cherokee, Irish-Irish, and English, I am only considered to be a Caucasian or an American. I don't think as much about my heritage as I should.

That is why occasions such as Black History Month and Native American Month are so important. They make us pay attention to heritage and culture. They remind us of all the great people who have developed our country and educate us to the accomplishments and remarkable people of all races.

No killing racism. Education. Racism is around because certain people are ignorant of those outside of their own race/culture. I have always found that people hate what they fear and fear what they don't understand. If people would just take the time to learn about others, that fear and hate would disappear.

I still don't like that we have to identify ourselves by titles, because I feel like it is sometimes seen as an invisible barrier between races; however, after talking it over with my classmates and friends, I understand the need for these titles at this point. Perhaps one day, we can all just see ourselves as the human race and realize that we are all connected in this world.

New core does a student body good, at its heart emphasizes change

Many changes are set to take effect in the spring semester that are making some students wary. Changes will be longer and squeezed into shorter semesters. The core requirements for the 2004-2005 Bulletin will be greatly reduced in terms of credit hours. Concerns have arisen that Austin Peay State University is watering down the requirements to draw more students and reduce complaints. I was one of the wary, but after interviewing members of the faculty and closely examining the results the alterations will have, my concerns were not only assuaged, but I also found myself in agreement with the changes.

The reduction of general core hours comes as a result of the decision by the Tennessee Board of Regents to ensure that all of the state schools under the supervision of TBR require the same amount of core classes. The restructured core requirements will make graduating with a four year degree far more plausible than it has been the past few years. James Diehr, Dean of Arts and Letters commented on the matter. All of the four-year universities had different core requirements. APSU had some of the largest, Diehr said.

A positive result of TBR decision is that they have issued guidelines to which every class within the restructured core must adhere. The broad, yet effective standards will help ensure quality within the core courses. I am not saying that there was a lack of quality in the old courses, far from it, but TBR-issued guidelines will cause some courses to be augmented for the better as well as result in the creation of entirely new courses.

APSU has chosen to complement the new core with a change of its own. No longer will a minor be required by the University. I was surprised and upset by the development, until I dug a little deeper and understood the decision for what it was. By removing the minor as a university requirement, the individual academic departments have more control over the minors and can better serve the needs of the student body.

Most departments will continue to require a minor, but now the extenuating circumstances of the individual can be taken into consideration. For example, a transfer student with well over 120 credit hours that fulfills a major, but not a minor, as a result of a difference in course selection, has a chance to have the minor waived by the department in which that student is majoring.

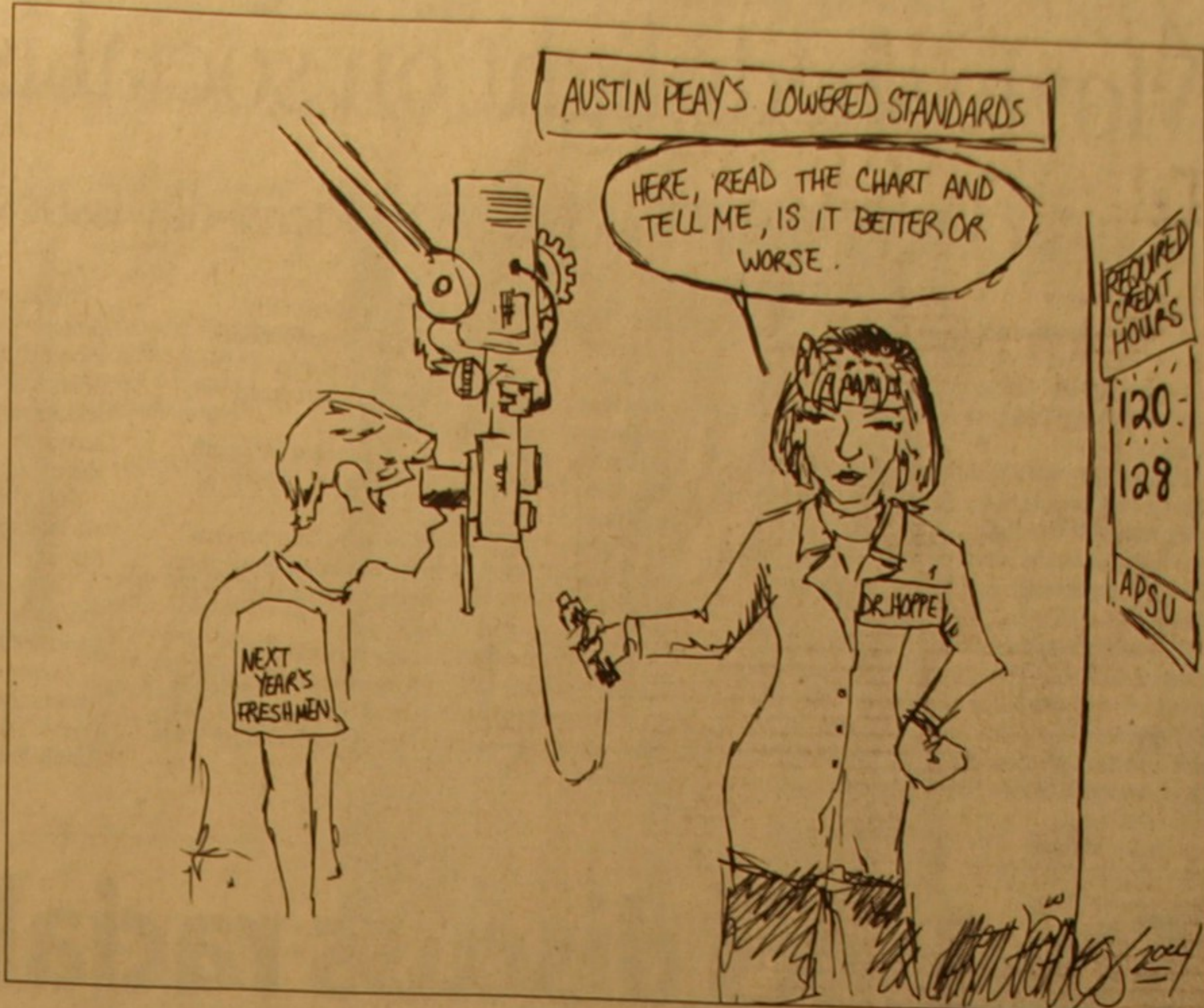
Another interesting bit of information I discovered is that a student can transfer his or her requirements to a newer bulletin. This means that students within their first few semesters who were not started working on core requirements can shift to the new bulletin and cut approximately 15-18 hours off their list of necessary courses. That is an entire semester.

While the thought of trimming away a semester can be enticing, I recommend to those who are firmly entrenched within the curriculum as dictated by an earlier bulletin stick to that bulletin. While it may seem preferable to reduce the number of total hours needed to graduate, there are other factors to consider.

If one has completed all of the requirements for a particular department's core from the old bulletin, it will be recognized as completed under the new bulletin. However, if the student has only completed part of the requirements for the old bulletin, that student runs the risk of credits that once went toward core requirements becoming electives.

Students who are considering placing themselves under the new bulletin should look over their transcript with their advisor first.

I approve of the coming changes, but I also believe some aspects are not for everyone. I can see these changes becoming a hot topic on campus in the near future, which is why I believe it is important for the student body to not only understand the reasons for the changes, but also the benefits that accompany them.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To the editor:

Mr. Benson and Clan:
Question: Since when did Burke's famous quote about evil ever apply to homosexuality? It has been proven time and again that what is good and what is evil is a matter of perspective. As such, Burke's quote is equally applicable for those who believe the triumph of evil would be to allow others to call homosexuality a sin. His quote is irrelevant because it can be used for either cause—for any cause. Strike One. Question: Where did "love the sinner, hate the sin" come from? It certainly didn't come from the Bible. His assertion that he's continuing a "scripture meal" is incorrect enough to give him a second strike, but we'll say this pitch was high and tight, ball one.

The Bible condones punishing those who have sinned. Don't fire back with some quotes from the New Testament, either; there's no use proving how contradictory the Bible can be. The entire Bible is

applicable. Christ, while talking about forgiveness and loving others, never once refuted the Old Testament instruction to punish the sinner; the Old Testament is very concerned with retribution in this world.

"Love the sinner, hate the sin" is impossible in the context of orthodox Christianity, which he is representing. Strike Two.

Question: How is it an approval to allow someone the same rights that others possess? Do Christians condone alcohol? Do Christians condone sex outside of marriage? Of course not, yet they allow these laws to exist because they know that the majority of people do condone these things. They know they cannot fight the masses—but a minority, a small, voiceless group...ah, say the conservatives, there's a battle we can win!

Mr. Benson is wallowing in hypocrisy. That's Strike Three. He's out. Say "hello" to the dugout for me.

Josh Rutherford

English/Creative Writing Graduate Student

To the editor:

Fraternities and sororities... If we do not already know that they exist here on campus we are constantly reminded with the endless bombardment of Greek letters on shirts, book bags, jackets, license plates and anything else that can be stitched or written on, including university property.

Now I am a reasonable person and I can understand the pride that must come from being a part of an organization, but when campus property is defaced with chalk-written symbols and burned messages in the grass, that is taking it too far. I do not need to be reminded each day that I walk out of my Spanish class that the "Pikes love the Chi Omegas" via a message burned in grass.

Sure, fraternities and sororities are a part of campus life, but I am not a part of a Greek

organization nor are a large percentage of the students that go here, and I feel that the university should regulate this more. I can understand a few fliers, or even a couple of symbols here and there, but must I be reminded every 5 seconds, everywhere I look, that the Chi Omegas, or the Alpha Delta Pi's love some fraternity? Or should the Greek organizations be inconsiderate of the rest of the campus population by marring our sidewalks with their notes to each other or by killing our (the campus population's) grass just because they choose to become part of a fraternity? This is vandalism. If grass killing is acceptable behavior, I would like to burn my entire name in the grass in front of the science building where all college street passersby can know that I exist.

ARMANDO JUAN PANTOJA looks good to me....

Armando Juan Pantoja
Computer Science Major

Is gay marriage okay?

Public still roused by issue of gay marriage, outcry demands definite stance on the equal right to wed

A friend and I were discussing what topics have caused the biggest divides in opinion this semester. It was agreed that the issue of whether gay marriage should be allowed is the debate of the moment, and could become the new civil rights movement. Though it is more than that, is it not? There is a

basic human right in question here. While disenfranchised persons will always continue to seek fair and equal rights, if they are persistent they will eventually leave their mark and get their point across. This assumes that you are taking an optimistic view toward the political process. Unfortunately bureaucracy does not allow for such positive thinking. Moving forward from archaic ideals seems to take a backseat to the priority of the media-driven agenda.

Not only is this an issue upon which endless news stories abound, we must remember as a people that

we all demand equal protection under the law. Gay couples deserve the same respect and rightfully demand the same rights. Liberty cannot be fashioned to fit subjective reasoning.

While some believe gay marriage destroys the sanctity of marriage, is it not a couple's right to decide whether that sanctity even exists? Not extending these rights to gays taints the inherent principle behind such basic democratic principles as "All men, created equal." We make a distinction between two types of people based merely upon sexual preference. In America, the gay person is still seen as unacceptably different by those who oppose gay marriage. Why should people be treated any different because of their sexual orientation?

One of the most recognizable and referred to causes of this prejudice attitude is the fact that many people are raised to believe that being gay is wrong. If instead people were taught to look beyond their own personal convictions and realize that the majority cannot dictate morality, then and only then could we truly move forward.

To be intensely American about this issue, we, including conservative interest groups (who have recently made harmful statements hindering the cause of gay rights) should reassess what we believe it means to be American and how people under the shelter of democracy should be able to reside. The answer is simple to be free.

Until gays are given the same rights that heterosexual couples are, they are not truly free under the eyes of the law. Until we have been made aware that our error of preferential acceptance is an unhealed injury to democracy, progress will falter and social decline will ensue. It is time we place a giant mat on the proverbial doorstep of America reading *Welcome To All*.

Even though Ms. Wadley and I have written about gay marriage and we have received plenty of feedback on the subject, I am compelled to write more still. What a terrible week for America. I cannot turn on the news without seeing two women in matching wedding dresses

kissing, or two men in feather boas hanging all over each other. Nobody seems to care if small children are seeing this mess.

What is worse is how the mayor of San Francisco, Gavin Newsom, is defying California law by allowing marriage licenses to be given to gay couples. The state of California does not recognize gay marriage, yet he does nothing to stop this. Worse still, nobody else is stopping any of it! Arnold Schwarzenegger simply said, "No comment." Obviously the

law does not apply to gays. I can already smell extra rights around the corner.

Does anyone remember, a few months ago, when it was decided that the Ten Commandments monument in the state courthouse in Alabama was to be removed, citing that it violated the "separation of church and state"? Well, the judge in this humble little town stood up for what he and many people in Alabama and much of the country believe in and refused to remove it. What happened to him? He was suspended, and the monument was hauled away. While I admire Judge Moore for standing up for what he believes in, he must obey the law.

My question is why is this mayor of San Francisco, who is doing the exact same thing by disobeying the law, not being suspended so the law can be upheld? What if he were giving out concealed gun permits? Do you think, for one moment, that he wouldn't immediately be suspended and the action halted? I think today's politicians are too scared. The President has expressed concern about these gay "marriages," but there is still nothing done. I am thoroughly disgusted.

While the majority of the country, in many of the polls I have seen, are against gay marriage (even though many do not want to even touch the Constitution by adding an amendment banning gay marriage) they seem too afraid to try to cease or even speak against this disaster.

I do, however, commend those who, even in this sad time, hold firm in their Christian beliefs. Perhaps Mr. Bush will grow some hair on his chest and end this madness.

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Feb. 25:

Lecture on the social, political and historical meaning of quilting in the African-American community.

To study abroad in Greece contact Dr. Timothy F. Winters at winters@apsu.edu (931) 221-7118.

Feb. 26:

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Deadline for submission of Student Organization and Leader Awards will be held at 4 p.m. in the Student Affairs Office.

Women's Studies Brown Bag Series

Mar. 5:

A discussion of *Les Guerilleres* by Monique Wittig, a novel that chronicles the metaphorical war between the sexes, will be held at noon in the African American Cultural Center.

Apr. 16:

A discussion of *Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA* by Brenda Maddox will be held in the Sundquist Science Complex Rm. E205 at 1 p.m.

Movie sheds light on social issues through comedy

"Madea's Class Reunion" touches on modern-day issues through the eyes of a 68-year-old woman

By IAN FARLEY
Staff Writer

Student Life and Leadership presented Tyler Perry's 2003 stage production of "Madea's Class Reunion."

Although Perry is a man, he stars as Mabel 'Madea' Simmons, a graduate of the class of 1953, who returns to her 50th class reunion.

At the reunion she meets up with a few old friends who are going through problems in their relationships with men.

The problems of these relationships include infidelity and abuse. Perry brings these societal issues into focus, while providing a dose of comedic relief.

"The great thing is that what needs to be said is being said through these plays" said Christina Webb, history, senior. "Madea's Class Reunion brings laughs

as we look at the ridiculous situations of the characters. You can't take the issues too seriously because it will get you down and eat at you. Making the issues funny means that they aren't preachy and people are more willing to listen."

Madea is not just a character created for laughs. Perry and his character Madea have a history together.

Madea, which is a word meaning "mother dear," was inspired by the women Perry knew growing up.

Madea represents a woman who is strong, proud, and a mother figure of the family.

She brings the tradition of patriarchy, which is familiar to many African-American families, to the stage. Perry uses Madea as head of the family to put the problems of society out in the open and get them resolved.

"It's important to identify, evaluate, and solve our problems. It's rare that a play has important life aspects and still entertains," said Thomas Talley, political science, junior. "The humor is entertaining and attracts the audience. Humor makes it easier to accept the important information that the play shares."

Perry brought Madea to the stage in four plays. Her first appearance was in 2000's "I Can Do Bad By Myself."

The Madea character was a hit and Perry received much acclaim for the portrayal of the 68-year-old African-American woman.

As lead actor, Perry also earned a Helen Hayes Award nomination in 2001. Madea then appeared in Perry's "Diary of a Black Woman" and "Madea's Family Reunion."

Perry's plays have been a monumental success at the box office along with DVD and VHS sales.

She is active in nearly every aspect of the stage production by taking on the roles of director and producer. She is also involved with set design and music composition.

Perry's desire to bring Madea to the stage through writing, acting, producing and directing demonstrates his passion for proving a place for African Americans on the stage.

Perry's plays not only entertain and reflect on the ways of society, but incorporate aspects of African-American culture from generations past and present.

"I like the singing that's in the play," said Webb. "It's great especially how Perry brings modern behavior to the play like one character doing the 'Harlem shake.'"

Students discuss racial climate

Almost 50 years after the Civil Rights movement, students share their views on racial unity at APSU

Compiled
NATALIE GILMORE and IAN FARLEY
Staff Writers

For the most part the racial environment is warm but I still notice the separation in seating in the cafe and the grill. Also, we don't try to support one another especially when it comes to events; for example, white people don't go into the African American Cultural Center because they feel it is just for African Americans, though it's not. Everybody is still trying to figure out what black and white is because of stereotypes on television and there shouldn't be a concern of why a person talks or acts a certain way.
-Christina Webb, history, senior

The way I see it the racial climate is multicultural. Since this is a small campus the racial environment is definitely small. It seems that some people form cliques but in the classrooms the racial climate is good, though you do have those people that are very conscientious of another person's background and look upon other races and don't want to touch them. The people I interact with don't care about race and I'm cool all the way around. I think Austin Peay tries hard to make the campus equal but when it all boils down, it's actually up to the students.

I feel that there is some racial tension evident at Austin Peay but you have to be able to read between the lines to pick it up, sometimes it's pretty blatant though. I think more people should definitely educate themselves more about racial history so that there can be a better understanding of it.
-Lana Frederick, psychology, senior

I think the racial activity is very much alive and active on campus and also in the city of Clarksville. There have come along events in the past that have made improvements such as the Civil Rights Movement, but we still have a long way to go.

I think there should be more activities on campus that includes everybody in general. That has a lot to do with the campus being so cliquish. If the sororities and fraternities would sponsor something where everybody could come out and do something, would make it better. But there are still going to be problems, just with racism, regardless of what happens because that's just human kind. To ever say that something is completely fixed is being very blind.
-Corrine McIntosh, education, junior

I think there is much tension on both sides. Caucasians on campus seem intimidated by the African Americans and use that as an excuse to not visit the African American Cultural Center. Then there are racial groups that seem to just not want to interact and spread their experiences with others.
-Cameka Shelby, African American Cultural Center, secretary

The racial climate is ok, but not the best at this time. Professors and teachers give students equal opportunity but the amount of activities equal. The most activities for African Americans are in the Cultural Center. The races should have an equal amount of programs. Educational wise the campus is good.

-Godwin Ikponmwo, Jr., biology, junior

The Austin Peay campus is about 15 to 20 years behind the time of progressive development compared to institutes of education. Austin Peay is doing things now that happened in the mid to late 70's when I was at the University of Toledo in Ohio. Probably do to a lack of interrelationship of ethnic groups. There is no serious promotion of this interrelationship fostered by administration and faculty. Administration sets the mood and faculty then implements. Administration sets a bad mood hence faculty implements that mood. This attitude has gone backwards in the last six to eight years.

-Lewis Jones, athletic tutor

'Sex' has mixed impact

By SARAH PORTLOCK

Washington Square News (New York, N.Y.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK - Even if "sex" is good can't last forever, at least it can be remembered that long.

When HBO's hit television series "Sex and the City" wrapped its six-year run Sunday night, it not only meant the end of a television phenomenon, but also the closure of a cultural wellspring.

Throughout the series' run, aspects of the show's world have become incorporated into our everyday lives.

Fashion trends, sexual vocabulary and dating rules established on "Sex and the City" soon found their way into mainstream fashion, sex and dating rituals.

College of Arts and Science sophomore John McNamara said that the material effect the show has had on women is astounding.

"There are the DVDs in every apartment go into, there are quotes on every [Instant Messenger] profile and the Cosmo is in every girl's hand every Friday night," he said.

The show, launched in 1998 by "Beverly Hills: 90210" creator Darren Star, is based on the book of the same title by Candace Bushnell.

It soon gained recognition from critics and viewers and has since won several awards, including the 2002 Golden Globe for Best Television Series: Musical or Comedy.

The show's cultural references allowed viewers to peer vicariously into the lives of females they could relate to: Sex columnist Carrie, lawyer Miranda, public relations executive Samantha and socialite Charlotte.

If nothing else, the show illustrated how single women combine their careers with active personal agendas. Each episode, the women meet for a meal or drinks and dish about the latest developments with the male (and females) in their lives.

Female viewers often say they can identify with one of the four leads: Miranda is pragmatic and professional, Charlotte is conservative, Samantha is sexy and Carrie is sweet and at times self-indulgent.

All are sophisticated, and, yes, all have a high-taste in fashion and accessories.

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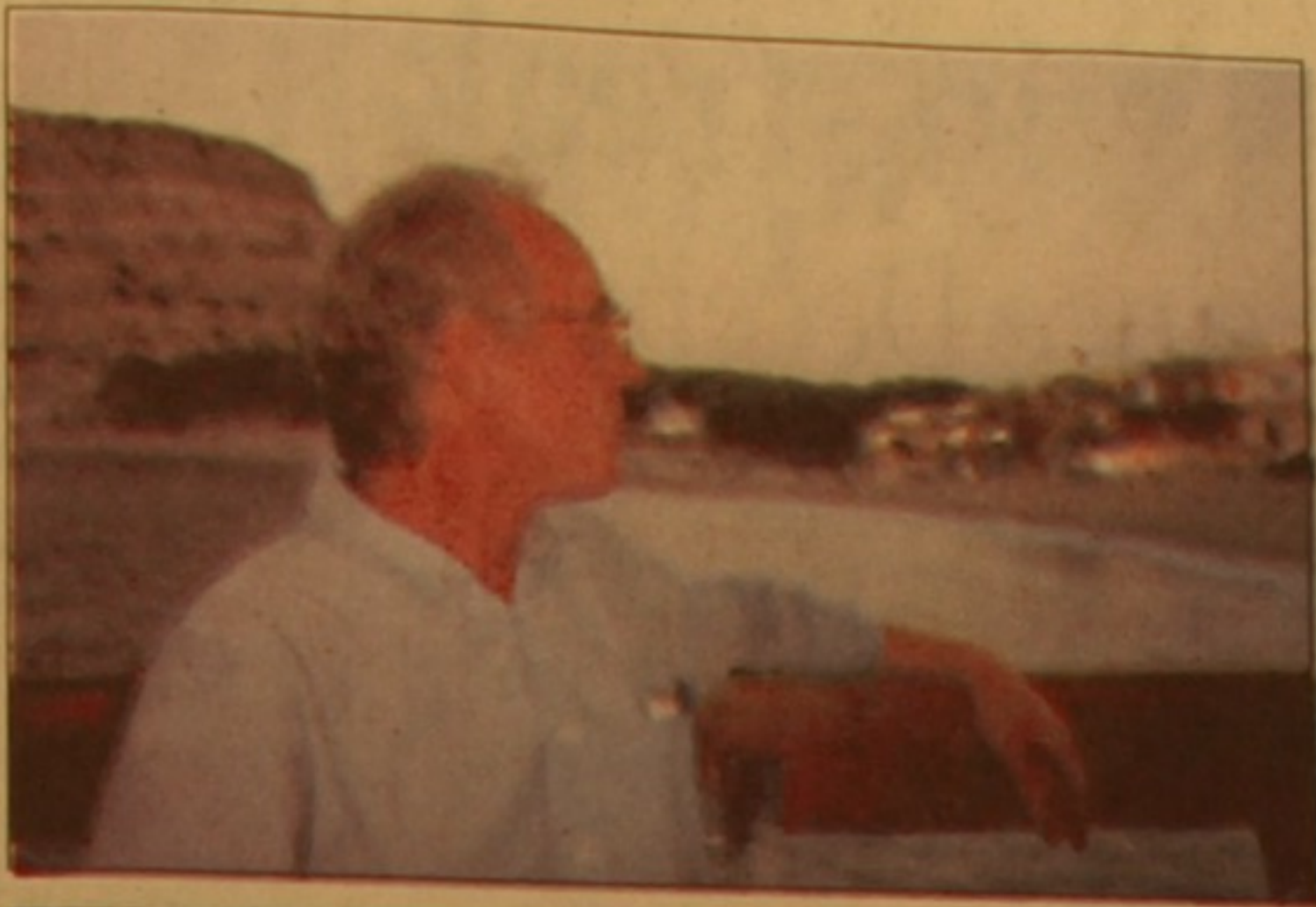
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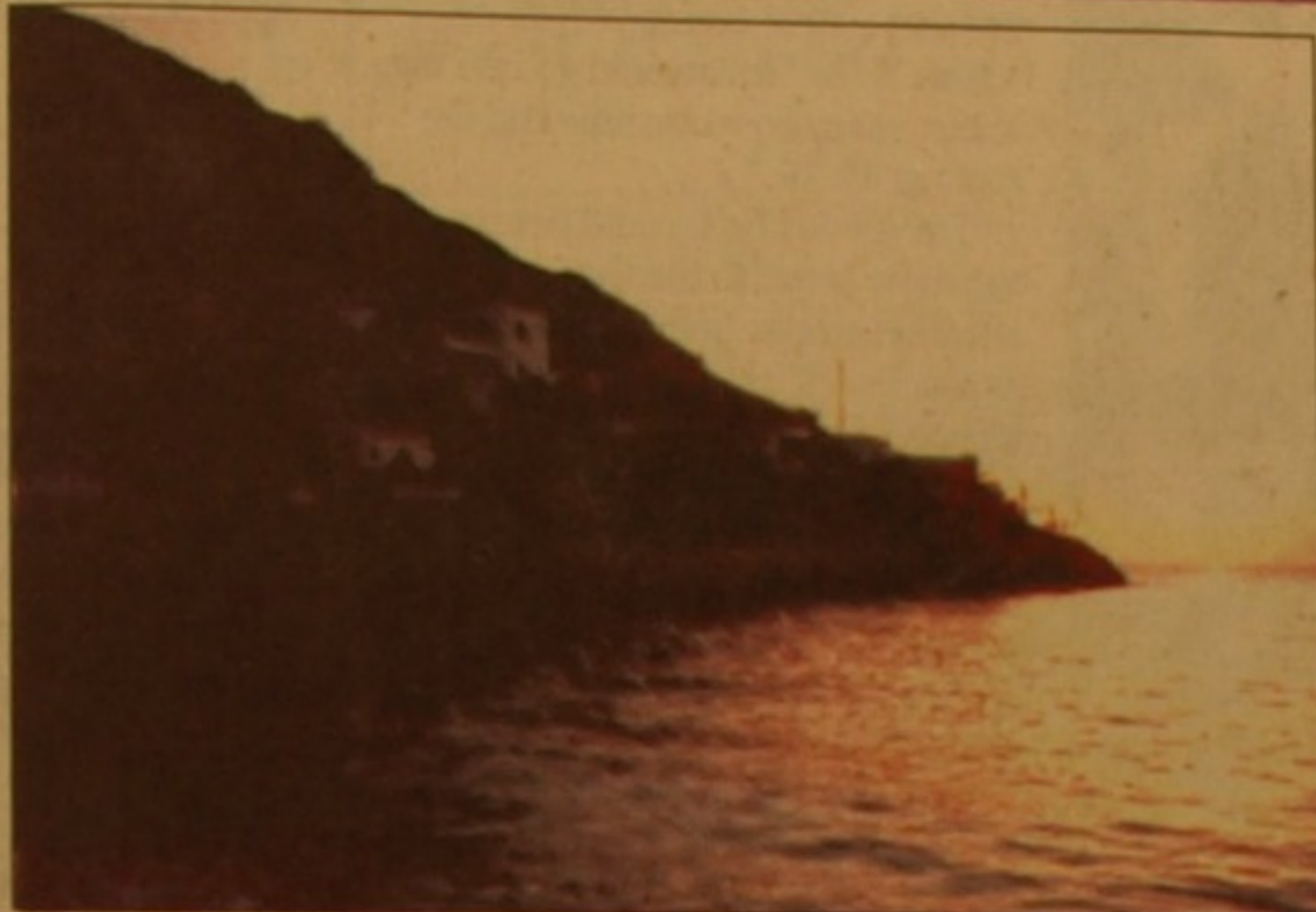
Learn more than language in Greece

Students gain experience in archaeology, from ancient to Modern Greek culture



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Dr. Timothy Winters sits along the shore in Greece during last year's trip (top left).



An example of the coastline scenery that can be seen while at one of the hotels that students reside at during the trip (bottom left).

These two columns are evidence of civilizations past. Students can experience many sites like these while on the trip, which ties the lectures and reading in to real-life situations (right).



By KALEN McELHENY
Features Editor

The students who attend the five-week study abroad program in Greece can experience more than just a language lesson.

Students spend all of their time in hotels, unlike other programs offered at Austin Peay State University, in which students stay with host families.

"All the time is spent in hotels. We stay two weeks in one city, with a maximum of three days in one place and one three-day stay in a home," said Dr. Timothy Winters, associate professor of languages and literature.

The trip starts at a hotel situated in front of a beach. "I knew that I wanted to go on a study abroad, so I went to Dr. Winters' interest meeting and after seeing his slides I was hooked," said Jennifer Paulk-McGinley, sophomore, who attended the trip last summer.

Students can earn six hours of credit in upper division credits only.

Winters said students could benefit from the trip in a number of practical ways. He said that Greek and Latin are fundamental to all romance languages and the way we think and behave.

Much of our society borrows art, literature, sculpture and democracy among other subjects that stemmed from ancient to Modern Greek civilization,

said Winters.

"I am really glad that I had the opportunity to go," said Paulk-McGinley. "The Greeks are friendly, the country is beautiful, and the study abroad program is very relaxed and laid back."

In another part of the program, students visit sites that were fundamental during World War II, as well as famous archaeological sites that include the

Parthenon, Labyrinth and Neolithic cave sites.

Winters stressed that the program includes information from the Stone Age to the 20th century.

Courses include archaeology, Modern Greek conversation and grammar, and practical lessons that tie all the subjects together.

"We work really hard on this trip," said Winters. "There's more reading than students expect, but we work hard and play hard."

The program is from May to June, with a price of \$3,900 excluding airfare and spending money. Students can apply for loans and scholarships through the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

There are no prerequisites for the program and most students on the trip have no prior experience with Greek or Latin.

Other special events and classes are available to students, like Greek dances, a hike through Samaria Gorge, guest lectures, and a spot on a radio show that is nationally broadcast.

"While I was there I studied the Modern Greek language and Archaeology. As far as knowing any Greek before I went, well, the only Greek word I knew was Ouzo, but I don't think that really counts," said Paulk-McGinley.

"I had such a wonderful time in Greece that I would go back in a heartbeat." ♦

Summer Olympics, Athens

This summer students will be in Greece during the summer Olympics in Athens.

In 2004, the Olympic Games are returning to their ancient birthplace and the city of their revival. They begin in August and end in July.

The events will include four Greek cities - Thessaloniki, Patras, Heraklio and Volos - are included in the Olympic Cities that host the football tournament at Games-time.

There is one selected tournament ground at each of the four: the Panthessaliko Stadium at Volos, the Pankritio Stadium at Heraklio, the Kaftanzoglio Stadium at Thessaloniki, and the Pampeloponnisiako Stadium at Patras. For more information, contact Winters at 221-7118.

Sex: four close friends part ways for good

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"We can all find ourselves in the characters," said Megan Lewis, a Stern School of Business freshman.

Critics have argued that not all viewers can identify with "Sex and the City's" women, who occupy a specific economic and racial category.

There are no main characters of color and only a few secondary characters of color.

In one episode, Carrie mingles with European friends, but they are referred to as "Euro-trash" throughout the episode.

"I know people want to hang out with their 'own kind,'" said Gina Hill, a Tisch School of the Arts freshman.

"But Steve is from f---ing Queens. He doesn't even have one [minority] friend?"

The lack of diversity comes across as almost faux-New York, some students said.

"It's not realistic of life in New York or the world we live in," said Sacita Krishnan, a second year School of Law student.

Regardless, some viewers identify with the characters, despite appearances.

"I look at the show and see no one who looks like me, [yet] I still feel like I'm so-and-so," Hill said.

The storyline is, after all, about four girlfriends and their friendship. The sex is just the cherry on top.

"If it were about sex, we wouldn't watch it. We'd watch porn," Tisch freshman Wendy Wecksel said. "It's the genuine care for each other that we watch."

The show was one of the first to portray women talking openly and honestly about sex, and it was the first time that such frank conversations were so publicly promoted.

Funky spunk, modelizers and Manthrax entered mainstream conversations as soon as the credits ran that mentioned them.

"All the things people don't say they can watch now instead," General Studies Program freshman Jessie Blakeney said.

Any previously awkward conversation surrounding relationships or sex is covered — fans can now use a "Sex" line or reference and all is understood. But any influence the show seems to have had on our culture could simply be a product of our own behavior, said CAS sociology professor David Greenberg.

"It is not even clear that there has been much change in the small time that 'Sex and the City' has been aired," Greenberg said. "If there has been, the program may be as much a reflection of change as its cause."

As the final episode aired last night, the series finished off what will be fodder for future analysis. The characters showed the various ways they had changed over the six years, and each finally settled with a man.

Carrie chose Mr. Big, or John, the main male in her life throughout the series.

Carrie, Charlotte, Miranda and Samantha (and their respective men) will stay with the show's many viewers for a long time to come. ♦

Wellness group forming at APSU

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

In an attempt to bring more community service related organizations to Austin Peay State University, the University Recreation Department is assisting in forming a student group. The Community Organization for Wellness (COW), is looking for members who are interested in community service activities related to wellness in both the mental and physical health areas.

The idea behind COW is to help these organizations work together to improve the

lives of students and their families.

Currently the group lacks the minimum university requirement of 10 members, so they are inviting everyone interested to attend a meeting in the University Center room 306 on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m.

"We are not only looking for members, but also looking at times that the majority of people interested are available," said Jerry Winn, group leader.

For more information please contact Jerry Winn at 221-5819 or University Recreation Advisor Jenn Puhl at 221-7564. ♦

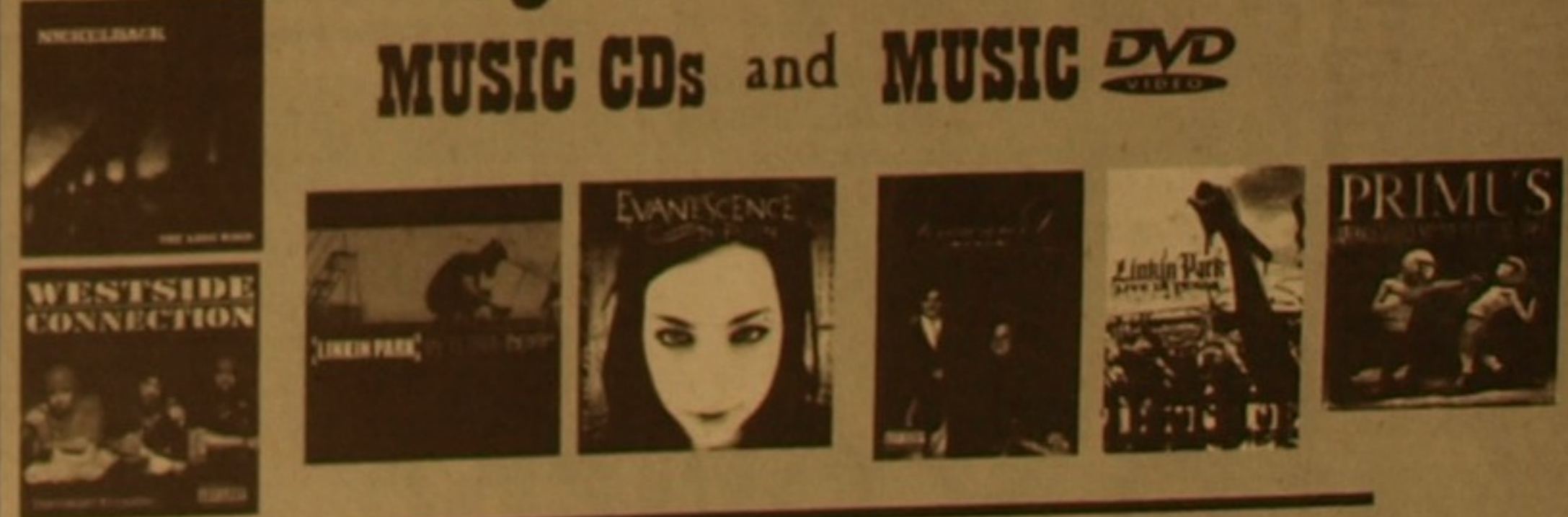
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bracket Busters breaks Govs win streak

Trip to Kansas results in team's first loss since December

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

It was a long ride home from Wichita, KS for the Austin Peay State University's Men's basketball team as they were handed yet another out-of-conference loss ending their 14-game winning streak.

The streak was the fourth longest in the nation after the Govs traveled to Samford Wednesday and handed the Bulldogs a 68-46 loss, but that is where the streak would end.

After coming off the Samford win Coach Loos and the boys knew it was going to be a tough game against the Wichita State Shockers and the 10,000 plus fans that filled the Charles Koch Arena.

Little did the Govs know that they already had the Shockers worried about becoming number 15 on the list of the Govs winning streak.

"I was a nervous wreck," said Wichita State head coach Mark Turgeon.

"The way the game started I was like, 'Oh my gosh, here we go.' I really thought they were good enough to beat us from the film I watched. You don't win 14 straight games if you are not any good. They were very confident."

The Govs knew from the beginning that it was going to be a tough match up.

"We knew it was going to be tough when we walked in and seen all the fans," said sophomore guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton.

"Between the fans and the difference in the game ball texture we just could not make the adjustments we needed to, to come home with the win."

All in all, Coach Loos and his staff are pleased with this season's progress and look forward to the OVC Championship.

"I think what they have done is remarkable," said Loos. "I am

disappointed that we lost and a little disappointed with how we played, but I am not disappointed in these guys at all."

Within the first three minutes of the game the Govs came out strong as they quickly built their lead to as much as seven but then the lead began to dwindle as the Shockers played catch up.

"We got off to a good start but against a team like Wichita State, the way they play defense, you have to be crisp with your offense. You have to set good screens and make good cuts," said Loos.

"We got a little sloppy and they made a run on us."

With 7:30 left in the first half the Govs had already combined for three blocked shots, two by senior forward Adrian Henning, who was still recovering from bronchitis, and one from senior center Josh Lewis.

The Govs defense would not hold on

to the lead for long as their offense started slipping.

The Govs tried to turn to their defense when they could not hit the shots but the Shockers just out rebounded the Govs on both sides of the court.

"Lewis in his league is probably used to jumping over guys, so that probably frustrated him," said Turgeon.

"Then we started to dig a little bit better and we knocked a couple of balls loose."

After pulling to within one the Shockers knew they had to take the lead from the Govs and the only way to do it was to tear down their defense and that is exactly what they did.

When Josh Lewis missed a jumper for the Govs the Shockers seized the opportunity to not only go up by one but to get their crowd pumped.

The Shockers Paul Miller not only

put the Shockers up by one but he added some style with it when he dunked the ball on the Govs. From then on the Govs never saw the lead come back there way again.

The first half would end after Henning, who was the first to play an entire game this season, would attempt a three pointer, which he missed. The Govs would go into the locker room down by nine and the score at 33-24.

The second half would not prove to be any better to the Govs as the Shockers would stretch their lead to as much as 12 points early in the second half.

At one point the Govs were within five points of the Shockers but Randy Burns and Jamar Howard of the Shockers started lighting up the other end of the court.

With 6:11 left in the game Howard would steal the ball and take it to the other end of the court to seal the victory with a dunk of his own.

This put the Govs down by 11 and the game out of their reach. The game would end with a final score of 62-47.

Although the Govs lost their 14-game win streak, the home-game win streak may be intact for Saturday's game, pending Tuesday's results against Tennessee Tech.

The Govs will end their regular season play against Eastern Kentucky.

The last time the Govs faced EKV, Lewis led his team to their fourth win in their 2003-2004 OVC season.

Lewis scored a career-high 26 points, had nine rebounds, five blocked shots, six steals and made 12-of-13 free throws.

The Govs finished off EKV 65-59, securing the win by hitting free throws during the final minutes of the contest.

The Govs look to repeat the results of this game Saturday, February 28, in the Dunn Center at 7:30p.m. ♦



Austin Peay State University's men's basketball Coach Dave Loos attributes much of the team's success to their defense. The Govs hope to defend the Dunn Center in their last home game this Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Ladies travel to compete in Southeast Missouri meet

By LETICIA BRANTLEY
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs Track and Field team returned to action this past weekend to compete in the Southeast Missouri Quad Meet on Friday, in Cape Girardeau. The Lady Govs competed against Ohio Valley Conference rivals Murray and host Southeast Missouri.

Sherlonda Johnson took third in 200-meter dash, tied for third in the 55-meter dash, and fifth in the triple jump. Felicia Jones finished third in the 800-meter run, and Sharneka Strong got seventh in the 300-meter dash.

The Lady Govs battle it out with Murray again at the OVC this week. ♦

RIFLE

Lady Govs shoot for seventh place in OVC championship

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH
Editor in Chief

The Austin Peay State University Lady Air Rifle team placed 7th in the Ohio Valley Conference Championship at Murray State University this weekend.

With a total score of 1475, they shot for the 3rd highest marks in the APSU record book and placing 17th out of 32 shooters. Lindsay Vanest shot a 369 placing 24th, and Corey Hasty shot a 365 placing 26th. Jana Sullivan shot a 364 placing 27th.

The Lady Govs wrap up the season on March 6 competing in a tournament at the Citadel in South Carolina. ♦

SOFTBALL

Lady Govs record four wins

By KRISTIN CRANDALL
Sports Editor

The Lady Govs softball team finished the Mississippi State Bulldog Classic, 4-2, this weekend.

The Lady Govs beat both Mississippi Valley State and Alabama A&M but lost in both games against the host team.

Freshman pitcher Natasha Anderson, who pitched two games, allowed just one earned run in two innings, and struck out 19.

Anderson, along with sophomore outfielder Jennifer Simpkins, who hit .429 in six games, were named to the all-tourney team.

The Lady Govs traveled to David Lipscomb on Tuesday, February 24, and will face Evansville on Saturday.

"We are coming off a long but good weekend," said Head Coach Tara McGowan. "We left on a good note and are hoping to carry that in to this week." ♦

MEN'S TENNIS

Govs drop two on home court

By KRISTIN CRANDALL
Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University's men's tennis team lost back-to-back matches this weekend, ending their four-match win streak. The team dropped matches to nationally ranked Memphis, going 0-7, and 5-2 to University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

In the match against UTC, Govs No. 1 player Joao Pinho defeated John Hargrave. The APSU team wouldn't see another win until No. 6 player Andrew Naidu beat Alan Flynn. ♦

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jacksonville State puts blemish on Lady Govs OVC record

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs were handed their second Ohio Valley Conference loss by Jacksonville State losing 66-64 on Saturday, February 21.

Not only was this the second loss for the Lady Govs but it allowed Tennessee Tech to move within one game of the Lady Govs, who are currently in first place. The win would have given the Lady Govs their 19th win of the season which would have been their ninth straight.

Sloppy pass after sloppy pass, the Lady Govs allowed the Lady Gamecocks the opportunity to build the score to 66 and with 5.4 seconds left on the clock the Lady Govs knew they had the chance to either tie the score or win the game by one. After the inside game had been shut down and with 0.4 left on the clock coach Blackston had no choice but to go the girl with the golden shot, Kara Bergeron.

"Kara has been the person all year that has knocked down shots like that," said Blackston.

But when the buzzer sounded as

the clock expired all that was heard was the golden girls shot hitting off the back iron and the Lady Cocks celebrating the win near mid-court.

"With 5.4 left I didn't think we had enough time to work it inside, and Bergeron had that look in her eye," said Blackston. "She had a good look, it just didn't go in this time."

Austin Peay State University's Lady Govs fell behind in the first half by as many as seven when the score was 17-10 with 10 minutes to play in the first half.

After being down by seven the Lady Govs center, Gerlonda Hardin battled back to score 8 of her 11 first half points in a 2:46 time span. Along with her contribution and other team members contribution the Peayters were able to tie the score at 22 with 7:36 left before halftime.

The two teams would battle back and forth during the first half as the lead changed five different times. The first half would end with the Peayters taking a one-point lead into the locker room by a score of 34-33.

The second half did not look much different then the first half as

the two teams battled back and fourth as if the game was a tug-of-war match.

At one point the Lady Cocks would have the lead and with the snap of your fingers they would find themselves down a basket or two. Finally the Lady Cocks found a way to shut down the inside game and forced the Lady Govs to rely on the outside game.

Over all it was the poor decision making and being out rebounded on the offensive glass that cost the Lady Govs the game.

"We didn't get good play from our point guards tonight," Blackston said. "I thought Jacksonville had much better guard play. Our point guards made some poor decisions tonight with the basketball."

The Lady Govs Gerlonda Hardin ended the game with 23 Peay points while Carden Cobb added in 13. Clarksville native Ashley Haynes added in 12 of her own.

The Lady Govs will battle Eastern Kentucky in a 5:30 game to take place in the Dunn Center on Saturday, Feb. 28. ♦



JOSEPH KERSTETTER/STAFF
The Lady Govs return to the Dunn Center for their final regular season game Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

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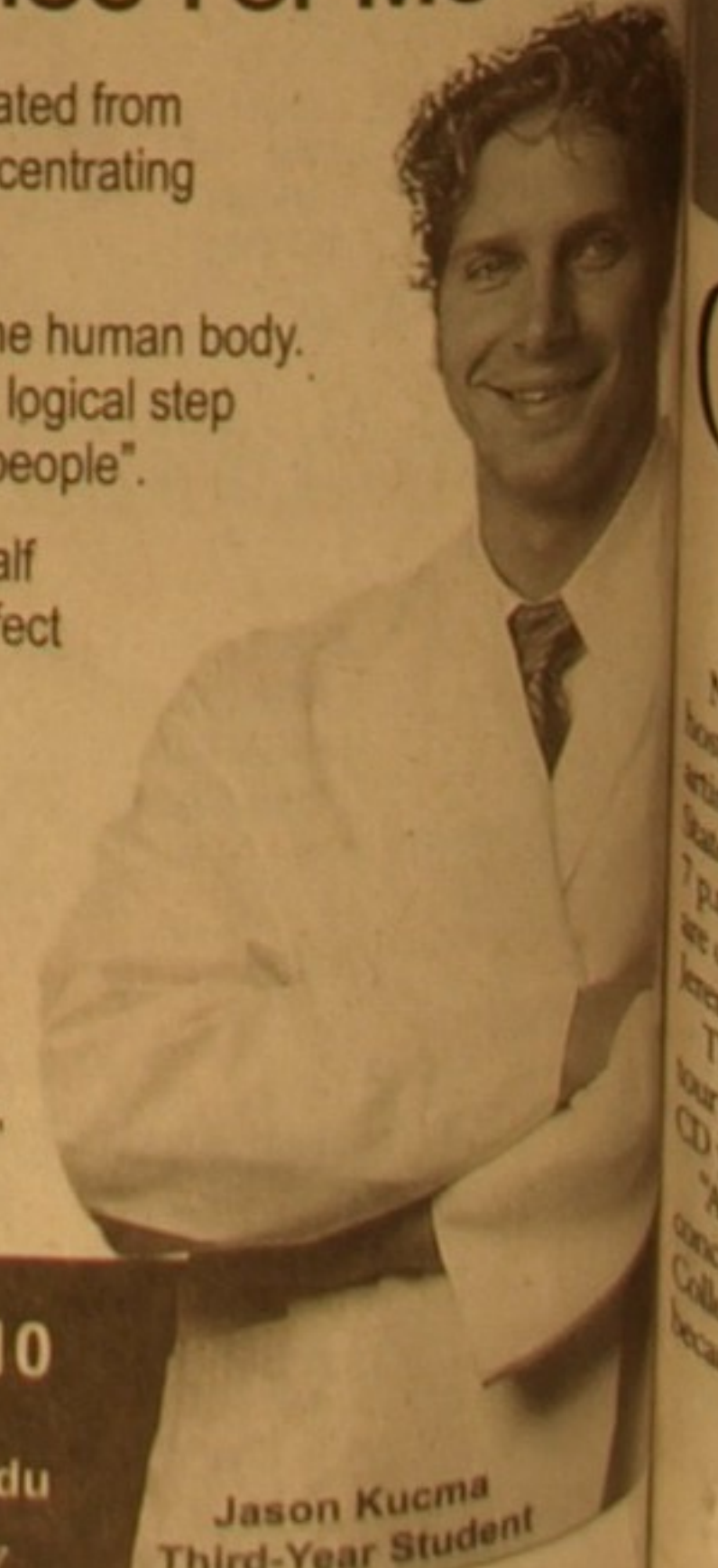
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