

Office moving; a method to the madness

By KATHY YUNG
Staff writer

The spring semester at Austin Peay State University is seeing some changes in the location of certain offices and a computer lab that will offer, in some cases, more visibility, and in other cases, less.

A report by the state comptroller's office last year addressed the issue of the location of the office of Richard Jackson, senior advisor for Diversity Affirmative Action and Legal Affairs.

The report indicated that at the time the office's location in the Browning building "did not afford him the privacy that was necessary in order to process affirmative action complaints," said Jennifer Meningall, vice-president for Student Affairs.

Jackson's office shared a suite with the Office of Student Affairs. "The nature of my office

creates a great deal of traffic and so it did not afford that [privacy]," said Meningall.

In an attempt to resolve that issue, consideration was given to spacing and location, and it was decided to move Jackson's office to Browning 151.

According to Meningall, the reason for the move was simple.

"It was just to ensure that we afforded him an opportunity to have the appropriate level of privacy that he needed in order for employees and students to feel comfortable if they were lodging any concerns to him."

The Office of Student Affairs has moved to the Morgan University Center, suite 206.

Andy Kean, director of the center, said that the move "would increase the visibility of student affairs, and provide access for students in an area that is frequented by students."

Kean's office, the Office for University Operations, has relocated to suite 207.

Another big change involves the switch in location of the Academic Support Center, formerly known as the Learning Center, and the UC computer lab.

"After a semester in Clement, it was a university decision that students would be better served with the open computer lab moving back to Clement and the Academic Support Center here," said Harriett McQueen, director of Academic Support.

Junior Megan Manning, a chemistry major from Chattanooga, agrees. "I think the computer lab needs to be back in Clement. There, it has longer hours, and more students can use it."

Sandra Salazar, a junior spanish major from Clarksville, wasn't aware of the changes, but

thinks the UC would be a better location for the computer lab. "Because it is a "one-stop place where students can eat, check mail, and relax," Salazar feels that the UC is a natural place for the lab to be located.

"There is so much here already, why not have a computer lab? It's for the convenience," she said.

The name change, from Learning Center to Academic Support Center, represents a "new initiative for the university, based upon the university's focus on student retention," said McQueen.

According to McQueen, her office will supervise the Academic Support Center and will "assume the responsibility for early alert."

The center focuses on individual and group tutoring, with most of the work taking place during the day. McQueen feels that the center

is better organized being housed in the UC, and that it is the kind of student service you would expect to find in a university center.

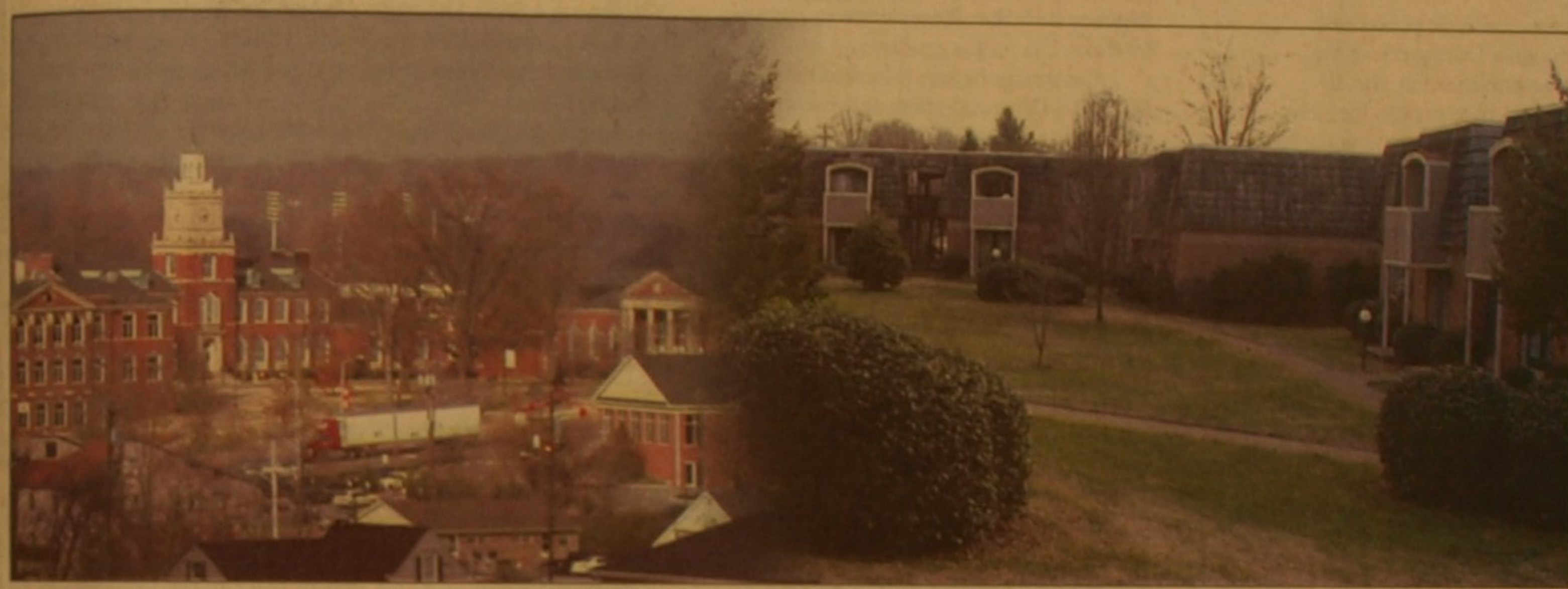
"We want to enhance the success for every student," said McQueen and she advises students not to wait until a crisis occurs to go for tutoring.

"As soon as they sense a subject is going to be very difficult, students should come by or call and arrange for tutoring. The student who waits until the day before a test has waited too long," she said.

Hours for the Clement computer lab, room 121, are from noon - 3 a.m. Monday through Friday, and from noon - midnight, weekends.

Hours for the Academic Support Center are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, and 4 - 8 p.m. on Sunday. ♦

On campus versus off



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With the new housing complex, Beatrice Hand Village, Austin Peay State University has a wide variety of housing options with a wide variety of prices. Some of the options give students a great package for a low price (cable, Internet, phone and utilities all included). While some students still opt to live off campus deciding it ultimately has more advantages, others choose to stay on campus.

APSU offers six different housing complexes that are one-bedroom, suite style rooms. Sevier Hall and Blount Hall are both this style (two people to a room, sharing a bathroom with their suite-mates), female only residential halls. Both offer security with a code-locked door. Both run \$1,225 a semester. A private room in these complexes runs \$1,835.

Killebrew Hall and Cross Hall are similar in style but are both co-ed housing complexes. Both are the same in price as Sevier and Blount. Rawlins Hall is an all male residential hall similar to the above halls, costing the same per semester. Harvill Hall is the last of this style of hall and is for students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. All of these offer cable, Internet, phone, and laundry facilities in the cost of a room per semester.

The apartment style housing options for APSU include Meacham Hall, Two Rivers, Emerald Hills and Beatrice Hand Village. Meacham Hall has a

kitchen, living area, bathroom and two bedrooms. There are usually four people assigned to an apartment. Meacham runs \$1,275 a semester and \$1,910 for a private room.

Two Rivers is also an apartment style complex that has one bedroom, one bathroom, a kitchen and a living area. Generally two people are assigned to an apartment. Students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to live in Two Rivers. The complex runs \$1,315 a semester and \$1,970 for a private room. Emerald Hills is a family complex with requirements of age and marital status.

Beatrice Hand Village is a four-bedroom apartment that houses four students. Each student gets their own bedroom and phone line for \$2,150 a semester. This complex provides cable hookups in each individual room as well as a living area and a kitchen. There are 2 bathrooms that are shared with two residents. All of these also include utilities, cable, phone, laundry facilities and Internet in the price per semester.

When thinking in terms of a semester the price of the campus housing is difficult to compare to some available apartments around APSU. Royal York Apartments is an off campus apartment complex that offers some reasonably priced rooms for college students. The apartment complex was an old hotel that was converted into apartments by the owner, Anna Radford. All of the apartments are 1-bedroom apartments but are offered in three

different sizes. The small apartments are \$335 a month, the medium apartments (most available) are \$400 a month, and the large apartments are \$500 a month. This includes all utilities. Not included is the price of cable, phone or Internet. There are laundry facilities provided in the apartment complex at 75 cents a load. There is a 6-month lease required and a \$200 deposit.

According to Radford the complex offers security with locked doors at night and security cameras. No pets are allowed and the owners prefer that there are no "parties" because it is a quiet complex. This complex proves to be a fairly good deal for APSU students who do not want to share an apartment, however, some 2-bedroom apartments are a better deal for students.

Regency Park is located on Madison and offers one-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments. The 1-bedrooms are \$550 a month and do not include electricity. The 2-bedroom apartments are \$650 a month and break down to \$325 a person if shared with a roommate. These do not include electricity, cable, phone, Internet, or the price of laundry facilities. All apartments do have a hook-up for dryers and washers, along with a 24-hour laundry room available for residents. Regency Park offers a 6, 9, or 12-month lease for the same price with a \$250 deposit. They do have a pool and community room that can be rented out for

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Apartment Complex	Utilities Include	Pool	Laundry Facilities	Pets Allowed	6 month Lease
Royal York	✓		✓		✓
Regency Park	*	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cambridge Square	*	✓	✓		
Hunter Chase	*	✓	✓	**	

* utilities included, except electric - ** small pets allowed, no snakes

JOSEPH KERSTETTER AND MELINDA SIMMONS/STAFF
TOP: APSU campus, beside a picture of some of the landscape at Regency Park apartments.

RIGHT: Bedroom inside Beatrice Hand Village.

Lottery tickets go on sale earlier than expected

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The Tennessee lottery kicked off yesterday at 12:02 a.m., this was a three weeks earlier than originally anticipated. According to the Tennessee Lottery website their immediate goal is to raise \$88 million by July 1 to fund scholarships for 65,000 students attending Tennessee colleges and universities next fall. Will Austin Peay State University students be contributing to the sale of lottery tickets?

Billy Perry, APSU freshman history major said he will not be buying any lottery tickets.

"I don't want to waste a buck, I could go buy a pack of gum," Perry said. Perry said he has nothing against the lottery but he would not waste his money on it.

Luke Powell, freshman Health and Human Performance major, said that he might go and spend a few bucks.

"I was thinking about buying one or two but probably that's all," Powell said. Powell, who is from Tennessee, also said that he thought the lottery was a good idea.

"I don't want to waste my money on it," Anna Patterson, freshman History major said.

The early start up is good news for Tennessee students who will be receiving the first HOPE scholarships in the fall, according to Rebecca Paul, the Tennessee Lottery Presidents and CEO.

According to the website 3,000 outlets, from Memphis to Bristol, have already been approved for selling lottery tickets in Tennessee. All of the profits will go to education.

The lottery will be launched with four "instant" games. Additional games will be added as time goes on. Within 60 days after the instant tickets go on sale, the Lottery will add computerized games. ♦

Where to buy lottery tickets

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APSU prepares for SACS review as it nears

By LAUREN MABON
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Austin Peay State University is expecting visitors in April. Universities that are accredited by SACS, (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), must undergo a review and reaffirmation visit every 10 years. The purpose of this committee is to ensure that the university meets accreditation requirements. Accreditation means that a degree earned at APSU is fully recognized nationwide.

The SACS committee at APSU consists of Bruce Speck, Vice President

of Academic Affairs, President Sherry Hoppe, Susan Calovini, chair of the Department of Languages and Literature, and Houston Davis, assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

APSU is one of the first universities to undergo SACS' new process of reaffirmation. Under the old process, the university would complete a self-study; a large document of information shipped to the SACS headquarters for review.

Under the new process, a committee of about 10 people (which consists of professors and administrators from other Southern campuses) come visit

the university.

First, there is an initial meeting where the committee is introduced to APSU administration. Then, the committee disperses and has complete access to the campus. A document room will be set up with computers for the committee's access as well. At the end of the visit, a consultation meeting is held. Here the committee gives the administration general ideas for improvements in any weak areas.

Last year, a committee made up of APSU faculty, administration, and staff reviewed programs and policies to

ensure that SACS requirements and standards were met. This fall, a compliance audit report was submitted to SACS showing the university's strengths and weaknesses. Finally, this April a committee of reviewers will visit campus to gather more information and give administration ideas for improvements.

The second part of the SACS reaffirmation project is a section called a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). This is a forward looking plan that focuses on



Alicia Middlebrook/Staff
SGA President Gavin Roark and Melody Moore, Secretary, prepare for the semesters first open forum held by SGA on Wednesdays at noon, in room 307 of the University Center.

SGA holds first forum

By VICTORIA WRIGHT
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What is the purpose of the Student Government Association? How many people truly know? The truth is, the SGA is not even sure.

On Jan. 31, 2004, at the University Center, from about 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. the SGA is having a retreat to decide just that.

The main topics of proposed discussion are: What is the purpose of SGA? What has the SGA done this past semester that has been successful as well as a failure? What does the SGA plan to do in the future?

The retreat continued the next morning at 9 a.m. and will continue until about 12 p.m.

What else is the SGA working on? The constitution has yet to be voted on. This must be out to the student body before the student elections, which are coming up fast. The constitution must be done correctly and efficiently. SGA expects by its next meeting or its retreat, that the constitution will be resolved and ready to be published for the student body.

There are several different committees within the SGA. Positions need to be filled.

The student body can volunteer to work on any of

these committees. Check the campus website, or stop by their offices in the University Center for more information.

Students can also come to SGA members at any time with questions or problems. The Senators are instructed to take initiative and be informative. After all, the SGA could not function without the people who voted for individuals within the organization itself.

Questions about the new academic policy have also arisen among the students. During one of the open forums, which will be publicized in *The All-State*, the registrar will be present to explain the new system. All of the campus is invited to attend and ask questions.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2003, in the UC, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. there will be a student organization fair.

Students are encouraged to drop by and read up on the different organizations on campus.

Every Wednesday at noon there is a meeting of the SGA to discuss current events, old news, new news, and primary issues among the student body.

If you have an issue or a problem you would like to have addressed, please contact the SGA. ♦

SPLC changes rules

By LAUREN MABON
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Across the United States, university administrators have been cracking down on the printing of student publications. According to the Student Press Law Center (SPLC), administrators at the University of the Pacific in California have threatened to institute a system of prior review and approval of the student newspaper, *The Pacifican*.

The University of the Pacific is a private university that has no First Amendment protection against censorship by school officials.

The administration's efforts stem from an ongoing dispute between student government officials and editors of *The Pacifican*. The conflict resulted in the student government withdrawing support for the newspaper's contract. According to legal officials at SPLC, Gary Miller, dean of the College of the Pacific, was angry that the newspaper's coverage reflected poorly on administrators.

Miller created a task force to re-evaluate the role of the newspaper on campus. Miller said the university had no intention of censoring the newspaper's article, but sought to increase involvement in the educational process of creating the newspaper.

Amber Prochaska, editor in chief of *The Pacifican* said that Miller told her, "We had made the university president look bad and that she [Prochaska] was not the real editor in chief, it's whoever is appointed by administration." Miller denied making the comment. Despite the recent controversy, *The Pacifican* has continued to be printed and

distributed.

According to Tammy Bryant, (position ???), Austin Peay State University does not practice censorship with the university's student publication. "As long as the newspaper staff is willing to take full responsibility for its content," Bryant said. Dr. Jennifer Meningall, Vice President for Student Affairs, is supportive of *The All State*, the weekly published student newspaper at APSU.

"It is censorship when administration or faculty has to approve of the paper before it is printed. Students have the right to explore, report news, and relate things from their perspective. I do not always agree with what is in the paper, but my vote on agreement or disagreement is not significant," said Meningall.

Dr. Ellen Kanervo, professor of Mass Communication at APSU, believes that the administration is dedicated to a free student press. "I believe that they are very aware of the First Amendment and the rational behind it," said Kanervo. "At public universities a student newspaper has the same rights and responsibility as a commercial paper."

Dr. Meningall views *The All State* as an impressive learning opportunity for students. She said, "There is great support mainly because the administration views it as a laboratory and as an opportunity for students to practice what they are learning. That's good enough for me."

For nearly 30 years SPLC, the only national advocate for student free-press rights, has been providing advice and legal assistance at no charge to students and educators. Visit www.splc.org for more information. ♦

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parties. According to David Porter, manager of Regency Park, they have parties and provide food and DJ's for the residents.

Cambridge Square is located off of Memorial Drive and offers only two-bedroom apartments. There is a 12-month lease, and they run \$495 a month, not including electricity. They also offer a laundry room and have a pool. No pets are allowed.

Hunter Chase apartments offer one-

bedroom and two-bedroom apartments; both require a \$100 deposit.

A 1-bedroom is \$430 a month and a two-bedroom is \$480. The renter pays electricity. A 6, 9, or 12-month lease is available. Hunter Chase also has a pool and allows small pets, but no snakes.

All apartments looked at currently have vacancies and are in close proximity to campus. There are many more available apartment complexes available in Clarksville, in fact too many to visit in one day. ♦

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student learning.

According to Speck retention is the main focus of the QEP this year. "One item set to help reduce retention is LART 1000, the freshmen experience course which piloted this fall," said Speck. "It is now in place and will be required of all freshmen in August 2004."

The purpose of the course is to help students understand how to be successful at APSU. It not only gives freshmen an overview of the university, it prepares them for the fast pace classroom environment. "Many students that come out of high school are unprepared for college regardless of their SAT or ACT scores," said Speck.

"There is a dramatic difference between graduating from high school in May and then coming to a university campus in August."

This semester administration plans to work on the curriculum for LART 1000 and enlist professors to teach the class. Two professors will also be hired to fill freshmen advisor positions. The office is set to be located in Career Services.

SACS is concerned about the university's financial viability, academic programs, and student services. One other main focus is faculty credentials. "All professors must meet certain requirements," Speck said. "For instance, if a professor is going to teach in a master's program that professor has to have a doctorate or a terminal degree in the subject that they are teaching. They also must have completed 18 hours of graduate course work in the master's program."

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OUR TAKE

King's words still relevant

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is one of the glimmers of hope I see in our society today. This is not because it is one less day of school or because it rings of political correctness. The reason it gives me hope is because Americans saw the importance of celebrating the life of a truly compassionate, eloquent human being, a human being that was not ashamed to stand up and speak publicly of compassion and the value of human life — all human life.

In this day of strategizing, publicizing and synergizing it seems harder and harder to find leaders, or people for that matter, that are willing to speak honestly and openly about anything, let alone topics such as beauty, joy and compassion. Those in particular seem to get lost in the shuffle while we race from work, to the gym, to McDonald's drive thru and home again. It's almost embarrassing to bring them up in mixed company. People see you as some sort of fruit or nut.

Food metaphors aside, most people really do seem quite hesitant to discuss these concepts openly as important values and we find that very troubling. Sarcasm and condescension are the more preferred conversation styles du jour.

A quick retort is far more appreciated than any kind of meaningful dialogue and self-righteous rhetoric is confused as patriotism. This week Coretta King, Martin Luther King's widow, was quoted in the Atlanta Journal Constitution as saying that she is tired of the "acrimonious tone of politics in America."

Did the events of 9-11 make it too hard for us to hear the quiet words of consideration? Maybe it takes hard, sharp words to get through to us because we have encased ourselves in a protective shell. If so, we need to realize that this kind of protection damages us in the long run because it also hardens our hearts.

It scares us how we discuss the life and death of so many people overseas — our men and women and theirs — without ever discussing the possibility of finding a compassionate way of handling this mess. We claim to want freedom for the Iraqis and yet, we are not willing to give them those very same rights here on our soil. We conquer their country in the name of democracy and at the same time hold their suspected criminals in jails without any access to legal counsel or idea of why or how long they will be held there. This seems incredibly duplicitous to me.

As King said in his speech entitled "Beyond Vietnam: A Time To Break Silence," "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth. With righteous indignation, it will look across the seas and see individual capitalists of the West investing huge sums of money in Asia, Africa and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries, and say: 'This is not just.' It will look at our alliance with the landed gentry of Latin America and say: 'This is not just.' The Western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just. A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order and say of war: 'This way of settling differences is not just.'"

There is so much yet to be learned from King's words.

So yes, the fact that we as a country take a day to honor this man who showed us what heights someone can reach in the name of love and compassion gives us great hope.

We are humbled when we read his speeches and we are awed at his courage to change the world. We still suffer his loss.

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See excerpts from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech and commentary from Opinion Editor Dave Campbell.

Off campus living provides more options

There are many issues to consider when making the decision to live on campus or off. After weighing the pros and cons, we have come to the conclusion that living off campus may be the way to go.

Sure, if you live off campus you have to constantly keep up with the rent and utility bills, but in the end you will most likely spend more on your dorm bill than you would in four months on your own. Yet it is true that living in the dorms, your room and board are paid up front, largely through student loans; and if you pay for your own rent, independent of campus housing, that will only be more money that will not haunt you after you finish school. So if you consider the long term advantages, renting something like a \$335 dollar a month, one bedroom, rent and utilities included apartment might be a more economically sound decision.

The campus connection that comes with living in the dorms is undeniably an important aspect to consider because some need the convenient placement that campus housing provides. It can also be seen as an opportunity to expand your social horizons. If this is indeed the case, this would also serve to eliminate the hassle of trying to find sufficient parking on campus.

Still another reason that the All State has chosen off campus living as opposed to campus housing is one of the most obvious and most convincing: personal freedom is limited when bound to the guidelines of behavior on campus. An excellent example of this would be the fact that APSU is a "dry" campus. So you want to have a few beers? Well go for it, but of course you will be in violation of the campus residence rules of conduct.

Needless to say, the final decision is one that you will ultimately have to make on your own. People have varying needs and preferences and it is difficult to say that one means of college living is superior to another. After examining both sides though, we are left with the impression that the advantages of living off campus outweigh the disadvantages.



By MARTY FOX

YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:

Normally I enjoy reading Katie Gordon's column. Last Wednesday though I was sure her column had been mislabeled; either that, or Pat Buchanan had taken over control of her brain. How does such a bright lady put forward an argument so full of red herrings and ill used logic?

Are we to believe that our terror problem is due to "lax immigration policies"? When did it become the job of the INS to ensure that we are a terrorist free nation?

The INS oversees the entrance of millions of legal immigrants into this nation each year. Factor in the ease of obtaining false papers in other countries.

Then factor in a long border with Canada (who will let anyone

in) and the porous Mexican border. Then consider the thousands of miles of coastline. It may be taken for granted that somehow a terrorist or two will be able to get into this nation.

Once in we can assume he will have no qualms illegally obtaining a legal identity. But making legal these millions of illegals could serve to make them more at ease aiding our own law enforcement officers: the FBI and the police for instance. As a practical matter how are we supposed to deport eight million individuals?

We're not. This is America; remember "give me your poor, your tired, your homeless." Or even better that "shining city on a hill". This is not nostalgia or naiveté. People do not come here simply to work; they come here to be free. Free people do not

generally make good terrorists, they are too busy being... well free. 9/11 is the exception that proves the rule.

Terrorism feeds on hate, lies, and deceit. You fight terrorism with strength, but also with justice.

Expelling millions of working immigrants is a way to feed misconceptions about America, not a way to fight terrorism. Upholding the letter of the law and crushing its spirit not only obfuscate but dangerous.

Evil will always be evil, but in fighting it we should forget what we represent (just ask the millions of free Iraqis if you doubt it).

Please do not confuse illegal with immoral. Illegal immigrants are illegal because the law says so, if the law changes then they become legal.

President Bush has made a technical change, he has not declared terrorism or murder legal; though to listen to some you would think he had.

And to end on an anti-climatic note: economics and policy. If there is anything this country could use it is more young, low cost laborers.

Social Security, for example, is going broke in good part due to the large baby-boom generation retiring. We do not have the tax base (read: workers) to pay into the system to support them. Social spending itself is a separate problem and should be treated as such.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Krog Senior, History/Political Science

Troops continue to battle the rigors of war upon homecoming

With many soldiers finally able to return home after a lengthy deployment, many families will be reunited with their loved ones. This is undoubtedly a joyful time for everyone. However, there is a pressing issue that is disturbing me the more I see it.

My fiance came home on November 30, 2003, after nine straight months of being deployed.

It was an incredibly happy experience just being able to simply see him, and after a short readjustment period of getting used to being in each others' lives again, things are great between us.

We are lucky in that he is home permanently, unlike many who had to return to Iraq after a two-week leave.

Unfortunately, I see many soldiers (mostly single) whose homecoming has not been so pleasant.

I believe that months and months of frustration, depression, fear, and all that go with war and the events following have taken a hefty toll on some of these men.



OPINION
Katie Gordon

Hussein denied refuge by Kurds; contributed intelligence may be responsible for capture

Politician chatter has been on the rise as of late, and as usual it's still unclear just what they are saying.

However, at present, it might seem that the incumbent has the upper hand over the Democrat hopeful. Since Hussein's capture this has been a concern for the Democratic party.

I must say that it will be quite disheartening if this event becomes a deciding factor in the way people are going to vote.

Why? Even if it was conceivable that Bush was directly responsible for the capture of Hussein, it would still be necessary for a voting population to consider more than a person's ability to hogtie a madman.

More important yet, is the news that the Kurds were actually responsible for nabbing Hussein.

Numerous reports now read that Hussein was actually apprehended by the Kurdish Patriotic Front who was trying to settle a blood feud.

As it happens, one of Hussein's now famously dead sons allegedly raped a girl of Kurdish descent and this feud was what resulted.

When the Kurds found Hussein, they reportedly drugged him and left him to be found by us.

It is believed that the Kurds could possibly have made themselves a deal by handing him over to us.



OPINION
Dave Campbell

Some believe this deal involves the establishment of an independent Kurdish nation. Time will only tell if this is indeed what they are trying to achieve.

Could it be likely that we actually did nothing more than pull the needle out of the proverbial haystack after being told where to find it? Yes, it's quite likely. Is it possible that the current administration's spin-doctors altered this information so that Bush would be credited? Definitely.

This is especially a good question to ask now that the rat race has begun. With Bush poll numbers dropping in recent months, this was the perfect opportunity to give him a boost.

Some even believe that Hussein was being held for a few months and that the news of his capture was being delayed until the most opportune political moment.

Think of the promise that Bush made a few months ago that we would capture Hussein. This would be a pretty hard promise to keep, unless we already had him in custody.

This is not to claim that it occurred this way; though it remains that the Kurds are most likely the ones to credit with the capture of Saddam and that this administration has once again lied to you.

'We got him' is about as vague as they could get without actually saying that in fact, we did not get him. When are the American people going to wake up?

When are they going to demand a leader instead of some hack son-of-a-rich guy that was fed dreams of oil, industry and good-ole boy politics all on a silver spoon? The time to start is now. You now have approximately ten months. Get to it.

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YOUR TAKE

Defining marriage: not just straight talk anymore

Webster's American Dictionary defines marriage as "the social institution under which a man and woman live as husband and wife by legal or religious commitment."

That definition is about to change. In November, the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriages. The Massachusetts Legislature was given six months to pass a law making it the first state to allow gay partners to marry. Vermont was the first state to allow gay civil unions.

What's the difference? Married partners are recognized on a federal level while civil unions are not. This means partners joined in a civil union do not have the same rights they would if allowed to marry such as Social Security benefits or the right to leave work to take care of a spouse.

Civil unions suggest a "separate but equal" attitude that dates back to Plessy v. Ferguson. Civil unions are not marriage. They are an insult to gay partnerships and a form of discrimination.

Compare this to another group not allowed to marry—African-Americans and Caucasians.

In 1940, interracial marriage was illegal in thirty-one states. In 1958, Richard and Mildred Loving were married in Washington D.C. When they went home to Virginia they were arrested and sentenced to one year in jail. This sentence was suspended, because the couple agreed to leave their state. The couple filed a lawsuit in 1963, declaring that the antimiscegenation law was unconstitutional.

In 1967, the ban on interracial marriages was lifted in the case of Loving v. Virginia which directly influenced the decision of sixteen other states to do the same.

Today, Massachusetts is taking a leap toward total equality for homosexuals, but not without protestors. Archbishop Sean O'Malley has spoken out against gay marriages. Many religious leaders refer to the Bible to condemn homosexuality. Not everyone in America is a Christian.

Laws cannot be based upon what Christians believe, because that would violate the law of separation of church and state. The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This means the religious views held by certain citizens should not influence the laws made by the government about gay marriages.

Some argue that gay partnerships are unnatural because no reproduction can occur between them. Some straight couples are infertile, yet they are allowed to marry.

Being unable to reproduce does not mean they are unable to be a close and loving family. Infertile couples, as well as homosexual couples, have alternative options in adding to their families through adoption or by using a surrogate mother.

Another argument is that homosexuality is an unhealthy lifestyle choice which causes everyone's insurance premiums to become more costly. Not eating right, not exercising, and drinking too much are unhealthy choices. Every decision people make affects insurance premiums. Not just "those people."

The bottom line is that every human being in the United States has the "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." If a couple wants to express their love and commitment to each other through marriage, this should be available to them.

Gay or straight should not be the deciding factor in civil rights given to everyone. Race was once a boundary in marriage, but was rightfully overturned.

Looking carefully back at history reveals that some of the same arguments used against interracial marriages are being used today against gay marriages.

It is only a matter of time before the discrimination of homosexuals through marriage laws comes to an end.

Hussein captured, Bin Laden could be next

Michael Reagan
Guest Columnist

On Dec. 13, 2003 many people heard the announcement that they did not ever expect to hear, Saddam Hussein was captured.

This announcement brought the same mixed feelings, as it was when the United States first went to war with Iraq back in March.

Most people thought that Saddam's capture was good; however many still feel that going to war with Iraq was wrong and protested on all the actions going on.

The war had been going on for more than nine months with many soldiers being killed during the month of May - which had more soldiers killed than in any other month.

People began to become more restless that they did not have Saddam captured and started to lose patience over Bush.

Then the announcement that Saddam was captured and that should bring an end to the war, but it's far from over.

Many loyalists to Saddam have attacked the soldiers over his capture and many protested his capture. I feel that the capture of Saddam was good, however I still didn't feel that they had to go to war to capture him unless they had proof that he had weapons of mass destruction.

That lead me to another question that has come to mind: Why attack and capture someone that may not have weapons of mass destruction and not focus on capturing Osama Bin Laden?

Some people felt that Saddam was a major threat not only to his people, but also to others across the world including the United States.

Recently, Paul O'Neill announced that he did not believe that he had these weapons and that going there was "a mistake."

The next major question to come out of this statement was: will this affect Bush's approval ratings, which had been high since Saddam's capture?

That may be decided on the upcoming elections in November to see if Bush will be president or be defeated by someone from the Democrats.

While the war with Iraq may take another year or two to end, the fact that Saddam was captured could bring some hope that they can now focus on capturing Bin Laden.

Mad about Mad Cow Disease

Getting back to the kitchen makes food supply safer

By Cati Montgomery
Copy Editor

As you drive through the local fast food joint and grab a 99 cent triple cheeseburger deluxe, chances are you are most likely not considering the laws of supply and demand, or how we are really bringing food safety issues to our own groceries and kitchen counters. Most likely, your mind is focusing on the answer to the question, "Would you like fries with that?"

A friend of mine is known for her quote, "If we are what we eat, I'm either fast, cheap or easy!" Well, BIG NEWS. We are what we eat.

The recent concerns raised over BSE, or Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy probably haven't caused any great concerns among the students of Austin Peay State University, or the greater Clarksville community. Mad Cow disease has not struck home. But could it? Did we bring it on ourselves? YES! Consider that in America, we are HUGE consumers, we are hugely greedy, and we are focused on getting more, more, more for less, cheaper, and faster. We are the cult of immediate gratification.

To meet our demands for more goods at a lesser cost, farmers and producers of our foods are forced to use cheaper methods in feeding, growth and production to keep costs low for the consumer. This may mean using cheaper feed for the livestock, cheaper fertilizers for the produce, or cheaper production methods in general. The consumer drives this high-speed low-cost production vehicle.

To meet our demands for cheap beef, prior to 1997, some cattle ranchers were feeding cows feed that contained the ground body parts of other cows. They had no idea that this practice was breeding Mad Cow

disease in their cattle. They were just making cheap beef quickly.

Thanks to a moratorium on this practice, we are no longer at risk for causing more BSE in this country, but now must begin the painstaking process of finding the cattle born prior to this moratorium and making sure that they are accounted for. These cattle, or their offspring, must not become part of our food supply.

It is not the fault of farmers that we have had hepatitis in frozen strawberries, Mad Cow disease in our beef, and e. coli in our apple juice. It is the fault of the consumer. Why do we demand cheap food and expect the best quality product? Economically, it does not make sense. The farmers get the short end of the stick, because they get blamed for unsafe food when they have just been trying to give us exactly what we have demanded.

How did these attitudes towards the speed and easiness of our food come about? Check your Grandma's cookbooks, from before World War Two. I have some at home. They are filled with wholesome, filling recipes that actually take time to cook. Someone had to go shopping, then mix and slowly cook these foods.

So why did cooking methods change? When the Second World War demanded both men to fight and women to work, households started depending on quick and easy foods. Boxed mixes, canned goods, and prepackaged ready to eat foods became more popular in those days when women were finally able to work outside the home. Food may never fully recover.

There are few people, myself included, who do not rely somewhat on these quick easy foods. We hardly know how to cook without a can, jar, box, or packet of

some sort. We've been raised with these foods as a normal part of our diet.

People these days tend to feel that they have really accomplished something if they actually cook an entire meal from scratch. In some ways, we have conditioned ourselves to the demand for speed and ease in the items we prepare and eat.

Granted, we do take different health precautions than Grandma's cookbooks might indicate - I have seen recipes for cakes that call for an entire pound of pork fat, appetizing recipes for deep fried tripe, and some less than lovely options for everyday cooking.

If we started relying less on fast foods, convenience foods, and prepackaged goods, and instead returned to cooking for ourselves, maybe even growing some of our own fruits and vegetables, the relative safety of our food supply would drastically increase.

I realize that no one thinks they have time for these things. It seems so much easier to run through the drive thru and grab that sack of tacos, little square hamburgers, or that quick bucket of chicken than take the time to find recipes and cook a meal.

Growing foods, cooking together in the kitchen, eating healthy meals together make us more able to appreciate what we have worked for. These are activities that we can do with our families, our friends even just for ourselves.

For our health, the health of our families, and the safety of our food supply, perhaps it is time we dedicated ourselves to trying to make time to pay attention to how we eat. In the mean time, paying attention to what we buy, and at what cost, may help contribute to the solution.

Dr. King remembered for peace

By Dave Campbell
Opinions Editor

Dr. Martin Luther King believed that we should protest such unilateral wars as Vietnam. His words are just as relevant today as they were only a few decades ago.

The drastic change that was needed while we were in Vietnam, is once again a valid argument. Dr. King spoke of being 'conscientious objectors' and that 'we must all protest.' He even spoke of presenting our troops with this option.

This was not a means of indoctrinating people as some might infer, but a way to offer an alternative to the aggressive nature of our foreign policy.

Not only did he speak to the dissident; he went far beyond the clarion call for action and spoke directly to the heart of the average American. Dr. King's ability to affect the American spirit has lived on through the decades since he was taken from us; and his conscience has rested itself in to the voice of today's dissident concerning the current Iraqi war.

We may not have reached the dire situation that occurred in Vietnam as of yet but everything that he has stated in this speech is applicable now more than ever. For now we have history as our guide and now we have no excuse.

We have of course created for ourselves a difficult task. We now have a responsibility to clean up what we have messed up, to put it crudely. This sort of maturity is what Dr. King most likely had in mind when considering Vietnam.

If he were here today to offer his profound advice I'm sure that he would stress the urgency of replenishing what we have destroyed. Then of course, you must first consider his main argument: that war reflects the worst of the human spirit.

If we consider this main argument first, we would not be faced with the tasks of rebuilding; and we would not be forced to rebuild our friendships with other nations whom we've angered.

Some who we've deemed enemies would not be considered so any longer. Most importantly, the human spirit would be in a much better collective

state if we had simply considered these words from one of the greatest idealists of modern times.

I get the impression that Dr. King had many dreams. The ideal in question though, has left much to be desired.

It's time to start working toward common goals. Peace will be attainable if humanity finds it necessary to perpetuate its own survival. In times such as these, it's what we really need.

There is another war going on that needs be settled; and it revolves around the dissident and the aggressor. Which side are you on?

Beyond Vietnam A time to break silence

Dr. Martin Luther King
April 4, 1967

Presented at Riverside Church, New York City

Editor's note: To read this speech in its entirety go to <http://www.ssc.msu.edu/~sw/mlk/brkslnc.htm>

"As we counsel young men concerning military service we must clarify for them our nation's role in Vietnam and challenge them with the alternative of conscientious objection..."

These are the times for real choices and not false ones. We are at the moment when our lives must be placed on the line if our nation is to survive its own folly. Every man of humane convictions must decide on the protest that best suits his convictions, but we must all protest...

I say we must enter the struggle, but I wish to go on now to say something even more disturbing.

The war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit and if we ignore this sobering reality we will find ourselves organizing clergy- and laymen-concerned committees for the next generation. They will be concerned about Guatemala and Peru. They will be concerned about Mozambique and South Africa...

We will be marching for these and a dozen

other names and attending rallies without end unless there is a significant and profound change in American life and policy. Such thoughts take us beyond Vietnam...

'A time comes when silence is betrayal.' That time has come for us in relation to Vietnam.

Even when pressed by the demands of inner truth, men do not easily assume the task of opposing their government's policy, especially in time of war.

Nor does the human spirit move without great difficulty against all the apathy of conformist thought within one's own bosom and in the surrounding world.

Moreover when the issues at hand seem as perplexed as they often do in the case of this dreadful conflict we are always on the verge of being mesmerized by uncertainty; but we must move on.

Perhaps the more difficult but no less necessary task is to speak for those who have been designated as our enemies.

What of the National Liberation Front - that strangely anonymous group we call VC or Communists?

What must they think of us in America when they realize that we permitted the repression and cruelty of Dien which helped to bring them into being as a resistance group in the south?

The world now demands a maturity of America that we may not be able to achieve. It demands that we admit that we have been wrong from the beginning of our adventure in Vietnam, that we have been detrimental to the life of the Vietnamese people.

The situation is one in which we must be ready to turn sharply from our present ways.

... life and history give eloquent testimony to the fact that conflicts are never resolved without trustful give and take on both sides."

Substitutes screened for communism?

Application question controversy

By Christen Coulon
Guest writer

A Red Scare in Clarksville?

"Are you now or have you ever been a communist?"

Sen. Joseph McCarthy and other self-serving politicians who used Communism as an excuse to ruin their political enemies echoed this question repeatedly in the 1950's.

After destroying the lives and careers of hundreds of Americans, the general public grew tired of the witch-hunt, and McCarthy was quickly dismissed from public service.

His ideas became laughable to most freedom-loving people before eventually disappearing from the American political landscape altogether.

At least that's what I thought. Unfortunately, I found that this was not completely true.

In a city that calls itself "The gateway to the New South," McCarthyism is still alive and well, and in the

worst possible place: the public schools.

While it may be hard to believe, (it was for me, I kept telling myself this had to be a joke) the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System asks potential substitute teachers the question, "Are you now or have you ever been within the past ten years a member of any organization or group of persons, including the Communist Party, USA, which during your membership you knew was advocating or teaching that the United States Government or any political subdivision thereof should be overthrown or overturned by force, violence, or any unlawful means?"

After the 2000 election, would this now include the Republican Party?

As a further insult to freedom, the schools then ask all confirmed communists if they have ever tried to violently overthrow the government as a member of the party.

As if it would be ok for a potential teacher to have taken part in a violent overthrow of the government as long as they were not a member of the communist

party. The question that immediately pops into my head is "Are the Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools aware that the United States finally got around to ratifying the Constitution, and if so, have they bothered to read it?"

They wouldn't even have to read that far. The First Amendment is right up front. It is clearly written and one of the district's first grade students could probably give you an accurate definition.

Unfortunately for the children, the administration apparently doesn't understand the Constitution as well as their first graders do.

I believe this is an open violation of individual rights. It begs the question, "What are they teaching children?"

How dare they question anyone's political beliefs? There is no justification for it legally or morally. It is quite simply wrong and it needs to stop.

If this is truly the "New South," tell me why Clarksville is 50 years behind the rest of this country.

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Student Life: wasteful or worthwhile?

Students say there is nothing to do, staff are scratching their heads.

The Problem...

By Kalen McElheny
Features Editor

Students have long had mixed feelings about the events offered at Austin Peay State University's campus. Like a classic game of Pong, students and staff continue to go back and forth on what may keep students on campus, and create school spirit.

"I stay here on the weekend. There's hardly anybody here on the weekend. Everybody goes home," said Shadé Smith, freshman. "People I know, they just get homesick."

APSU is known as a "suitcase campus" by many – and for good reason. During the week, the campus is filled with student and vehicle traffic, and the food court never gets a rest. It can be observed week after week. Many students seem to disappear after 2 p.m., and there is seldom a soul around on weekends.

Many students are non-traditional, have families, work part-time jobs in the evening, and sometimes all three are true. The school's demographics force staff to come up with new ways to keep students close by.

Calvin Nelms, senior, said he blames the disappearing act on students' willingness to attend. "My last year I haven't been because of my work schedule, but I usually attend. I know like 10 or 12 students who will go," he said. "They give out those cool prizes now."

The staff of The Office of Student Life and Leadership has been rubbing their heads wondering why attendance has been so low. Lynne Yarbrough, coordinator for Student Life and Leadership, works everyday to find solutions to one of the biggest problems that is almost impossible to solve.

"People are gone weekends, and trying to keep people here is my struggle," said Yarbrough.

She said it is a gamble because if you find events that young people like and can attend, many non-traditional students and commuters may be less likely to show up.

"Finding that magic event is what I'm trying to do," said Yarbrough.

Students are full of ideas that they feel will work. However, there are factors that Yarbrough said she feels many haven't considered.

"I think we're missing some concerts and some professional theatre. And ballet. I like ballet," said Teresa Galan, foreign language.

Galan is not alone. Many students agree that some type of concert with a popular name would lure students in.

Yarbrough said that the reason APSU does not host concerts with big names such as Garth Brooks, is because it costs a large sum of money, and there is no guarantee that students will buy out all the tickets.

Yarbrough's fear is that APSU could not compete with The Music City, leaving the school with a debt that may not be worth it.



Teresa Galan,
Foreign Language
"I'm not a computer person, so to track activities you need APMail. They could put more posters on the campus."



Christa Granderson,
Foreign Language
"If they have maybe, orientation on a Friday afternoon... and more campus festivals."



Calvin Nelms
Communication Arts
"I think it's gone down as far as student support."



Marcus Rolle
Music
"We stuck together a little tighter (at Tennessee State University). It's really sticky (here) to me."



Ashley Spears
Political Science
"I haven't heard anything (about campus events)."



Robert E. Lee,
History
"I think it builds a sense of community."



Shadé Smith
Biology
"I forgot about them (events), but I think they're okay and I know they enjoyed the hypnotist."



Andrea Williams
Medical Technology
"I'd like to come to some of the activities but I don't hear about them."



Brandon Trull
Prepharmacy
"It's a difficult campus in the way that it's structured to effectively publicize events to everybody."

The Solution...

A new organization has been revived by Lynne Yarbrough, and the Office of Student Life and Leadership, to solve the problem with campus unity and student involvement.

One thing it is lacking – students.

The organization is called the Gops Programming Council, and its mission is to "provide a variety of programs and events that will enhance the students' out of classroom experience and personal growth."

Yarbrough said she has high hopes for the group, who will be working with her closely to improve APSU's campus life.

"My goal is to reach students on campus looking for something to do," said Yarbrough.

She said she is hoping freshmen and students who are not involved with other student organizations will be especially eager to participate.

"My goal is to reach students on campus looking for something to do," she said. "We want everyone to come out, but we need a diverse group."

She said she feels the group will be more effective when there are different ages, ethnicities and organizations involved.

In that way, the group can try to plan events that will reflect the actual student body.

"My goal is to have it as diverse as possible, but again, it's a volunteer board," said Yarbrough.

Some students on campus feel that the programs that are offered now are sufficient, and continue to improve. Student life hands out a number of prizes during raffles at almost all of their events, including certificates to Aramark.

Shadé Smith went to the hypnotist show last Wednesday.

"My friend was in it, but she had to leave," said Smith. "There were a lot of people there. I know they enjoyed it."

Robert E. Lee is a non-traditional student who attends campus events frequently.

"I've been to some of the BBQ's and daytime events. Most of them are pretty good at aiming at everyone," said Lee. "I like the variety of events that the student body can attend."

Lee said he often comes back to campus with his son and daughter, who also attend class at APSU.

"We live a couple miles away, but we will come back here for movie nights, the Halloween party," he said.

"Some of the things we are willing to come back for. I'm all for the activities. Those are great. I'd like to see more."

Students like Lee are what Yarbrough hopes will aid in the push to unite the campus and improve the types of events offered.

"I think it builds a sense of community," said Lee. "It gives the students an opportunity to meet each other."

There are positions on GPC's staff in public relations, advertising, volunteer and travel opportunities. In the future, Yarbrough said she hopes the program will bring back the school spirit that APSU has been lacking, as well as giving students in various career fields a real-world job experience.

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Austin Peay State University Room 306

What's Hot: movies and music

MUSIC SINGLES

10. Here Without You, 3 Doors Down
9. Suga Suga, Baby Bash Featuring Frankie
8. Me, Myself And I, Beyonce
7. Walked Outta Heaven, Jagged Edge
6. Stand Up, Ludacris Featuring Shawnna
5. Slow Jamz, Twista Featuring Kanye West & Jamie
4. You Don't Know My Name, Alicia Keys
3. Milkshake, Kelis
2. The Way You Move, OutKast Featuring Sleepy Brown
1. Hey Yal, OutKast
— Billboard top 100

MOVIES

10. Mona Lisa Smile
9. The Last Samurai
8. Paycheck
7. Chasing Liberty
6. My Baby's Daddy
5. Somethings Gotta Give
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3. Cheaper by the Dozen
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Encouraging students to vote

By Whitney Joy
Staff Writer

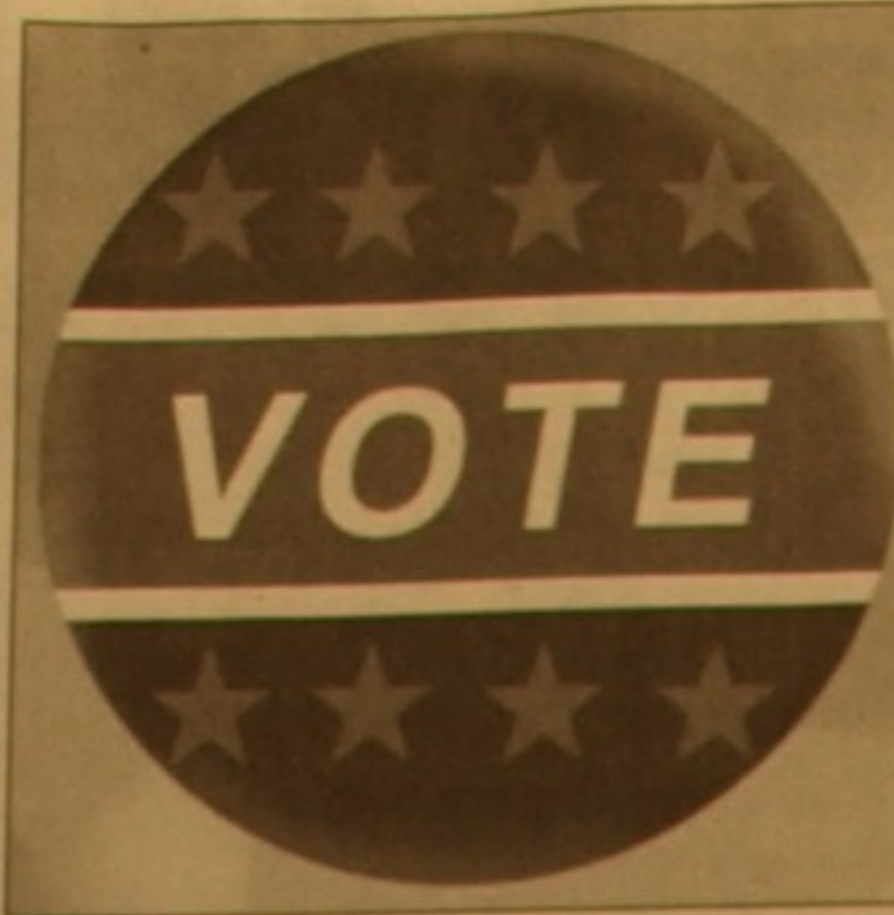
In 1992, former President Bill Clinton played his saxophone for a group of young adults on MTV's Rock the Vote. After this performance, adults in the 18-30 crowd rushed to the polls.

People in this age bracket have not been as anxious to vote in elections lately.

This is where an organization called the Soapbox Coalition comes into the picture.

The coalition was started in August 2003 and its main goal is to get 18-30 year olds involved politically.

"In the 2000 election, 30 million eligible voters chose not to vote," said Mike Mitchell, executive director of the Soapbox



Coalition.

"Our organization will help those who are disinterested in politics understand how everyday decisions that are being made in

Washington D.C., state capitols, and city halls will affect them, and how they can become an active participant in the political process."

The coalition provides political and civic education to those interested through the Internet, mailings, and localized special events.

It also promotes non-partisan issue awareness and activism throughout the country.

"Our goal is to bring college students and elected officials and candidates together, find out what issues concern the audience and then ask the candidates about those issues,"

said Michaels.

"It has been shown through research that 18-30 year olds feel that candidates and elected officials do not relate to 18-30 year olds today and they do not take their message to the 18-30 year old turf.

The purpose of our coalition is to let 18-30 year olds know just what their political buying power is, and how to put that power to use."

"The coalition will give people in this age bracket the opportunity to voice their opinion in the form of grassroots lobbying, direct lobbying, and public relations efforts.

If you're interested in joining the Soapbox Coalition go to www.soapboxcoalition.org.

Film festival brings culture

By Cheryl Hunter-Grah
Editor-in-Chief

This February the Mid-Cumberland Arts League will launch its first foreign film festival at The Customs House Museum and Cultural Center. The festival begins on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. with a reception.

Award winning movies have been selected from around the globe including Germany, Russia, China and France. The films were chosen according to criteria,

including critical acclaim.

Several of the scheduled films have earned nominations and awards in the international cinematic community, and many hold significance in the country of origin for subject matter, cinematography and production costs.

For instance, "The Emperor's Shadow" is the most expensive film ever made in China and "Russian Ark" was shot in a single, uncut steadicam shot.

After the first Thursday, the screenings are scheduled for every Friday night in February.

General admission tickets will be sold at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, seniors and MCAL members. Each screening will be preceded by a themed reception featuring beverages and foods inspired by the film's country of origin. The Customs House is located on North Second Street, Clarksville. ♦

FILM SHOWTIMES

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Sports

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THE ALL STATE

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duke teams reign at top in Associate Press' poll

By Cheryl Hunter-Grah
Editor in Chief

Duke took over the top spot in the Associated Press men's college basketball poll following a pair of victories last week, including a triumph over then-No. 4 Wake Forest. The Blue Devils (14-1) received 45 first-place votes and 1,763 points from the national media panel. Duke has won 11 straight games since losing to Purdue in the final of the Great Alaska Shootout. It marks the seventh consecutive season that the Blue Devils have made an appearance atop the poll. Connecticut (14-2) had been No. 1 for the last five weeks, but fell to fourth after a setback to then-No. 9 North Carolina. Stanford (14-0) moved up one place to second after earning 24 first-place votes and 1,733 points, while Saint Joseph's (15-0) advanced three positions to third, the school's highest ranking since it was No. 3 on January 18, 1966. Louisville (13-1) jumped three spots to fifth, while Cincinnati (13-0) advanced four places to sixth. North Carolina

(11-3), Pittsburgh (18-0), Kentucky (11-2) and Wake Forest (11-2) rounded out the top 10. The Duke women's team remained No. 1 in the Associated Press women's college basketball poll for the third straight week. The Blue Devils (14-1) received all but one of the 46 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,148 points. Tennessee advanced three spots to second after a pair of victories last week. The Lady Vols (14-1) earned the final first-place vote and 1,096 points. Tennessee will face Duke on Saturday. Texas Tech (16-1) lost to Iowa State last week and fell into a tie for third in the poll with Texas (15-2), which dropped a contest to then-No. 24 Baylor. Connecticut continued its fall in the rankings, as the Huskies (12-2) dropped one position to fifth after losing to Notre Dame. It marks Connecticut's lowest ranking since it was fifth in November of 2002. Stanford, Penn State and Purdue each moved up a spot to sixth through eighth, respectively, while Kansas State and Minnesota tied for ninth. ♦



FILE PHOTOS

The Gobs have a busy schedule coming up with 11 games versus OVC opponents. To see how the Gobs and Lady Gobs have done in the past week, see page 8.



Super Bowl showing more than football

By Cheryl Hunter-Grah
Editor in Chief

With the passing of the weekend went the National Football League's playoffs. Come this weekend, either the Carolina Panthers or the New England Patriots will stand victors of the NFL.

Super Bowl XXXVIII will be televised by CBS to an expected 130 million viewers in the United States, and a potential worldwide audience of 1 billion viewers. The Super Bowl is annually the nation's highest-rated TV program and the most-watched single-day sporting event.

The Super Bowl pre-game show will begin at 10 a.m. and game time is 5 p.m. Houston will be home to the Super Bowl for the second time in history; the first was 30 years ago.

With an almost guaranteed large audience, the Super Bowl is prime for showcasing talents and remembering moments in recent history, like in previous years with the dedication to the victims of the September 11 attacks.

The Super Bowl XXXVIII's pre-game show will include Walter Suhr and Mango Punch!.

Aerosmith and country music's Toby Keith and Willie Nelson entitled "Welcome to Houston: The Spirit of Texas", at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas. Beyonce Knowles, who hails from Houston, will perform the National Anthem.

Sunday, February 1st, 2004 marks the first anniversary of the loss of Columbia and her crew. The NFL will salute NASA and honor the seven Columbia crewmembers, who gave their lives in America's efforts to explore space.

Crew members from the next Space Shuttle mission, STS-114, will join on the field as part of the NFL's salute to NASA as Groban sings his hit, "You Raise Me Up" prior to the national anthem. A local choir of 80 Houston high school singers will join them.

More than 1,500 local performers also will be a part of the show. A Texas Joint Services Honor Guard from Camp Mabry in Austin will be part of the ceremonies. And a Black Hawk helicopter fly-over by the 1st of the 149th Army

Aviation Battalion stationed in Houston will follow the national anthem. ♦

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Under new management McLean's recent resignation means women's tennis with men's coach

By Matthew Heiss
Staff Writer

The Lady Gobs tennis team will start off their spring season under a new head coach.

With the recent resignation of Angie McLean the ladies will look to Men's Coach Brian Surface to make coaching decisions.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the women," said Surface. "I wish Angie McLean the best of luck, but we have to continue to move forward."

This is a tough point for the women to change coaches but Coach Surface looks to turn the adversity into his advantage.

"At this point I will look toward taking the challenges that lie ahead of me and turn it into a positive season for the ladies. It is going to be tough running both teams but I am looking forward to the challenge. I have coached men and women at the same time before so this is not new to me."

Even fellow co-workers and friends feel Surface was the right person to take the dual role.

"I have known Brian (Surface) for a while now," said George Harris a fellow friend and coworker. "I have played with him before and I know he is really knowledgeable about the game and what it takes to win."

Surface will look to the returning five players, Nicki Tafolla, Elizabeth Whelpley, Alana Carere, Jessie Mills, and Jenica Proctor to come through during this season of unpredictability.

The women's tennis team resumes play Thursday, January 22, with a match at Middle Tennessee State University. The Lady Gobs then have 2 matches in February, but doesn't see heavy play until March. It's in mid-March the team begins meeting their OVC opponents.

The men's tennis team doesn't begin their spring season until Saturday, February 7, when they face Martin Methodist on their home court. ♦

The drink and the drive

Getting alcohol advertising out of college sports

By Cheryl Hunter-Grah
Editor in Chief

In effort to stop alcohol advertising on televised college sports event, North Carolina head basketball coach Dean Smith and Tom Osborne current state senator (R-NE) and former University of Nebraska head football coach teamed with the Center for Science in the Public Interest to launch a nationwide campaign.

Sports fans are clearly a major target audience for the beer and alcohol industry. Sixty percent of all television alcohol advertising is spent on sports programming. Alcohol producers spent close to \$600 million on sports programming in 2002. Of that, approximately \$58 million was spent on college sports programs—about 6,251 ads—according to the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth (CAMY). Eighty percent of the combined ad budgets for Anheuser-Busch's Bud and Bud Lite beer is spent on sports programming.

In September, a report from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) recommended that alcohol makers stop trying to have underage appeal. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA), nearly one third of college students met one

criterion for alcohol abuse and six percent met criteria for a diagnosis of alcohol dependence in the past 12 months. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services states that in 2000 "almost seven million persons aged 10 to 20 was a binge drinker; that is about one in five person under the legal drinking age was a binge drinker. Also according to NIAAA, 1,400 college students each year die from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes. More than 70,000 students are

victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape, and alcohol-related teen violence and delinquency cost an estimated \$29 billion annually.

In 1999, Catherine Bath lost her son Raheem, who died after a binge-drinking episode at Duke University. She said that corporate greed fuels the alcohol industry's visibility on campuses and on the airwaves—and she says that college presidents need to end the marriage between beer ads and sports.

"Colleges need to divorce themselves from alcohol industry sponsorship," Bath said. "Nothing will change until the leaders of our great universities take a firm stand and refuse to send such a blatantly mixed message to their own students."

The Campaign for Alcohol-Free Sports TV is asking college officials to sign a pledge indicating that the school will prohibit alcohol advertising on locally produced sports programming, and that the school will work within its athletic conference and within the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to eliminate all alcohol advertising from televised college sports.

More than 80 national, state, and local groups have joined CSPI in launching the Campaign for Alcohol-Free Sports TV. ♦

Alcohol and college students quick facts

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Incoming Gobs and
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Thursday, Jan. 22:
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Saturday, Jan. 24:
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Monday, Jan. 27: At
Tennessee Tech,
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p.m.

RIFLE

Thursday, Jan. 22:
vs. Memphis, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23:
vs. UT-Martin, 5
p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31:
Feb. 2: At the Roger
Marshall Inv., 8 a.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Monday, Feb. 7:
vs. Martin Methodist, 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 7:
vs. Cumberland, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S
TENNIS

Thursday, Jan. 22:
vs. Middle Tennessee State
University, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7:
vs. Martin Methodist, 1 p.m.

TRACK AND
FIELD

Saturday, Jan. 24:
vs. McDonald's Inv.

Saturday, Jan. 31:
vs. Quad Meet in
Carbondale, Illinois

AP Player
Profile

MEN'S
BASKETBALL

ADRIAN
HENNING

6'7" Senior Forward
Memphis, Tenn.

Business/Finance major
Came to APSU because it's
close to home and knew
Coach Linn as a family
friend

Lower dunking on
opponents and getting
the crowd hype

His nickname is "Scoop"

Known for always being
positive.

He says he is G.O.D. on the
court.

5-0! Govs hit the ground running

Austin Peay team leads the OVC with a five-game road sweep

MEN'S BASKETBALL

By Kristin Crandall
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University's men's basketball team was predicted to finish first in Ohio Valley Conference play this season and the Govs haven't let anyone down. The Govs finished a five-game sweep on the road to post the team's best start to the OVC season in school history.

On January 15, The Govs traveled to Eastern Kentucky where Lexington native Josh Lewis led his team to their fourth win of the current streak. Lewis, a 6-8 senior, scored a career-high 26 points and hit the boards for nine rebounds. He was also able to block five shots and tally six steals in the books.

"He definitely affected both ends of the floor. We wanted him to become more aggressive on the offensive end. On the defensive end, he is the number one shot changer in the league," said APSU coach Dave Loos of Lewis' awesome performance.

The Govs shot 33-of-37 free throws, with 28 of the shots consecutively hit, which allowed the Govs to pull away from EKV during the final minutes of the contest. With 6:24 left on the clock, Lewis hit two free throws and with those, the Govs stayed ahead of EKV for the rest of the game. The Govs finished off EKV 65-59 and reached the .500 mark, which they improved after they traveled to Morehead State the following Saturday, Jan. 18.

"I can't say enough about our effort on the defensive end. I thought between Josh inside and Corey (Gipson) on (Matt) Witt, we came up big on the defensive end against a good Eastern Kentucky team."

The game at Morehead State, in which five Govs scored double-figures, brought the Govs to their 5-0 record in the OVC, with a 70-60 victory. And the Govs, who had split last year's OVC regular season championship with the Eagles, raised their overall season record to its current 8-7 standing.

"It is terrific to be 5-0, especially with all being on the road," said Loos. "You could go into this thinking if we can go 3-2 that would be good and 4-1 would be great. But you don't really think about 5-0, especially against the teams in this conference."

"But all that means is we are off to a good start. There are 11

more games to play - a lot of things can happen. We have to continue to work. We have a lot of room to improve."

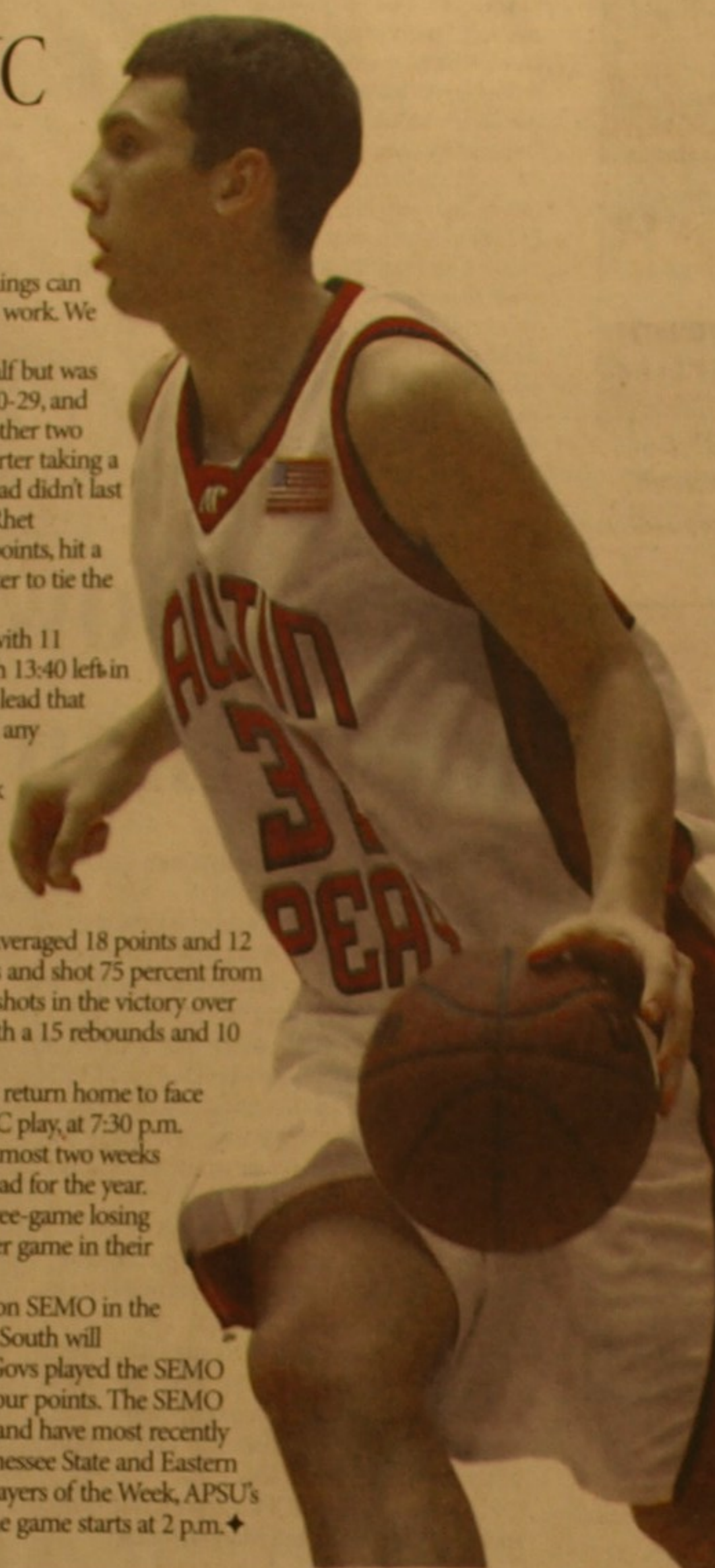
APSU led most of the first half but was down by one point at the half, 30-29, and Morehead was able to score another two points shortly into the third quarter taking a three point lead. However, the lead didn't last for long as senior APSU guard Rhet Wierzb, who finished with 12 points, hit a momentum-shifting three-pointer to tie the score.

Corey Gipson, who finished with 11 points, hit a three-point shot with 13:40 left in the game bringing the Govs to a lead that Morehead State would not reach any closer than nine points.

For his efforts during the week of play at EKV and Morehead State, APSU player Josh Lewis shares the OVC honor of Player of the Week with Southeast Missouri's Derek Winans. Lewis averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds between the two games and shot 75 percent from the field. Lewis hit 12-of-13 foul shots in the victory over EKV, then followed that game with a 15 rebounds and 10 points at Morehead State.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, the Govs return home to face Eastern Illinois, who is 1-3 in OVC play, at 7:30 p.m. The Govs played and beat EIU almost two weeks for their third OVC win on the road for the year. The EIU team is running on a three-game losing streak and averaged 58.6 points per game in their last three OVC contests.

Saturday, Jan. 24, the Govs take on SEMO in the Dunn Center, and Fox Sports Net South will regionally televise the game. The Govs played the SEMO squad on Jan. 8, beating them by four points. The SEMO team is currently 2-2 in the OVC, and have most recently beaten conference opponents Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois. This game will pit OVC Players of the Week, APSU's Lewis against SEMO's Winans - the game starts at 2 p.m. ♦



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Lady Govs are 10-5 on the season, and 4-0 in regular OVC play. This week brings them home with two OVC games in APSU's Dunn Center.

Lady Govs top the OVC with 4-0 record

Beat Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State for only perfect record in conference

By Matthew Heiss
Staff Writer

The "three peayters" otherwise known as the Lady Govs basketball team continued their march back to the OVC Championship as they shut down Morehead State Saturday with a victory of 78-62. Even more impressive the win gives the Lady Govs their fifth consecutive victory from this season's tough schedule. The win boosted the Lady Govs to 10-5 over all and 4-0 in conference play.

Gerlonda Hardin, a key player coach Andy Blackston has had to rely on to get the inside game going, posted 18 points for the lady gov's and eight rebounds in Saturday's contest. Even though she ended up in foul trouble, native Clarksvillian Ashley Haynes chipped in 15 points, nine rebounds, and spread the ball around to get five assist.

Carden Cobb contributed 11 points two of which came from a jumper late in the first half

which helped the Lady Govs in at halftime up by five. Alicia Watson also contributed 11 points total. Right before the first half ended Watson dropped in a three point lead at half time. In the second half the lady gov's went 30 for 60 from the field and hit six of their last seven free throws to help seal the win.



Hardin Gerlonda Hardin was named the OVC Player of the Week. Hardin recorded her thirtieth double-double in the win over EKV, scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The lady Govs will attempt to continue their 26 consecutive game winning streak against OVC opponents this Thursday night in the Dunn Center at 5:30 against Eastern Illinois. ♦

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Court sports lead to problems

Avoid common injuries, ankle sprains, stress fractures with simple advice

By Cheryl Hunter-Grah
Editor in Chief

Winter sports and indoor courts present problems for feet and ankles, according to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

The pounding and movements that feet, ankles and the Achilles and other tendons around the ankle endure, during involvement in court sports such as basketball, racquetball and tennis present unique problems for athletes.

Exercising on hard surfaces can be a cause of ankle problems, as well as sports that require fast, lateral moves are two of the characteristics of indoor sports that can cause indoor injuries.

"One of the most frequently

encountered court injuries is the common ankle sprain," said Thomas E. Shonka, DPM, FACPAS, attending podiatrist at the Boulder Center for Sports Medicine. "They're often due to the lateral aspect of the sports and, especially in basketball, the potential for stepping on a competitor's foot."

Other court injuries are more shock-related, such as stress fractures in the foot or tibia.

"Stress fractures can be hard to detect and many times people with stress fractures will continue to play and delay the correct diagnosis," Shonka said.

The heel is another common area of injury. Heel pain can indicate a plantar fascia injury or bone spur.

The plantar fascia is a thin, very strong tissue band that supports the arch of the foot, stretching from the heel to the ball of the foot. Bone spurs are when the plantar fascia pulls away from the heel due to repeated injuries and micro-events.

One simple way to prevent injuries is stretching before exercising your lower extremities. For a gentle stretch lean against a table or wall, placing one foot behind the other. Point the toes slightly inward and roll the ankle toward the outside. Gently lean forward and feel the stretch high up into the calf muscle. Always roll the weight to the outside border of the foot and never stretch to the point of producing pain. ♦

Avoid winter sports injuries:

*Buy new, quality athletic shoes and replace them frequently.

*Have the proper footwear for the sport; running shoes are not proper for sports such as basketball due to their lack of lateral support.

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