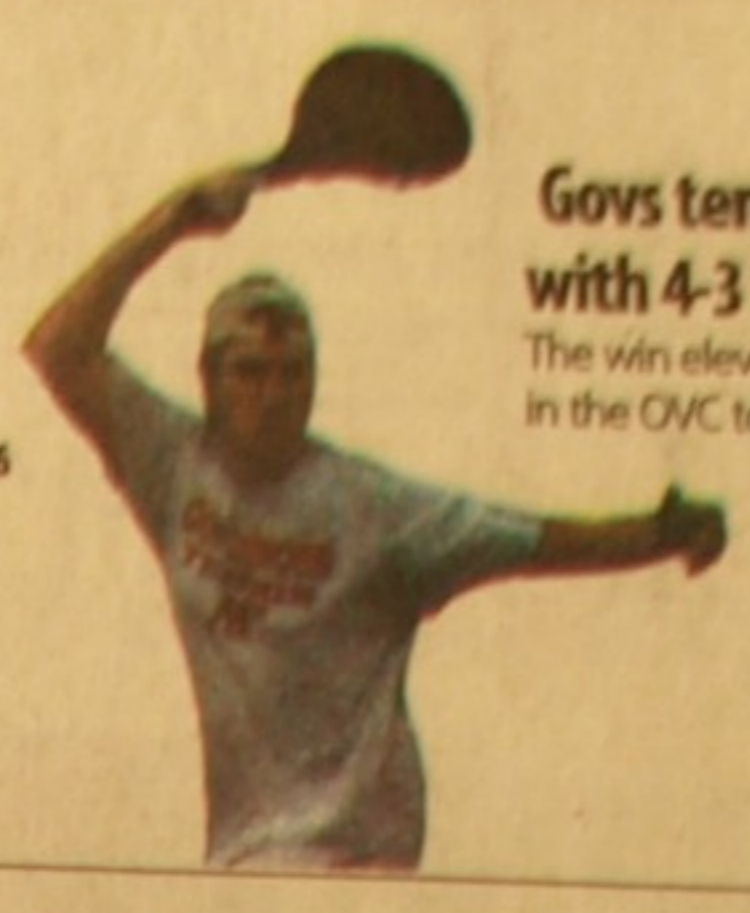


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# New center proves successful



Members of the Tennessee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, along with City Council woman Barbara Johnson and President Sherry Hoppe, watch Tina Tarpy, president of Pi Nu, cut the ribbon to open the Hispanic Cultural Center.

## Dream and vision comes to reality for Spanish professor and hispanic students

BY AMANDA COCHRANE  
Assistant News Editor

With the largest number of Hispanic students enrolled in its history, Austin Peay State University opened the first Hispanic Cultural Center among Tennessee universities on April 13.

Approximately 250 people were in attendance for the celebration held in the Morgan University Center Ballroom. People enjoyed hispanic food and non-alcoholic sangria while watching dancers from Little Mexico and Latin and Folklore perform.

"Our hearts are as big as the size of the building," said Miguel R. Ruiz-Avilés, associate professor of Spanish at the beginning of the ceremony.

Ruiz-Avilés will be the center's new director.

The dream and vision of Ramón Magrans, professor of Spanish, finally came true.

"22 years now, I don't have to dream," he said overcome with tears.

Magrans, who has been teaching at APSU for more than 20 years, also serves as advisor to Pi Nu chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, which has been recognized as honors chapter. There are more than 500 chapters.

"A dream and a vision has now become a reality," APSU President Sherry Hoppe said. "I think we can learn to appreciate our differences in culture and background."

According to Hoppe, the large population of Hispanic students at APSU warranted a center.

Hoppe also said She was happy to be a small part in a big event of APSU.



Edgar Lopez and Yazarete Guzman dance the Son de la Negra for the center's opening.

City and county officials were in attendance, which included Mayor Don Trotter, Doug Weiland (county mayor) and Barbara Johnson (city council member). Steve Allsbrosks represented Congresswoman Marsha

Blackburn at the ceremony. Members of the Tennessee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce were also in attendance.

Doraide Deleon-Chamorro, an APSU junior majoring in political science, spoke on behalf of Pi Nu.

"Love is what brings us together..." said Chamorro. "First we have to accept each other... embrace what makes us different."

Jennifer Meningall, vice president for Student Affairs, praised Pi Nu for putting a great deal of effort into the new center.

Greg Rodriguez, president of Tennessee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and keynote speaker, spoke about change in and around Tennessee.

"Today is about change. Change for Latinos in Middle Tennessee. It's about advancement," he said.

According to Rodriguez, Montgomery and Robertson Counties are in the top 10 counties with a growing population of Hispanic people. Montgomery County has a population which includes more than 12,000 people of Hispanic descent.

In the next three years, the buying power of this group will be \$1 trillion.

"The center will contribute to cultural life in Clarksville," Rodriguez said. "The center is a wise investment."

Students received free t-shirts at the opening along with keychain sombreros made by members of Pi Nu.

The center is housed in University Center on the first floor, Room 120, next to the post office. ♦

## Upcoming switch from DSP to CPU

BY STEPHANIE COWARD  
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's Developmental Studies Program is moving departments and switching to computer-based learning. According to a modified proposal released in March by Bruce Speck, vice president of Academic Affairs, the DSP department is moving from Extended and Distance Education to Academic Support.

The move is not the only change for the fall; DSP classes will no longer be lecture-based. Instead of lecture, they will be taught via a computer module with professors overseeing the students' computer work as facilitators.

"It's much more self-paced, is what it boils down to," Speck said. "There still will be people there (in the classroom) to help, but it's not going to be lecture-based."

And while administrators recognize the challenge the shift will create, they say it's a move they have to make.

However, the switch to computer-based learning modules has sparked controversy among the APSU faculty, specifically within the DSP department and its students.

"I think that we're not maximizing the educational opportunities for the most at-risk students," associate professor of APSU Mathematics in Developmental Studies, Bonnie Hodge, said during her presentation at the March faculty senate meeting. Approximately 1,000 students may be affected by the changes this fall, according to faculty and administrators' figures.

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## Job outlook for graduates remains optimistic

BY AMANDA COCHRANE  
Assistant News Editor

According to a survey by [www.collegegrad.com](http://www.collegegrad.com), only 29 percent of college seniors expect to find employment by graduation. The remaining 71 percent expect their job search to continue through the summer, for six months or even more following graduation.

Erin Street, an Austin Peay State University senior majoring in radiological technology is confident she'll find a job after graduation.

"My outlook for job placement after graduation is very optimistic," she said. "I plan to work as a RT(R) while furthering my education. My ultimate goal is to either be the director of imaging at a major hospital or a medical malpractice attorney."

Others like Street may also find the job market looking up.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers conducted a survey that found the job market as "good" (56 percent) or "very good" (22 percent). Employers cited the continuing improvement of the economy and business growth as factors in the improving market, according to [www.jobweb.com](http://www.jobweb.com).

Another survey by Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University found that employers were planning to increase hiring of college graduates by 20 percent.

Kelly Muldoon, a junior geology major, has an interesting career choice.

"I would love to get a job working with volcanoes. If I can't do that I would like to go to work at the East African Rift Valley or to California," she said. "I know I can get a good job that I will enjoy, but I don't know that I will ever be able to work with volcanoes. It's a hard field to get into since volcanoes don't erupt every day."

Kathleen Hunt, a senior a sociology and psychology major, is also optimistic about her job outlook.

"I hope to work with kids, possibly in the counseling field. I don't have any fears of finding a job where I can use my degree," she said.

When starting a job search, Allen Barger, an academic and career advisor for APSU's Career and Advisement Center, said students should "set target areas of what they want to do with their degree."

Barger also said student should focus on getting that job they want.

"(Students should) put a lot of their efforts into what they really want so they will get the satisfaction out of their job. Realistically, they want to start their job search no later than four months before graduation."

see Job Outlook, page 3

## Summer prompts new housing renovations

BY STEPHANIE COWARD  
Staff Writer

Meacham Hall will be closed May 9 through Aug. 1, and students attending summer classes who choose to live on campus will be sent to Cross Hall.

Meacham will be receiving new furniture for all of its rooms before the fall semester. The housing office set up a furniture showroom in Meacham where residents voted on the items they liked best.

The new furniture has been ordered and should be in place in Meacham in June, said Joe Mills, director of Housing/Residence Life & Dining Services.

"We always constantly strive to keep the facilities up and in nice condition," Mills said.

The housing office approved the furniture before setting up the showroom. Students were able to vote on beds, chairs and other fabric samples.

Housing renovations are on a cycle that ensures there will

"We always constantly strive to keep the facilities up and in a nice condition."

— Joe Mills, Director of Housing

be enough money to perform the necessary tasks, Mills said. The facilities are also under a yearly cycle of maintenance in order to perform minor tasks such as painting.

"We constantly are doing all kinds of minor renovations, putting new doors on, painting and all of that kind of stuff," Mills said.

Students who stayed in Meacham this year have "squatters rights" said Mills. They can choose to live in the same room next year or they can move.

Statistics show that students who live on campus "have better social skills, higher GPAs, are more successful at completing their degrees and are more satisfied with their college experience," as stated on the APSU Housing and Residence Life web page.

Summer classes are \$147 per credit hour. May 1 is the last day applications will be accepted for Summer 1, and July 1 is the last day they will be accepted for Summer 2.

Students who choose to live on campus will pay \$400 per session or \$800 for both sessions along with the class fees. Those that want a private room will pay \$550. Private rooms are based on availability. Residence halls open May 28 for Summer classes.

"We've got about 60 projects scheduled for this summer," Mills said. ♦

# Chili cook-off brings good food and crowd

BY SARAH BULLOCK  
Staff writer

Students and professors alike flocked to the Morgan University Center plaza to witness student organizations compete for the best chili recipe. This fundraiser included performances by Southern Secrets, break-dancers, Zeta Phi Beta, step squad and the Pom Squad. Sponsors were set up giving away free cell phone vouchers, CDs and ball caps including Sprint, Mary Kay, Suzuki, Faith Outreach Church, A+ Math Tutoring, Just Us Hair and many more.

Each organization was judged by a group of judges to continue to the final round. David Major judged group one with no expression, taking very careful consideration. Judge Steve Anderson said, "Whoa, that's got a kick to it," while judging Gay Straight Alliance's spicy chili.

Organizations made their recipes unique by different ingredients but some of them just wanted to make it as spicy as they could. Del Square Psi had several types of meat including



PI Nu won first place in the IABC Chilli cook-off. Tina Tarpy, president and Enrica Albaro, vice president receive the award.

Angus beef, chicken, sausage and many spices. Gamma Sigma Sigma had a Cincinnati Chili recipe. The SOC used Allison Winn as their

cook. "It's my dad's top secret recipe and I brought tissues because you're going to need them," Winn stated. The FMA's chief, Su

Whetsell, made vegetarian chili because it's healthy. Chi Omega contributed White Chicken Chili and the Navigators put grilled mango and applesauce in their chili.

Darian Trotter, New Channel 4 reporter, relaxed while eating Alpha Sigma Alpha's concoction and said, "It's delicious in a somewhat different way. It's got a sweetness to it that I like. I love events like this where I can relax with students and eat chili with IABC."

President Sherry Hoppe, escorted by Summer McClarty, graduate of Austin Peay State University, wandered the cook-off eating chili. "I think it's wonderful to have so many students interested in an event like this," Hoppe said. "It's just cool enough to want to eat chili and pretty enough to be outside."

The judges finally decided the winners as follows: FMA received Most Unique Chili with \$50, Del Square Psi received Spiciest Chili with \$50, second place went to Alpha Sigma Alpha with \$100 and first prize went to Pi Nu which received \$125 dollars. ♦

## Good Morning APSU

### Campus Community

#### Boyd Health Services hours (April 20, 21 and 22)

On April 20, 21 and 22, Boyd Health Services will have limited hours. The clinic will see patients on Wed. April 20 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Thurs. the 21 from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. only; and Fri. the 22, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Please sign in at least 30 minutes before closing. We will only have one provider on those mornings. Please contact Leslie Nelson at nelsonl@apsu.edu or at 7107.

#### ASTAR Pre-Collegiate Summer Program positions

Applications are now being accepted for the ASTAR Pre-Collegiate Summer Program. For more information please contact at Vanessya Fountain at fountainv@apsu.edu or 7341.

#### Adopt-a-Highway volunteers needed

The APSU Community Activities Committee need your help to clean up Eighth Street on April 30. Please see the website for all the details. For more information please contact leggh@apsu.edu or 6357.

#### Guaranteed two-year scholarships available

Get Paid to attend a Leaders Training Course this summer en route to becoming an Army Officer. This fun-packed 28-day course is the Army's two-year ROTC program entry point. All eligible attendees are guaranteed a two-year scholarship that covers all tuition and fees plus \$900/yr for books and a tax-free stipend worth up to \$400 a month. What are you doing this summer? Call today! For more information please contact Captain Darren King at kingd@apsu.edu or 6135.

#### Disability Awareness Month activities

Wed. April 20, 2-4 p.m., Ms. Wheelchair Tennessee, UC 306. 7-9 p.m. "The Other Side of the Mountain" showing in Java City. Refreshments served at both events. Free t-shirt with valid APSU student ID. For more information please contact Bryon Kluesner at kluesnerb@apsu.edu or 6230.

#### Physical geology and historical geology

Need to satisfy your science core requirement? Physical geology (GEOL 1040) and historical geology (GEOL 1050) will be offered this summer during the May session (May 16 to June 3). For more information please Jack Deibert at deibertj@apsu.edu or 7454.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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## Honors Symposium features variety of student work

BY SARAH BULLOCK  
Staff writer

In about 5 billion years, the sun will expand into a red giant and engulf the earth and every living thing will die that inhabits it unless we can sling shot ourselves out of the milky way by catching a ride on a white dwarf making its way through the universe to safety. If you study computational physics, this might be common knowledge to you, but for the judges at the first Austin Peay State University Honors Symposium, it could merit \$100.

The Symposium allowed students to "show off" their semester's best work on a three-sided poster board. Anita LeRoy, senior physics major, wanted her thoughts on this theory portrayed and won first place.

"I was really surprised I came out with some meaningful answers for these really simple equations," Said LeRoy.

Other contestants displayed a wide variety of interests. Matt Gilbert, a sophomore undecided major, won second place illustrating God, His qualities and the existence of evil. Originally written for his philosophy class, Gilbert wanted to investigate the much-argued theory of the contradiction of evil existing and God existing.

Christine Idoux, senior business major, received a certificate of merit for her work in technology. She explained the importance of knowing about how the little mechanisms of everyday things can affect your life.

Alston Denton, freshman chemistry major, created a visualization of his English paper "Influential People of Life." It explained the long term and sort term influences of every person you meet, including acquaintances.

Linda Barnes, the honors director at APSU said, "They needed a place where they could show off some of this semesters work and compete for a prize."

"I thought we might just have eight science projects but we have philosophy, technology, science and psychology. I am very pleased with the turnout."

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# Study casts more doubt on safety of popular pain pills

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP Medical Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — With prescription drugs Vioxx and Bextra already pulled from the market, a study has raised disturbing questions about the heart safety of long-term use of over-the-counter pain relievers such as Advil, Motrin and Aleve.

Smokers in Norway who took such drugs for at least six months had twice the risk of dying of a heart attack, stroke or other heart-related problem.

The findings came from a study of whether these pain relievers could prevent oral cancer.

The drugs did, in fact, cut the risk of developing oral cancer in half, but the deaths that were prevented were offset by the increased risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, according to the study, reported Monday at an American Association for Cancer Research conference in Anaheim.

The study was relatively small, 908 people, and involved people prone to heart problems and cancer because they smoked. But specialists said it supports the Food and Drug Administration's recent decision to warn about long-term use of all such painkillers except aspirin.

The findings add to the suspicion that the heart risk extends beyond the so-called cox-2 drugs: Bextra, Vioxx and Celebrex to the larger family of medications known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, which include naproxen, ibuprofen and virtually all other over-the-counter pain relievers except acetaminophen or Tylenol.

In recent months, many doctors have switched patients to these over-the-counter medications, believing them to be safer alternatives.

"To the best of our knowledge, these are the first data to support putting a box warning on NSAIDs, not just cox-2s," said Dr. Andrew Dannenberg, a Cornell University scientist who helped do the Norway study.

Vioxx was pulled from the market last fall when a different study, testing whether it could prevent colon cancer, showed a higher heart disease risk.

The FDA recently persuaded Pfizer to stop selling Bextra for safety reasons, but Pfizer's Celebrex was allowed to remain. Some researchers from the new study in Norway have been Pfizer consultants.

Some results from the Norway study were presented in February hearings at the FDA, but consisted of only one summary slide and "nobody really picked up on it," said Dr. Raymond DuBois, a Vanderbilt University cancer expert who had no role in the work.

Oral cancer is a deadly and disfiguring disease that is an especially big problem in Asia. Worldwide, about 275,000 cases and 127,000 deaths occur each year. In the United States, about 29,370 new cases and 7,320 deaths are expected this year.

Dr. Jon Sudbo of the Norwegian Radium Hospital in Oslo, who led the research, and others wanted to see if NSAIDs could prevent oral cancer, since studies showed they could help ward off other types of cancer. They chose more than 3,000 people at high risk for oral cancer because of their smoking habits from the Norwegian Cancer Registry, a database of more than 123,000 people.

A deeper look revealed that the NSAID users were dying at twice the rate of the others from heart-related problems. There were 42 cardiovascular deaths among the 263 painkiller users and 41 deaths among the much larger group of 562 people who had never taken such drugs.

Risk was highest among ibuprofen users, who were nearly three times more likely to die of cardiovascular disease than non-NSAID users. Aspirin was the only NSAID that did not seem to raise the risk, but the numbers of aspirin users in the study were small.

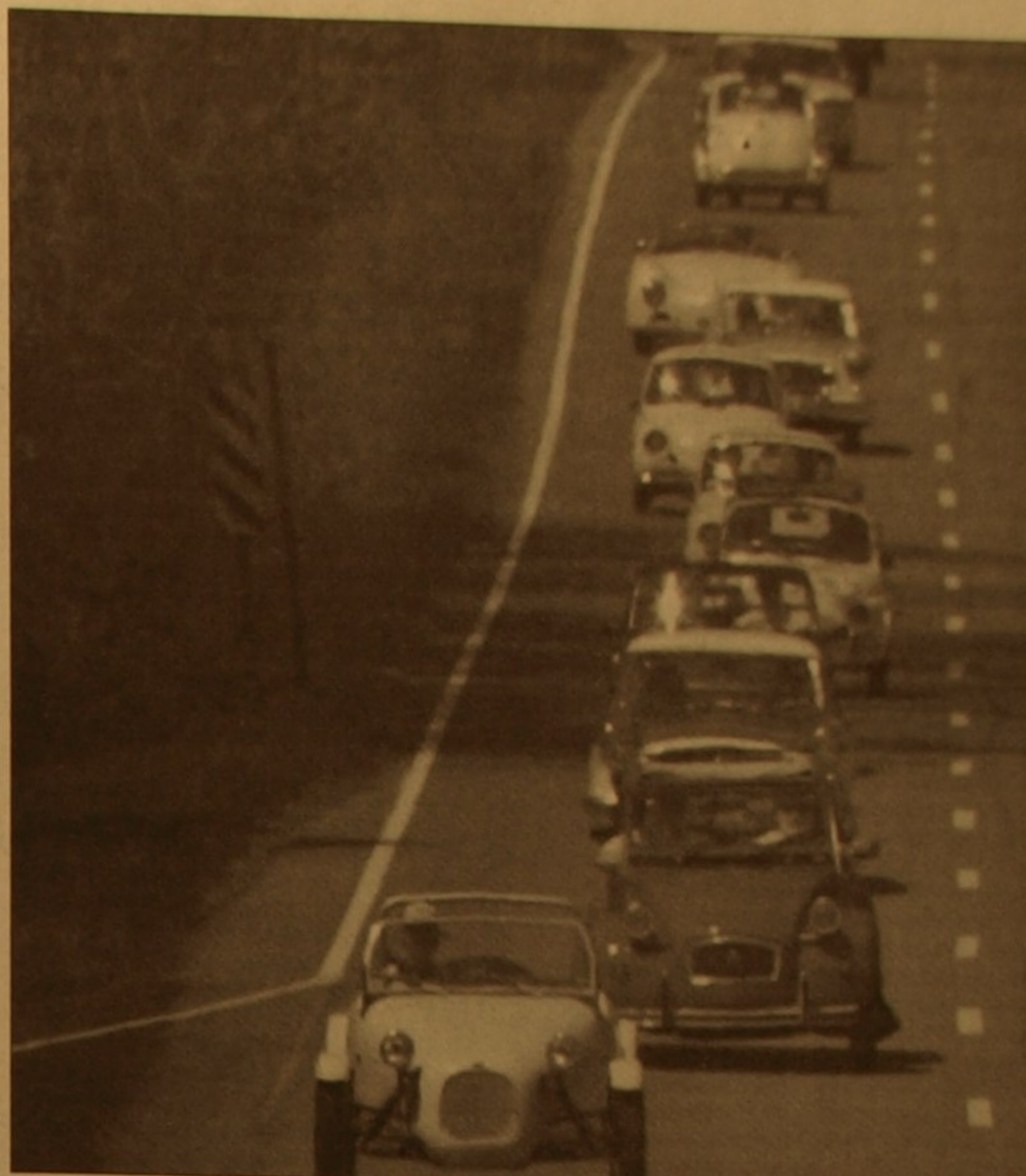
Doctors said the NSAID dose made no difference in risk, but others said this should be studied in future experiments.

"There are important uncertainties. One of them is the doses and one is what the effect would be in the larger population," said Dr. Michael Thun, chief of epidemiology for the American Cancer Society, who had no role in the study.

Thun said he would propose a larger study on over-the-counter NSAIDs using the cancer society's huge database, which contains information on more than 1.2 million Americans.

In other news at the conference, a large study suggested that cholesterol-lowering statin drugs might help prevent the most serious types of prostate cancer — those that kill or spread throughout the body.

## Micro cars hit the road



Jeff Lane leads a procession of micro and mini cars around Percy Priest in Nashville, Tenn., with his 1963 Peel Trident vehicle Sunday, April 17, 2005. The Trident gets 60-miles per gallon. The tour started at the Lane Moto Museum in Nashville, which is owned by Jeff and his wife Susan.

# UT athletic department needs loan after Peterson buyout

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The University of Tennessee athletic department will likely, for the first time, have to ask the school for a loan because it does not have enough money to cover a \$1.39 million buyout of former basketball coach Buzz Peterson's contract.

The normally self-sufficient department had roughly \$67 million in revenue last year on everything from ticket sales to television broadcasting rights to concessions. But after expenses, only \$10,310 was left.

In order to replace the money paid to Peterson, who opted for a lump-sum payment on his buyout, the department will likely take out a loan from the UT system that it would pay back over a three- or four-year period with interest.

UT Athletic Director Mike Hamilton confirmed to The Knoxville News Sentinel on Monday that the department would need to borrow money.

"It could be as much as the full amount," of Peterson's

buyout, he said.

The money will come from the UT system's reserve funds and not from any academic programs.

"They will pay us the equivalent interest rate (that UT would have received if it invested the money) so the university is not out any money," said Sylvia Davis, vice president for administration and finance for the UT system.

UT, which has a \$1.2 billion budget statewide, has several million dollars in state-required rainy day accounts. It also has large amounts of cash coming in and bills going out, and invests what it holds at any given time.

The transaction will not affect any academic programs, said UT-Knoxville Chancellor Loren Crabtree.

"I'm OK with it because of the source of the funds and the fact the athletic department is going to pay it back with interest," he said. He noted that the reserve monies were going to be invested anyway, so, "In this case it's being invested in one of our own programs."

Hamilton said a perception that the athletic department

has plenty of cash is not true. Instead, he said Monday that the department usually breaks even or makes a small profit at the end of the fiscal year in June.

He said the department had to dip into its own reserve funds in 2001, 2002 and 2003 to stay in the black. Currently the athletics department has about \$540,000 in reserve.

Peterson, who was recently named the new coach at Coastal Carolina, received the buyout on April 1. He had the option of taking the money within 30 days of his termination or over a period of years.

If Peterson had chosen the longer period, "We probably would have been able to cover that," said Bill Myers, chief financial officer for the athletic department.

Myers said the department took the money to pay Peterson from operating funds and will use the loan to replace it. In light of the impending loan, UT is continuing to tighten its athletic spending.

"What's happened is expenditures are outpacing revenues," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said that while the UT athletic department makes a lot of money, it has more expenses than most people realize.

For instance, at the Cotton Bowl, UT paid \$117 a seat for every band member and paid \$450 for each player to have six tickets for family and friends.

The department also pays the debt, utilities and maintenance on all its facilities, plus several other expenses such as scholarships for nonathletes and travel expenses for the band.

Other amenities provided by the athletic department to the school, such as 12 free skyboxes and nearly 14,000 free student football tickets, will not be changed to help with cash flow.

"We're trying to plan and budget better so we have a little better margin," Myers said, adding it would be difficult for UT to ever end the year with \$1.4 million in cash.

"We are looking at every expense ... and saying, 'Is that necessary?'" Myers said. ♦

# Upcoming Switch: Computers take over as facilitators

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There's going to be a certain segment of the students taking a developmental class that are going to struggle with this just like some struggle with the current delivery methods," Houston Davis, associate vice president of APSU Academic Affairs said.

Aleeta Christian, professor of English in the developmental studies program is waiting to decide her feelings on the move. "For English, I'm holding out on my opinion because we're still tweaking the curriculum. I feel like we've got a good lab," she said.

APSU President Sherry Hoppe made the decision to change the delivery method of the DSP courses in 2004. Hoppe said in a memo sent to the DSP faculty this semester that her decision was made based on input from DSP instructors. DSP financial changes at the state level and her desire to "maintain access" for students through a "university-based DSP program."

"Like you, I have concerns about the past and future success of our students who need DSP, and if it is determined after a reasonable time that the computerized approach does not provide the desired level of success, then we will consider contracting with Nashville State to deliver all DSP instruction," she wrote.

At press time, Hoppe's office said she was not available for an interview.

The DSP math students will learn from the My Math Lab course which includes a textbook and CD-ROM, Stanley Groppe, dean of APSU Extended & Distance Education said.

Two rooms in Clement will be used for the new DSP math classrooms. The wall between the two rooms will be knocked out and approximately 66 computers set up within, Groppe said.

"We anticipate having approximately 60 students in those two rooms."

The extra computers will be backup in case any of the 60 stations go down, he said.

DSP English classes will continue to be held in SSC 109, where they have been the past two years, Christian said.

"In fact, what the state would like to do, it's already said this, we want you to go to a community college to take this. We don't want you going to universities."

— Bruce Speck, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Christian is the only full time professor for the DSP English classes. There are usually about 200 students enrolled in the program each semester. She relies on her three graduate students to aide her in grading papers, she said.

Christian said her future students will continue to receive adequate English instruction.

"I'm confident; I've been doing this a long time," Christian said.

Groppe said DSP students are a significant factor in retention issues. "I think that it's really important that we do everything possible to help this particular population learn the skills that they need to get to graduation," he said.

## DSP OPEN FORUM

An open forum, moderated by William Rayburn, Faculty Senate president, was held on March 18 regarding the DSP shift. Some of the issues addressed at the meeting included students finishing the class before the end of the semester and the potential for cheating in a computer-based course.

Concerns about students with disabilities and professors' office hours were also addressed. While Rayburn did not directly address the issues, he said he would present them to the Faculty Senate during their March meeting.

Representatives from Veteran's Affairs who attended the open forum also brought up concerns regarding the self-paced curriculum, and discussed worries that students receiving VA benefits would be penalized for finishing their

DSP class early.

The financial aid system updates once a final grade is entered into the computer database thus the VA beneficiaries would lose a percentage of the money they receive each month.

Speck said he does not believe there is anymore concern over cheating in the DSP format than there is in any other class. "It's the same issue we have with any online course," Speck said.

Instructors are already working on ways to reduce cheating. According to Groppe, exams will come from the module's database and facilitators will compile test questions so students who are ahead in the class will be unable to give other students the answers.

## DSP STUDENT IMPACT

A number of students disagree with the move. Michael Allaire, an accounting major from Massachusetts knows first hand what DSP is like in both the lecture and computer settings. Allaire was enrolled in a developmental studies class at a community college in Florida and withdrew one month into the semester.

"The teacher only had a limited amount of time to talk to us and spend extra time with each of us."

It's a lot more stress on the student, it's hard to follow and the computer doesn't know what you're having trouble with," Allaire said.

Lynn Baggett, an art major from Clarksville, is a non-traditional student in her first semester at APSU.

She said she doesn't see much benefit in the changes and is concerned about how this will affect current instructors. "This devalues the teachers' abilities, and keeps them from what they love to do," she said. "My teacher loves to teach in that classroom."

The APSU class schedule for fall 2005 lists specific facilitators for the 0700 math and English classes.

The 0800 and 0850 math classes and the 0800 English classes list "staff" as the instructor for the course. This is because the 0700 classes have already been contracted out to Nashville State Community College and each class has its own instructor, whereas the APSU computer classes have

staff.

There is a space for small study groups as well in the Clement classrooms where the facilitators will be, Groppe said. Students required to take a DSP class that have little or no computer knowledge will have to pick it up somehow.

"If someone comes in cold, there's gonna be a kind of learning curve for that person to get up to speed," Speck said.

Baggett said she only knew how to check her e-mail when she began classes in January. "If I was told that I was going to have to take this class on computer, I would probably have a breakdown," Baggett said.

## FUNDING FOR DSP

Speck said the move has to be made because the state has reduced funding for DSP courses. "We cannot continue being in the DSP business. We just can't; we can't afford it," he said.

APSU will only receive the community college rate for DSP classes this fall, which is two-thirds the university rate. "Because this fall we will only be allowed to charge community college rates, we're going to lose \$645,000," Groppe said.

Administrators say it's likely the classes will ultimately move to community colleges altogether.

"In fact, what the state would like to do, it's already said this, we want you to go to a community college to take this," Speck said. "We don't want you going to universities. That is what the two-thirds says."

"Ultimately we need to have DSP taught at the community colleges, it shouldn't be taught here."

"There's a lot of hand-holding some people would like and you can only afford so much," Speck said. "The universities will be out of the DSP business in five to 10 years. They won't be able to afford to maintain it. The state has already sent a message that they want DSP taught at the community colleges."

For more information, the proposal can be found on the APSU website at <http://www.apsu.edu/academics/DSP%20Proposal%20Revision.pdf>. ♦

# Job Outlook: Graduates see better occupational future

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Career counselors say students should market themselves. "Think of it as a big marketing campaign," said Elizabeth Price, an Academic and Career advisor also with APSU's Career and Advisement Center. "How are you going to promote yourself? How are you going to get the word out there about what you have to offer?" asks Price.

Simple, she said, network and use all your contacts. Have a good resume and cover letter. And tell other people who can help the process along. Students need to know what they are going after, Price said.

"Seventy to ninety percent of all jobs are filled by personal recommendation," Barger said.

Before students go into the interview process, they should research the companies that you are going to be interviewed by, he said. "They are interviewing you to see if you are a good fit... They (graduates) need to know ahead of time information about the company to see if they are a good fit

for who they are and what they are looking for," Barger said.

According to Price, it is also important to anticipate interview questions about the company or about yourself.

Barger also suggests that following each encounter, students send a thank you letter to the company for the interview.

"The job search is really like a class, you just need to take the steps to prepare, so when you get in the room for that interview it's like the final and you're ready to go," said Barger. Students can take advantage of Barger and Price's advice at job fairs and various workshops hosted by the

Career and Advisement Center.

The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Annual Teacher Job Fair will take place April 22 at the University Center from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In the fall, the Career and Advisement Center, will also conduct mock interviews that will provide students with a "dress rehearsal," Barger said students will receive feedback from the interview.

For more information contact the Career and Advisement Center at 221-7896 or visit [www.apsu.edu/careers](http://www.apsu.edu/careers). ♦

## Conflict in the East

Tensions are rising in the east. Only this time, it is in nations besides Iraq, Afghanistan or the usual Middle Eastern countries. China and Japan have been butting heads on and off for over a century, and things are starting to heat up. For over a week, violent anti-Japan protests have been occurring in major Chinese cities. People have attempted to burn Japanese flags and destroy restaurants during the less than friendly demonstrations. Even worse, a mob in China attacked Japanese citizens, injuring them slightly and doing even more damage to international relations.

As previously stated, conflict between these two nations is nothing new. Ever since Japan won the Sino-Japanese War in 1895, things have been rocky between the Rising Sun and China. Things climaxed in 1937 when Japan invaded China and took over Nanjing. That December, the Japanese army slaughtered several hundred thousand Chinese people (China says 300,000 and the Tokyo war crimes tribunal says 155,000).

So, is this just another Hatfield versus McCoy family feud with an Asian twist? Are the sins of the fathers falling on the sons? Perhaps this is just a case of old arguments that refuse to go away. There are a few new issues that have brought this old mutual dislike back to the surface. Recently, Tokyo revised one of their history textbooks, originally printed in 2001, and the new version has caused some controversy. Critics say the new books severely

downplay Japan's role in China during World War II. The book is omitting, or unrepentant, of Japan's germ warfare as well as omits the facts that tens of thousands of women were forced into prostitution during the Second Great War.

This sounds like a simple case of a nation ashamed of its past atrocities. Like a killer feeling guilty about the murders he or she has committed, Japan just doesn't want the rest of the world to remember its mistakes. Aside from possible denial, Japan appears to be getting greedy with the planet's resources.

Earlier this month, Japan started giving private companies the right to drill for oil in the East China Sea. While this is a heavily disputed area, Japan claims they are international waters. Perhaps Japan is looking to expand its small area; after all, China does have a lot more land than they do. Things are not looking good between the two nations. China has been apathetic towards the violent protests that have been occurring in its cities against Japan (public protest usually isn't allowed in China).

The All State hopes that this conflict does not continue to damage the economy (two-way trade between the nations totaled \$167 billion last year) of the two countries or worse, lead to war.

Whatever happens, at least we know that China has Wal-Mart's full support in fighting for everyday low prices.



By MARTIN FOX

### YOUR TAKE

#### Marijuana meets algebra and Neo

I was reading The All State last Thursday evening and ran across an [letter to the editor] entitled, "Safe pot smoking is a myth." The author of this myopic article is a business marketing major by the name of Marcus Daw.

The fact that Daw wrote this article makes me ponder what kind of math requirements the Business/Marketing major has. His first after-school special story told about the experience his friend had after he had smoked a joint, probably laced with either PCP or Crystal Meth.

Let's bring this story into a mathematical light. Daw is talking about marijuana which I will call the 'X variable' in the equation. Apparently in his story someone added something to the bag of marijuana; I will call this addition the 'Y variable'.

It has been a while since I had a math course, but I'm pretty sure that X plus Y does not equal X. Daw, your story was about "harmless marijuana" and you proved how harmless it really is. Your article, interpreted by a logical person, key word logical, is a catalyst for the legalization movement. If drugs were legalized then we could regulate them. I'm sure the Business/Marketing major helps students understand what regulate means.

I, as a bartender, can't add rohypnol to a person's drink because it is illegal. Kind of like the way, if it were legalized, a store that sold marijuana

couldn't add PCP or another harmful drug to a bag of marijuana. The second story you told was another example of the incompetence in the drug war.

Marijuana, although not healthy for the lungs, has not killed anyone. However, over time the tars and other chemicals in marijuana probably do cause lung problems that may cause death.

So, marijuana isn't good for you, but when compared to what the rest of America has in their medicine cabinets, it really isn't that bad. Consider the 64 deaths related to Paxil, a legal drug which causes very similar effects as marijuana.

The only reason people think marijuana is bad is because it doesn't have the stamp of approval from Pfizer, Merck and the other pharmaceutical companies that make billions and billions of dollars selling their products.

If our government was to take its lips off the ass of the conservative right wing in this country, maybe we would have some changes. Consider the number of people in jail for getting high, or the number of police officers who have been killed because they were trying to stop people from getting high. Everyone has addictions.

Some people smoke ESPN, some people snort the Bible, others get high on shopping, education, sex or masturbation. Addiction, whether good or bad, is a natural thing.

To wrap up this article, I want to say

something that a former boss once told me. "If you keep doing what you've always done, you are going to keep getting what you always got." The war on drugs has been going on for two decades now, and what has happened? More kids get better drugs cheaper. When I was 17, I went to see "The Matrix," and was turned away because I wasn't 18.

Instead of seeing mild violence and some suggestive scenes, my friends and I bought an ounce of marijuana and an eight ball of cocaine. I will be the first to admit that smoking pot on a constant basis and sucking up lines like Whitney Houston with a vacuum cleaner probably aren't good things.

Drug addiction is a terrible thing, but moderate drug use isn't so bad. Many people say you can't function when you're high. In some venues, this is true. But Rush Limbaugh had no problem spewing his conservative propaganda while he was on a drug binge.

If you haven't figured it out yet, a few things should become endemic while reading this story; the Business/Marketing major needs to focus on math skills; marijuana should be legalized; and some jobs, like a conservative news reporter, can be performed while you are so high you can smell colors.

Seth Pride  
Senior  
Psychology Major

## Abortions are private

Planned Parenthood and similar organizations in several states have been fighting subpoenas for patient records. The attorney generals in these states claim that these records could help them catch sexual offenders of children.

Organizations like Planned Parenthood are required to report rapes to the authorities. According to officials and a pro-life group called Life Dynamics, not only are they not reporting rapes, they are giving callers alternate options. Life Dynamics did a study involving 813 conversations with

supposed rape victims. These were not real callers. Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation were the targets of the study. The operators told callers to call back and not give a name so that the organization wouldn't be able to report it.

The operators told others that they should go to abortion organizations in other states if the state the caller was in required the organization to inform the parent. The operators would often give the caller phone numbers to the abortion groups in other states.

The theory behind what the officials are trying to do may be attractive to a lot of people, but the implementation doesn't match what they say they are doing. Some of the attorney generals, such as Kline (Kansas), are avidly against abortion.

Not only are they trying to catch child molesters but they are also trying to catch groups that are performing illegal late-term abortions.

This means the attorney generals are not only looking at the files of children, but they could be looking at the files of any adult who has had an abortion for anything that seems to them to be suspicious.

Some of the records officials are requesting aren't even abortion cases. Some of the files they are reviewing involve pregnancy tests and testing for sexually transmitted diseases. These documents should not be viewed by anyone besides the patient or the doctor.

In this country we have a little thing called doctor-patient confidentiality. This search blatantly disregards that. If a woman goes to the doctor to have a child aborted or get treatment for an STD, the last thing she wants is a total stranger reviewing that information.

No one should be allowed to intrude on the privacy of these women. Even the children have a right to a certain amount of privacy. At clinics that are required to tell parents, it is up to the girl and her parent(s) to do whatever they want to from there.

No one else should be allowed to view the doctor's information and try to build a case against the child's rapist. A trial may be too painful for the child to bear. No one has a right to invade the privacy of these children or the women who have had an abortion. This is an obvious violation of their rights. ♦

## Barbarism diminishes morality of our country

In his book "The Disappearance of Childhood," author Neil Postman observes, "civilization cannot exist without the control of impulses, particularly the impulse toward aggression and immediate gratification. We are in constant danger of being possessed by barbarism, of being overrun by violence, promiscuity, instinct, egoism."

Civilization begins to break down and the line between childhood and adulthood is eliminated as adults abandon self-restraint and expose children to immorality. If this is true, and I believe it is, our society is rapidly losing all semblance of civilization.

Just as ancient Rome declined due to its decadence and eventually fell to the barbarian hordes, so America is falling into barbarism, only this time the barbarians are not external invaders; Americans themselves are the barbarians.

Maybe I'm sounding a bit too apocalyptic, but I can't help but wonder about the future of this country every time I turn on the news. We have gone from a God-fearing nation to a place where life is mocked and death is embraced in the name of personal choice, tolerance, freedom of the individual and other code words for egoism, immorality and immediate gratification of the self.

My brother-in-law recently told me a sickening story that illustrated what I'm talking about. My brother-in-law's cousin, who lives in Illinois, has a 14-year old daughter who recently became pregnant, a fact which is sad enough in itself, but the story doesn't end there.

Although the girl had decided to keep the baby (an eager couple was already lined up to

adopt), her boyfriend's mother posed as her grandmother in order to take her out of school and take her to an abortion clinic.

She was able to do this because in Illinois, parents do not have to be notified if minors wish to have abortions.

Somehow, the girl's mother found out what was happening and went to the clinic, frantically crying out for her daughter (workers at the clinic would not tell her where the girl was).

The bewildered girl, a mere 30 minutes after the procedure (isn't it amazing that pro-abortionists have sterilized murder to the point that it is only a "procedure"?) was accomplished, was quickly let out the back door of the clinic and into a world of family difficulties, confusion and pain. Illinois law being what it is, the mother has few legal options.

This unfortunate story shows that the foundation of a noble and virtuous civilization is not technological wizardry, artistic achievement, wealth or even tolerance.

The foundation of a virtuous civilization must be Biblical morality.

In fact, I don't know of any other kind of morality. True, a society like ours may have some residual moral beliefs in a post-Christian age, but those quickly die out when the foundation has been undermined.

Christianity provides a permanent moral code that isn't based on the whims of the individual or of the society as a whole.

The results of the loss of this foundation may be clearly seen today. As Postman argues in his book, children today are no longer children (for example, pre-teens dressing and behaving like adults, even getting pregnant), and adults don't act like adults (rather than taking responsibility for one's actions, or the actions of one's children, why not just kill the baby?).

The end product is a "Lord of the Flies"-like society in which self-restraint is thrown away and our "civilized" citizens become savage killers. ♦



OPINION  
Phil Grey

the chances of that government's success will be no greater than has been the case for other governments that have imploded in the pursuit of retribution.

There is a fine line here between making a strong statement in support of a government of laws and falling into the trap of trying to eliminate enemies of the state. The first approach is similar to that taken in the Nuremberg trials, the second to that taken which resulted in the ultimately self-destructive excesses of the French Revolution.

Certainly, there is no evidence that the new government of Iraq desires to go the latter route, the major problem right now being one of where to draw the line in attempting to achieve the twin goals of security and viability while satisfying to the extent possible the natural desire of injured parties for justice.

On one side of that line there is a danger of appearing to be weak, while on the other side there is the danger of appearing to be vengeful and tyrannical. At this early stage, either perception could be fatal. In the wake of the fall of

any government, during the crucial formative period between anarchy and stability, the above question has to be answered in such a way as to establish a pattern for all that will come afterward. In the past, just taking in the last 40 or 50 years, there have been a good many governments that thought it was possible to unleash the genie of revenge for a short initial period, allowing "People's Courts" or similar apparatus to conduct the dirty business of compiling lists of enemies and then dispatching them with rubber-stamp death sentences. Although some of these governments have tried to distance themselves from these travesties of justice, they have mostly been unable to subsequently put the genie back in the bottle and establish any real system of laws once the pattern had been set.

This is precisely why courts should be Courts of Law first and foremost and not People's Courts; the law may be an ass at times, but popular sentiment is often much worse, mutating from asininity to unreason to murderousness in an almost mathematical progression.

Governments that are established in blood and lawlessness rarely ever find their way back to stability. Once justice has been supplanted, whether by the whim of one person or the popular will of a million people, the delicate framework of jurisprudence is not easily rebuilt, and in most cases, the whole system has to be razed to the ground and begun anew.

Thus, if the new Iraqi government is to have a chance at surviving beyond a few short years, they must decide for themselves how best to establish the initial parameters and principles of a system of law that works to make Iraq livable for Iraqis.

For our part, the United States can yet accomplish a great deal of good if we do not make the mistake of steering Iraq towards a policy that our own founders rejected at the end of the American Revolution.

Let the goal become one of revenge and all that has happened up to now will have been for nothing: Iraq will be one more failed experiment in a long and dreary line of failure and the chances of changing the destructive dynamic of the Middle East will go glimmering for another generation. Having failed to learn from history, everyone involved will have to wait a long, long time before that chance comes around again. ♦

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## 'Pathways' offers dual mediums



By REBECCA YEATTS  
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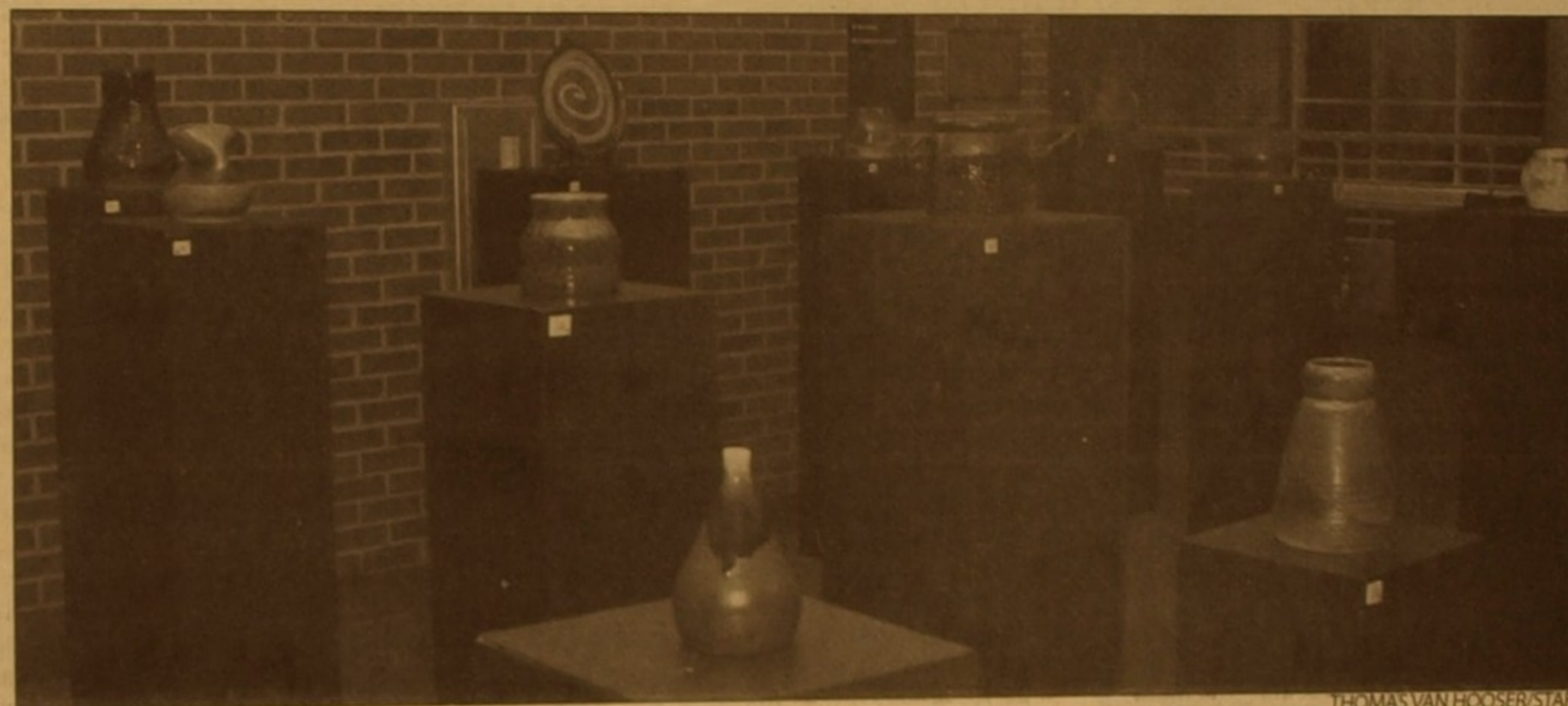
"Pathways", the latest exhibit by R. Nathaniel Fry, is aptly named. The idea of multiple paths is expressed not only by the photographs of natural wonders, but also by the duality of the exhibit itself.

The juxtaposition of photography and ceramics are separate pathways in and of themselves, showing the different routes that Fry has taken.

The pieces themselves are wonderful, both in the ceramics and the photographs. The photographs range from lushly colored digital prints to artistic black and white c-prints.

The ceramic works are spectacularly diverse, no two pieces using the same color combinations, but all staying within an earthy, natural color scheme with splashes of vivid color thrown in.

"Pathways" will be on display through April 22 at the UC Jenkins Gallery. ♦



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Top: Artist Nathaniel Fry, creator of "pathways", displays his nature-oriented photography. Bottom: The exhibit also showcased Fry's ceramics.

## Summer means fresh air and lots of exercise

By JESSICA HAWK  
Staff Writer

Summertime is coming, school is almost out, and everyone's at their wit's end about how to fill these wonderful days of great weather. We all fantasized about hot, lazy and relaxing days by the pond or local swimming pool where we can catch some rays and socialize with friends.

But we all dread putting on a few pounds while lying around this summer with all the free time that we have on our hands without hectic classes to stress about.

We're too old to attend summer camps that usually provide the exercises needed to control our weight, but of course it's not all about weight management. Summertime is the best time to get involved with the community and meet new people.

Jessie Mills, a former dual sport collegiate athlete at Austin Peay State University who is now an assistant athletic academic coordinator at the university comments on several benefits of bringing the fun and games outdoors. Mills was a key teammate for APSU's women's tennis team and cross country team.

Mills said, "You have a chance to get fresh air and sunshine while working out and you are not limited to flat indoor tracks and cardio machines."

"If you are running you get a much better workout outside because of the hills and because you are less likely to get bored and shorten your workout."

The warmer days, increased daylight and emerging flowers add to the irresistible urge to be outside. Don't be a couch potato this summer; become active in some way. The health benefits of outdoor recreational activities are well known and documented.

Medical studies list several of the physical and mental health benefits of being outdoors, breathing fresh air, enjoying physical activity at one's own pace, and appreciating the beauty of nature.

Also, working outside provides enjoyment, helps maintain stable weight, lowers blood pressure and improves self esteem and confidence. Become active by swimming or jogging. Gather a group and start a game of basketball, softball or tennis.

"Many people don't even realize they're working-out sometimes when working outdoors, when the weather gets warm people start to take advantage of the weather and run outside," Mills says.

It's true that sometimes outdoor recreation can be overlooked as exercise. Reasons for this come from the fresh air, sunlight and restorative properties of nature, all combining to heighten the benefits of your workout, which doesn't fit the traditional characteristics of "work."

But when getting ready to take the activities outside, you must remember to take care of your body by considering the new environment. Mills comments on a few tips for working outside.

"Make sure to keep your body hydrated. You lose a lot of fluids doing outdoor activities and being hydrated will help you have more energy for your workout. Also, it is important to always wear sunscreen when working outside."

The sun is the most hazardous factor when being outdoors. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, more than a million people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year and more than 90 percent of all skin cancers are caused by sun exposure.

Such statistical data should encourage everyone to routinely apply sun protection while outdoors. Remember to take care of your body while taking advantage of the great weather. ♦

## Tips for stimulant-free final exam week

By DAN MAURER  
Staff Writer

My, how time flies. Well, it's crunch time again and the demands of the semester's end weigh heavy. Many students may feel that their time commitments seem too strenuous.

Perhaps sleepiness and fatigue have become recurrent themes in your routine. In order to cope with this common stressor, many students resort to using various stimulants, both over-the-counter and illicit.

If you have been considering such a course of action, there are a few things you probably should know.

In a recent study for the "Journal of American College Health," it was reported that out of 179 male university students who were surveyed, 17 percent reported illicit use of prescribed stimulant medication. Eleven percent of 202 women reported illicit use of

prescribed stimulant medication. Forty-four percent of surveyed students stated that they knew students who used such stimulant medications illicitly. This same study "did not observe concomitant long-term academic gains in achievements."

Students should be strongly urged not to illicitly use prescription medications as an aid for finals. The negative consequences far outweigh any possible gains.

The side-effects of this kind of use should not be underestimated. Illicit users may experience extreme fatigue, mental depression and negative changes on the sleep EEG. Not to mention the typical responses associated with their primary action, such as over stimulation, dizziness, restlessness, hypertension, anxiety, nervous agitation; none of which are conducive to academic success.

Some of you may already be aware of the

adverse effects of prescribed stimulants, so instead you opt for some over-the-counter solution.

The results of such decisions are often equally dismal. Ephedra alkaloids and their pseudo counterparts, commonly found in allergy medications, can have equally hazardous effects as their prescription cousins. They are both central nervous system stimulants, albeit ephedrine acts indirectly. Again, do not risk your health and/or your academic career over the small hope that these substances will maintain your mental alertness.

Fortunately, there are some safer alternatives than conjuring up some zany alchemical concoction in your dorm room. The first of these is good old fashion sleep. Get plenty of rest. There is no better cure for a weary mind. Second, if you are concerned about maintaining energy, you might try eating small

frequent meals. Food is the only real source of energy for the body. Low glycemic index foods, such as whole grains, vegetables, nuts, and olive oil, are a good source of energy since their sugars are absorbed slowly. This may prevent a lag in energy.

Also, drink plenty of water and limit your alcohol intake. If you are absolutely insistent upon supplementing this proven method, you might consider taking some Ginseng (mostly caffeine), or Ginkgo Biloba, which may boost oxygen levels in the brain. For those of you, who are just natural thrill-seekers, you might give coffee a try.

Yes, it's the world's most popular psychoactive substance and it has mild to moderate side-effects.

Many over the counter products for alertness are purely caffeine. Be safe and good luck. ♦

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## Addicted to Myspace

Austin Peay students are being pulled into the online craze of blogging, bulletins, pictures and counting friends

By WAYNE ELLIOTT  
Assistant Features Editor

As this spring semester comes to a close, it can be quite overwhelming to part ways with associates, both old and new. In the past, people relied on cell phones and e-mail, bringing a comforting, yet faceless solution to long distance woes.

However, the Internet has graced the public with MySpace.com, a website designed to keep tabs on old friends, as well as acquainting like-minded people with each other around the world as well.

Now, there must be a catch or fee to access this service, right?

Fortunately, there is not! MySpace.com is a free service to all subscribers, allowing them to set up their own personalized accounts, preferences and personalities. To begin the process, the user must enter basic information such as their name, age and optional tidbits such as height, body type, religion or sexual orientation.

After this quick introduction (it usually takes 10 minutes or less to fill out these forms), the real fun begins, allowing one to customize their own "space" on the website.

During this part or the process, the sky is the limit in terms of customization, especially

if the user has a grasp of basic to moderate HTML editing skills.

After putting dialogue into the various sections such as "About Me," "My Interests" and "Who I'd Like To Meet," one can place their HTML preferences in the space left, including font styles, pictures, wallpapers, background music and music videos. I, for example, also placed my graphical designing skills into play, creating my own backgrounds, logos and banners for my site, and then uploading them to a file-hosting network such as photobucket.com to make them usable for the web.

If HTML isn't so easy for one, there are plenty of tutorials and websites to either learn or import text into your sections.

After the user has perfected their space, it is then time to explore the plethora of other features of MySpace, leaving so much to do on this site that it is impossible to cram them into this article.

For those who have the gift of gab, posting tons of journals and bulletins to always keep people in the know will be your niche.

Others may prefer belonging to groups (or, as I did, create your own group) and posting invitations and bulletins to keep their members informed. In addition, music and

gaming sections are around to keep users entertained, as well.

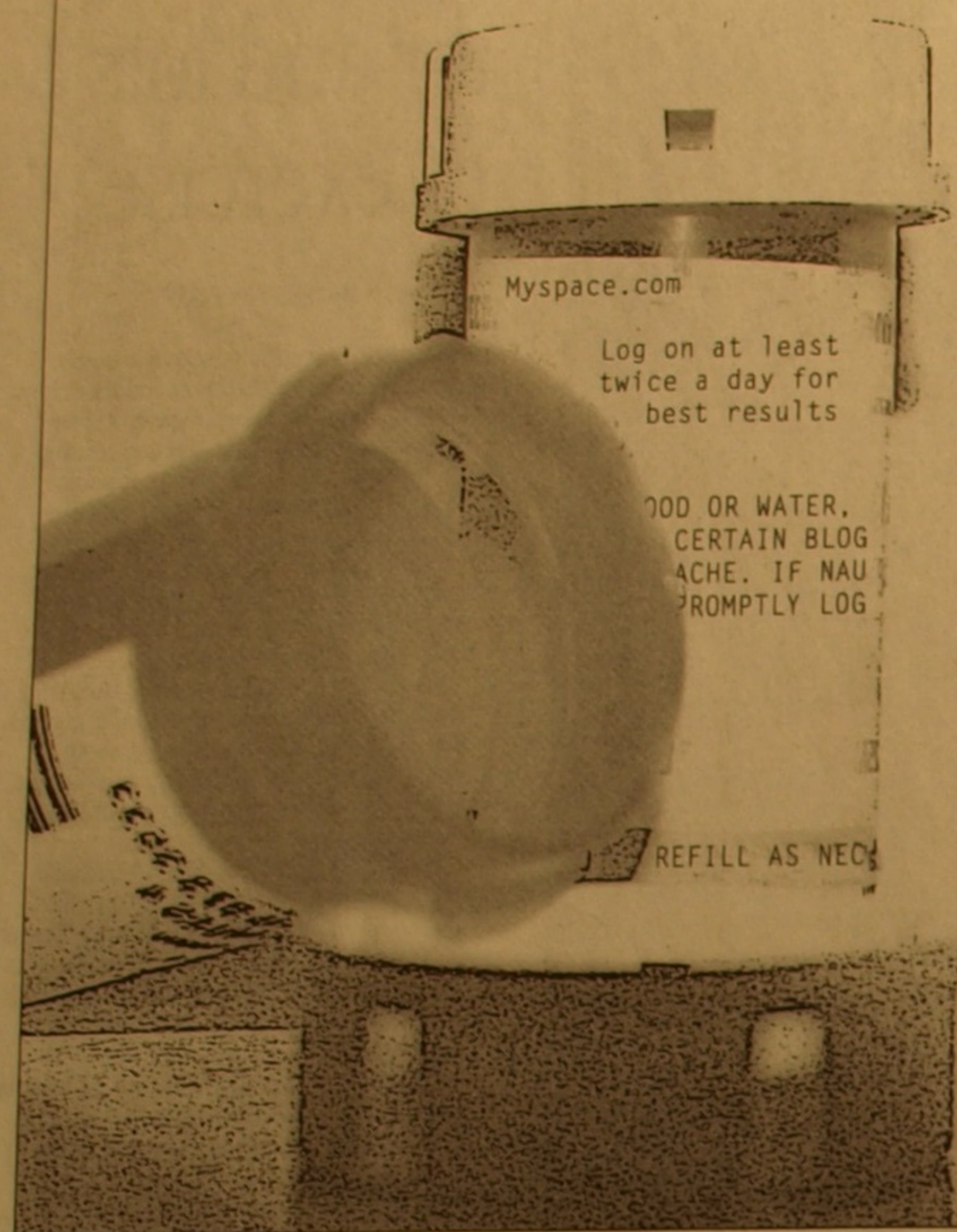
Despite all of the options MySpace may possess, the concept is still around making many friends and giving and receiving compliments from each other.

To find people in a specific area (and there is, surprisingly, a vast amount of people from Clarksville on this site), one can browse for members automatically through the "Browse" tab, or manually or through the pages of others. Once a potential friend candidate is found, the user can send them an invite that that can be either accepted or denied.

You can also add people you don't know, as well as add profiles that were created by bands, celebrities, celebrity impersonators or custom created Internet identities such as Ain't JaMama or The Happy Bunny, for example.

MySpace.com is a neat service that not only will keep friends together over the summer months, but also introduce some new ones into the picture, too.

By the way, there is an Austin Peay State University group on the site, which could also reveal the sites of those you didn't even know attended school with you, as well as that crush you've been eyeing in class. ♦



## Alpha Kappa Alpha stresses health, fitness and fun on their 'Think Pink' Skee-week

By BRIDGETT BUCKLES  
Staff Writer

These girls are so Pretty in Pink! "Skee-Week" is going to be on point with the lovely ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

April 17- April 23 is planned to be filled with a week of educational, service and social activities that the entire campus can take part in.

"We want the campus to get a better understanding of what AKA is all about and we want the entire campus to participate and mingle with us as individuals," vice president of the Kappa Rho chapter at Austin Peay State University, Erin Vinson.

Stepping out to these events, you have to be prepared to look and feel your best. So, here's the line-up for AKA week.

Some of the events that are going on have a huge impact on the community, and not just

on the APSU campus.

"Hopefully we will benefit as an organization by gaining good exposure and have more interests of membership," said Vinson.

"Since we are still a growing organization, everyone has felt the need to take part and put more than 110 percent into making this week a success," she said.

Health is one of the critical targets of the week.

Some of the activities are involving staying in shape and learning how to stay healthy in the future.

Proceeds from the events will be donated to The American Cancer Society.

Come out and enjoy the variety of events in store for the week.

"Think Pink!" You'll be surrounded by "The Spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha." ♦



AKA invites the campus to their sorority week. Top left to right: Alexis Gatson, Latoya Sims, Keisha Moore, La'Mesha Ingram; Bottom Left to right: Erin Vinson, Natalie Gilmore, Lauren Mabon, Crystal Williams

### This week's events

• Wednesday, April 20- Breathe, Stretch and Shake Workout with the AKA's- Drew Simmons Fitness Center- 5:30 - 7 p.m. and Pink Light Special- Males only UC 305- 830- 10 p.m.

• Thursday, April 21- Cosmic Bowling at the Pinnacle- \$5, begins at 10 p.m.

• Friday, April 22- Get Kissed by an AKA Cookout- 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. and Pink Ice Cruise- UC 306- 312- \$5 in advance- \$7 at the door- 9 p.m.- 2 a.m.

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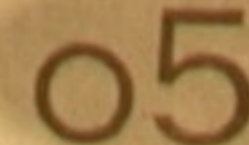
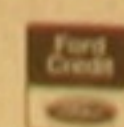
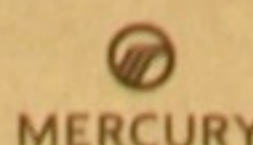
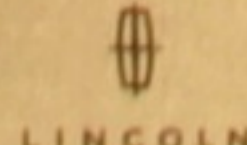
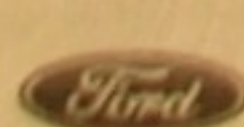


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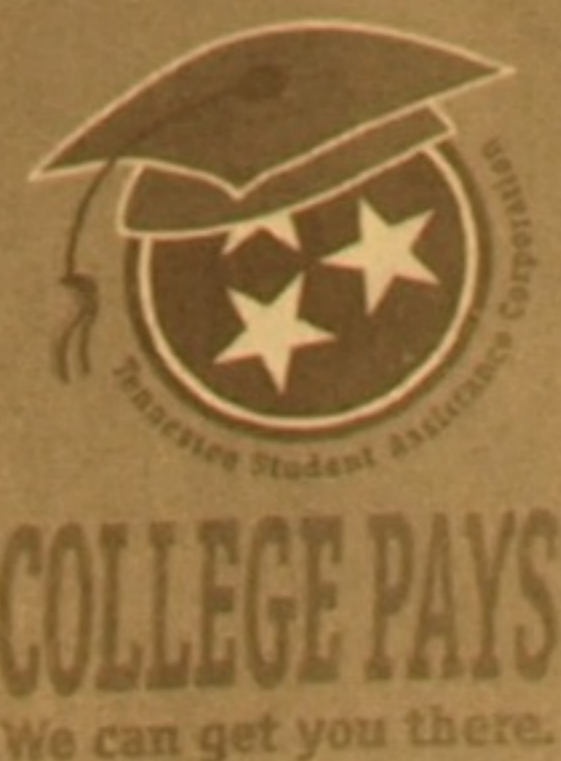
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## Govs basketball signs center

Austin Peay Sports Information

Austin Peay State University's basketball team hopes its newest post player from Campbell High School in Smyrna, Ga., can match the success of its previous former Spartan frontcourt standout.

J.P. Felder, a 6-7, 225-pounder center-forward who averaged 14.2 points, 10.1 rebounds and 4.2 blocks per game as a senior at Campbell, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Austin Peay. He is the first Gov signed from Campbell since 6-8, 260-pound Darryl Bedford played the post for the Govs in 1985-86 and 1986-87, helping lead the APSU to its 1987 first-round NCAA tourney upset of Illinois.

Felder recently was named to the Atlanta/NBA Tipoff Club Team of the Year, comprising of

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the top 21 players in the Atlanta Metro area. He also played in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association North/South All-Star Basketball game in mid-March.

"I think J.P. is going to have an opportunity to help us pretty quickly," APSU coach Dave Loos said. "And even though we see his short-term prospects as promising, it really takes some of the pressure off in the long-term, especially with (Zac) Schlader being a senior this coming season."

"J.P. has just a tremendous low-post presence. He is just a strong, athletic player down there. Yet at the same time, he is capable at stepping out to the high post and being effective there."

Felder, a 58 percent shooter from the floor, earned Georgia Class AAAAA honorable mention AllState and was selected to the All-Cobb Count team as a senior.

"He is a skilled player - J.P. is a player who can use either hand and knows how to play the game and has a great feel for it," Loos said.

"When you talk about his low-post presence, he knows how to use his body plus J.P. catches the ball extremely well. He just has huge hands. When you play the inside-out game like we do, you have to have someone down low who can catch the ball first and then do something with it. J.P. can certainly do that."

Felder helped Campbell to 64 wins in three seasons. He is the third signee for the Govs. ♦

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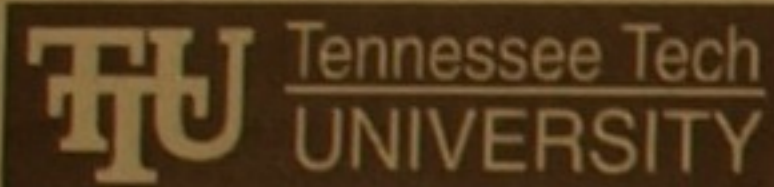
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Left: Sophomore Lindsey McLaurin keeps Belmont's Lauren Uremovich away from the ball. The APSU Red team tied with Belmont, 1-1, in its first game of the tournament.

Above: Freshman Stephanie Hosse controls the ball for the APSU White team, as they defeated the Royals Poole team, 1-0, in its first game of the tournament.

## Lady Govs gain experience in off season as Red and White teams both finish in tournament semifinals

By MICHAEL KELLUM  
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University soccer team competed in a seven-on-seven tournament this past weekend at Heritage Park gaining plenty of experience as the tournament went on. The Lady Govs separated into two different teams: the APSU Red and APSU White team. The APSU White team made it to the semifinals before being beat by Tennessee-Martin. The APSU Red team made it to the semifinals before being beat by Southeast Missouri.

Freshman Chelsea Kirby said this tournament really helps out the team.

"This tournament is helping us work as a team," she said.

"We are really working on perfection."

Sophomore Adonia Bivins said that when they get their new field they can hopefully host more tournaments.

"I would love for us to be able to do a tournament like this," she said. "We are able to gain more game experience than if we were just at practice. Playing here lets us get a good look at our upcoming opponents."

Even though the Lady Govs didn't make it to the championships, they are happy that they had an opportunity to play, gain some good experience and have fun.

"We had a lot of fun and are looking forward to it every year," Kirby said. The Lady Govs will be playing in another tournament next weekend. ♦

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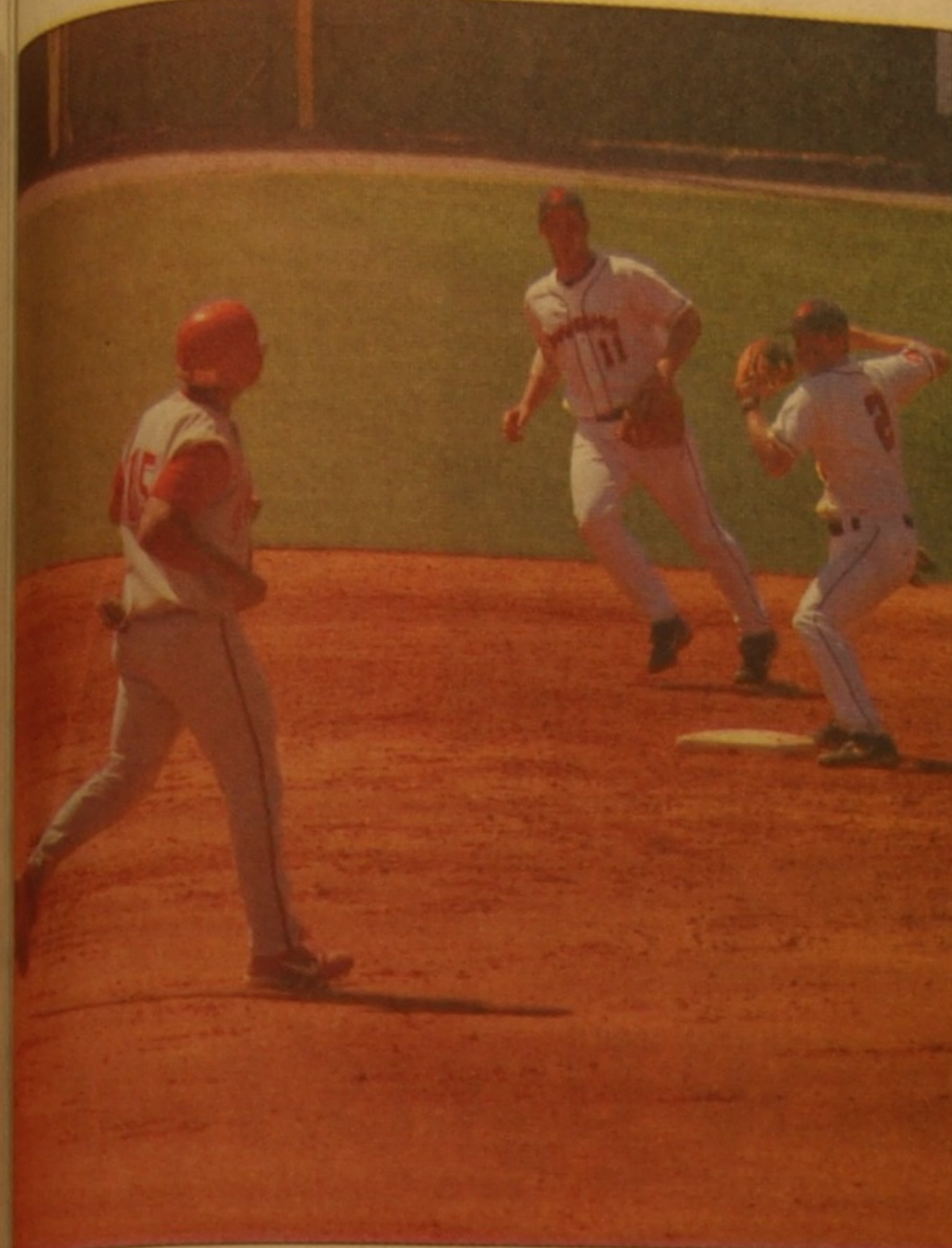
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# Govs take two of three against Southeast Missouri



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Govs second baseman Jacob Peterson makes the out at second base and looks for the double play at first, while shortstop Jared Walker looks on. The Govs won the three-game series, 2-1, and with the performance remain in third place in conference standings.

By MICHAEL YOUNG  
Staff Writer

When Governors' ace pitcher Rowdy Hardy is on the mound, Govs fans can expect a tight, low-hitting game. However, Govs fans were shocked during the first game of the Bat Govs' doubleheader as Hardy gave up five runs in the first inning during the Govs' loss to OVC-rival Southeast Missouri Redhawks, 6-4.

Hardy (6-4) pitched his fourth consecutive complete-game as he gave up six runs on 11 hits and three walks while striking out nine. Hardy threw a season-high total of 148 pitches in the loss beating his second-highest total of 130 against Morehead State earlier this season.

"Once (Rowdy) got through the first inning, then he is a guy that, when you have done the things that he has done, you have to give him the benefit of the doubt," Austin Peay State University baseball coach Gary McClure said. "After that he really settled in and got into a groove."

The Redhawks (13-21, 4-8 OVC) added to their lead in the fourth as they strung together two hits followed by a sacrifice fly to extend the lead to six. The Govs (21-14, 7-5 OVC) went on the score four runs in the fourth and fifth innings off six hits to cut the Redhawks' lead to two. However, the Govs would go silent the remainder of the game as they left seven total runners on base.

The Redhawks struck early in the second game by scoring one run in the first inning off two hits, but the Govs rapidly answered back in the bottom of the first with two runs off four hits to take the lead 2-1. The Govs extended their lead to two in the third inning as center fielder Cody Youngblood led off the inning with a triple and a sacrifice fly by shortstop Jared Walker, allowing Youngblood to score.

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The Redhawks fought back in the sixth inning as they scored two runs off three hits to tie the game at three. The game ended in the bottom of the seventh as Govs catcher Jeremy Cabbage hit a two-run walk-off home run to right field, giving the Govs a 5-3 victory.

"We left the second game on a high note and with some momentum," McClure said. "It was huge because we won, and we were able to build on it."

Govs closing pitcher Brad Daniel was credited with the win as APSU starting pitcher Devin Thomas left the game in the fourth inning due to an unspecified shoulder injury. Daniel (4-1) pitched 1.2 innings without allowing a run or a hit as he walked one and struck out two.

The Govs' offense picked up Sunday where they left off on Saturday as they hammered SMO 11-2 off 13 hits, including another

Jeremy Cabbage home run.

"The hitting today is something that we can do everyday," junior center fielder Cody Youngblood said. Youngblood went 5-10 with four RBIs and three walks on the weekend. "It's a bonus when everybody gets a hit because that shows that everybody is seeing the ball well, and that gives us an advantage."

Govs starting pitcher Shawn Kelley gave up his first hit of the game in the fourth inning as he retired nine of the first ten Redhawk batters. Kelley (3-2) pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out seven.

"We always need to work on the small things," said senior second baseman Jake Peterson, who went 6-10 with one RBI and one walk on the series. "Playing small ball, getting clutch hits, playing tough on defense and coming out with a lot of intensity are all things we can keep improving on. But we are doing great right now." ♦



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# Commuter Parking Update



The Armory Demolition Project officially starts on April 18th. At this time, the contractor will install a construction fence/barrier removing approximately 200 commuter student parking spaces. As a result, a new gravel parking lot has been added on 8th Street and Farris Drive behind Burt School, opening on April 15th, 2005. This lot provides approximately 200 spaces.

Beginning fall 2005, the Commuter parking lot on the corner of Ford and Marion Street will be expanded by an additional 50 spaces.

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Nashville, Tenn.

Baseball  
vs. Tennessee-  
Martin,  
(doubleheader)  
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Martin, Tenn.

Softball  
vs. Eastern Illinois,  
(doubleheader)  
1 p.m.,  
Clarksville, Tenn.

### Sunday

Track and Field  
at Vanderbilt  
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Nashville, Tenn.

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Martin, Tenn.

Softball  
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Clarksville, Tenn.

## Govs finish season with win against Murray State

By BRIANNA VENABLE  
Staff Writer

The Govs and Lady Govs tennis teams have hung up their racquets until next season.

The Govs finished their season on a high note last Sunday, when they defeated Murray State University, 4-3, in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. The win gave the Govs a seventh-place finish at the tournament, one better than their eighth-place finish last year.

"It was good to close out the season with a win against Murray," senior co-captain Wesleigh Pancho said. "It was the perfect way to finish my senior year, playing on a team with my eight best friends."

The close match against Murray State was very similar to most of the Govs' matches this season. Most of the matches were nail-biters, whether they won or lost.

### TENNIS

"We had a pretty tough schedule this season, and we lost a lot of close matches," head coach Ed Dickson said. "We never had enough people playing on a certain day to have success."

The Govs finish out their season with a 6-18 overall record and a 3-8 mark in conference play.

"It's been a fun year," Pancho said. "We've worked really hard and gotten good results."

The Lady Govs' season was cut short, without a trip to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

"We didn't have enough players, and it was too late to recruit during the season," Dickson said. "The girls played hard, even when they didn't have much of a chance to win."

The Lady Govs' roster only consisted of



The men's tennis team, coaches and trainer pose for a picture after its 4-3 victory against Murray State to secure a seventh-place finish in the OVC tournament.

six women, with only five by the end of the season. Usually a team needs nine

players in order to have a competitive team.

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"They worked hard, always had a positive attitude and didn't give up right up to the very end, which is hard to do," Dickson said.

The Lady Govs finished their season with a 2-15 overall record and ended 1-8 in conference play.

"It was really hard to stay positive going into matches every time with only five or six players, but I felt that everyone worked really hard and we will be stronger next year," junior Alana Carere said.

As the season comes to an end, many of the Govs expressed gratitude for their trainer, Jonie Johnson, for her hard work and dedication to the tennis team.

"I've never had a trainer that's cared so much about the team and the sport," Dickson said.

"She really cared about our well-being, and we feel really lucky to have her," Pancho said. ♦

## Total team effort silences TSU Tigers' roar

By MANDY WHITE  
Sports Editor

The Lady Govs really worked together, bringing out the broom last weekend, to make a clean sweep of the Tennessee State Tigers at Lady Govs Field.

Austin Peay State University improves its record to 14-25 overall and an even 7-7 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference after beating the Tigers in the three-game series. TSU falls to 8-27 on the season and a 2-13, last-place ranking in the league.

"This was a huge weekend for us," head coach Jim Perrin said. "These three big wins really put us back in the hunt for the conference, and it gives us a lot of positive things to build on."

After winning 7-4 and 4-0 Saturday, the Lady Govs were back in action Sunday to record a 3-0 victory against TSU.

Sophomore Natasha Anderson threw her third shutout of the season Sunday, allowing only three hits while fanning 11. With the win she improves her record to 10-8. After beginning the game a little rocky, even walking the game's first batter, Anderson later got herself under control and was able to get out of a couple of jams in the first and fifth innings.

"I was a little nervous and holding back in the beginning," Anderson said. "I finally was able to get into a groove. It also really helped that we scored some runs because it took some of the pressure off."

Anderson also played a big part of Sunday's

offense, driving in two runs on a double in the fourth, which gave the Lady Govs a 2-0 advantage.

Another big play came in the next inning for the Lady Govs, with sophomore Ami Bush making headway in both defensive and offensive fronts. Bush made a catch deep in center field for the third out in the top of the fifth inning, which left batters on second and third who could have potentially scored to tie the game.

Immediately after the play, Bush led off for the Lady Govs with a double. She

scored on a Jennifer Simpkins' single, giving APSU the added insurance.

Despite struggling early in the contest, the Lady Govs picked up the pace later in the game to hold TSU to 12 hits on the weekend.

"We came out a little flat at first, but we became more aggressive as the game went on," senior Jessica Warden said. Warden leads the Lady Govs this season with a .312 batting average.

"We saw two different teams this weekend," Perrin said. "The one with less focus showed up early. Even in the top of the first I could see we weren't ready. On Saturday, we were excited, but today we looked nervous and scared. That's something we can't do. I'm proud of the way we picked it up, but we've got to play like that from the get-go."

APSU will look to continue their win streak with a 2 p.m., Thursday, contest against Tennessee-Martin, who is ranked third in the OVC with a 26-12 overall record and a 10-5 league mark. The Lady Govs are currently ranked fifth. ♦



Sophomore pitcher Natasha Anderson listens to head coach Jim Perrin as she tries to find her groove early in Sunday's contest.



Senior Jessica Warden slides into home plate before the Lady Tigers can throw the ball in from the outfield. Warden leads the Lady Govs with a .312 batting average.

JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

## Runners to visit Vandy once more

By ASHLEY SCHILLING  
Staff Writer

Last month, on March 19, the Austin Peay State University track and field team competed at Vanderbilt University in the Vanderbilt Spring Classic. APSU finished with three wins in three different events despite the cold, windy conditions.

Now for the second time this outdoor season, the Lady Govs head back to Vandy for another round against some of the top-ranked teams in the OVC.

This Saturday and Sunday the Lady Govs will travel to Vanderbilt to compete in the Vanderbilt Invitational.

"Last week I was really pleased with our efforts," head coach Doug Molnar said. "For our first home meet we had solid efforts, and it is a springboard for this next meet."

In their last match-up, junior Sherlonda Johnson took first place in

"For our first home meet we had solid efforts, and it serves as a springboard for this next meet."

—Doug Molnar, head track and field coach

the long jump and triple jump, while sophomore Ashley Genslak grasped first in the high jump to complete the Govs efforts. Since the match was a non-scoring meet for the Lady Govs, there were no ranked finishes. So far this season, several of the Lady Govs have qualified for the NCAA regional meet.

As of last week, half of the APSU track and field team is on the OVC Outdoor Track and Field Women's

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Best List. Some of the top-ranking Lady Govs are Johnson, who is second in the 100-meter dash, sophomore Tia Hendricks, who is fourth in the 400-meter hurdles and junior Kaylee Yago who is seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

These names include only some of the women who are on the best list. Many of the best times occurred at the previous match-up at Vanderbilt.

"They (Lady Govs) are working really hard, and they are stepping up where they needed to," said freshman runner Matt Rowe.

The Lady Govs hope to continue to improve at the Vanderbilt Invitational this weekend. After the invitational there will only be one more meet until the Lady Govs head back to APSU to host the O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Championship. ♦

## Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM  
Staff Writer

Consistently finishing near the top in golf tournaments is good, but accomplishing that feat as a freshman is even better. And that is exactly what freshman Grant Leaver is doing.

During the first tournament of the year this past fall, Leaver finished in the top 25. Two meets later he finished tied for 13th. Finally, at the last fall tournament Leaver finished fifth.

Things did not change much in the spring. In the last two tournaments, Leaver has finished tied for both eighth and 11th, respectively.

Govs head coach Kirk Kayden said he very proud of Leaver.

"He is very consistent and has led the team in scoring," Kayden said. "He has really played toward the top of the lineup, and he's a joy to coach."

Leaver said he chose Austin Peay State University because of its solid golf program.

"I liked the atmosphere here, and I think playing here will benefit my golf career," Leaver said. He also said he plans on working hard in the off-season to improve.

"I want to work on my ball striking, putting together an entire round and the mental part of the game," he said. "I hope my scoring average can increase, and I can just continue to improve." Leaver said he credits his teammates for helping in his success, saying they always tell him things to work on and help him out in practice.

Kayden said Leaver is exactly what you want a student athlete to be.

"He has good grades, he is a good athlete and an all around good person," he said. ♦



Grant Leaver tees off at the first hole during practice. The freshman experienced his first OVC tournament this week.

THOMAS VAN HOOSER/STAFF

## Lady Govs sign guard

Women's basketball looks to rebound from disappointing season, signs first spring player after losing seven from last year's squad

Austin Peay Sports Information  
Austin Peay State University's women's basketball team continued building for the 2005-2006 campaign, Monday, with the announcement that Saundra Hale, from Cincinnati, Ohio, has signed a letter of intent.

Hale, a 5-6 shooting guard, will transfer to APSU from Sinclair Community College where she was the team co-captain her sophomore year. She was ranked in the top-10 in the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference in scoring (15.2 ppg, 6th) and assists (5.2 apg, 2nd) while adding 5.0

rebounds per game her sophomore year. She was a first-team All OCCAC selection and was named to the all-district tournament team and was a NJCAA All-Region XII selection.

"We are very excited about the signing of Saundra," said APSU head coach Andy Blackston. "She is going to be a great asset to our team for several seasons. First, she is an excellent shooter who has the ability to make the three-point shot from deep. She also is a tremendous competitor and team leader. We believe she will bring experience to both the pointguard

and shooting-guard positions."

Hale spent her prep career at Cincinnati's Purcell-Marian High School, where she was a team captain for three years. She is the Lady Cavaliers all-time assists leader, with 823 career assists, and ranks third on the school's all-time scoring list with 889 points.

During her senior year, she led Purcell-Marian to a No. 1 ranking in the Greater Cincinnati Division II poll and a district championship — both program firsts.

She was selected to the Cincinnati North-South All-City All-Star Team. ♦

### Question and Answer

Name: Grant Leaver  
Class: Freshman  
Hometown: Centerville, Tenn.  
Major: Business Management  
After College: Play golf professionally  
Favorite place to eat: Johnny's  
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